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AMERICAN AgCREDIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO LOCAL AG STUDENT

ESCONDIDO, CA – Kaitlyn Pickett’s first love in high school was her work with the Mountain Empire High School’s Future Farmers of America program, where she developed her interest in animal agriculture. When she entered Cal Poly, Pomona in June 2005, she continued to study agriculture, focused on animal nutrition. Then, as a sophomore, Kaitlyn took an accounting class and truly found her calling. Since then, she has merged her two favorite subjects to pursue a career that is the best of both worlds: work in accounting and finance for agribusiness. Pickett was recently selected by the San Diego County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee to receive the 2008 American AgCredit named scholarship award.

“I have always been interested in agribusiness and recordkeeping but I never thought I would go into accounting,” said Pickett, who will graduate from Cal Poly in June 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in Food Marketing and Agribusiness Management.

American AgCredit has been supporting agriculture for more than 90 years, providing farmers and ranchers financing and leasing for operations and development. The organization has offices in 36 California counties and the entire state of Nevada, each supporting local Farm Bureau youth scholarships. In addition, they also provide interest-free loans for 4H and FFA AgYouth programs. This is American AgCredit’s fifth annual named scholarship award to be distributed through the SDCFB scholarship program.

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“American AgCredit has always been committed to contributing to the communities we serve,” said Gregg Warren, American AgCredit’s Vice President and Branch Manager in the Escondido office. “Kaitlyn is a very hard-working student who has done well in her studies, earned many honors and scholarships, and will soon launch a career that will benefit the agriculture industry. We are proud to be a part in supporting that.”

The SDCFB Scholarship Program began in 1999, with the primary source of scholarship funds coming from private donations and named scholarship awards. The balance is raised from the organization’s annual fall Scholarship Golf Tournament, scheduled this year for Sept. 25.

San Diego County Farm Bureau is a nonprofit trade organization with more than 7,000 members. It has operated since 1913 with the mission to represent San Diego County Agriculture through public relations, education and public policy advocacy in order to promote the economic viability of agriculture balanced with appropriate management of natural resources.

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