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An Interview with Sam Meter

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Sam Meter, a young hog farmer and specialty farm equipment manufacturer, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Oral History of Illinois Agriculture project of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and the Illinois State Museum.

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Session 1: Conversation with a young farmer at the state fair.

Session 2: Sam shows his hog at the state fair.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Sam Meteer was born on July 17, 1984 in Springfield, Illinois. He grew up on his family's farm located in Athens, Illinois. Sam's family has always raised hogs. His father also owns his own farm manufacturing corporation where specialty farm fencing and parts are made. Sam credits his childhood on the farm for his good work ethic and he states that "kids from the farm will always work harder".

He has been involved in Future Farmers of America since he was a freshman in high school. Some of his early projects had to do with raising show pigs and helping his father's agribusiness. Recently Sam finished up a term as the Illinois State FFA vice president. As state vice president Sam was able to travel throughout Illinois, and see different FFA chapters, as well as represent the state in the national FFA meetings in Washington DC.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Springfield, IL; Athens, IL; Hogs; Farm Manufacturing Corporation; Specialty Fencing; Work Ethic; Future Farmers of America; Agribusiness; Washington, DC

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