



ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION
ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK & POULTRY COMMISSION
ARKANSAS STATE PLANT BOARD

1 NATURAL RESOURCES DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205 | (501) 225-1598 | AAD.ARKANSAS.GOV



WES WARD
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 8/21/2018

Contact: Brooke Clanton, (501) 410-4616, brooke.clanton@agriculture.arkansas.gov

Arkansas Agriculture Department and Farm Credit Announce Four Homegrown by Heroes Scholarship Recipients

Little Rock, AR. – Four students were named as the first recipients of the new Homegrown by Heroes scholarship program sponsored by Farm Credit and the Arkansas Agriculture Department. The following students were awarded \$1,000 each for the fall 2018 semester:

- Brady McPherson, a member of the Army National Guard attending Arkansas Tech University
- Trever Hanna, a member of the Army National Guard attending the University of Arkansas
- Wyatt Rongey, the son of a Marine Corps Veteran attending the University of Arkansas
- Rachel Robertson, the daughter of an Air Force Veteran attending Arkansas Tech University- Ozark,

We are proud to partner with Farm Credit who generously provided the funding for the new Homegrown by Heroes academic scholarships,” says Arkansas Agriculture Secretary Wes Ward. “It is an honor to award these scholarships to help fund the education of these men and women, and their families, who have served our country in the military.”

The Homegrown by Heroes academic scholarship program is open to military veterans, currently serving military personnel, and their spouses or children who are pursuing an agricultural or an agricultural-related degree. Funding for the scholarships was generously provided by Farm Credit. Selection of scholarship recipients was based on academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities, financial need, and family circumstances. More information about the Homegrown by Heroes scholarships can be found [here](#).

The Homegrown by Heroes scholarship is affiliated with the Arkansas Agriculture Department’s Homegrown by Heroes branding program that helps farmer veterans market their local agricultural products by labeling them as veteran-produced. Learn more about the Homegrown by Heroes program, and identifying products grown or made by military veterans, [here](#).

The AAD is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. Visit www.agriculture.arkansas.gov.

With more than \$3.3 billion in assets, AgHeritage Farm Credit Services, Farm Credit Midsouth, and Farm Credit of Western Arkansas support rural communities and agriculture across Arkansas with reliable, consistent credit and financial services today and tomorrow. In Arkansas, Farm Credit associations are owned by the more than 11,000 customer-owners they serve. Through the cooperative structure, customer-owners have a voice and vote in the associations’ governance. Members also share in the cooperatives’ financial success through cooperative returns which total more than \$200 million since 1997. # # # The Arkansas Agriculture Department offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



FARM CREDIT

