

# FFA Keystone Winners, Star Farmers Share Honors From Largest Youth Organization

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New Farmers of America, which was incorporated into National FFA in 1965. This is the inaugural year for the national award, presented to three individuals that have devoted a lifetime of commitment to agricultural education and promotion of diversity within ag education. Sargent was the founder of NFA, a black vocational student organization. Moody, who was an NFA adviser in Virginia, is the national president of the National State Directors of Vocational Education. Next year the award will also honor students nationally for their work in FFA chapters.

The Blue and Gold Award was presented to Kerry Hoffman, Penn State pesticide education coordinator, and to Glen Wenger, who operates a farm machinery business, for many years of dedicated service to FFA.

Ten-Plus Chapter Awards were presented to the following chapters: Central Columbia, Chestnut Ridge, Greater Johnstown AVTS, Line Mountain, Octorara, Reading-Muhlenburg AVTS, and Shippensburg. The Agri-Science Award was presented to the following individuals: Travis Frey, Cloister; Tara Plewa, Twin Valley; Michelle Comman, Big Spring; Greg Hubbard, Central Columbia; and Roberta Cauffman, Greenwood. The Pa. Dept. of Ag Safety Award went to the following chapters: Berlin Brothersvalley, Manor, Spudgrowers, and Lenape AVTS.

National Chapter awards were presented to the following: Gold: West Snyder, Berlin Brothersvalley, and Spudgrowers; Silver: Manor, Cedar Crest, and Conococheque; Bronze: Greenwood, Lenape AVTS, and Manheim; and Superior Chapter: Hans Her, Cowanesque, State College, Upper Dauphin, Tyrone, Ephrata, Mason Dixon, Redback Valley, Headwaters, Tulpehocken, Mohawk, W.B. Saul, Mifflinburg, Tri-Valley, West Perry, Cumberland Valley, and Central Columbia.

Honorary Keystone degrees were bestowed on the following



The Ag Sales, Service, and Mechanics Star went to Charles Aurentz, Cedar Crest FFA and eastern region star, left. Charles was also named Star Agribusiness Award winner. At right, presenting the award, is Tim Weller, state adviser.

families: Raymond and Sharon Bollinger, Ephrata, Cloister Chapter; Robert and Leslie Best, Holtwood, Manor Chapter; Robert and Doris Kimmel, Home, Marion Center Chapter; and Glen and Faye Cauffman, Millerstown, Greenwood Chapter.

A Special Parent Award for a family who received the honorary degree and who still devote their time to helping their children achieve the Keystone was given to John and Margaret Bomgardner, Ono, Northern Lebanon Chapter.

The regional and state stars were also presented. The following regional stars were honored:

- Specialized Agriculture: Preston Hoopes, Headwaters FFA member, north central region. Preston, 17, is the son of James and Sandra Hoopes, Ulysses. He has served as chapter student adviser and treasurer and as chairman of the citrus committee. He completed projects on green beans and carrots and plans to work on the family crop farm.

- Horticulture: Randall A. Harting, Tevoca/Brownstown AVTS, and eastern region star. Randall works at the Stauffer's of Kissel Hill nursery and will continue to work there after graduation.

- Ag Sales, Service, and Mechanics: Charles Aurentz, Cedar Crest FFA, and eastern region star. Charles, 17, is the son of Russell E. and Carol Aurentz, Lebanon. Charles plans to attend a two-year technical college to obtain an associate's degree in automotive mechanics. He has



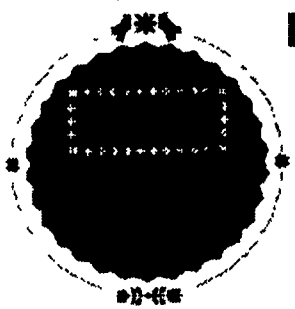
The Production Agriculture Star went to Michelle Comman, Big Spring FFA and south central star. She also won the state Star Farmer Award. Tim Weller, state adviser, presented the award.

served as chapter reporter and president and on various other committees. He completed supervised ag experience (SAE) in shop and other areas.

- Production Agriculture: Michelle Comman, Big Spring FFA, south central star. Michelle, 17, is the daughter of Melvin and Betty Comman, Carlisle. She plans to attend Penn State to major in dairy and animal science. She

has served as chapter secretary and president and is CDP area president. Michelle has completed project work in swine, sheep, and beef finishing, in addition to goat finishing and breeding swine. She received the PLA Livestock Award.

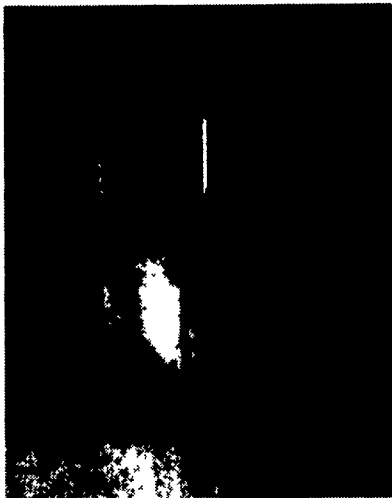
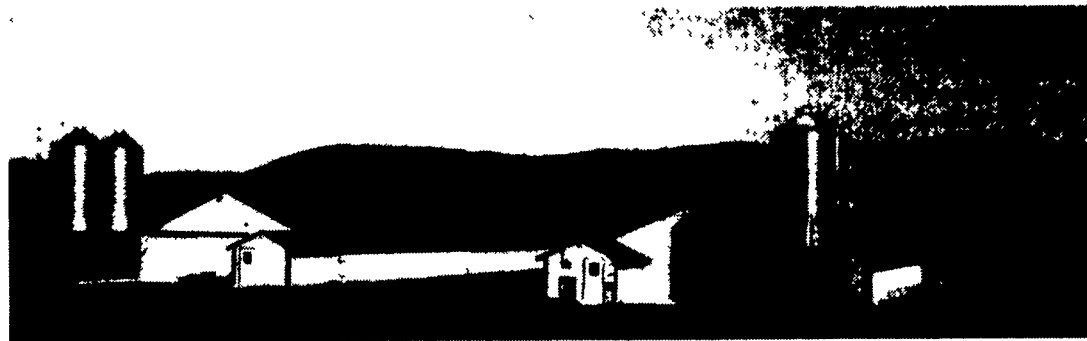
The state Star Farmer award went to Michelle Comman and the state Star Agribusiness Award went to Charles Aurentz.



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