

# National FFA Names Star Farmer, Star Agribusiness Recipients

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Brian Wade Johnson, 21, Gotebo, Okla., and David Snyder, 21, Hamilton, N.Y., were named the American Star Farmer and the American Star in Agribusiness, respectively, at the 67th 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. Lloyd H. Vaill Jr., 20, Pine Plains, N.Y.; Jeral Gross, 21, Bridgewater, S.D.; and Jamie Judd, 22, LaValle, Wis., were the other three star farmer candidates chosen from 1,454 American FFA Degree recipients. Neal C. Floyd, 21, Nicholasville, Ky.; Tammy L. Yost, 20, Joliet, Mont.; and Craig Eric Daniels, 21, Montello, Wis., 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 Ova America recognition represents the highest achievement awarded in the organization.

## FFA Selects Snyder

David Snyder, Hamilton, N.Y., started out with a push mower, a gas can and snow shovel. Now this entrepreneur operates Snyder Services, a successful residential and commercial mowing, landscaping and snow removal business. For his career achievements, the National FFA Organization has selected Snyder for the 1994 American Star in Agribusiness Award.

Snyder, 21, began his business in 1984 servicing customers on his street by mowing lawns on weekends and shoveling snow before and after school. Today, Snyder Services hires one parttime and four full-time employees.

"When I bought my first lawn mower and started mowing four neighborhood lawns, I never realized that I was starting my future business," Snyder said.

Snyder provides services for 25 commercial and 70 residential properties in the Hamilton, N.Y., area. "I offer year-round service to my customers. During the winter months I remove snow, salt, and sand, and clear walks and driveways. A large number of my customers have asked for my help all year."

Additionally, he donates services to the local Food Cupboard and SOMAC, the Southern Madison County Ambulance Corporation.

Snyder's success has come with hard work, as well as a dedi-

cation to customer service. He helps his employees understand customer relations and improve their communications skills.

Snyder, son of Howard and Patricia Snyder, has been recognized by the National FFA Organization in the past for his business and leadership skills. He has been named State Star Agribusinessman, regional winner of the Turf and Landscape Proficiency Award, and National Agricultural Sales and/or Service Proficiency Award winner.

Adviser of the Hamilton FFA, Neil Lamb, said, "David took complete advantage of the SAE program. He developed a program and has made it into his profession. I have been most impressed with his professionalism and pride in his business. The payoff has been loyal and satisfied customers."

## FFA Names Johnson

Brian Johnson, Gotebo, Okla., did not begin his agricultural career on a traditional family farm. However, his determination and the support from his family helped make his goals for a successful, diversified agricultural enterprise come true. For his accomplishments as an agricultural leader and producer, Johnson, 21, has been recognized by the National FFA Organization with the 1994 American Star Farmer award.

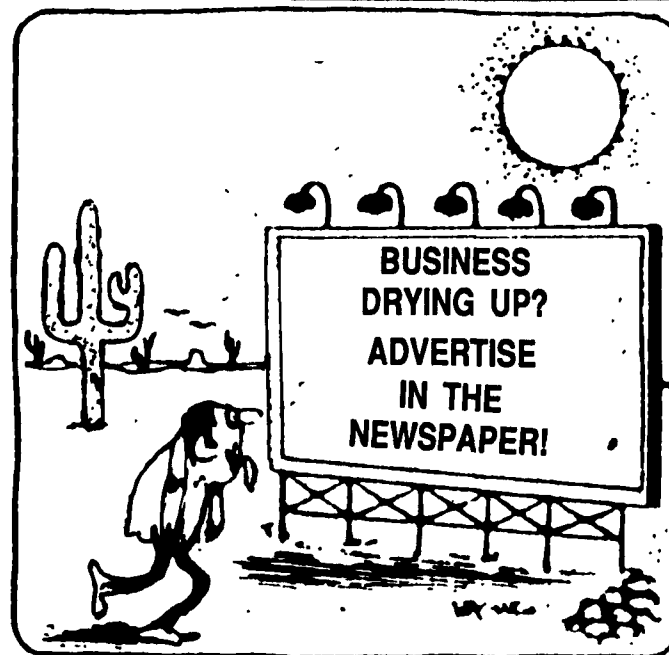
Johnson's family background is rural, but not typical. His family bought 60 acres and some sheep back in 1978 as a way for his father to "relax" after his job. Johnson became responsible for the sheep when he was eight years old and developed a love of livestock and an early appreciation for hard work that became the foundations for his present agricultural enterprises.

In 1989, Johnson oversaw 100 acres that he rented. He went on to own that land and purchase the machinery necessary to maintain it. After a series of acquisitions and agreements, Johnson's enterprises grew to include the 160 acres he owns, the 100 acres he rents, and the 1,120 acres he has in partnership with his father. The sheep flock consists of 250 ewes including 90 head of his own and 20 head purchased with his father. The rest belong to his sister and father.

The addition of rented acres to Johnson's program has allowed him to diversify into a fullscale stocker cattle operation to complement his sheep, wheat, forage, and cotton operations. The cattle operation, a partnership venture for Johnson and his father, has had as many as 450 head, and his cow-calf herd includes 21 cows and one bull. "Aside from cash flow, growing pains have been my biggest problem," said Johnson. "Rapid growth in cattle numbers drastically increased labor and management time because of makeshift facilities. I decided to build permanent receiving and shipping facilities that allow two men to do the work of four in less time."

Johnson has been recognized as regional winner in both the Agricultural Electrification and the Diversified Livestock Proficiency awards. In 1990, he was named a national winner in the Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award, and in 1991 he was named Star Farmer of Oklahoma.

The son of two former teachers, Bradley and Sue Johnson, Brian is a full-time student at Cameron University.



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NAME	TOWN	RHA SCC	NO. COWS
GERALD R DONOVAN	TITUSVILLE	65	35
FORGET ME NOT FARM	TITUSVILLE	84	12
STANHOPE FARMS	ESPYVILLE	115	48
DENNIS B HALFAST	CENTERVILLE	130	52
RICHARD L FIELD	COCHRANTON	141	67
EVERETT BRADLEY	CENTERVILLE	141	34
BLY VALLEY FARMS	TITUSVILLE	144	24
RANDY WHITMAN	HARTSTOWN	145	39
ANDY GINGERICH	COCHRANTON	146	31
ALBERT BRENNER	SPARTANSBURG	147	81
SHANNON BRENDA IRWIN	CENTERVILLE	147	47
RON&JANET TROYER	CENTERVILLE	148	45
WILLIAM GINGERICH	GUYS MILLS	148	27
DANIEL H DICKEY	ESPYVILLE	151	39
GARRY WAGNER	COCERANTON	175	35
STANLEY BRADSHAW	HEADVILLE	182	54
GARYKAREN FREYERMUTH	COCHRANTON	182	38
JAMES + JANET HUNTER	MEADVILLE	184	69
LESTER R MAST	JAMESTOWN	185	23
DANA H MARTIN	SPARTANSBURG	206	45
KENNETH & JUDY MOOK	SAEGERTOWN	207	15
DEWAYNE IVAN HORNE	GREENVILLE	207	57
DEAN HORNE	ATLANTIC	209	17
ALLEN FARMS	CONNEAUTLAKE	214	113
JAMES R DAVIS	SPARTANSBURG	214	46
ORANGE BUCKET IPFINC	CENTERVILLE	216	42
EVERETT & GAIL REYNOLDS	PITTSFIELD	222	71
ALAN TRAVIS	TITUSVILLE	226	82
OPEN ACRESDAIRYFARMS	CONNEAUTVILLE	227	103
RONALD KALINOWSKI	COCHRANTON	228	46
RYND HOME FARMS	COCHRANTON	230	104
BYLER BROTHERS FARM	SPARTANSBURG	230	18
BRYAN R MC CURDY	COCHRANTON	234	33
DEWEY STYER	MEADVILLE	235	46
MATTHEW PETERSHEIM	TOWNVILLE	244	25
JEFFREY RANEY	ADAMSVILLE	246	43
CROMDELL FARMS	JAMESTOWN	254	46
J-HO FARMS	CONNEAUT LAKE	255	14
E.DEAN AND DAN HOUSEHOLDER	SAEGERTOWN	255	85
JON A BRY DAIRY	COCHRANTON	261	44
O-DARLAN FARM	LINESVILLE	266	38
SELDOMRESTFFARM	GUYS MILLS	272	48
RICHARD L BLACK	SAEGERTOWN	276	64
CHARLES MOOK	CAMBRIDGE SPRING	278	46
BOOZER FARM	COCHRANTON	280	67
MARSHALL SHREVE	UNION CITY	281	62
RICHARD M LYONS	COCHRANTON	283	34
JAMES CUSTEAD	COCHRANTON	285	66
DEAN HORNE	ATLANTIC	286	34
BYLER BROTHERS FARM	SPARTANSBURG	290	123