Ronald Jacob is FFA Crop Production Winner

Ronald Jacob, son of Mr and Mrs Earl V Jacob of Indiana, graduated from Indiana United High School this year but he had already established himself as a businessman.

The 18-year-old Future Farmers of America member was recently named Pennsylvania state champion in the 1973 FFA Crop Production Proficiency Award program. He is now eligible for regional or national honors. The program is sponsored by The Producers of Funk's G-Hybrids in cooperation with the National FFA Foundation Inc.

The award program applicants are judged on their crop production during the previous year. In addition to production, other criteria includes leadership development, overall achievements in FFA work, the scope of the individual's supervised crop program, his inventory, skills and competencies developed. Also considered by the judges are a complete financial statement, experience in marketing, activities related to the crop program, full supporting evidence, school and community activities.

Jacob's crop production program consisted of 486 acres of mixed crops. His 40 acres of corn silage yielded an average of 28 tons One hundred and sixty acres of corn for grain averaged 130 bushels and 30 acres of grain sorghum averaged 65 bushels He averaged 80 bushels of oats from 90 acres and four acres of potatoes gave him an average of 400 bushels per acre. He harvested 40 acres of Sudax for an average of 22 tons and 120 acres of mixed hay averaged 22 tons per acre. The yield from two acres of sweet corn was 1,200 dozen ears.

"My vegetable crops-potatoes and sweet corn-are retailed All the other crops are fed to livestock on the farm," the young winner stated. Jacob farms now in partnership with his father and brother on the home farm. He presently rents 428 acres of crop land for his program.

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Experience has shown Jacob the value of a good set of farm records. "They certainly have helped me to gain the maximum profit from each of my enterprises," he says.

In addition to the cropping program, Jacob shares an interest in the family's livestock and poultry operation. They carry a 126 head dairy herd, 40 hogs and a flock of 1,000 chickens. Detailed records are also kept on this operation.

The Crop Production Proficiency Award program has served to firmly establish in Ronald Jacob's mind the value of hard work. "The program also improved my knowledge of management techniques and my ability to keep detailed records of each part of my operation."

Jacob and other Crop Production Proficiency Award program state winners are now eligible for selection as regional or national winners. Announcement of the top four individuals in the nation will be made at the 46th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, October 16-19.

Pa. Firm Ineligible To Operate Produce Business

Brown's Frosted Foods, Inc., Philadelphia, has been declared ineligible to operate in the produce business under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities (PAC) Act, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced.

Officials of the Agricultural Marketing Services said the firm has failed to pay a reparation award issued by USDA and may not resume operation until it satisfies the award and gains USDA approval. The firm and its officers may not be employed or affiliated with any licensed firm without USDA approval.

Brown's Frosted Foods, Inc. failed to pay a reparation award issued by USDA June 14. The award was in favor of a Moorestown, N. J. shipper who had not been paid \$2,722 for apples purchased during July, 1972. The officers, directors and

stockholders are, Harry Vincent Brown, Jr., Benedict Decastro and Carol A. Garber. The firm did not answer the charges and USDA ordered payment of the full amount claimed.

The PAC Act establishes a code of good business conduct for the produce industry. It requires that interstate traders in fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables be licensed and authorizes USDA to suspend or revoke a trader's license for violating the Act.

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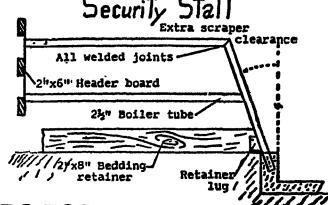
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