

## Tips on carving

**YORK** — Who's going to win the annual battle of carving the turkey at holiday meals? Marcel Seckman, Extension Home Economist offers a method that can make carving a turkey a graceful and easy task:

\*Cool the bird for about 20 minutes before you start to carve. During this period the meat becomes more firm so that the turkey doesn't fall apart during carving.

\*Separate the leg — drumstick and thigh — by holding the drumstick firmly and pulling it away from the body. At the same time, cut through the skin between the leg and the body. With skin cut, the entire leg and the body. With skin cut, the entire leg will freely pull away.

\*To remove the leg, press it away from the body. The joint connecting the leg to the backbone will often snap free or you may easily sever it with your knife point. Cut the dark meat completely

from the body by following body contour carefully with your knife.

\*Slice the dark meat by placing the leg on a separate plate and cutting through the connecting joint. You may slice the drumstick and thigh individually. Hold the drumstick with a napkin, and tilt it to a convenient angle while slicing toward the plate.

\*To slice the thigh meat, hold the piece firmly with a fork. Cut even slices parallel to the bone.

\*Prepare the breast for easy slicing by placing the knife parallel and as close to the wing as possible. Make a deep cut into the breast and cut to the bone. This is your base cut and all breast slices will stop at this cut.

\*After the base cut, begin to slice the breast. Start halfway up the side, carving down, and ending at the base cut. Start each new slice slightly higher up the breast. Keep slices thin and even.

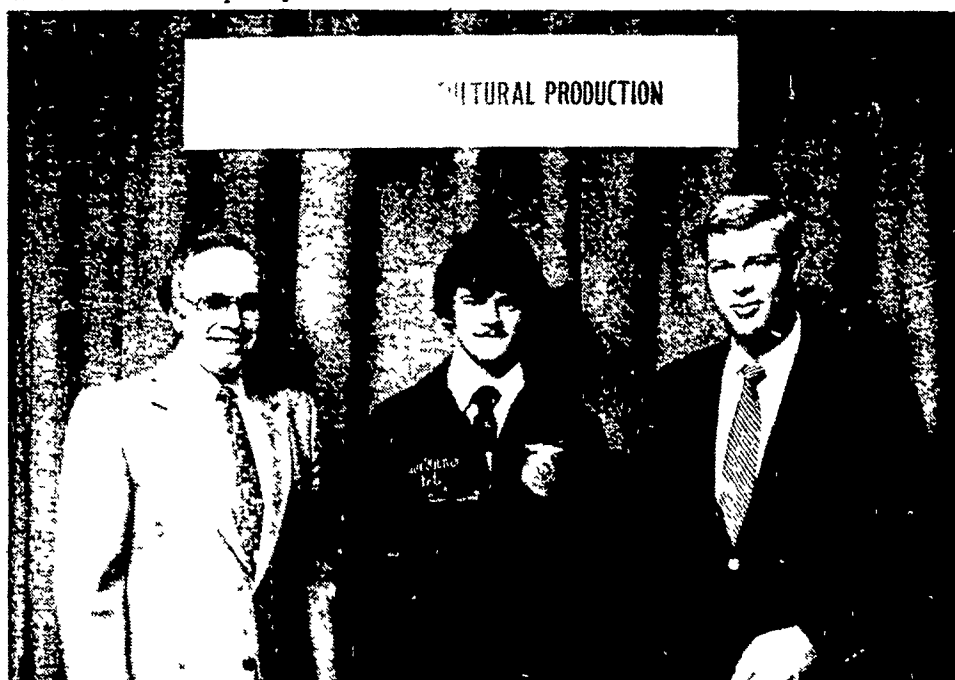
## FFA Awards



Russell C. Redding, of Gettysburg, is awarded the American Farmer Degree in ceremonies at the 53rd national FFA convention in Kansas City. At right offering congratulations is Doug Rinker, National FFA President.



Steve Hershey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hershey, R3 Manheim, is among the recipients of the top FFA award, the American Farmer Degree, at the FFA convention. Making presentation is Doug Rinker, National FFA president.



Arlen Keener, 19, of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is congratulated by Mr. Nelson P. Galle, General Manager, Diversified Activities, Hesston Corporation and Mr. W.D. Brink, National Sales Manager, Agricultural Chemicals, Shell Chemical Company at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, (November 11-14). Arlen was a National Finalist in the FFA Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award program co-sponsored by the Hesston Corporation, Hesston, Kansas, and the Shell Chemical Company, Houston, Texas, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Arlen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Keener.

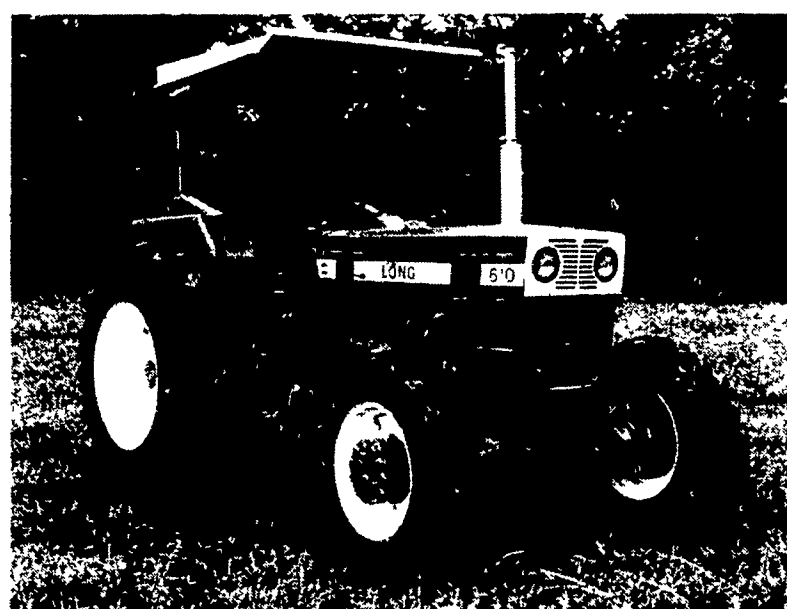


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