

Animal Management Students Compete in National Competition



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On September 18, Animal Management Students from the TCTC traveled to West Springfield, Massachusetts to compete at the FFA Big E Eastern Exposition. They participated in the Animal Care Contest. They competed against students from 19 different states. The TCTC contingent placed fourth in the nation. They qualified for the event by placing first in the State of Ohio in April of 2009.

The participants were required to take both a written and identification test. They also exhibited their skills in hands on practicums. These were in the areas of anatomy/skeletal identification, office procedures with client/patient information and demonstrating internal parasite control.

Cathy Billock, the program supervisor said her team of students placed fourth in the nation. She stated, "I am very proud of them because they worked during the summer to prepare for the contest. They are excellent students with the potential to make a career in the field of Animal Management. This contest provided them with the opportunity to test their skills against their peers from across the country. It will provide a boost to their self confidence in the future.