

# National FFA convention highlights

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DeLong, 16th; and Esbenshade, 20th.

Nearby Eastern state teams didn't do badly either with Maryland fourth, Connecticut fifth, New Jersey seventh, New York 12th and Vermont 14th.

A second dairy competition in which Commonwealth FFA'ers did well was the Milk Quality and Dairy Foods contest. The team of Ron Zimmerman, Kutztown; Mike Hershey, Pequea Valley; and Daniel Groff, Cedar Crest; placed 19th out of 30 teams.

In other national contests, these are the Pennsylvania placings:

Floriculture - Seventh out of 38 teams; Steven Cox, Shirl Lehman and Cindy Craley.

Ag Mechanics - 27th out of 43 teams; Ken Shertzer, Bruce Tuckey and Tim Owens.

Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Gerald Davidson, silver.

Farm Business Management - 20th out of 39 teams; Jeff Martin, Nevin Horning and Jon Merkle.

Livestock Judging - 34th out of 46 teams; Nancy McCauley, Wendy Filinchbaugh and Keith Harbold.

Livestock Showmanship - Scott Charles, gold; Rod Witmer, gold.

Meats Judging - 29th out of 37 teams; Rodney Nissley, Crystal Kreider and Trasee Aument.

Nursery-Landscape - 22nd out of 39 teams; Trudi Zook, Sandy Rice and Lisa McMullen.

Poultry - 28th out of 35 teams; Roger Weaver, Doug Ressler and

Toni Kerrin.

In the Stars Over America competition, the national "Stars" went to Larry O. Nielsen, 21, diversified crops and livestock, Tulare, S.D., in production ag; and to Rex Wichert, 20, farmer and custom hay baler, Fairview, Okla. in agribusiness.

Both Eastern Regional Stars in the competition were from Pennsylvania - John B. Kline, of ELCO Chapter, Lebanon County, in production ag; and Mark Andersen, East Berlin, Adams County, in agribusiness.

Pennsylvania's two competitors in National Proficiency were Jamie Frey, Quarryville, in Nursery Operations; and Shawn Walter, Mifflinburg, in Ag Mechanics.

National officers elections included:

Steve Meredith, 19, Glendale, Ky., president.

Mike Gayaldo, 20, Kelseyville, Cal., secretary;

Graham Boyd, 19, Pinetown, N.C., Eastern vice president.

Brad Bass, 20, Winnsboro, Tex., Western Vice President.

Mike Barrett, 19, Mead, Neb., Central Vice President.

Nanci Mason, 20, Collins, Miss., Southern Vice President.

Pennsylvania did not have any candidates for national office.

Pictured on this page are some of the national contest participants from Pennsylvania, FFA'ers receiving their American Degrees and other convention participants.



Meats judging competitors from Manor Chapter include, from the left, Rodney Nissley; Crystal Kreider and Trasee Aument.

## Pa. FFA'ers get American Degrees at national convention



David C. Glick, left, Lewistown, with Bill Caraway.



Jere Wingert, left, St. Thomas, with Bill Caraway, National Secretary.



Dean Patches, left, of the Northern Lebanon FFA Chapter.



Joel Waybright, left, Gettysburg, with Bill Caraway.



Mark Anderson, left, East Berlin, with Ron Wineinger, National President.



Barbara L. Herr, Narvon, with Bill Caraway, National FFA Secretary.

## Ag mechanics competitor



Dairy Foods judging competitors, pictured earlier this year when they won in state competition, are, from the left, Ron Zimmerman, Kutztown; Mike Hershey, Pequea Valley; and Daniel Groff, Cedar Crest.

## BOAC award to Grassland



The Grassland FFA Chapter in Eastern Lancaster County receives national recognition in community development efforts as part of the National BOAC (Beautify Our American Communities) program. Pictured, from the left at national convention, are Charles Shuman, Administrator, FmHA, USDA; Edward Dudley, of Kentucky Fried Chicken Corp., subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds, Inc., sponsor; Roger Weaver, chapter BOAC chairman; and Clifford Day, advisor.



Gerald Garber, Willow Street, with Bill Caraway.



John W. Marsteller, Jr., left, Stewartstown, with Caraway.

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Shawn Walter, 17, of Mifflinburg FFA Chapter, is congratulated by Kim Havens, of National FFA Foundation representing sponsor International Harvester Company, for honor as Ag Mechanics Proficiency Award finalist from Eastern Region. Walter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walter.