

Solanco starts calf chain

QUARRYVILLE — The Solanco Future Farmers of American Chapter has established a dairy calf chain to help young FFA members get a start in dairy farming.

Robert Kauffman, a dairy farmer at R2, Peach Bottom, has been instrumental in starting the calf chain. He has donated a Holstein heifer calf to the FFA Chapter to be awarded to an FFA member interested in dairy cattle.

The first recipient of the program is Jeff Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Byers of R1, Holtwood. Jeff will be in 10th grade

this year and was selected from among a group of FFA members who were interested in receiving the calf.

Byers will raise the calf as part of his supervised occupational experience program in the FFA. He also raised market hogs and has a work experience project.

Byers will be responsible to return the first heifer calf produced by his new project animal to the FFA Chapter. This calf will then be awarded to another FFA member and the chain will continue.

The Future Farmers of America

is an integral part of the curriculum in vocational agriculture at Solanco High School. Jeff Byers is one of about 90 FFA Chapter members at the local school.

Robert Kauffman is a member of the Solanco Young Farmers Association. The Young Farmer organization is also a part of the vocational agriculture program at Solanco.

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Robert Kauffman, right, of the Solanco Young Farmers Association presents Jeff Byers with a heifer calf to help establish a dairy calf chain in the Solanco FFA.



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