

# 197 FFA'ers To Receive Keystone Degree At Farm Show

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Western Region Star Farmer in Agriculture honor in sales and service, and will compete at the state level. Chapter projects include swine and beef finishing and sweet corn. Tonya has served on the BOAC committee, FFA Week committee, Food for America, and banquet.

### Mark Bailey

Beef finishing, dairy herd, corn production, and forage production round out the list of FFA projects undertaken by Mark Bailey, four-year Central Cove FFA member. Mark, 17, son of Harold and Linda Bailey, Roaring Spring, Blair County, has plans to pursue an ag-related career or work on the home dairy farm. Mark serves as 1994-1995 chapter vice president and is a member of dairy judging team. He has participated in the Blair County Junior Livestock Show, Morrison Cove Dairy Show, State Junior Dairy Show, and National Junior Jersey Show. Also, Mark has participated in Food For America and Adopt-A-Highway projects. He attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo.



### Rynell Barker

Rynell Barker, three-year Headwaters FFA member, plans a career in graphic design. The parents of Rynell, 17, Ulysses, Potter County, are Roger and Jeanette Barker. Rynell has obtained the Greenhand, Star Greenhand, and Chapter degree. The Headwaters FFA member has served as chapter reporter, secretary, and vice president, and served on the jewelry committee.



### Jeremy Louis Bartels

Jeremy Bartels indicated to *Lancaster Farming* that he plans "to go to college (major in ag education), get married, and have children." The 18-year-old son of Karen and Louis Bartels, Somerset, is a three-year Somerset FFA member who has served as sentinel and serves as FFA student adviser. Jeremy has served on various committees in his chapter, including alumni relations, BOAC,



conduct of meetings, cooperation, earnings and savings, leadership, membership development, public relations, and recreation. He has also worked on various projects, including work experience at Bartel's Drilling and various home improvement projects. Jeremy has been awarded the Greenhand and Chapter degrees.

### Michael Batz

School for diesel mechanics make up the plans for Michael Batz, four-year member of Northern Lebanon FFA. Michael, 17, son of Richard and Betty Batz, Annville, Lebanon County, has served as chapter chaplain, president, and county reporter. In addition, Michael has completed many projects, including corn production, goat production, heifer production, dairy herd, and soybean project. He has served on the banquet, dance, citrus sales, bologna sales, and sub sales committees, and participated in the Southeast District Dairy Show and the Lebanon Fair. He has received the Greenhand, Chapter, and Star Farmer awards. He has also received a state first place award in goat production, a first place in dairy heifers, and a first place in corn silage production. He served on the



parliamentary procedure team that placed second at the state level in 1994.

### Erin E. Benner

Erin E. Benner has accepted early entrance to Montana State University, where she has completed her first semester, majoring in agriculture business. Erin, 17, daughter of Glenn and Brenda Benner, Millerstown, Perry County, has been a Greenwood FFA member for four years. She has served as chapter vice president, chapter treasurer, and CDP area vice president. In addition, Erin has participated in many projects, including market hogs, steers, lambs, and breeding sheep. She has participated as chair of the BOAC, banquet, and safety committees. She received the Star Greenhand, Matt Polski, and Grange Horizon awards.



### Jayme E. Benner

Jayme Benner, 18, Lewisburg, Union County, has served as chapter vice president, chapter secretary, and SUN FFA president. The four-year Mifflinburg FFA member has chaired the banquet committee and was co-chair of the finance committee. The FFA'er also served on the public relations and executive committee. Also, Jayme has participated in various projects, including beef finishing, lamb finishing, and off-farm work at a pet grooming/boarding business. Contest participation includes National FFA Farm Management (bronze), Pennsylvania Agronomy Contest (first), and creed speaking in area, regional, and state (silver). Jayme wrote about future plans: "To go to college and major in animal science and minor in agriculture business management. After college, I'd like to raise horses and cattle."



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### Bob Betz

Bob Betz's plans include attending college to study forestry and joining the Army Reserves. Bob, 18, son of Robert and Barbara Betz, Danville, Montour County, is a four-year member of Danville FFA. FFA activities include Bloomsburg Fair judging, Farm Show, and the National FFA Convention. Bob has served as student adviser and obtained the Greenhand and Chapter degrees.

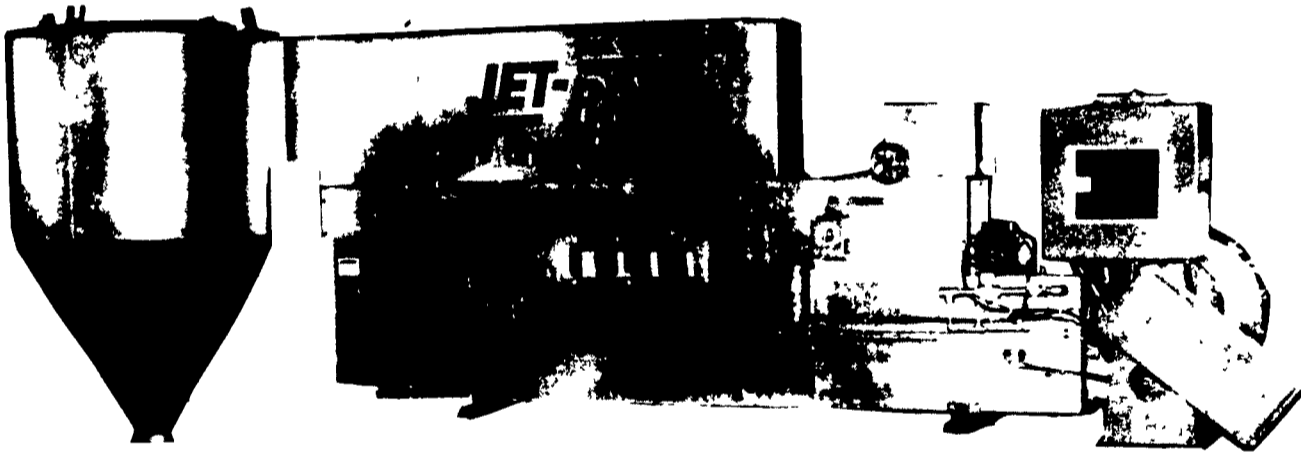
### Melissa Bicksler

Melissa, 17, daughter of Thomas and Cathy Bicksler, Myerstown, Berks County, has been active in dairy judging and proficiency events, having participated in dairy judging in Kansas City in 1993 and in dairy proficiency contests in 1992 and 1993. She served as Tulpehocken FFA chapter secretary in 1993 and serves as chapter president. She also served as banquet committee chair and has served also on the FFA breakfast, leadership, and scholarship committees.



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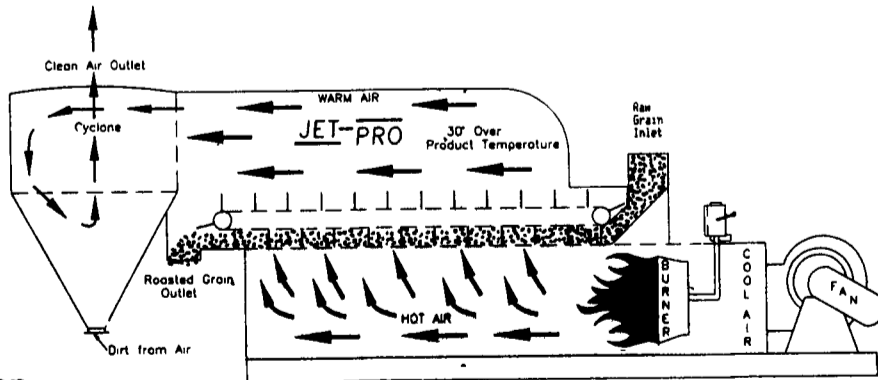


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