

## Nat. FFA officers tour Japan

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Six National Officers of the Future Farmers of America left Washington, D.C. recently bound for Tokyo, Japan and tours of the agricultural situation in that country, a large importer of U.S. farm products.

It is the first time the officers of the FFA, an organization of over 507,000 high school-age agriculture students, have travelled

internationally through full financial support of a sponsor, this time Mitsui and Company, Ltd., a large Japanese trading company.

Earlier that week in Washington, D.C., a city in which agriculture has suddenly become quite prominent due to the presence of hundreds of striking farmers, Sanborn and his fellow officers met

with Vice President Mondale and Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland to discuss the Japan tour and its implications.

In addition to Japanese "farm stations", officers will visit agricultural experiment stations, supermarkets, ports, factories and other parts of the food

industry complex. They will also have an opportunity to discuss Japan's import of U.S. farm produce with members of the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture and representatives of the Japanese Farmers Central Association, an organization similar to major U.S. agricultural cooperatives.

### Md. pork producers to meet

WESTMINSTER Md. - The Maryland Pork Producers annual meeting will be held on February 23 at Frock's Sunnybrook Farm in Westminster, Md. Steve Beckley form the NPPC will be the guest

speaker. The MPPA Pork Queen contest will also be held. The MPPA will also announce their annual award winners and conduct a short business meeting to elect new officers.

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## Adams Co. tomato growers recognized

GETTYSBURG - Several Adams County tomato growers who produced high yields during 1978 have been named State Tomato Growing Champions in machine and hand harvest divisions.

The winners from Adams County are: Calvin Group,

Gardners R1, in the Hand harvest 25-50 acre division.

In the Hand Harvest (5 to 25 acres) class, the winners were: Roy Black, Biglerville R1; Robert C. Lott, Jr., Biglerville; Orville McBeth, Biglerville R1; Hall Bros., c/o Harry Hall, Orrtanna R1; George Irvin, Orrtanna R1; R. Claire Wolf, Biglerville R1.

Each winner received a tie clasp award.

## FFA

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training along with the original program, which was production agriculture.

Advancement through the degrees offered in the FFA program, from the Greenhand through the chapter farmer, state farmer, and the American Farmer or agribusinessman, is based on the achievements in farming, ranching, or agribusiness careers.

Lancaster Farming is featuring several stories about different members of FFA and chapters this week.

## FFA

banquet set

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN - The annual parent and member FFA banquet of the Blue Mountain Chapter will be held on February 22 at the Blue Mountain High School, starting at 6:45 p.m.

After the dinner, the group will move to the auditorium for a slide presentation. Three state FFA officers are planning to attend the meeting.

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