

258 Keystone Degree Recipients

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degree.

Steve, 18, son of Steve and Deb Appel, Conestoga, has served on several committees, including tractor safety, fruit sale, petting zoo, and senior national trip. He has completed dairy management, pumpkins, masonry, Christmas trees, and hog projects. Steve, who believes FFA teaches leadership and responsibility, "also teaches you to deal with life on life's terms," he wrote.

Steve has received several awards, including Outstanding Young Mechanic, public speaking, and leadership. He received his Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.



Amos R. Aurand



As for what Amos R. Aurand enjoys most about FFA, he wrote: "I enjoy going on trips with the FFA and meeting new people. I enjoy this because most of the time the trips do not cost much and I can meet people from all over the country."

Amos, 17, is the son of Harry and Loretta Aurand Jr., Middleburg. Amos, North Central FFA member, has served as chapter president, chapter vice president, and SUN Area vice president.

Amos has served on various committees, including executive and leadership. He has received several awards, including the Snyder County Star Area Degree, 1998 state record book contest bronze, Greenhand, 1998 highest citrus salesman award, 1998 Chapter Corn Club Award, and other honors. He received the Green-

hand, chapter FFA, and SUN Area degrees.

He plans to attend college and become a mechanic.

Lee Bailey



Central Cove FFA member Lee Bailey plans to continue his education at trade school. He enjoys the recreational and community service activities that FFA offers.

Lee, the son of Bernard and Janet Bailey, has completed various projects, including on-farm work experience and dairy and swine production. He has served on various committees and offices, including the executive, fruit, cooperation, and leadership committees. He has served as assistant officer and is vice president.

Other activities Bailey has participated in include Food for America, State FFA

Activities Week, State Legislative Leadership Conference, a first place in land judging, various project book awards, Farm Safety Day, and others. He received the Willey-McClain Swine Award, the Star Greenhand, and high citrus sales.

Renee Baker



Renee Baker, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker, New Alexandria, enjoys the leadership conferences and fairs. "I love meeting new people and the learning experience," she wrote. "I also really enjoy working with my

animals."

Renee, four-year Derry FFA member, has served as chapter president and is chapter reporter. She served as nominating committee chairman at the state convention, on the cooperative project, and on the recreation committee. She completed various projects, including lamb, hog, goat, and steer finishing.

Renee won several awards, including a gold in the state record book contest. She received the Greenhand and chapter degrees. Renee plans to attend a four-year college and major in an "ag-related field," she indicated.

Heather M. Bankert



In FFA, Heather M. Bankert noted she enjoys "meeting people and making new friends who have an interest in agriculture and love it the way I do."

Heather, four-year Red Lion FFA member, 18, is the daughter of Wayne and Sue Bankert, Red Lion.

Heather has served as chapter treasurer, vice president, and as county secretary and president. She also served on various committees, including banquet, Halloween Float, slide show, and off-farm work experience. She has worked for Hopewell Veterinary Service.

Heather has received the Star Greenhand, Michael Spangler Memorial, Star White Rose, scholarship, chapter outstanding member, and York Fair awards. Heather has received the Greenhand, chapter, and White Rose degrees. She plans to attend Millersville University to major in special education.

Susan Barron

Four-year Somerset FFA member Susan Barron plans a career in horses.

Susan, 17, the daughter of Kevin and Melissa Barron, Somerset, enjoys being involved with people "and the wide variety of activities FFA has to offer."

Susan, county vice president and chapter president, has served as chapter vice president and treasurer. She has also served on the banquet, recreation, Building Our American Communities (BOAC), and program of work committees.

Susan has received the Star Greenhand, Star Chapter, and leadership honors, and the Greenhand, Star Chapter, and leadership degrees.

Erin Baumgardner



Four-year Dover FFA member Erin Baumgardner plans to attend Thompson Business Institute to become a medical secretary. She wrote that she enjoys FFA "because we work as a team," Erin noted. "I enjoy the FFA

activities, meeting other FFA members, and knowing as soon as you see another

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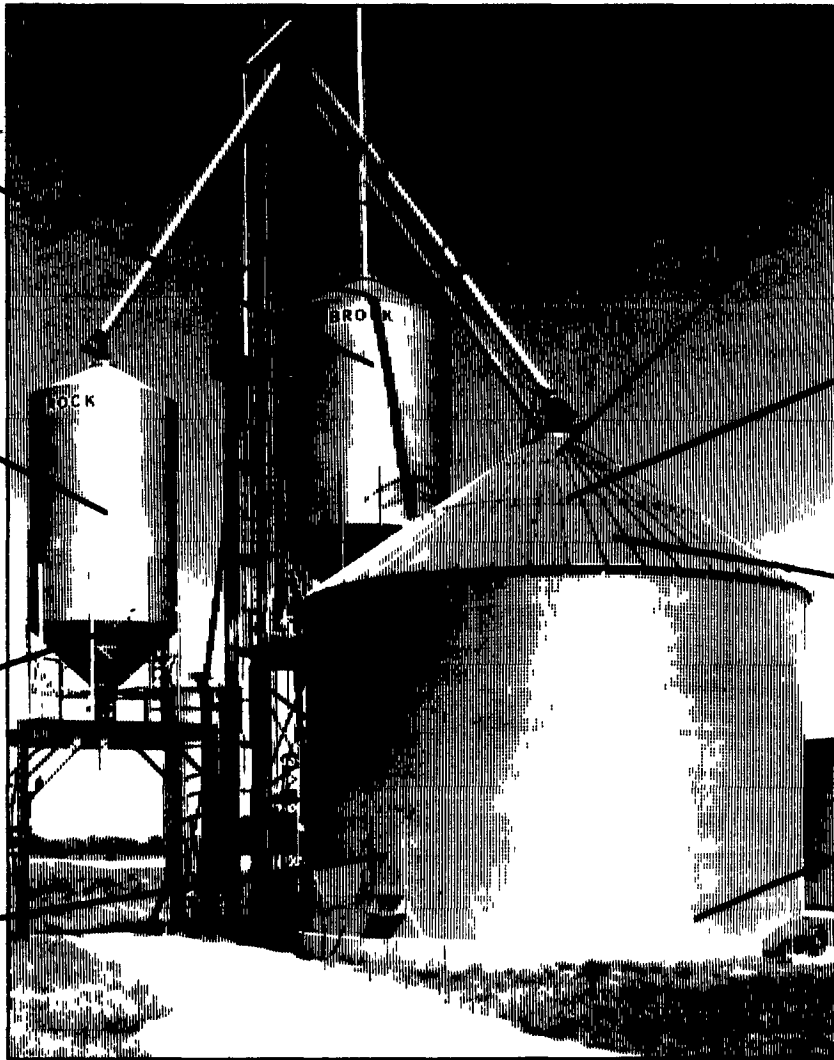
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