

New meaning given to FFA at Elco banquet

MYERSTOWN — A national officer of the Future Farmers of America gave new and special meaning to FFA at the 19th annual banquet and awards program of the Eastern Lebanon County Chapter on Wednesday, March 18, in the middle school.

The new and special meaning was imparted to the large audience of members, parents and supporters by Susie Barrett, National FFA Vice President for the Eastern Region, of Vincent, Oh.

"FFA has changed to meet the changing needs of farming," the national officer said.

"One of the new meanings for FFA could be Future Followers of Agriculture since there are so many people now in agribusiness who help the farmer."

Barrett went on to say that FFA also could stand for Foundation for Achievement. She explained that a basic role in this regard for FFA is the building of leaders today for tomorrow.

A third meaning she supplied was FFA as representing Future for America

"Also, it could be Future Families of America," she said.

"You, the people of rural America, make up the core of this country. You must be optimists to survive today, though.

"Today, we must plant a crop of hope — something that we can look forward to harvesting in the future. As we are doing in FFA, we must make a long-term investment in the future"

Two state officers, President Larry Shrawder, of the Kutztown Chapter, and Treasurer Bob Kreider, of the Annville-Cleona Chapter, also addressed the banquet briefly

Special presentations were made to Enos Heisey, of Agway, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl I. Wenger, Myerstown, in recognition of their four sons who

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Chapter Star Agribusinessman award winners Joel Fahnestock, left, and Glenn Wenger, right, are shown with state and national FFA officers, Larry Shrawder, State President, of the Kutztown Chapter, and Susie

Barrett, National FFA Vice President for the Eastern Region, of Vincent, Ohio, at annual Elco Chapter banquet and awards night program.



A plaque to honor special recognition for having four sons receive the FFA Keystone Farmer Degree is presented by Gerald Strickler, center, Elco Chapter advisor, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl I. Wenger, of Myerstown

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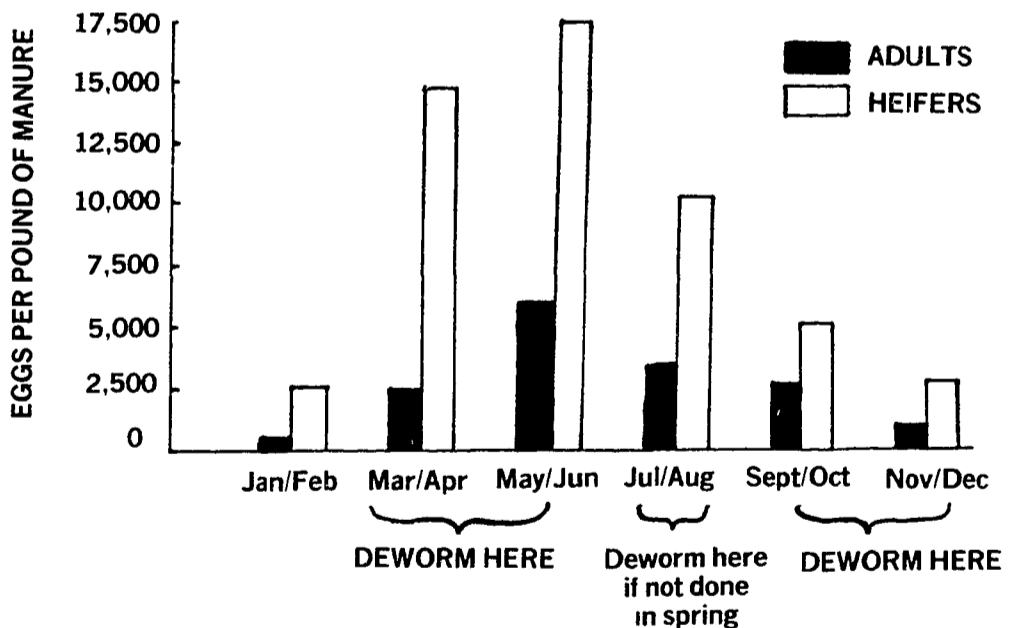
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