

The Waskom FFA is ending the first semester of another very successful year. 17 schools and over 700 students participated in the Waskom FFA Leadership Contest held here on November 9, Harmony was the Sr. division sweepstakes winner and Bullard won the Jr. Division on a tie breaker. Waskom FFA was the host for the district leadership contest on November 12. 41 Waskom FFA members participated on 13 different leadership teams, with six teams advancing to the area contest on November 23 in Grand Saline. Waskom FFA also won the district sweepstakes award for scoring the most points in the district for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

The wildlife team placed among the top 10 of 24 teams present at the Alba invitational, but failed to qualify for the regional competition by 20 points, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in district. Waskom had been a regional qualifier for the past 11 consecutive years.

The Harvest Festival proved to be another good one for the Waskom FFA with 10 members placing in the premium sale, along with 4 ag mech projects. Headlining the show was Torey Phillips with her Champion pen of rabbits among the 108 entries, followed by Makaila Johnson's reserve pen and Charlotte Reeves's reserve fryer rabbit. 14 students brought home almost \$9,000.

On Dec. 13-14, 11 of our greenhands will be attending the Area VI Greenhand Camp in Lindale, with Farm-City Week validation here on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Have a great holiday and Merry Christmas !