

# Weber reflects on FFA achievements

MOHNTON — Ten years ago, Glenn S. Weber, Mohnton R2, was eastern regional vice-president of the Future Farmers of America. In reflecting on the years that have passed since his involvement in the FFA program, Weber said, "It

was really a highlight. It was a goal I had no idea I would ever achieve. Being a national officer was a real turning point. You learn a lot about yourself and what you can and what you cannot do." Weber graduated from

Garden Spot High School in 1966 where he got his start in the Grassland FFA Chapter. He was state FFA president that year. After graduating from Penn State in 1972, he taught vocational agriculture for two years at Manheim Central High

School before founding the County Acres Farm Stores in the Reading area, of which he is general manager.

An FFA member for seven years, Weber participated in a lot of local activities before aspiring to a higher office. He said, "I would definitely say that we are all products of our past. The past experiences make us the kind of people we are. In FFA I had the chance to have a variety of experiences, and

it was broadening and challenging."

He credits his ag teacher with a lot of the success he had. "I credit my ag teacher with providing the background. I just can't give him too much credit."

He stressed that challenges are offered at all levels of involvement, recalling, "As a 9th grader it was a challenge to take the opportunity to get up and say the creed. I was as thrilled to

do that as to prepare for national convention."

He encouraged FFA members to start now by becoming involved and to accomplish one day at a time. "If they start where they are, in a few years they will be astonished. Sometimes they tend not to see the opportunities in the classroom."

Weber said, "Members should start moving step by step: If they reach out and

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Kings Potato Chips and the Country Acres markets are two divisions of the Weber family business. Here Weber spreads a load of freshly made chips on the conveyor before running them through the salter. But most of his work is with the markets.



At his office, a converted chicken house on the farm where he grew up, Glenn Weber recalls what FFA meant to him.

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