

FFA Convention

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Steven Mitchell, 19, of Pineville, Ark., is the southern region vice president. Mitchell's parents are Jim and Kathie Mitchell. He is a member of the Calico Rock FFA Chapter where his local advisor is Tim Cunningham.

Mitchell's SAE consists of a diversified livestock operation in addition to experience in the feed mill and farm labor. A sophomore at Arkansas State University at Beebe majoring in agricultural education, he will take a year-long leave of absence to serve his term.

The western region vice president is Tyler Grandil, 20, of Mesa, Ariz. He is the son of Barry and LuJean Grandil. Grandil is a member of the Mesa FFA Chapter where his local advisor is Don Higgins.

Market lambs, swine production, and specialty animal production comprised Grandil's SAE. A sophomore at Arizona State majoring in agricultural business management and liberal arts and sciences, he will take a year's leave of absence to fulfill his term in office.

During their year of service, the national officers will each travel more than 200,000 miles making hundreds of appearances on behalf of the FFA. The national officers represent members to officials in government, business, education and agriculture. As they travel during the year, the officers meet with members on the local, state and national levels.

National FFA Names American Star Farmer, American Star In Agribusiness
Daniel Keck, 22, of St. Lawrence, S.D., and Jeffrey Cole, 20, of Asbury, Mo., were named the American Star Farmer and the American Star in Agribusiness, respectively, at the 66th National FFA Convention. Each received a \$2,000 cash award and will participate in an international experience program in Europe for achieving FFA's highest honor.

Each star was chosen from a field of four national finalists. James Nelson, 21, Ashburn, Ga.; Brian Lee Tiedeman, 21, Hickman, Neb.; and Kermit Ketterling, 21, Wishek, N.D., were the other three star farmer candidates chosen from 1,276 American FFA Degree recipients. Scott Bruce, 20, Red Oak, Iowa; Gregory Ramsey, 20, Jones, Okla.; and Randy Arestad, 23, Ferndale, Wash., were the other three star in agribusiness candidates chosen.

National, state and local FFA officials selected the stars on the basis of knowledge of their enterprises, management skills, return on investments, and growth of their programs. The stars were also judged on leadership abilities demonstrated through their FFA activities.

Each finalist received \$1,000 from the National FFA Foundation, Inc., and the national winners received an additional \$1,000. The Stars Over America recognition represents the highest achievement awarded in the organization.

Star Farmer
Dan Keck of St. Lawrence, S.D., doesn't mind taking risks to meet his goals. He started a successful swine enterprise in 1987, but then wanted to start a dairy. He sold his hogs, converted his

swine facility into a milking parlor and launched his dairy operation in 1991 — even though he had no prior experience in the dairy industry. His successful efforts have been recognized by the National FFA Organization, which named him the 1993 American Star Farmer.

Diversification is one of the keys to Keck's success. Besides financing his dairy enterprise, Keck's original swine operation also provided financial means to purchase some purebred Hereford cows. Keck has expanded his beef operation to 130 cows, which are split into spring and fall calving groups to spread out the cash flow.

In fact, cash flow was a primary reason Keck decided to start a Grade A dairy. "Dairying is one of the few agricultural operations which allows a person the opportunity to get paid every other week, and provides two sources of income; milk and calves," he said. After remodeling the swine barn Keck purchased 45 Holstein cows. He milks 86 cows, and annually

produces 18,000 pounds of milk per cow. Keck hopes to reach a 20,000 pound annual milk production average by next year.

In order to feed his growing livestock herds, Keck raises 470 acres of hay and 320 acres of corn and oats on his 1,380 acres of land, which he began purchasing as a high school senior. Though his parents Dennis and Gloria Keck also farm, his operation is financially independent from his family's enterprise of raising and selling hay.

Keck, 22, is cautious with his finances because of that independence. To keep operating expenses down, he purchases good quality used equipment for his enterprises. He also uses accounting and dairy management software programs on his computer to make informed financial decisions.

Keck is a member of the Miller FFA Chapter, and his advisors are Mark Ketelhut, David Sivertsen, and Lee Marts. His future plans include expanding both his beef and dairy operations, and re-entering the swine industry with a feeder-to-finish operation.

Star In Agribusiness

Jeffrey Cole of Asbury, Mo., found his dream job in his own backyard. At age 20, Cole owns

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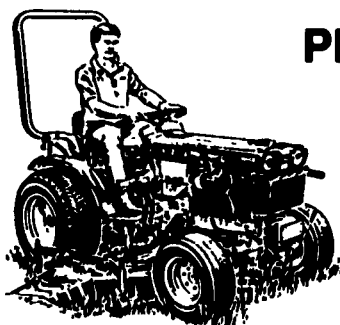
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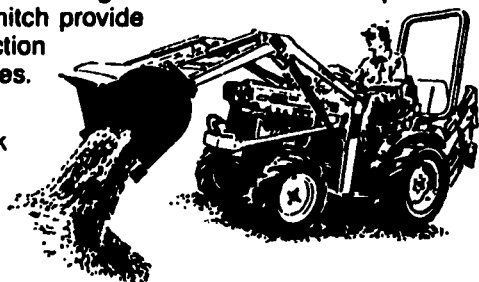
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Sale Time: 10:00 A.M.

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