

5 Pennsylvanians get honorary FFA degree

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Honorary American Farmer Degree was presented here this week to 191 men and women at this year's Golden Anniversary National Convention. Included were several persons from Pennsylvania. The Honorary

American Farmer Degree is the National Organization's highest recognition for adults who have given outstanding service to the Future Farmers of America. The largest number of persons being honored this year came from the ranks of

the nation's 12,000 vocational agriculture teachers. Others who were recognized included representatives from government and industry, educators and the mothers and fathers of candidates for Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of

America. The six National FFA officers presented degree to their parents. Each person honored was presented a certificate and a gold key designating the highest degree of FFA membership.

Persons who received the Honorary American Farmer Degree were nominated by State FFA Association officials on the basis of their support of national FFA programs and activities. Teachers were selected to receive the Degree on the basis of a scorecard of achievement which takes into account the teacher's years of service, the number of award winning members recognized under their leadership and the record of achievement by the FFA chapter.

The 89 instructors honored this year have a total of 1,915 years' experience teaching vocational agriculture—an average of nearly 22 years each. They helped 3,872 students earn the State Farmer Degree and 265 earn the American Farmer Degree. One hundred ninety eight of their students were

elected to State FFA leadership positions. Pennsylvania's recipients of the Honorary American Farmer Degree included Roland Duperron of Ulysses, George Miller from Brockway, William C. Sheaffer from Beaver Springs, Cecil Snyder from Biglerville and Glenn Stevens of State College.

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