

Seth Burge of rural Grant, a 2012 graduate of Perkins County High School, has been awarded the 2012 DEKALB® Agricultural Accomplishment Award.

Burge was recently presented the school's highest agricultural honor which is sponsored by Monsanto Company.



Burge, the son of Dan and Julie Burge and Robert and Valerie Hochstein, received the award for excellence in academics, leadership and agricultural work experience. Burge's significant experiences and accomplishments have included Star Greenhand Degree 2009, Star Chapter Degree 2010, chapter treasurer 2010-2011, chapter vice president 2011-2012, state livestock judging qualifier junior and senior years, state livestock management qualifier sophomore and senior year and FFA State Degree in 2012.

Doug Babbitt is Burge's agricultural education instructor at Perkins County High School.

This year the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award celebrates its 65th anniversary. Over these 65 years more than 168,000 high school seniors from across the country have received the award, which has become a symbol for excellence and the school's highest agricultural honor.

In 2011, over 2,000 students from high schools in 49 of the 50 states were recognized with the award.

As the winner of the 2012 award, his name will be recorded on a permanent plaque displayed at the high school.

Monsanto, a long-time supporter of agricultural education, FFA, 4-H and other farm youth organizations and initiatives, sponsors the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award.

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