

# Smith wins Eastern FFA proficiency award

KANSAS CITY — Donald Smith, an 18 year old from Union Bridge, Md., has been named the Eastern Regional winner in the FFA Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award. The contest was held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Mo., last week.

Donald began his work with dairy operations when he was a ten year old. Following the death of his mother, Donald went to live and work for a family with a 160 head or registered Holstein dairy. During the years he worked with this dairy, he set his goal in life to become a dairy farm manager.

Wanting and needing more experience to reach his career goal, he found a job with a larger operations of 600 milk cows where he was milking 16 hours a day, six days a week.

Donald applied three months later for a job as a dairy farms manager and landed the position. Since

beginning his a new job, he has become certified to artificially inseminate the cattle and now breeds and manages the total herd, in addition to managing the calves. Other responsibilities include taking a major role in the field work operations plus keeping all the farm equipment in a good state of repair. He has fulfilled his career objective and now plans to increase his knowledge and skills in this area.

Donald is a member of the Langanore FFA Chapter. He has participated on the Awards, Safety and Food for America Committees, dairy judging team and the tractor operators contest. He is also a member of the 4-H Club, State and National Holstein Associations.

All FFA members who complete supervised experience programs involving placement on farms not owned or operated by the student's family as part of their vocational agriculture instruction are eligible for the award. To participate

FFA members submit an application on which they answer questions in ten areas related to their placement program. Requirements include listing goals and future objectives, a record of annual earnings and expenses, a record of other sources of income, a financial statement, a description of the student's training plan, a listing of specific experiences, a listing of skills and competencies gained and a listing of FFA and other school activities in which the student participated. Finally, the student must give a brief biography and a statement from the instructor or employer.

Each regional winner earns a check for \$250 and a plaque plus partially paid travel expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Here his or her Placement in Agricultural Production program is judged against winners from three other regions. The top FFA

member in the nation in Placement in Agricultural Production is recognized at the National FFA Convention with a plaque and a check for \$500.

As sponsors of the Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award, the Hesston Corporation, and the Shell Chemical Company provide

funds for awards at the local, state, and national levels as well as travel awards to the National FFA Convention for the regional award winners.

## Sterner named American Farmer



Alan Sterner

KANSAS CITY - Alan R. Sterner, Hanover, received the American Farmer Degree recently at ceremonies held during the Golden Anniversary National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Alan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Sterner of Hanover. Sterner is married and lives in Hanover.

Eash American Farmer Degree recipient is presented a gold key and certificate by the Future Farmers of America, this year celebrating their 50th year. They also receive a cash award for travel to Kansas City and attend a breakfast in their honor both of which are co-sponsored

through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., by J I Case Co. of Racine, Wisconsin; Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa; The Federal Land Bank Systems of the United States; Amoco Oil Co. of Chicago, Illinois, and The Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corporation of Detroit, Michigan.



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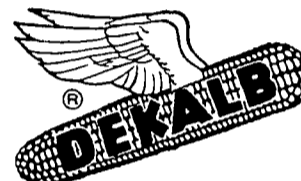
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