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BOWLING GREEN, Ky.--A Western Kentucky University agriculture student is the top state winner of the Kentucky Beef Cattle Association's award to an outstanding Kentucky graduating senior in a cattle-related course of study.

Gregory E. Grey of Brownsville received the Smith T. Powell Scholarship Award plaque and a check for \$150 at the association's annual meeting in Lexington. WKU's department of agriculture also received a traveling plaque and a development fund check for \$200.

Grey's award is the second consecutive win for WKU in the association's award history. Grey is an agriculture major and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Grey, Rt. 1, Brownsville.

"Grey is another example of our students demonstrating their competitiveness with other students in agriculture at universities in Kentucky," said Dr. Luther Hughes, head of the department of agriculture at Western.

Grey has maintained a 3.5 grade point average throughout his three-and-a-half years at WKU, usually taking at least 20 hours of classes each semester. An average class schedule is about 15 hours a semester.

While making excellent grades, Grey was also working at the campus library and commuting 35 miles back to Brownsville each evening to run his parents' beef cattle farm.

Grey has been working his parents' farm since he was in high school and has also worked for the Farmer's Home Administration in Morgantown during summers.

When he graduates from WKU in May, Grey said he will probably go back to work for the FHA, but would also like to teach and continue raising beef cattle.

Grey has won several awards while attending WKU, including the American Society of Animal Science Scholarship Award in 1983 and the WKU Honors Program's Academic Award. He has also been an active member of the WKU Block and Bridle Club for three years.

Selection of the Beef Cattle Association's award requires 30 percent grade point average, 35 percent outside college activities and 35 percent extra-curricular college activities. Any Kentucky state university with a beef cattle area of study is elegible to nominate one or two students for the award.