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**WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS, INC. ANNOUNCES
AARON ZIMMERMAN AS THE 2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Aaron Zimmerman of Spencer is the 2012 recipient of the \$2000 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Inc scholarship. Zimmerman was selected based on his leadership activities in high school, his community and the 2011 Marathon County Farm Technology Days. During WFTD, Zimmerman was involved in numerous activities before, during and after the 2011 show.

He chaired the Family Farm Adventure area which included numerous new outdoor activities. He collaborated with National Farm Medicine Center on a safe play area and secured other exhibitors such as Animalpedia, Christmas Trees and Angler Education for this area. He was responsible for managing and training volunteers to setup and staff the Farm Family Adventure Area. An estimated 10,000 visitors experienced this area. He participated in the Multi-county meeting to share Marathon County's success in this area after the show.

In the community, Zimmerman was active in 4-H at local, county and state levels. Other community activities include Wisconsin Cooperative Network Youth Board of Directors, Wisconsin Junior Simmental Board of Directors, and Marathon County United Way. He received numerous awards at the World Beef Expo including Youth Sweepstakes, first place.

In high school, he was active in FFA holding numerous officer and committee positions including president. He received numerous FFA awards at school and state levels. These awards include state proficiency awards in agricultural communication and beef production. He was in two high school bands and a member of the National Honor Society.

Zimmerman is a senior at Spencer High School. After graduation he plans to pursue a degree in Animal Science with a Meat Animal Emphasis at UW-Madison or UW-River Falls.