Red Rose FFA'ers name outstanding farmer

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WILLOW STREET —
Doug Hershberger and
Darell Dombach were
named as the county's
outstanding farmer and
agri-businessman at a
meeting of the Red Rose
Chapter Monday evening at
the Willow Street Vo-Tech
School.

Named Red Rose Star Farmer, Hershberger, 17, said, "It was quite a surprise. It's nice to be able to do something like this. It is quite an honor.

Hershberger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hershberger, Quarryville R4, and is a junior at Solanco High School. His project activities are in dairy, primarily, and corn.

Dombach, the Red Rose Star Agribusinessman, said, "I'm very glad I got it. It shows that I've done something. I hope it will be an inspiration to the other kids in our school, because it shows that you don't have to go to the biggest school in the county."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Dombach, Willow Street R 1, Dombach is a junior at Lampeter-Strasburg High School. His project is ag mechanics, and he works with Cope and Weaver Farm Equipment Sales and Service in their service shop.

Runner-up in the county star farmer contest was sixteen-year-old Barbara Herr, who took time out from her sheep-showing at the Farm Show to attend this meeting. Barbara, a junior at Garden Spot High School, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Herr, Narvon R2. She has projects in market lambs, market hogs, a steer and ewes. She said, "I'd like to try harder the next time."

Leonard Snader was chosen runner-up in the star agribusinessman contest, which the judges called "a very close contest," with the total point different among the applicants of just ten points.

Snader, 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Snader, East Earl R1. He is a junior at Garden Spot High School. His project is in work experience, and he has been employed by the Shady Maple Farm Market for nearly two years.

Judges for star farmer include Ralph Layman, director of the Willow Street Vo-Tech School; Russell Drumm, landscaper; and Mark Bushog, assistant manager, agri-loans, Commonwealth National Bank.

In the star agribusinessman contest, judges were Gerald Phillips, Farm Credit, Lancaster; and Glenn Weber, general manager, Country Acres Farm Store.

There were seven applicants for the farmer degree and six for the agribusinessman award.



New officers of the county FFA include First row, from left: Lyn Beiler, reporter, Cloister; Tina Bucher, secretary, Solanco; Don Brubaker, president, Lampeter Strasburg; Russ Marks,

treasurer, Warwick. Second row, from left: Doug Snavely, chaplain, Warwick; Gordon Long, student advisor, Penn Manor: Chris Herr, vice president, Garden Spot; and Glen Shenk, sentinal, Manheim.

One representative from each chapter was eligible to compete for the award. The winner was selected on the basis of his application and personal interview with the judges.



Winners of the county star farmer award and county agribusinessman award are from left, Doug Hershberger, Barbara Herr, Leonard Snader and Darell Dombach. Hershberger was county star farmer, with Barbara Herr first runner-up. Dombach was county star agribusinessman with Snader first runner-up.

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