

# Lancaster Farming

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## Keystone Farmer Degree Going To 16 Local Boys

Honors which cannot go to more than one farm boy in fifty will be awarded to 16 Lancaster County FFA students from seven county high schools next week in conjunction with the 54th Pennsylvania State Farm Show to be held in Harrisburg. In ceremonies in the Forum of the Education Building Wednesday afternoon in downtown Harrisburg, the highest FFA degree at the state level, the Keystone Farmer title, will be awarded for outstanding achievement in agriculture and rural life. The schools involved include Garden Spot, Ephrata, Manheim Central, Lampeter-Strasburg, Solanco, Penn Manor and Pequea Valley.

Henry Givler, Area FFA Agricultural Supervisor, reported that under FFA rules, not more than two percent of the State membership can receive this honor. The title is given for outstanding achievement in agriculture and rural life. To be eligible, Givler said the FFA member must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture, demonstrated marked leadership, earned and invested at least \$500 productively, and attained satisfactory achievement in improving the farm's efficiency or his home farm's comfort.

The local FFA boys who will receive the degree January 14 are as follows.



Lester Bowman  
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Lester Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond S Bowman, East Earl R1, was the 1968-69 County FFA Vice President and is now serving in the same capacity in his Grassland Chapter at Garden Spot High School. He has also been the chapter secretary and county delegate.

Winner of the chapter farm mechanics award, Lester has work experience at Charles Sauder Mill, Penn Jersey Harvestore and Huists Tire Service. His supervised farming program includes fattening and breeding swine and veal calves.

Lester attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City and the winter FFA convention in Harrisburg. He has won the Chapter and Red Rose Farmer Degree and has shown hogs at the County FFA Hog

Show and competed in the tractor driving contest.

He is a past president of the New Holland Baby Beef Club and past vice president of the New Holland Community Club as well as a member of the Metzlers Mennonite Church.



Lee Ressler  
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Lee Ressler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Ressler, East Earl R1, is the Grassland Chapter Treasurer at Garden Spot High School. He received the Greenhand, Chapter Farmer, and Red Rose Farmer Awards and attended both the National and State FFA Conventions.

Lee has been active in his local chapter, participating in fund raising activities as well as serving as chairman of many committees. He was a public speaker in local, regional and state contests.

His supervised farming programs have included fattening swine, veal calves and field corn, and his work experience is on a 45-head dairy farm. Ressler is presently employed at J. B. Zimmerman and Sons, at Blue Ball.



Jeff Pfautz  
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Jeff Pfautz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pfautz, Stevens R1 is president of the Cloister FFA chapter and has served the County FFA as treasurer. Jeff has been a consistent winner of judging awards both on a local

and state level. He has placed in the top 10 at the Lampeter Judging Contest three times, won the county meats contest and placed 4th at the state contest; won a bronze medal in livestock judging at Penn State.

Jeff has also won a bronze medal with his record book in the state contest. He was named the Chapter Star Farmer as a junior. His farming program includes veal calves, market hogs, field corn, sweet corn, and sugar peas. He also represented the chapter at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, Mo.



Burnell Buchen  
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Burnell Buchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Buchen, Manheim R3, is the President of his Manheim FFA Chapter. Having showed the Grand Champion hog at the Lancaster County FFA Show in 1969, Buchen has farming projects of dairy animals, breeding and fattening hogs, beef, corn and tobacco.

He is the News Reporter for the County Red Rose FFA Chapter and attended the National FFA Convention in 1968.



Eugene Nolt  
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Eugene Nolt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nolt, Ephrata R1, was the Star Greenhand degree winner when he was in ninth grade. Since that time his farming program includes dairy cows, heifers, market hogs, sows and field corn. He has exhibited

his market hogs at Ephrata Fair.

Eugene has served the local FFA on the earning and saving committee and the supervised farming committee. He was a member of the chapter's milk judging team and participated in the chapter tractor driving contest for two years. Eugene was named winner of the Sears Gilt award in 1968. He also participated in the county judging contest for four years.



Edward Donough  
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Edward Donough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donough, Manheim R1, is the Sentinel for his Manheim FFA Chapter. Placing first in Livestock Judging at Penn State FFA Activities Week, Edward won a Bronze Medal at the National Livestock Judging contest in Kansas City.

His farming program includes steers, (had reserve grand champion at Manheim Farm Show), dairy animals, corn, tobacco and swine (had the reserve champion fat hog at the County FFA Show).



Charles Smith  
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Charles Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, New Providence R1, is the President of his senior class at Solanco High School. He is also a member of the cross country team and the Varsity Club.

In the FFA chapter, Smith has projects of eleven dairy animals, twenty fattening swine, 3,

000 broilers, corn and hay. He has served as sentinel, vice-president and county delegate. A Star Red Rose Farmer, he was runner-up to the county Star Red Rose Farmer.

Smith's home farm is a 170 acre dairy enterprise with 40 head of milk cows and 30 head of young stock. They also raise 9,000 broilers and 40 fattening swine each year.



LeRoy Welk  
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LeRoy Welk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira D Welk, Quarryville R3, has a twin brother in his Solanco FFA Chapter who is receiving the Keystone Farmer's Degree.

He is the Chapter Reporter for the 1969-70 school year and has farming projects of dairy animals, beef, swine, corn, alfalfa and tobacco.

LeRoy is a member of the Fulton Grange 66, the County 4-H Holstein Club and a junior member of the Holstein Association of America. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Sunday School at Strasburg and is a member of the Senior High Youth Fellowship.



Nelson Weaver  
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Nelson Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M Weaver, New Holland R1, is the president of the Grassland Chapter at Garden Spot High School. He has

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