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2011 Year Highlights

- ◆ Membership drive produced 76 Members
- ◆ Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Scholarships Awarded to Lisa Roker, Bird Island and Laura Fox, Franklin, see back for comments.
 - ◆ Co-Sponsor Renville County All-Ag Banquet & Celebration
 - ◆ Co-Sponsor Renville County Elementary Students Harvest Field Day
 - ◆ Major sponsor to Renville County Relay for Life, Donated \$7,556
- ◆ Bus tour in Kandiyohi County to: Hanson Silo, United FCS, MinnWest Technology Campus Nova-Tech, Epitepox, U of M, Prinsco, & Willmar Poultry. Melvin's cruise boat dinner tour of Green Lake
 - ◆ Sponsor to Renville County 4-H Golf Day
 - ◆ Sponsor of Farm Safety Ad's
 - ◆ Co-Sponsor Farm City Breakfast at Noshbush Dairy, Fairfax
 - ◆ Sponsor to Renville County 4-H Poultry lease program
 - ◆ Co-Sponsor local delegate to Ukraine
- ◆ Development of ProAg Website & Renville County Ag Event Calendar
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Please return to ProAg at 508 Gales Dr., Redwood Falls, MN 56283 by February 17, 2012
or contact Gregg Riley at 507-829-5634 or gregg.t.riley@monsanto.com

- Yes I would like to renew my ProAg annual membership of \$50 Individual / \$100 Business, check enclosed.
- Yes I plan to attend the ProAg Annual meeting February 21st. Members - free, non-members \$20 at the door.
- Yes I would like to attend future ProAg tours; please contact me at the email below.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



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Agriculture Future of America Scholarship (AFA)

Renville County was well represented at the Agriculture Future of America, AFA, annual Leaders conference held in Kansas City, MO this past November. The two scholar winner's mentioned below and returning to attend additional tracks were Taylor Anderson and Ellen Nere. ProAg along with Corn & Soybean growers, Dairy producers and Farm Bureau collectively sponsored 1 & ½ scholarships and then matched by AFA. The scholarship is \$3,200 to the student's school and \$1,000 to attend the AFA Leaders conference. This past year the committee selected Laura Fox from Cedar Mountain and currently at College of Saint Benedict and Lisa Roker from BOLD currently at University of Minnesota.

Comments from 2011 AFA Scholar Winners;

“Receiving the AFA Scholarship and attending the conference was the most influential thing I have done for my future career path. Attending the AFA conference this past November was a tremendous experience that I will never forget. I was able to network with other students and leaders in the agriculture industry and gain useful tools to becoming a successful leader. I highly encourage all high school seniors to apply for the AFA scholarship and take part in the conference. It was an honor to represent the communities of Renville and Redwood Counties, and I was grateful for the opportunity given to me. Agriculture is one of the fastest growing industries of the twenty-first century, and it is important that our communities continue to support our youth in their decision to take part in this growing industry and involvement in AFA will give students a head start to a successful career path.”

Laura Fox – College of Saint Benedict

“Receiving the AFA scholarship has produced countless benefits for students. The scholarship dollars that went towards my education have been greatly appreciated as I pursue my higher education. The greatest benefit that I have gained from this scholarship was the opportunity to attend the Agriculture Futures of America leadership conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The AFA conference was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I spent four days learning how to be a successful agriculture professional. I also had the opportunity to meet other students from all across the country. I was able to sit down and have an in depth conversation with people who held the same value for agriculture. I gained many friendships and connections through this experience. The AFA conference allowed me to speak with agriculture professionals at the career fair. I plan to seek an internship with several of these businesses. I could actually see myself working with some of these companies after graduation. The greatest benefit that I experienced was the reminder of why I am passionate about agriculture. It assured me that I am doing to right thing with my life. Receiving the AFA Scholarship has been one of the best experiences in my life. I know that the AFA experience will continue to produce benefits in the future. It truly has the power to change lives.”

Lisa Roker – University Of Minnesota