

**Nelson Martin**

# Dairy Enthusiast Receives Keystone

Many young men in the area will be receiving their FFA Keystone degrees next week during the annual State Farm Show. For each of them, the degree the signify the time and effort they have put forth in projects and activities. One such young man is Nelson Martin, a senior at Pequea Valley High School.

Over the past four years, Nelson, who is a senior has served the FFA chapter as news reporter and vice-president as well as being on almost every committee from fund raising events to banquets.

Nelson's main interest of project work has been in dairy although he has also raised veal calves.

Coming from a dairy farm, Nelson is familiar with the work involved in dairy farming and not only helps on his father's farm at RD2 Honeybrook but also works

in the afternoons on a neighbor's dairy farm.

Nelson has also been active in many FFA activities including being a member of the Parliamentary Procedure team and on the tractor driving and dairy judging teams.

Working with dairy animals has helped Nelson learn what to look for in purchasing sound animals and also aided him in placing first in the county dairy judging contest held during the Lampeter Fair.

Nelson explained that he had enjoyed being in FFA and appreciated the opportunities that have been made available to him through the program.

"I've learned how to take on responsibility and how to keep records that I know will help me in the future."

"Through FFA I have learned how to get things done in an efficient manner which has been helpful."

Along with his work in FFA, Nelson is active in his church youth group and sings with the Ephrata Area Mennonite Chorus.

Nelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer E. Martin, Honeybrook.

Nelson is one of the almost 100 young men in the southeastern Pennsylvania area to be selected to receive the FFA Keystone Farmer degree for his year. For all these young people it has meant a great deal of effort and extra hours of work on projects that have ranged from dairy animals to small engines and agribusiness ventures.

As we congratulate these young men and women we should remember the others in the background who have also given a helping hand - the parents and agricultural instructors who always help to make FFA a success.



Nelson Martin, Honeybrook, is no stranger to farm work. Along with a part time job working on a dairy farm, Nelson also gives his parents a hand with their dairy operation.

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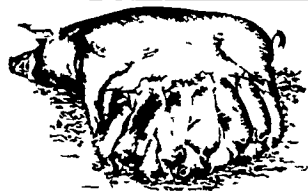
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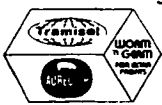
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