

Youth receives FFA degree



Greg Landis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Landis, Lancaster R6, will be receiving his FFA American Farming Degree at the National Convention in Kansas City in November

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 dairy business, Greg naturally turned to that particular enterprise for FFA projects and raised a number of registered Holstein calves and heifers for his work. Greg noted that he was helped along in his work by a favorite cow which had seven heifers in a row. "I was certainly lucky in that respect and it gave me a good start in the dairy business." Greg still owns his first cow and four succeeding generations of that animal which is a rare fete in today's dairying world.

Based on his outstanding project work and activities Greg received his Keystone Farming degree in January of 1973 and was later elected to serve as the state vice-president of the FFA.

"I was happy to be chosen as a state officer as I did get to travel and meet many people."

"It is a responsibility," the youth commented, "but one which gets you really involved in the work."

Active in

Community Programs
 Along with his work in FFA, Greg has also been an active member and leader in several other clubs. A

member of the County 4-H Holstein Club, Greg served as president of the organization. He is also a member of the Junior Holstein Club in Lancaster County and has been selected as the youth activities chairman for the Pa. Holstein Association. The young man also belongs to the Penn Manor Young Farmers.

Outstanding Degree

Only a minute fraction of the FFA membership is allowed to receive the American Farming Degree since it is reserved for only those members having compiled outstanding records of farm production, work experience and activities. Also the candidates must go through a grueling regiment of interviews and visitations.

"I was certainly happy to be notified I was receiving the degree," Greg explained. "I entered the competition but wasn't sure I would make it."

"You know it was one of my goals in life and it feels good to know that working hard has paid off."

While receiving the American Farming Degree has been a goal reached for

the youth, Greg is still aspiring for more activities in the FFA. The Millersville youth has entered the competition to become a National FFA officer and will be interviewing for the position when he arrives in Kansas City next month.

"I guess people may wonder why I want to try to become a national officer." "I think more than anything else I want to see if another goal can be reached."

Noting that the competition for a national office is extremely rough, Greg explained his feelings toward the position, "I know that all the interviews and questions will be hard, but I

want to know that I have tried my best."

While the convention is still three weeks away, the youth has many activities reaching for his attention. Greg is in charge of the youth program for the State Holstein Convention to be held in November and has been planning events for a number of months, and then there is always the field work and milking to be done.

Greg is only the second youth from the Penn Manor High School to be chosen for the American Farming Degree and may well be the first to become a national officer when he arrives in Kansas City next month.



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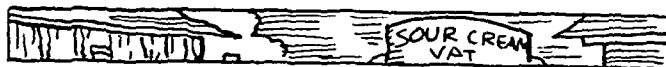
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