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**BBE FFA Awarded Grant from Prairie Lakes Coop**



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**Monday, May 11, 2009– Elrosa, Minn.** – The Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa FFA recently received a \$500 grant from Prairie Lakes Coop as part of the company’s Community Pride FFA Leadership Grant.

The Community Pride Committee selected the BBE FFA to receive \$500 towards the objective of providing plant science technology to the classroom.

Gary Rodgers, FFA Advisor, states in his application, “Over the past couple of years, through generous donations from Prairie Lakes Coop, the Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa High School Agricultural Department has been able to enhance its curriculum with the purchase of a laptop and an overhead projector system.

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In conjunction with this new system, the Agricultural Instructor would like to update the curriculum in the areas of Plant Science, Horticulture, and Soil Science.”

Applying FFA Chapters have to indicate their plans for the FFA grant money, supply general information about the FFA, project, and purpose of the request, along with specific financial needs and projected outcomes. Applications can be found online at [www.prairielakescoop.com](http://www.prairielakescoop.com).

“Prairie Lakes Coop is proud to support the FFA. The FFA organization makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success creating the leaders of tomorrow,” says Tim Harvey Prairie Lakes Coop Board Member.

Prairie Lakes Coop awarded a \$500 grant to the Beglrade-Brooten-Elrosa FFA on behalf of its local member owners. Prairie Lakes Coop ([prairielakescoop.com](http://prairielakescoop.com)), a division of CHS, provides products and services in the agronomy, energy, and grain markets to meet the needs of its patrons. Prairie Lakes Coop has locations in the communities of Cyrus, Hoffman, Elrosa, Lowry, Long Prairie, Park Rapids, Glenwood and Starbuck creating relationships with customers in agronomy inputs, fuels, and grain marketing.