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**Agricultural Education
Agricultural Administration, Room 220A
615 West State Street
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Dear Purdue Agricultural Education:

Best wishes as you celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Purdue Agricultural Education.

Purdue Agricultural Education has a long tradition in developing future leaders in agriculture. I am proud to say that I was a small part in establishing that tradition.

I still have some pictures from my days as an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education at Purdue University. But more importantly, I have fond memories from my time there and it is great to know that your program has reached this important milestone in its existence – a centennial jubilee.

Quite often I use my experiences from Purdue to make a point when teaching my university agricultural education courses. It is easy to do because of the solid philosophical basis upon which the Purdue Agricultural Education program was founded and on which it stands today.

The National FFA and Agricultural Education have grown leaps and bounds since I was in West Lafayette and many have benefited from its expansion. However, some basic principles still serve as a guide for the FFA today. For me, the place to see these principles manifested in teacher education is in a university program such as yours.

Some things don't change much and it is good they never do. I expect that if I had been able to attend the Purdue Agricultural Education Scholarship banquet this past spring that I would find parental interest, a comparable level of administrative support, and a high degree of program execution by the students and teacher-educators of Purdue Agricultural Education similar to my time at Purdue.

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I am proud that I began my university agricultural education career as a member of Purdue's Agricultural Education faculty. The experience has served me well. My family and I have only warm memories of our time in West Lafayette and a significant portion of that experience centers on the Purdue Agricultural Education program.

Montana may seem a long way from Indiana, but the memories of my time as a faculty member of Purdue Agricultural Education give me an opportunity to cherish some of the best professional experiences of my career as an agricultural educator.

Sincerely,



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