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The Hernando High School Brooksville Senior FFA Chapter was named the 2009 chapter cooperative winner and received recognition at the 81st annual state FFA convention.

This was the sixth year in a row that the HHS Brooksville Senior FFA was the state winner. The cooperative contest is designed to promote understanding of the cooperative method of business while recognizing outstanding achievement in this area.

The state sponsor, **Florida Council of Cooperative**, awarded Brooksville Senior FFA Chapter \$500 for its success to help defray expenses to attend the National Institute of Cooperative Council.

In other news, the chapter was selected, along with 28 other middle and high school chapters, as one of "Florida's Finest" FFA chapters. HHS Brooksville Senior FFA was also recognized as one of Florida's "premier" FFA chapters, and for achieving 100 percent FFA membership within the chapter. To receive this award, every student enrolled in agriculture must also be an FFA member.

At the state convention, the annual agriscience fair winners were announced. In Division 3, local chapter members Casey Steward and Anna Gray won first place in the botany category; Marissa Mancillas and Megan Myers won first place in the zoology category.

The national FFA organization, known formerly as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization for students.

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