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Fellow FFA Members,

On behalf of the 1993-94 State Officers, we would like to say that we are excited about the opening of your school year. As you start the year by planning your activities, we hope that you would keep membership in mind. The State Officers hold this goal close to our hearts and on our mind constantly.

In closing we would like to personally say that the state officer mission this year is to be of service to you. If we can help or be of any assistance to you, please feel free to call on us. Good luck and we wish you the best.

Brad, Eric, Scott, Marc, Erin, and Tommy



65th ANNUAL STATE FFA CONVENTION ADJOURNS

On Friday, June 18 at the Grenelefe Resort and Conference Center the tapping of the gavel signaled the end of another year of excitement, recognition, and challenges for the Florida FFA organization.

More than 1800 FFA members, teachers, parents, guests, and sponsors attended the annual conference for students enrolled in agricultural education programs in Florida's middle, junior and senior high schools.

Outstanding FFA chapters and individual members, as well as sponsoring business and supporters, were recognized by the youth leadership organization, which has 12,000 members statewide in 275 chapters. Sixty-five business and industry representatives were in attendance to present over 800 recognition awards for academic excellence, SAE projects, leadership activities, and community service projects.

The highlights of the convention included the naming of the State Star Farmer, Kelly Philman, Bell; State Star in Agribusiness, Lee Ann Hinton, Plant City; State Winner in Prepared Speaking, Heather Croft, Mayo; State Winner in Extemporaneous Speaking, Angel Reisinger, Wauchula; State Star Greenhand, Trisha Revels, Bushnell; and the top rliamentary Procedure Team was from Williston.

Another highlight of the convention included the "Reflection Program" at the Leadership Training Center on Lake Pierce. The officers arrived on airboats and performed various skits on horseback and garden tractors. The Reflections program focused on the true meaning of FFA, agriculture, family, cooperation, and community service.

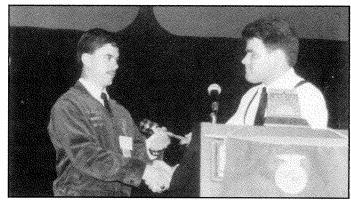
Convention speakers included Richard Lewis, Principal, George Jenkins High School, Lakeland; Dale Minnick, Humorist and Motivational Speaker, Woodward, Oklahoma; and Todd Hingson, National FFA Vice President and former State FFA President, Live Oak.

As the outgoing State FFA Officers make their way to the classrooms of college campuses, eighteen young, eager, and talented individuals campaigned during the week to seek the state offices. The following were elected by their peers to lead the state association for the 1993-94 term:

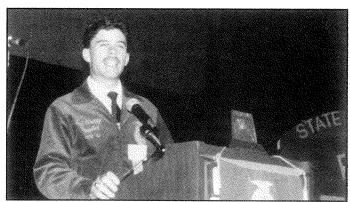
Brad Etheridge, President, Williston
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Tommy Parker, Area V Vice President, Clermont



1992-93 STATE OFFICERS (L to R) Doug Register, FFA Director, Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Alison Tuck, Area VI Vice President, State Hayden, State President, Jason Keen, Area V Vice President, Tracy Donnelly, Area III Vice President, Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President.



STEVE HAYDEN, 1992-93 STATE PRESIDENT HANDING THE GAVEL OVER TO BRAD ETHERIDGE, 1993-94 NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT.



BRAD ETHERIDGE, 1993-94 NEWLY ELECTED STATE PRESIDENT.

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STATE STARS OVER FLORIDA



STATE STAR FARMER PRESENTATION (L to R) Keith & Linda Philman, Parents, Bill Martin, Advisor, Michelle Walker, Advisor, Kelly Philman, State Star Farmer, Richard Joyner, Farm Credit Services in Florida.

STATE STAR FARMER

Bell FFA Chapter member Kelly Philman was named the Florida FFA Association's State Star Farmer. The award is given to the outstanding State FFA Degree applicant.

Kelly is the 17 year old son of Keith and Linda Philman. Kelly has been a very active FFA member and was named State Star Greenhand in 1990. Kelly has been involved in farming from birth and has grown to love his work. Kelly's family grows melons, squash, corn and sorghum. Kelly works no less than 35 hours a week during the school year and no less than 75 during the summer months. Kelly also plans to one day operate his own custom harvesting business. Kelly plans to continue farming after receiving his degree in Agronomy or Soil Conservation.

As the State Star Farmer, Philman received a plaque, pin and \$100 cash award from state sponsor Farm Credit Services in Florida. In addition, he received \$200 from the national sponsor, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Other finalists who received \$100 cash awards, also from Farm Credit Services in Florida, were: Charles McDaniel, Sneads Chapter; Matt Childress, New Smyrna Beach Chapter; Erin Johnson, Plant City Chapter; Raymond Bryant, Lake Gibson Sr. Chapter, and Marlon Jones, Indian River Chapter.



STATE STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS PRESENTATION (L to R) Jason Keen, Area V Vice President, Jane Bender, Advisor, Wylie and Cammy Hinton, Parents, Lee Ann Hinton, State Star In Agribusiness, Gene Sumner, Goldkist, Inc.

STATE STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

Plant City Sr. FFA Chapter member Lee Ann Hinton was selected as the Florida FFA Association's State Star In Agribusiness. The award is given to the outstanding State FFA Degree applicant in agribusiness.

Lee Ann is a secretary and bookkeeper for her family's company, Hinton Farms Produce. Lee Ann's responsibilities also include packing and grading the produce. Lee Ann is currently enrolled in Hillsborough Community College. She plans to major in agribusiness after transferring to the University of Florida. She plans to return home after school and one day open her own feed and farm supply store.

Lee Ann is the 17 year old daughter of Wylie and Carol Hinton. As the State Star Agribusinessperson, Lee Ann received a plaque, pin and \$100 cash award from the state sponsor, Gold Kist, Inc. In addition, she received \$200 from the national sponsor, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Other finalists who received \$100 cash awards, also from Gold Kist, Inc., were J.J. Neel, Sneads Chapter; Travis Cooper, Cross City Chapter; Kenneth Horne, North Marion Sr.; Eric Coburn, Lake Wales Sr. Chapter; and Madison Rudd, Clewiston Chapter.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



STATE STAR GREENHAND PRESENTATION (L to R) Jason Keen, Area V Vice President, Tim Edwards, Advisor, Gary and Cindy Revels, Parents, Trisha Revels, State Star Greenhand, Ernie Caldwell, Jack M. Berry, Inc.

STATE STAR GREENHAND

South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter member Trisha Revels ras named the Florida FFA Association's State Star eenhand. The award is given to the outstanding first-year FFA member.

Trisha is the 16 year old daughter of two American FFA Degree recipients, Gary and Cindy Revels. Trisha's FFA experiences include dairy and beef cattle, show swine, parliamentary procedure, dairy, forestry and horticulture teams. Trisha plans to continue her FFA career and has plans of becoming a state officer.

As the State Star Greenhand, Revels received a trophy and \$150 cash award from Jack M. Berry, Inc. Her FFA advisor, Tim Edwards received a \$100 cash award also from Jack M. Berry, Inc.

Other finalists who received trophies and \$100 cash awards, also from Jack M. Berry, Inc. were: Chad Cole, Tate Chapter; Wes Grant, Bronson Chapter; Steven Cohen, Taylor Chapter; Wesley Roe, Hardee Chapter, and Allison Lee, Sebring Chapter.

FLORIDA FARMLAND		
Year	Number of Farms	Total Acres
1991	40,000	10,500,000
1982	36,352	12,814,216
1969	35,586	14,031,998
1959	45,100	15,236,521
1950	56,921	16,083,536
1940	62,248	8,337,708

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.



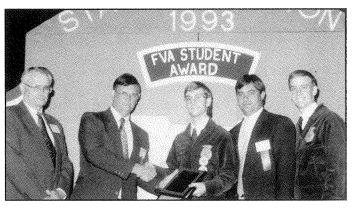
OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OFFICER PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Angie Foister, Outstanding District Officer, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OFFICER

Lake Butler Sr. Chapter member Angie Foister was named the 1993 Outstanding District officer.

Angie was selected for her outstanding service to District III as secretary. Angie is a very active FFA member and is very involved in her community. Angie produced the newsletter for District III and fulfilled her responsibilities at various contests and leadership schools throughout this year.

Angie received a plaque, sponsored by the Florida FFA Association for her efforts.



OUTSTANDING FFA MEMBER

Kevin Mims of the South Sumter Sr. Chapter was named the 1993 Outstanding FFA Member.

The plaque is presented each year by the Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (FVATA) to recognize on student who has demonstrated excellence in leadership, scholarship, cooperation, and community service.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Kevin is the son of Richard and Billie Jean Mims of Bushnell. His project was titled, "Effect of Exogenous Insulin on Follicular Dynamics and Ovulation Rate of Super Ovulated Cows". His work with the Laser Program, sponsored by IFAS enabled him to conduct his research. Kevin's daily work of carefully recording observations earned him the respect of many of his peers. Kevin is now considering a major in Animal Science. Kevin's advisors are Tim Edwards, Derek Hall, and Larry Shuyler.



EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATION (L to R) Allison Tuck, Area VI Vice President, Angel Reisinger, State Winner, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, David Kirby, Florida Farm Bureau, Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President.

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Angel Reisinger of the Hardee Sr. Chapter won the state Extemporaneous Speaking contest.

Angel's speech was created during a 30 minute preparation period. Questions about the speech were asked for 5 minutes by the judges after his presentation.

As winner, Angel received a trophy and a \$250 cash award from Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the state sponsor. Angel will represent Florida in the southern region competition in Kansas City, Missouri in November. The second place speaker in this final elimination was Lucy Perez of the Lake Weir Chapter.

In a preliminary elimination contest held on Tuesday afternoon, Angel and Lucy competed against seven other district winners who included:

Tommy Parker, Clermont Chapter Alysha Irwin, Gaither Chapter Darwin Pasley, Miami Chapter Candice Brock, Vernon Chapter Travis Walker, Graceville Chapter Stephanie Hendricks, Lake Butler Chapter Amy Eckard, Okeechobee-Brahman Chapter



PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Dr. Larry Connor, representing Florida Electric Cooperatives Association, Heather Croft, State Winner, Prepared Public Speaking, Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President.

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

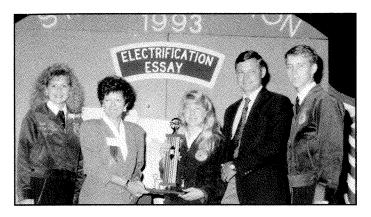
Heather Croft of the Lafayette Sr. Chapter won the state prepared public speaking contest.

Heather Croft's 5-8 minute prepared speech was evaluated in terms of content and composition, voice, stage presence, power of expression and response to questions. Heather received a trophy and a \$250 cash award from the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association, the state sponsor. The second place speaker in this final elimination was Stacy Jones of the Cross City Chapter.

In a preliminary elimination contest, Heather and Stacy competed against other district winners who included:

Luke Douglas, Burns Chapter
B.J. Newcomer, Frostproof Chapter
Patrick Vanwormer, Palmetto Chapter
Candice Gillman, Ponce de Leon Chapter
Georgette Ciaramitaro, Lecanto Sr. Chapter
Amanda Bennett, South Sumter Jr. Chapter
Bridgette Shewmaker, Labelle Chapter

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



ELECTRIFICATION ESSAY PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Marcia Quinn, Florida Power Corporation, Jenna Jones, State Winner, Agricultural Electrification Essay, John Hughes, Advisor, Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION ESSAY

Jenna Jones of the New Smyrna Middle was named the state Agricultural Electrification Essay winner.

A field of participants was narrowed to the top ten contestants, each finalist was asked three impromptu questions relating to his or her essay.

As the state winner, Jenna received a trophy, medal and felt pennant for her efforts on behalf of the Florida Investor Owner Power Companies, the state sponsors. The remaining finalists also received a trophy and medal from the sponsor.

The remaining nine finalists were:

Amanda Bennett, South Sumter Jr. Chapter Joseph Brooks, Ponce de Leon Chapter Robbie Cason, Lake Butler Jr. Chapter Blake Dicks, Lake Butler Jr. Chapter Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon Chapter Julie Jordan, Graceville Chapter Keith Kirby, Lake Butler Jr. Chapter Quentin Peebles, North Marion Jr. Chapter Kimberly Pittman, Trenton Jr. Chapter

Bill Gunter

President of Roger, Atkins, Gunter & Associates Insurance, Inc.

"The FFA provided me with leadership training opportunities and travel that I would never have otherwise experienced growing up as I did in a rural area of Florida. It was the greatest thing that ever happened to me as a youth in preparing me for service as a public official and for leadership in the private sector."



CREED CONTEST PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Robert Raulerson, Tampa Electric Company, Emily Rich, State Winner, Creed Contest, Mike Rich, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

CREED CONTEST

Emily Rich of the Bonifay FFA Chapter won the State Creed Contest.

The Creed Contest is designed for first year members. These Greenhands recite the FFA Creed and then answer a question about the Creed.

The members competed at the Sub District and District level before competing in the preliminary contests. Emily competed against eight other district winners that included:

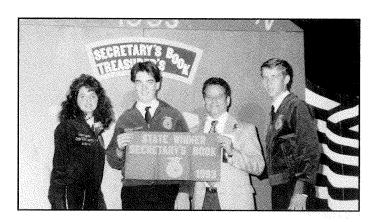
Somer Barnes, Cottondale Chapter Rebecca Akins, Bronson Chapter Adam Briscoe, Hawthorne Chapter Megan Graves, Weightman Chapter Erin Djak, Charlotte Chapter Sherma St.Fort, Evans Jr. Chapter Deanna Hancock, Ft. Meade Chapter Manvela Victor, Miami Chapter

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Retired, FL Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer

"I have a long standing feeling that the better part of my education and leadership skills are a result of my having an opportunity to join thousands of other students in receiving intensified leadership instruction and inspiration through the FFA

RECORD BOOK AWARDS



SECRETARY'S BOOK PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Matthew Osborn, State Winner, Secretary's Book, Herb Davis, Dore'Enterprises, Inc., Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President.

SECRETARY'S BOOK

Matthew Osborn of the New Smyrna Beach Chapter was recognized as the winner of the FFA Secretary's Book contest.

Chapter secretaries are required to keep an accurate record of meetings and other chapter activities. Books are evaluated on the basis of accuracy and neatness of records.

As winner, Matthew received a pennant from the state sponsor, Dore' Enterprises.

All books submitted for evaluation were ranked according to the Danish system. Each entry received a blue, red or white rosette ribbon on behalf of the state sponsor. Chapter secretaries receiving recognition are:

Blue Ribbon Winners:

Amy Cannon - Palmetto Chapter Amy Stotler - West Orange Sr. Chapter Jennifer Hale - Zephyrhills Sr. Chapter Mary Williams - Ponce de Leon Chapter Gary Foster - Gaither Chapter Lesa Wilds - Land O'Lakes Chapter Jamie Landrum - Cross City Chapter.

Red Ribbon Winners:

Hallie Sandlin - Buddy Taylor Middle Hope Ruebeling - Van Buren Jr.Chapter Shannon Beasley - Armwood Chapter



TREASURER'S BOOK PRESENTATION (L. to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Nathan Truelove, State Winner, Treasurer's Book, Herb Davis, Dore' Enterprises, Inc., Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President.

TREASURER'S BOOK

Nathan Truelove of the Silver Sands Chapter was recognized as the winner of the FFA Treasurer's Book contest.

Chapter treasurers are required to keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements of chapter funds. Books are evaluated on the basis of accuracy and neatness of records.

As winner, Nathan received a pennant from the state sponsor, Dore' enterprises.

All books submitted for evaluation were ranked according to the Danish system. Each entry received a blue, red or white rosette ribbon from the state sponsor. Chapter treasurers receiving recognition are:

Blue Ribbon Winners:

Matthew Adkins, Armwood Sr. Chapter Dewayne Nelson, Hilliard Chapter Chris Rogers, Gaither Chapter Ladawn Pelham, Clewiston Chapter Traci Dickinson, Buddy Taylor Chapter Margo Redgrave, Land O'lakes Chapter

Red Ribbon Winners:

Megan Tanner, Dunnellon Chapter Lawrence Holton, Sebring Chapter Travis Peterson, Ponce de Leon Chapter White Ribbon Winners:

Chanda Dana, Moore Haven Chapter

AGRISCIENCE AWARDS



AGRISCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION (L to R)
Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Derek Hall, Advisor, Kevin Mims, State
Winner, Agri-Science Award, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

STATE AGRISCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

South Sumter High School senior, Kevin Mims, was amed the state winner as Agriscience Student of the Year. Kevin is the son of Richard and Billie Jean Mims of Bushnell. His project was titled, "Effect of Exogenous Insulin on Follicular Dynamics and Ovulation Rate in Super Ovulated cows". His work with the Laser Program, sponsored by IFAS enabled him to conduct his research. Kevin's daily work of carefully recording observations earned him the respect of many of his peers. Kevin is now considering a major in Animal Science, of course, at the University of Florida. Kevin's advisors are Tim Edwards,

As state winner Kevin received a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship to a college of choice from the sponsor, Monsanto Agricultural Company.

Derek Hall, and Larry Shuyler.



Mr. Richard Lewis, Principal of George Jenkins High School, was the Keynote Speaker during the first session of convention.



AGRISCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

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The Agriscience Teacher of the Year for 1993 is Mr. Dale Layfield, Advisor of the Branford FFA Chapter. Mr. Layfield helped develop the curriculum for Agriscience and implemented it when he was hired as the teacher in Branford. He uses a .2 acre agriculture facility, a small cowcalf herd and a 20 acre forest to accomplish his class objectives.



COMPUTERS IN AGRICULTURE PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Ed Lassiter, Sun Bank of Polk County, Kevin Mims, State Winner, Computers in Agriculture, Tim Edwards, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

COMPUTERS IN AGRICULTURE

South Sumter High School Senior, Kevin Mims was named the State Winner in the Computers in Agriculture Program.

CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS

Kevin is the son of Richard and Billie Jean Mims of Bushnell. In addition to his many FFA activities and offices, Kevin has received proficiency awards in Poultry and Specialty Animal Production. Kevin has used his computer to prepare an analysis of his data on his project on "the Effect of Exogenous Insulin on Follicular Dynamics and Ovulation Rate in Superovulated Cows" proficiency applications, school assignments, and to keep records for himself and his FFA Chapter. His Advisor is Derek Hall.

As a state award winner, Kevin received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Sun Bank's, Inc. and a \$100 cash award from the National FFA Foundation, the national sponsor. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists receiving plaques are: Amy Stotler, West Orange Chapter; Mary Williams, Ponce de Leon Chapter; Jonathan Willis, Charlotte Sr. Chapter; and Patrick VanWormer, Palmetto Chapter.



DAIRY JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION (L to R) Tim Edwards, Advisor, Jason Burk, Team Member, Dee Camp, Team Member, Trisha Revels, Team Member, Natalie Keene, Team Member, John Larson, Florida Dairy Farmers Association.

DAIRY JUDGING

The South Sumter Sr. Chapter dairy judging team was recognized as the 1993 state dairy judging champion.

The teams evaluated six classes of dairy cattle based upon factors such as mammary development, body capacity and overall appearance and conditioning. After judging the classes each FFA member presented a set of oral reasons before a panel of judges. As state winners, the South Sumter Sr. team will compete in the national dairy judging contest in Kansas City, MO this November.

The state sponsor, the Florida Dairy Farmers

Association, presented trophies to the winning team and plaques to the 2nd through 5th place teams: Lafayette Sr. Chapter, Trenton Jr. Chapter, Hardee Sr. Chapter and Interlachen Sr. Chapter. The high-scoring individual was Renee Mathe, Interlachen Sr. Chapter.



HORSE JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION (L to R) Tom Farish, Advis Cheyenne Gibbs, Team Member, Kelly Pritchett, Team Member, Dana Sammons, Team Member, Kim Jones, Team Member, Tami Newsome, Florida State Fair Authority.

HORSE JUDGING TEAM

The Ransom Chapter horse judging team was recognized as the 1993 state horse judging champion.

The horse judging consists of eight placing classes. The contestants place four halter and four performance classes. The various breeds are evaluated, and placed according to conformation, travel, trueness to breed, and suitability to purpose.

The state sponsor, Florida State Fair Authority, presented the state winning team members and state high individual with trophies and awarded plaques to the 2nd through 5th place teams.

Other state finalists included the Umatilla Chapter, Seminole Vo-Ed Chapter, Chamberlain Chapter, and Lake Wales Chapter. The high-scoring individual was Kelsi Bartlett, Orlando-Colonial Sr. Chapter.

NEW CHAPTERS

Adams Junior Evans Junior Hernando Central Neptune Middle Suwannee Junior

CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS



LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION (L to R) Perry Catrett, Advisor Che Trejo, Team Member, Nicky Arunakal, Team Member, Malee Arunakal, Team Member, Sandy Chatwood, Team Member, Fred Dietrich, Florida Santa Gertrudis Association.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

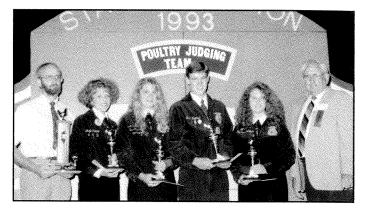
The Marianna Chapter livestock judging team was recognized for capturing the greatly sought after title of state livestock judging champion.

Participants in this contest place classes of breeding and market cattle, swine, market lambs as well as evaluate classes of beef and swine. The contests must also present oral reasons on their placing before a panel of judges.

The contest's state sponsor, Florida Santa Gertrudis Association, presented trophies to the state winning team and high individual and awarded plaques to the other state finalists: Haines City Sr., Bartow Sr., Colonial Sr. and Taylor Jr. respectively the 2nd through 5th place teams. The high-scoring individual was Malee Arunakul, Marianna FFA Chapter.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY MR. DALE MINNICK, HUMORIST FROM WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA.



POULTRY JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION (L to R) Tom Williams, Advisor, Angie Foister, Team Member, Diedre Davidson, Team Member, Scott Lagasse, Team Member, Teri Rimes, Team Member, Chuck Smith, Florida Poultry Federation.

POULTRY JUDGING

The Lake Butler Sr. poultry judging team was recognized as the 1993 state poultry judging champion.

The contest consisted of seven classes including placing production layers and pullets, judging ready-to-cook poultry and grading interior and exterior egg quality. The team will represent Florida in November's national poultry judging contest in Kansas City, Missouri.

The contest's state sponsor, the Florida Poultry Federation, Inc., presented trophies and plaques to the top five teams, the high-scoring individual, and members of the state champion team.

Other state finalists included Lake Butler Jr. Chapter, South Sumter Sr. Chapter, Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter, and Chipley Chapter. The high-scoring individual was Scott Lagosse, Lake Butler Sr. Chapter.



CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE PRESENTATION (L to R) Dennis Emerson, Florida Farm Bureau, Brad Etheridge, Team Member, Julie Boyer, Team Member, Jason Cason, Team Member, Andrew Free, Team Member, Stacy Taddaker, Team Member, Anita Bullock, Team Member, Robert Philpot, Advisor.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The Williston Sr. chapter won the State Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

Designed to test the ability of the six-member team to conduct business according to the rules of parliamentary law, the contest required each of the two participating finalist teams to carry out two items of business. In addition, each of the team members was asked a specific question concerning parliamentary law. For their efforts, the winning team received a trophy and each individual received a plaque from the state sponsor, the Florida Farm Bureau Federation. The second place team in this elimination was the Chipley FFA chapter.

Other state finalists included the following chapters:

Taylor Sr. Plant City Sr. Charlotte Sr. South Sumter Sr. Haines City Miami-Wood

JUNIOR CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS



JUNIOR DAIRY JUDGING PRESENTATION (L to R) Herbert Brown, Advisor, Kim Pittman, Team Member, Dustin Jones, Team Member, Ashley Brown, Team Member, Katie Jones, Team Member, John Larson, Larson Dairy, Inc., Jason Keen, Area V Vice President.

JUNIOR DAIRY JUDGING

The Trenton Jr. FFA Chapter dairy judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior dairy judging team.

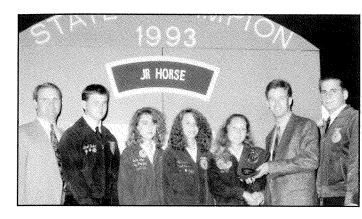
The contest consisted of six placing classes and one set of oral reasons. Major breeds of cows and heifers were judged.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Larson Dairy, Inc., presented plaques to the top give teams.

The remaining top four chapters are Lafayette Jr. Chapter; South Sumter Jr. Chapter; Taylor Jr. Chapter; and Deland Middle Chapter.

JUNIOR CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS



JUNIOR HORSE JUDGING PRESENTATION (L to R) Tom Farish, Advisor, Cheyenne Gibbs, Team Member, Kelly Pritchett, Team Member, Dana Sammons, Team Member, Kim Jones, Team Member, Jayme Feary, representing Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Jason Keen, Area V Vice President.

JUNIOR HORSE JUDGING

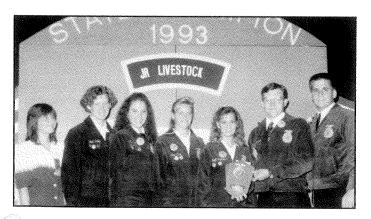
The Ransom Junior FFA Chapter horse judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior horse judging team.

The contest consisted of eight placing classes ranging from western pleasure to halter.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association, presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are South Sumter Jr., New Smyrna Beach Middle Chapter, Taylor Jr. Chapter and Tomlin Jr. Chapter.



NIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRESENTATION (L to R) Jana Register, Advisor, Team Members: Melinda Smiley, Maggie Goodin, Tara Clark, Buffie Strickland, and Louis Trivett, Representing McCormick Ferneries & Cattle Company, Jason Keen, Area V Vice President.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING

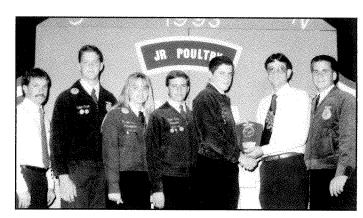
The Taylor Jr. FFA Chapter livestock judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior livestock judging team.

The contest consisted of placing classes in breeding cattle, market swine and breeding swine. In addition, team members gave two sets of oral reasons and evaluated steers and swine.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, McCormick Ferneries and Cattle Company, presented plaques to the top three teams.

The remaining top four chapters are Williston Middle Chapter, Kathleen Jr. Chapter, Okeechobee Yearlings Chapter and Dade City Jr. Chapter.



JUNIOR POULTRY JUDGING PRESENTATION (L to R) Marc Bracewell, Advisor, Keith Kirby, Team Member, Wendy Burton, Team Member, Blake Dicks, Team Member, Karie Hersey, Team Member, Gary Bartley, representing Cypress Foods, Inc., Jason Keen, Area V Vice President.

JUNIOR POULTRY JUDGING

The Lake Butler Jr. FFA Chapter poultry judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior poultry judging team.

The contest consisted of seven areas including placing production layers and pullets, judging ready-to-cook poultry and grading interior and exterior egg quality.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Cypress Foods, Inc., presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are Interlachen Jr. Chapter, Taylor Jr. Chapter, Columbia Jr. Chapter and Lafayette Jr. Chapter.

JUNIOR CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS



JUNIOR VEGETABLE JUDGING PRESENTATION

JUNIOR VEGETABLE JUDGING

The Taylor Junior FFA Chapter vegetable judging team was recognized today as Florida's best junior vegetable judging team.

The vegetable contest consists of the identification and grading of vegetables as well as recognition of various insects, diseases, weeds, seeds and nutrient deficiencies that are pertinent to vegetable production.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Thomas B. Smith Farms, presented plaques to the winning team and the 2nd through 5th place teams, Beasley Middle, Orlando-Colonial Jr., Spring Hill Middle, and Tomlin Jr. Chapter.



JUNIOR ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE PRESENTATION

JUNIOR ORNAMENTAL HORT JUDGING

The Weightman Middle FFA Chapter ornamental horticulture judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior ornamental horticulture judging team.

The contest consisted of four classes involving the placing of one set of ornamental plants and the identification of woody ornamentals; insects and diseases; and flowers, foliage plants and turf grasses.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Holmberg Farms, Inc. presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are Beasley Middle Chapter, Silver Sands Chapter, Marshall Jr. Chapter and Haines City Jr. Chapter.

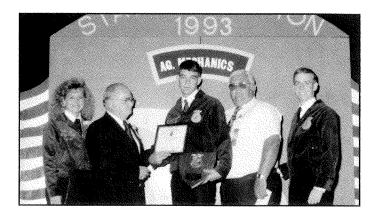
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2. More than \$1 million in college are available to agriculture students each year. a. scholarships b. books c. careers
3 includes biotechnology, environmental science, and genetic engineering. a. agrimarketing b. biotechnology c. agriscience
4. The number of available jobs in agriculture sales and service will nearly by the year 2000. a. double b. triple c. disappear
5. The agriculture employs more than 21 million people. a. leadership b. industry c. youth organizations
6. There are more than 250 exciting agricultural a. careers b. educators c. scientists
7. More than 11 percent of agricultural job openings go each year. a. away b. to other countries c. unfilled
Answers: 1.c,2.a,3.c,4.a,5,b,6.a,7.c

PROFICIENCY AWARDS



AG ELECTRIFICATION PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Marcia Quinn, Florida Power Corporation, J.J. Neel, State Winner, Agricultural Electrification, Tommy Stoutamire, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.



AG MECHANICS PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Terry Price, Fields Equipment Company, Donald Griffith, State Winner, Agricultural Mechanics, Peter Gindl, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Sneads High School senior, J.J. Neel has been named the state winner in Agricultural Electrification.

J.J. is the seventeen year old son of Jerry and Susan Neel of Grand Ridge. J.J.'s knowledge of ag electrification comes from many hours spent working with his father and his ag classes. He has learned electrical codes and how to safely install electrical equipment. J.J. is a leader at Sneads High School, being an active FFA officer, as well as being involved in many other school activities. J.J. Plans to attend college and hopes to be an electrical engineer.

As state winner, J.J. received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from state sponsors Florida Power Corporation, Florida Power and Light Company, Gulf Power Company, and Tampa Electric Company; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, National Food and Energy Council, Inc. His FFA Advisor, Tommy Stoutamire, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received a plaque from the state sponsors are: Keith Dempsey, Kathleen Sr. Chapter; Eric Minger, Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter; and Ryan Young, Branford Chapter.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Tate High School graduate, Donald Griffith was named the State Winner in Agricultural Mechanics.

Donald is the 18 year old son of Dennis and Virginia Griffith of Cantonment. Donald's knowledge of Agricultural Mechanics comes from his father and his agriculture classes. As a student Donald learned to work with hydraulic systems, engines, and transmissions. Donald has been a member of the Ag Mechanics team for many years and has consistently done well. Donald plans to further his education after high school and use his knowledge to improve the family business.

As state winner, Donald received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from state sponsor, Field Equipment Company; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Case IH. His FFA Advisor, John Kelley also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Bart Andrews, Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter; Keith Dempsey, Kathleen Sr. Chapter; Arthur Hammaker, Lake Weir Sr. Chapter; and Rusty Peterson, Taylor Sr. Chapter.

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AGRICULTURAL SALES AND SERVICE PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Gary Bartley, representing Dunson Harvesting, Dwayne McQuillen, State Winner, Agricultural Sales and/or Service, Dale McQuillen, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICES

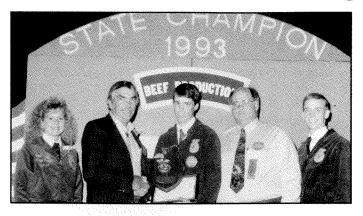
Lake Placid High School 1992 graduate, Dwayne McQuillen was named the State Winner in Agricultural Sales and/or Services.

Dwayne is the nineteen year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale McQuillen. Dwayne's lawn care service began as a project with his sister for extra cash and has remained profitable. In the fall of 1991, Dwayne bought his sister's half of the business and now owns 100% of McQuillen Lawn Service. Dwayne has plans to increase his clientele during his college years. Dwayne is currently attending South Florida Community College and has plans to transfer to the University of Florida.

As state winner, Dwayne received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor Dunson Harvesting, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Chevy Trucks, ICI Americas, Inc., and Northrup King Company. His FFA Advisor, Dale McQuillen will receive a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Ronnie Council, Taylor Sr. Chapter; Willy Foreman, North Marion Sr. Chapter; Michael Godwin, Walnut Hill Chapter; Travis Neeley, Cross City Chapter.

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BEEF PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Leroy Baldwin, Baldwin Angus Ranch & FL Beef Cattle Improvement Association, John Eubanks, State Winner, Beef Production, Robert Philpot, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

BEEF PRODUCTION

Williston High School junior, John Eubanks was named the State Winner in Beef Production.

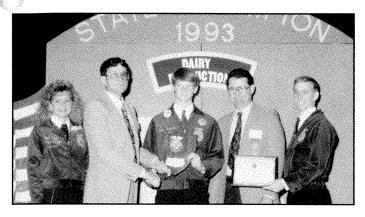
John is the eighteen year old son of Larry and Kathleen Eubanks of Micanopy. John's Beef production project began eight years ago with a brangus calf. John bred that calf a now manages 19 head of cattle, showing all over the state Florida. John plans to attend the University of Florida, majoring in Animal Science, then return home and apply his education to the farm.

As state winner, John received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsors, Baldwin Angus Ranch and Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Nasco Division/Nasco International, Inc. and Pittman-Moore, Inc. His FFA Advisor, Robert Phillpot also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsors are: Charles McDaniels, Sneads Chapter; W.D. Mills, Taylor Sr. Chapter; Keith Shiver, Lafayette, Sr. Chapter; Austin Yelvington, Taylor Sr. Chapter.

FLORIDA'S TOP AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS AND VALUE

1. Fruits/and Products	\$519,500,000
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3. Feed/and Fodder	\$74,100,000
4. Poultry/and Products	\$25,100,000
5. Tobacco/and Products	\$19,500,000
6. Peanuts/and Products	\$11,900,000



DAIRY PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Gary Bartley, representing Dairy Farmers, Inc., Chris Holcomb, State Winner, Dairy Production, Eddy Watkins, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

DIVERSIFIED CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President Flin Oak Florida Phosphate Council Michael Godwin State

DIVERSIFIED CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Elin Oak, Florida Phosphate Council, Michael Godwin, State Winner, Diversified Crop Production, Tom Farrish, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

DAIRY PRODUCTION

Armwood High School Junior, Chris Holcomb has been named the State Winner in Dairy Production.

Chris is the seventeen year old son of Gene and Jody Holcomb of Seffner. Chris' dairy cows have won many vards at the state and national level. Despite the deaths of key livestock in the past year, Chris has continued to improve and expand his program. Chris continues to gain knowledge through his participation in various educational courses and contests. Chris plans to attend the University of Florida, seeking a degree in Dairy Science. After that Chris hopes to continue his education and become a veterinarian specializing in large animals.

As state winner, Chris received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Dairy Farmers, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Alfa-Laval Agri, Inc., American Breeders Service, and Manna Pro Corporation. His Chapter Advisor, Eddy Watkins also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Jason Land, Lafayette Sr. Chapter; Keith Shiver, Lafayette Sr. Chapter; Allen Townsend, Lafayette Sr. Chapter; and Angie Wingo, Cross City Chapter.

DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION

Ernest Ward High School sophomore, Michael Godwin has been named the State Winner in Diversified Crop Production.

Michael is the fifteen year old son of Michael Godwin of Walnut Hill. Michael's family has been involved in crop production and aerial spray applications all of his life. This program includes forage crops, wheat, corn, soybeans and cotton in addition to a cow/calf program. Michael's experiences include aircraft maintenance, crop and livestock nutrition. Appropriately enough, after graduation Michael plans to have a diversified career in agriculture.

As state winner, Michael received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from state sponsor, Florida Phosphate Council; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Cargill. His FFA Advisor, Kenneth Meharg also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Drayton Arnold, Sneads Chapter; Timothy Dortch, Walnut Hill Chapter; Travis Howell, Sneads Chapter; Chris Rabon, Sneads Chapter.

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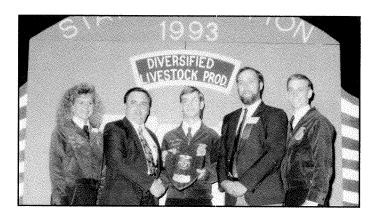
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DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Douglas Register, representing Life Services, Inc., Kevin Mims, State Winner, Diversified Livestock Production, Tim Edwards, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

South Sumter High School senior, Kevin Mims has been named the State Winner in Diversified Livestock Production.

Kevin is the eighteen year old son of Richard and Billie Jean Mims of Bushnell. Kevin's program began with Bobwhite and Pharaoh Quail. His program diversified into more poultry and now into feeder pigs. Kevin's project has shown consistent and marked growth. During the summer of 1992 Kevin was an IFAS, Laser program participant at the Ag Research Station in Brooksville. Kevin plans to attend the University of Florida and major in some field of agriculture.

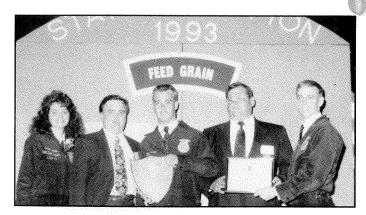
As state winner, Kevin received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Life Services; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Livestock Marketing Association and Wayne Feed Division of Continental Grain. His FFA Advisor, Tim Edwards, received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Tera Lyn French, Taylor Sr. Chapter; Rodney Reis, Lake Gibson Chapter; Chris Willis, Taylor Chapter; Austin Yelvington, Taylor Sr. Chapter.

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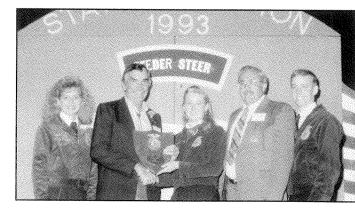
FEED GRAIN PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Douglas Register, representing Florida FFA Foundation, Jason Barrentine, State Winner, Feed Grain, Tommy Stoutamire, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

FEED GRAIN PRODUCTION

Sneads High School senior, Jason Barrentine has been named the State Winner in Feed Grain Production.

Jason is the nineteen year old son of Wayne Barrentine of Grand Ridge. Jason's program centers around the production of peanut hay and corn. Jason's duties havincluded hay baling, stacking, and raking, and many other facets of the agricultural production process. His program has consistently expanded, and he has begun to diversify his operation with cattle being fed a ration of his crops. Jason is currently a freshman at Chipola Jr. College. He plans to become an agricultural engineer.

As state winner, Barrentine received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, National Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.



FEEDER STEER PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Leroy Baldwin, representing Florida Cattlemen's Association Catherine Greenlief, State Winner, Feeder Steer, Richard Stotler, Advisor, Toa Hingson, National Vice President.

FEEDING AND SHOWING STEERS

West Orange High School senior, Catherine Greenleif, was named the state winner in Feeding and Showing Steers.

Catherine is the eighteen year old daughter of Vivian Greenleif Johnson of Ocoee. Catherine has been an active FFA member for four years and has shown blue ribbon steers for three years at the Central Florida Fair, including one steer who went on the become grand champion. Catherine hopes to continue to show animals and plans to pursue a career as a veterinary assistant.

As state winner, Catherine received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the sponsor, the Florida Cattlemen's Association. Her FFA Advisor, Richard Stotler received a \$100 cash award.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Lauren Ash, Miami Chapter; Jeremy Clark, Lake Gibson Chapter; Brad Etheridge, Williston Chapter; and Lisa Manwarren, West Orange Chapter.



FIBER CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Gary Bartley, representing Florida FFA Foundation, Susan Shivers, State Winner, Fiber Crop, Cornell Peacock, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

FIBER CROP

Graceville High School junior, Susan Shiver has been named the State Winner in Fiber Crop Production.

Susan is the seventeen year old daughter of Jerry and Julie Shiver of Graceville. Susan's program consists of five acres of cotton in exchange for scouting her father's ninety acre crop. In addition to being an active FFA officer, Susan is a member of FHA, Key club, Spanish club and has served as class president. Susan continues with her program and plans to expand her crop to 20 acres next year.

As state winner, Susan received a plaque from the lorida FFA Foundation and a \$100 cash award from the National sponsor, Sandoz Crop Protection Corporation. Her FFA Advisor is Cornel Peacock.

Other finalists who receive certificates from the state sponsor are: Chad Cole, Tate Chapter; and Keith Shaw, Lafayette Sr. Chapter.



FLORICULTURE PRESENTATION (L to R) Thomas Duke, Advisor, Jana Register, Advisor, Louis Trivett, State Winner, Floriculture, Jerry Ruskan, Yoder Brothers, Inc., Todd Hingson, National Vice Presedent.

FLORICULTURE

Taylor High School senior, Louis Trivett has been named the State FFA Winner in Floriculture.

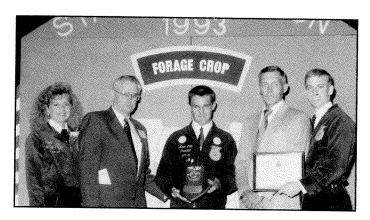
Louis is the seventeen year old son of Danny Trivett of Deland. Louis's first job was as a packing assistant for a small fern operation. His operation has grown to include three acres of tree fern and a leased leatherleaf operation. He was described by his advisor as an asset to his FFA Chapter and the agriculture industry. Louis hopes to expand his operation within the year and will be attending a local junior college this fall.

As state winner, Louis received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Yoder Brothers, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national co-sponsors, Paul Ecke Poinsetta Ranch, The Lerio Corporation, American Floral Endowment and Professional Plant Growers Association. His FFA Advisor, Jana Register also received a \$100 cash award.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Thomas O. Cowart, Taylor Sr. Chapter; Brain Hoover, Taylor Jr. Chapter; Homer Spivey, West Orange Chapter; and Ryan Ward, Taylor Sr. Chapter.

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* Florida's thoroughbred industry has produced 33 North American Champions, 26 Millionaires, 10 Breeders' Cup, and 11 Classic (Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, Belmont Stakes) winners.



FORAGE CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Dr. Carl Beeman, Representing Kubota Tractor Corp., Aaron Lane, State Winner, Forage Production, Eli Beasley, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

FORAGE PRODUCTION

Chiefland High School junior, Aaron Lane was named the State Winner in Forage Production.

Aaron is the seventeen year old son of Donald Lane of Chiefland. Aaron has grown up on the family farm where he gained the mechanical skills and knowledge that he needs to manage what has become over 1000 acres of pasture land. Aaron's duties include soil testing, the application of micronutrient and herbicides, and maintaining equipment and records of his operation. In the coming years, Aaron hopes to diversify his enterprise further into cattle. Upon his graduation, Aaron has plans to attend Abraham-Baldwin Agriculture College.

As state winner, Aaron received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Kubota Tractor Company; and a \$100 check from the national co-sponsors, Gehl Company and Northrup King Company, His FFA Advisor, Eli Beasley also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Michael B. Godwin, Walnut Hill Chapter; Robert Morris, Branford Chapter; James Urquhart, Bethlehem Chapter and Kenneth J. Wingate, Branford chapter.

DID YOU KNOW??

* Florida is the No.1 agricultural state in the Southeast, No.2 east of the Mississippi River, and the 8th leading agricultural state in the country.



FOREST MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Bruce Applegate, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, John Davis III, State Winner, Forestry Management, Tom Farrish, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Ernest Ward High School sophomore, John Davis III was named the State Winner in Forestry Management.

John is the fifteen year old son of John Davis Jr. John's enterprise began in 1990 when he became a full partner in Davis & Davis, Inc. his family's forest management business. John has gained the skills necessary to participate in a aspects of forest management from planting to operating machinery. Through his program, John can select pine tree seedling varieties, plant and store the seedlings, and safely prescribe or control burn an area of forest. John will take his knowledge and skill to Auburn, where he hopes to obtain a degree in forest management.

As state winner, John received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Stone Container Corporation. His FFA Advisor, Kenneth Meharg also received a \$100 cash award.

Other finalists receiving plaques from the state sponsor are: Kristopher Beasley, Chiefland Sr. Chapter; Joshua S. Berry, Williston Chapter; Greg Gillman, Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter; and Debbie Jackson, Lafayette Sr. Chapter.





FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Mike Stuart, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Joel Camp, State Winner, Fruit and/or Vegetable Production, Tim Edwards, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

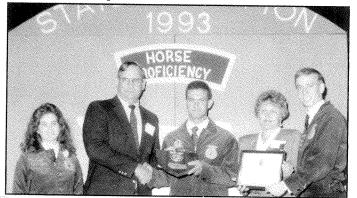
FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

South Sumter High School senior, Joel Camp was named the State Winner in Fruit and/or Vegetable Production.

Joel is the 17 year old son of Mary Sue Camp of Webster. Joel's program shows consistency and stress diversity. Joel has gained skills in safety, soil testing, and igation management. He plans to remain in the agricultural field and use the profits from his SAE to support his Collegiate studies.

As state winner, Joel received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from state sponsor, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor Briggs and Stratton Corporation. His FFA Advisor, Tim Edwards also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques are: Drayton Arnold, Sneads Chapter; Sarah Dasher, Branford Chapter; Grady Jones Jr., Trenton Sr. Chapter; and Ryan Thomas, Williston Sr. Chapter.



DRSE PROFICIENCY PRESENTATION (L to R) Tracy Donnelly, Area III Vice President, Jimmy Glisson, Seminole Feed, Arnold Velez, State Winner, Horse Proficiency, Lynne Long, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

HORSE PROFICIENCY

Dunnellon High School senior, Arnold Velez was named the State Winner in Horse Proficiency.

Arnold is the nineteen year old son of Manuel and Roberta Velez. Arnold has been an active and dependable officer and member of the Dunnellon Sr. FFA. Arnold professionally trains Paso Fino show horses with two grand and four reserve national championships to his claim. Arnold will continue to expand his clientele after high school. Arnold hopes to become a veterinarian and one day own his own horse farm.

As state winner, Arnold received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Seminole Stores, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national co-sponsors, Justin Boot Company and Equicare Division of Zoecon Corporation. His FFA Advisor, Lynne Long also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Heather Berry, Deland Chapter; Jenny Cowart, Taylor Jr. Chapter; Matthew Goss, Branford Chapter; Gregory Lord, Jr. North Marion Sr. Chapter.



NURSERY OPERATIONS PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Gary Bartley, representing Sunniland Corporation, Chris Beatty, State Winner, Nursery Operations, Jana Register, Advisor, Thomas Duke, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

NURSERY OPERATIONS

Chris Beatty of the Taylor Senior FFA Chapter has been named the State Winner in Nursery Operations.

Chris is the eighteen year old son of Larry and Chris Beatty. Chris was employed by Fern Trust, a developing fern production, marketing cooperative, as a part-time employee in 1986. Since that time, Chris' duties have been expanded, and he now plays a large role in the packaging and distribution of the ferns. Chris hopes to further his education. While his major is undecided, he claims a real interest in agricultural marketing.

As state winner, Chris received a plaque and a \$200 cash

award from state sponsor, Universal Enterprises Supply Corporation; and a \$100 check from the national cosponsors, Chrysler Motor Corporation-Dodge Truck and MSD AGVET Division of Merck & Co., Inc. His FFA Advisor, Jana Register also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Allen Barber, Hardee Sr. Chapter; Sarah Dasher, Branford Chapter; Patrick Lasecki, Armwood Chapter; and Louis Trivett, Taylor Sr. Chapter.



HOME IMPROVEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Ray Cooney, representing Scotty's, Inc., Frank Green, State Winner, Home and/or Farmstead Improvement, Tom Williams, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT

Union County High School 1992 graduate, Frank Green has been named the State Winner in Home and/or Farmstead Improvement.

As state winner, Green received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Scotty's, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, The Upjohn Company, Agricultural Division. His FFA Advisor, Tom Williams also received a \$100 cash award.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Keith Dempsey, Kathleen Sr. Chapter; Wes Grant, Bronson Chapter; Michael Huelskamp Jr., Columbia Jr. Chapter; and Toby Royal, Columbia Sr. Chapter.

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OIL CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President, Charles McDaniel, State Winner, Oil Crop Production, Tommy Stoutamire, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

OIL CROP PRODUCTION

Sneads High School senior, Charles McDaniel was named the State Winner in Oil Crop Production.

Charles is the seventeen year old son of Roger McDaniel. Charles resides on a 190 acre farm where he produces peanuts, cows, and hay with his grandparents. Through his program Charles has gained skills in the use and maintenance of farm equipment and chemicals, as well a soil testing. Charles hopes to remain in some field or agriculture, as well as pursue a career in the nursing field.

As state winner, McDaniel received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation, a certificate and \$100 cash award from the co-sponsors Chicago Board of Trade and FMC Foundation. His FFA Advisor is Tommy Stoutamire.



OUTDOOR RECREATION PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Adam Jacoby, Bowen Brothers, Inc., Travis Howell, State Winner, Outdoor Recreation, Tommy Stoutamire, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Sneads High School graduate, Travis Howell was named the State Winner in Outdoor Recreation.

Travis is the nineteen year old son of Tim and Debbie Howell of Sneads. Travis hunts and maintains over 14,000 acres of land in addition to caring for his horses and hunting dogs. Travis believes strongly in the wise management of our natural resources. Travis was an active FFA member in high school and in 1992 was the Southern Region winner in Oil Crop Production. In the future Travis plans to pursue a degree in Agricultural Engineering.

As state winner, Travis received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Bowen Brothers, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. His FFA Advisor, Tommy Stoutamire also received a \$100 cash award.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Greg Gillman, Ponce de Leon Senior Chapter; Chris Hodges, Lake Gibson Sr. Chapter; and Daniel Watson, Cross City Chapter.



PLACEMENT IN AG PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Jodi Geiger, Advisor, Toby Taylor, State Winner, Placement in Agricultural Production, Donald Bronson, Bronson Ranch, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

PLACEMENT IN AG PRODUCTION

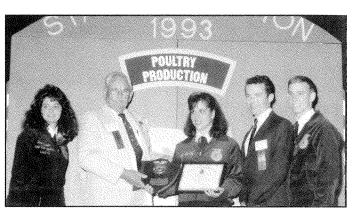
New Smyrna High School 1992 graduate, Toby Taylor has been named the State Winner in Placement in Agricultural Production.

Toby is the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H.N. Taylor of Edgewater. Toby's placement began with his interest in and enjoyment of his ornamental Horticulture classes. He began working his senior year with a landscaping firm where his primary responsibility was the operation of the nursery. Toby learned how to work with the public, but enjoyed propagating new material in the greenhouse. Toby is currently working part-time at Geiger's Nursery and attending college. Toby hopes to one day own his own nursery.

As a state winner, Toby received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from state sponsor, Bronson Ranch; and a \$100

check from the national sponsor, DeKalb Genetics Corporation. His FFA Advisor, Jodi Geiger also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Joseph Matthews, Jr., Branford Chapter; Chris Beatty, Taylor Senior Chapter; Arthur Hammaker, Lake Weir Sr. Chapter; and Ryan Ward, Taylor Sr. Chapter.



POULTRY PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Chuck Smith, Florida Poultry Federation, Jara Raisbeck, State Winner, Poultry Production, Brian Solger, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Blountstown High School student, Jara Raisbeck was named the State Winner in Poultry Production.

Jara is the sixteen year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Felix Gay. Jara is an FFA Officer with a motivation towards poultry. In just two years, Jara's program has increased from 2000 quail to 4000 and from 165 chickens to 600. Her success is due to health maintenance and an openness to new ideas. She plans to expand her project to include hogs and worms.

As state winner, Jara received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Poultry Federation, Inc.; and, a \$100 check from the national co-sponsors, Chore-Time Equipment, Red Brand Fence, and ConAgra Poultry. Her FFA Advisor, Brain Solger also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Errol Buchanan, Lafayette Jr. Chapter; Florence Ford, New Smyrna Beach Sr. Chapter; Ryan Godwin, Walnut Hill Chapter; and Ryan Sullivan, Lafayette Jr. Chapter.

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SHEEP PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L. to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Hoss Rhoton, State Winner, Sheep Production, Craig Painter, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

SHEEP PRODUCTION

Bartow Sr. High School senior, Hoss Rhoton was named the State Winner in Sheep Production.

Hoss is the eighteen year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rhoton of Lakeland. Hoss's operation produces mostly market lambs. Hoss has shown extensively and has 27 champion lambs and many titles to his credit. Hoss has always been willing to lend a hand, holding clinics on showmanship and grooming for fellow FFA members. Hoss hopes to attend college and major in some area of animal science.

As state winner, Hoss received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation, a certificate and a \$100 cash award from national sponsors Kent Feeds, Inc. and American Sheep Industry Association.

Other finalists who received plaques are: Jolie L. Gillis, Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter; and Tina Jeanette Hamm, North Marion Sr. Chapter.



SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, John O'Conner, Florida Association of Conservation Districts, Robert Morris, State Winner, Soil and Water Management, Dale Layfield, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

SOIL & WATER MANAGEMENT

Branford High School graduate, Robert Morris was named the State Winner in Soil and Water Management.

Robert is the twenty year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Morris of O'Brien. Growing up on a dairy farm, Robert realized the need for animal waste management. Robert has done his best to meet this need, providing barns and drainage on the farm. Robert is currently attending Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College. After he receives his AA degree, Robert plans to transfer to the University of Florida.

As state winner, Robert received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Association of Conservation Districts, and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, National FFA Foundation. His FFA Advisor Dale Layfield received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Rickey Craig, South Sumter Sr. Chapter; Brad Etheridge, Williston Sr. Chapter; Jason Harcus, Taylor Sr. Chapter; Charles McDaniel, Sneads Chapter.



SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Jim Roberson, representing Everett Whitehead & Son, Jeremy Lowery, State Winner, Specialty Animal Production, Tom Farrish, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION

Jeremy Lowery of the Walnut Hill FFA Chapter has been named the State Winner in Speciality Animal Production.

Jeremy is the eighteen year old son of Billy Ray Lowery of Bratt. Jeremy began his enterprise in 1989 managing one catfish pond and now manages five. Jeremy carefully monitors his ponds and fish, testing oxygen levels an adjusting feeding to best increase productivity. Jeremy was an active FFA member in high school, holding office and

participating in many contests. He is currently in college.

As state winner, Jeremy received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Everett Whitehead & Sons, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national co-sponsors, Country General Stores and American Dairy Goat Association. His FFA Advisor, Ken Meharg also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Tera French, Taylor Sr. Chapter; Mike Kinnamon, Lake Gibson Sr. Chapter; Jara Raisbeck, Blountstown Chapter; Robyn Sand, Santa Fe Chapter.



SPECIALTY CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Shay Pritchett, representing Florida Watermelon Association, Sarah Dasher, State Winner, Specialty Crop Production, Dale Layfield, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION

Branford High School sophomore, Sarah Dasher, was named the State Winner in Speciality Crop Production.

Sarah is the sixteen year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Randall Dasher. Sarah's specialty crops include hydroponic tomatoes and lettuce. Sarah's jobs consist of hand pollination of tomatoes, transplanting lettuce, and preparing the vegetables for shipping. Sarah is an active FFA member, having attended many conferences and serving in many offices. She hopes to attend the University of Florida where she will pursue a degree in agricultural communications.

As state winner, Sarah received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Watermelon Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, CENEX/CENEX Foundation and Kubota Tractor Corporation. Her FFA Advisor, Dale Layfield also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state ponsor are: Jason Clark, Branford Chapter; Scott Lundy, Moore Haven Chapter; W.D. Mills, Taylor Sr. Chapter; and Wesley Roe, Hardee Sr. Chapter.



TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Jim Knight, Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association, Rylan Moxley, State Winner, Turf and Landscape Management, Jill Stephens, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

TURF & LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Forest High School senior, Rylan Moxley was named the State Winner in Turf and Landscape Management.

Rylan is the seventeen year old son of Judy and John Moxley of Ocala. Rylan's project began when he was nine, and he has expanded and improved his operation from that time. Rylan has learned lawn care techniques by working for himself and others. In 1990 Rylan was able to purchase all new lawn care equipment and in 1991, with his parents, bought a truck to use for his business. Rylan has plans to attend college. He hopes to one day own the biggest lawn care service in Marion County.

As state winner, Rylan received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Nurseryman Growers Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, O.N. Scott and Sons. His FFA Advisor, Jill Stephens also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Travis Cooper, Cross City Chapter; Dwayne McQuillen, Lake Placid Sr. Chapter; Larry Roberts, Williston Sr. Chapter; and Joshua Smith, Lake Butler Sr. Chapter.

FACTS ABOUT FLORIDA

* Florida is the 2nd leading beef calf producing state in the U.S., and 2nd leading cattle state east of the Mississippi River, and ranks 10th nationally in the number of beef cows.



AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Amanda McKoy, Florida Peanut Producers Association, Tera French, state winner Ag Processing, Jana Register, Advisor, and Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

Taylor Middle-High School junior, Tera French was named the State Winner in Agricultural Processing.

Tera is the seventeen year old daughter of Bill French of Seville. Tera has worked for several years at her father's meat processing plant. In addition to being an active FFA member and officer, she plays softball and is an active member of the Florida High School Rodeo Association. Tera hopes to continue to increase her hours and responsibilities at the plant while saving for her education at the University of Florida.

As state winner, Tera received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from state sponsor Florida Peanut Producers Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Archer Daniels Midland Company. Her FFA Advisor, Jana Register received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Aaron Hassenplug, Clewiston Chapter; Travis Neeley, Cross City Chapter; Adam Overstreet, Trenton Jr. Chapter; John Roberts, South Sumter Sr. Chapter.

Wherever there is a clear vision of something exciting and meaningful, people don't have to be pushed into getting things done. The vision pulls them forward.

Steven Jobs



SWINE PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, David Kirby, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Amy Mew, state winner Swine Production, Jana Register, Advisor, and Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

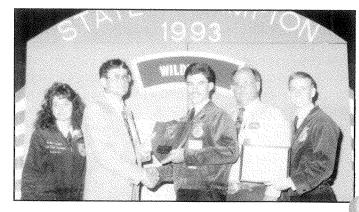
SWINE PRODUCTION

Amy Mew of the Taylor Senior FFA Chapter has been named State Winner in Swine Production.

Amy keeps accurate records of her swine program that grew from one hog to eighteen over a four year period. Amy's swine program emphasizes quality and produce winning show pigs. Amy plans to continue to expand he operation while pursuing a degree in agriculture.

As state winner, Amy received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Pork Improvement Group; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Pfizer Inc./Animal Health Division. Her FFA Advisor Jana Register also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Mark Hodge, Newberry Chapter; Kevin Mims, South Sumter Sr. Chapter; Jara Raisbeck, Blountstown Chapter; and Susan Shiver, Graceville Chapter.



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area li Vice President, Gary Bartley, representing Macasphalt - A Division of APAC-Florida, Brad Etheridge, State Winner, Wildlife Management, Robert Philpot, Advisor, Todd Hingson, National Vice President.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Bradley Etheridge of the Williston Senior FFA Chapter was named the State Winner in Wildlife Management.

Brad is the 17 year old son of Frank and Nancy Etheridge of Williston. Brad had the opportunity to pursue his long time interest in wildlife during the summer of 1991. Brad has successfully managed his program through selective breeding and feeding techniques of deer, turkey and quail. Brad's long term goal is to provide a place for family and friends to appreciate wildlife.

As state winner, Brad received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Macasphalt - Division of APAC - Florida; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Buck Knives. His FFA Advisor, Robert Philpot also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Jolie Lynn Gillis, Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter; Greg Gillman, Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter; and Chad Scott, Sneads Chapter.



CHAPTER ANIMAL PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Olen Donaldson, Flint River Mills, Inc. Brad Etheridge, Outstanding Individual, Williston Senior, Robert Philpot, Advisor.

CHAPTER ANIMAL PRODUCTION

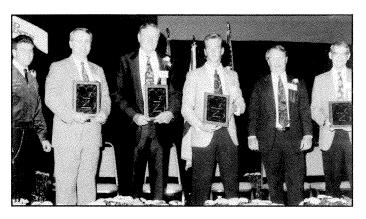
The Williston Sr. FFA Chapter won the 1993 Chapter Livestock Production Award. The award is to recognize a chapter for work done in the overall livestock program of chapter members and the chapter member with the most outstanding animal production program.

The Williston Sr. Chapter program includes members with projects in cattle, swine, horses, and specialty animals. The students improved the quality of their show animals utilizing an aggressive worming program combined with high quality feed and use of growth stimulants. Williston FFA embers have sought to gain knowledge in places such as Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University, and the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition in Moultrie, Ga.

As the state winner, the Williston Sr. Chapter received a

plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Flint River Mills, Inc. Also receiving \$200 cash awards were Brad Etheridge, outstanding individual, and Robert Plilpot, chapter advisor. Barbara McCormick, store manager for Circle M Feeds received a \$200 cash award as the sponsoring store.

Second place in the awards program was the Tate Sr. Chapter. They received a plaque and \$150 cash award. Also receiving \$150 cash awards were outstanding member Ben Sasser and FFA Advisor Peter Gindl Sr.. The Trenton Jr. Chapter placed third and received a plaque and a \$100 cash award. Dustin Jones and Herbert Brown, Jr. each received a \$100 cash award as the outstanding member and chapter advisor respectively. The West Orange Chapter and Taylor Sr. Chapter placed 4th and 5th in the awards program. They each received a \$100 cash award and a plaque for the chapter.



DISTINGUISHED CITATION PRESENTATION (L to R) Steve Hayden, State President, Mike Taylor, Coca Cola Foods, Donald Bronson, Bronson Ranch, Tom Schlecter, Everglades Farm Equipment, Jim Roberson, JRA Architects, Inc., Dr. Ben Mather, Poultry Science Department, IFAS.

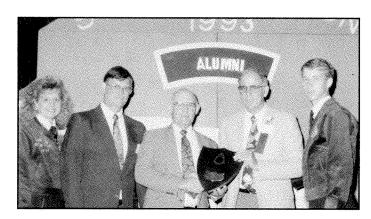
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS

The Florida FFA Association recognized six organizations today with the Distinguished Service Citation.

The organizations were recognized for their continued support of FFA in time and money as an investment in our agricultural youth organization.

The recipients of the 1993 Distinguished Service Citation are as follows:

Poultry Science Department,IFAS Bronson Ranch Everglades Farm Equipment JRA Architects, Inc. Florida Watermelon Association Coca Cola Foods



ALUMNI RELATIONS AWARD PRESENTATION (L to R) Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, David Coile, Advisor, Kenneth Sutton, Lake Gibson FFA Alumni, Gary Lee, Florida FFA Alumni Association, Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President.

ALUMNI RELATIONS AWARD WINNER

The Lake Gibson Sr. FFA Alumni affiliate won the prestigious State Alumni Relations Award.

The award, given by the Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association, recognizes an alumni affiliate and its affiliated chapter(s) for outstanding alumni program activities.

The 56 members of the Lake Gibson affiliate supported their members by financing show animals and funding improvements in the school land lab. Alumni members held many clinics on managing show animals and provided scholarships for college and leadership conferences. Their fund raising activities included an FFA calendar, a barbecue, and an auction.

As the state winner, the Lake Gibson alumni affiliate received a plaque. The local chapter received a check for \$400 and their advisor, David Coile, received a \$200 award from the state sponsor. Other Chapters recognized on stage, receiving plaques and cash awards were: 2nd place, Frostproof FFA, \$100 award to chapter and advisor, James Smith and Paul Webb; 3rd place, Branford FFA, \$75 award to chapter and advisor, Dale Layfield; 4th place, Sebring FFA \$50 award to chapter and advisor, Leslie Allard; and 5th place, receiving a \$50 award was the Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA Chapter. All Awards were sponsored by Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association.

If I have been able to see farther than others, it was because I stood on the shoulders of giants.

- Sir Isaac Newton



BOAC PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Leslie Allard, Advisor, Shannon Humphrey, Sebring Chapter Representative, Douglas Register, Florida FFA Association.

BOAC AWARD

The Sebring FFA Chapter won the state 1993 "Building Our American Communities" Award. The award is given to the chapter that plans and conducts the most successful community development programs. The BOAC program is sponsored on the National level by RJR Nabisco. Advisor the Sebring Chapter is Leslie Allard.

Twenty-one chapters received area BOAC awards at the convention. Eleven bronze, six silver and four gold emblem awards were presented.

The following chapters earned Gold Emblem awards:
Clewiston FFA Chapter
West Orange FFA Chapter
New Smyrna Beach Sr. Chapter
New Smyrna Beach Middle Chapter

The following chapters earned Silver Emblem awards:
Godby FFA Chapter
Lake Placid Sr. FFA Chapter
Ponce de Leon Sr. FFA Chapter
Apopka Memorial Middle Chapter
Trenton Jr. FFA Chapter
Forest FFA Chapter

Forest FFA Chapter
The following chapters earned Bronze Emblem awards:
Okeechobee FFA Chapter
South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter
Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter
Columbia Jr. FFA Chapter
Moore Haven FFA Chapter
Trenton Sr. FFA Chapter
Colonial Sr. FFA Chapter
Taylor Jr. FFA Chapter
St Lucie Westwood FFA Chapter
Cross City FFA Chapter

Branford FFA Chapter



CHAPTER COOP AWARD PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Thomas Duke, Advisor, Jana Register, Advisor, Chapter Representative, Taylor Senior, John Denmark, representing Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AWARD

The Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter won the 1993 Cooperatives Award. The award is given to the chapter that conducts activities to encourage members to have a greater understanding of, and need for farmer cooperatives.

The Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter uses the cooperative oncept to produce and market ferns, and show pigs and cattle. Members have the opportunity to join the chapter show pig cooperative and lease their own fern operation. Members of the Taylor FFA Program are involved in the cooperative idea through class movies, textbooks, and visits to local cooperatives.

As the state winner, Taylor Sr. received \$1,000 and a gold plaque from the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the state sponsor. The money is used to help defray expenses to the American Institute of Cooperatives meeting which is held each summer. The FFA Advisors are Jana Register and Thomas Duke.

Other chapters earning awards from the state sponsor include Region Winners: Northern, Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter; Central, Taylor Jr. Chapter; and Southern, West Orange Chapter. New Smyrna Beach Middle and South Sumter Sr. placed second in their regions.

Chapters receiving Certificates of Participation include: Branford FFA, Clewiston FFA and Orlando-Colonial FFA.

STATE FFA DIRECTOR SPEAKS

Joining FFA in the 9th grade provided a real direction for my life. Everything that I am, or hope to be, is a direct result of Florida FFA.

L. Douglas Register



CHAPTER FORESTRY PRESENTATION (L to R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Michelle Hartwig, Advisor, LaDawn Pelham, Clewiston Chapter representative, Barry Bishop, Coastal Lumber Company Jason Keen, Area V Vice President.

CHAPTER FOREST AWARD

The Clewiston FFA Chapter won the state 1993 Chapter Forest Award. The award is given to the chapter that has the most exemplary school forest program.

Over the past year the students of the Clewiston Chapter were very active in managing their school forest. Their activities included prescribed burning, timber harvesting, tree planting, urban tree maintenance and removal of exotic such as Melaleuca and Brazilian pepper. The Chapter did an excellent job of planning each activity to meet their objectives in their forest's management plan.

As the state winner, the Clewiston Chapter received a plaque and \$250 from the Coastal Lumber Company, the state sponsor. The FFA Chapter Advisor is Michelle Hartwig.

The second place chapter was Milton Senior receiving a plaque and \$150.00. The Tate Senior Chapter placed third receiving a plaque and \$100.00. Fourth place went to Ponce de Leon receiving a plaque and \$75.00. The fifth place plaque and \$50.00 went to the New Smyrna Beach Middle Chapter.



Mr. Donald Bronson, President, Florida FFA Foundation, gave the Foundation Report at Convention.



CHAPTER SAFETY PRESENTATION (L 10 R) Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Dale McQuillen, Advisor, Chapter Representative, Lake Placid Senior, David Kirby, Florida Farm Bureau.

CHAPTER SAFETY AWARD

The Lake Placid Sr. FFA Chapter of Lake Placid won the State Safety Award.

The Chapter conducted programs on livestock, electrical, machine, and fire safety and held an assembly on the dangers of drunk driving. The students of Lake Placid FFA distributed literature at fairs, displayed posters, and built a display at their school, all in the interest of safety. The Members also make a video on fire safety and distributed ID stickers to 1500 Highlands County children.

Equipment Manufacturer Institute and Ford New Holland, Inc., national sponsors for the competition, presented plaques and spurs for the 25 "Superior" Chapters. Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the state sponsor, presented plaques to the top five chapters.

The remaining top four chapters are Clewiston FFA Chapter, Ponce de Leon FFA Chapter, Taylor Jr. FFA Chapter, Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter



MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE AWARD PRESENTATION

105 CHAPTERS RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

One hundred-five Florida FFA chapters received membership incentive awards. The award is given to chapters with the highest percentages of eligible agriculture students who are FFA members.

Four Star chapters, achieving 100-percent membership, include the following:

Armwood Chapter
Avon Park Sr. Chapter
Bradford Jr. Chapter
Cross City Chapter
Dade City Sr. Chapter
Dunnellon Sr. Chapter
Eisenhower Chapter
Haines City Sr. Chapter
Hilliard Chapter
Indian River Chapter
Lake Butler Sr. Chapter
Lake Gibson Jr.Chapter
Lake Gibson Sr. Chapter

Moore Haven Chapter
Mulberry Chapter
New Smyrna Beach Sr.
North Marion Middle
Orlando-Colonial
Sarasota Vo-Ag Chapter
Sebring Chapter
Sneads Chapter
Tampa Bay Tech Chapter
Trenton Jr. Chapter
Williston Sr. Chapter
Winter Haven Chapter

Three Star chapters, achieving 90- to 99-percent membership, include the following:

Auburndale Sr. Chapter
Bartow Sr. Chapter
Dunnellon Middle
Frostproof Sr. Chapter
Haines City Jr. Chapter

Lake Wales Chapter
Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter
Tate Sr. Chapter
Trenton Sr. Chapter
Walnut Hill Chapter

Two Star chapters, achieving 80- to 89-percent membership, include the following:

Branford Chapter
Chamberlain Chapter
Chiefland Sr. Chapter
Chipley Chapter
Columbia Jr. Chapter
Doris Sanders Chapter
Ft King Middle Chapter
Interlachen Jr. Chapter

King Chapter
Labelle Chapter
Lake Alfred Chapter
Lake Weir Sr. Chapter
North Marion Sr. Chapter
Santa Fe Chapter
Zephyrhills Sr. Chapter

One Star Chapters, achieving 70- to 79-percent membership, include the following:

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Laurel Hills Chapter
Oviedo Chapter
Plant City Chapter
South Sumter Jr. Chapter
South Sumter Sr. Chapter
Taylor Jr. Chapter
Taylor Sr. Chapter
Umatilla Chapter
Vernon Chapter

In addition, the following chapters were recognized for increasing chapter membership by ten persons over last year's membership roster:

Altha Chapter Baker Co Sr. Chapter Bayshore Chapter Boone Middle Chapter Charlotte Sr. Chapter Citrus Chapter Clewiston Chapter Columbia Sr. Chapter Countryside Chapter Crystal River Chapter D.A. Storms Chapter Dade City Jr. Chapter Deland Middle Chapter Deland Sr. Chapter Desoto Middle Chapter East Bay Sr. Chapter Gause Chapter Greensboro Chapter Hardee Sr. Chapter

Hawthorne Chapter Horace Mann Chapter Kathleen Jr. Chapter Madison Co Chapter Marshall Chapter New Smyrna Beach Middle Newberry Chapter Okeechobee Yearlings Osceola Middle Chapter Poplar Springs Chapter Sebring Middle Chapter South Dade Chapter South Fork Chapter Turkey Creek Chapter Vanguard Sr. Chapter West Orange Chapter Wildwood Jr. Chapter Weightman Chapter

State sponsors JRA Archtects, Inc. presented pennants to ach award-winning chapter.



OUTSTANDING SAE PROGRAMS HONORED

OUTSTANDING SAE

Eleven Florida FFA chapters were recognized for their outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs.

In order to qualify for the SAE award, a chapter must submit a minimum of 10 proficiency applications in at least five different proficiency areas to the state association. Proficiency applications are detailed records and accounts of ideavors of students in a specific agricultural area. Students may compete in more than 30 different agricultural proficiency areas.

The following award-winning chapters received a felt pennant from A. Duda and Sons, Inc.:

Branford Chapter Clewiston Chapter Cross City Chapter Lafayette Chapter Orlando-Colonial Ponce de Leon Sr. Sneads Chapter
South Sumter Sr.
Taylor Sr. Chapter
West Orange Chapter
Williston Sr. Chapter



FLORIDA'S FINEST PRESENTATION

FLORIDA FFA'S FINEST

14 FFA chapters were recognized as Florida's Finest. To receive the award, chapters must maintain a well-rounded program of community service, safety and cooperative activities. Strong supervised agricultural experience programs as well as contest participation must be evident.

Approximately 140 Florida chapters received a "Superior" rating and received plaques from the National FFA Foundation. The top 10 percent of these "Superior" chapters qualified as "Florida's Finest" and received plaques from J C Penney Stores, the contest's state sponsor.

Applications from the following 14 chapters were forwarded to the National FFA Association for consideration at the national level:

Branford
Clewiston
Lafayette Sr.
Lake Placid Sr.
New Smyrna Beach
North Marion Jr.
North Marion Sr.

Orlando-Colonial Sr.
Ponce de Leon Sr.
South Sumter Sr.
Tate Sr.
Taylor Sr.
Trenton
West Orange



HONORARY STATE FFA DEGREE PRESENTATION (L to R) Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President, Randy Brown, University of Florida, Steve Broker, Chairman Florida FFA, Inc., Pat Cockrell, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Jacquelyn Crews, Florida FFA Convention Assistant, Patricia Simser, Florida FFA Foundation, Don R. Sloan, University of Florida, Steve Hayden, State President.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Florida FFA Association honored eight Floridians by bestowing upon them the Honorary State FFA Degree, the association's highest membership degree.

Those elected to honorary membership for 1993 were: Mr. Pat Cockrell, Florida Farm Bureau Federation; Dr. Don R. Sloan, University of Florida; Mr. Steve Broker, Chairman Florida FFA, Inc.; Ms. Jacquelyn Crews, Florida FFA Convention Assistant; Ms. Patricia Simser, Florida FFA Foundation; and Dr. Randy Brown, University of Florida.

The FFA constitution makes honorary membership available to farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, business persons and others who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the FFA.



TOP FUND RAISING TROPHY PRESENTATION (L to R) Wayne Clark, Advisor, Ryan Crawford, representing Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter, Doyle Connor, Former Commissioner of Agriculture.

TOP FUND RAISING TROPHY

The Okeechobee Brahman FFA is recognized as the top fund raising chapter for the statewide Leadership Training Center Fund Drive.

Wayne Clark, FFA Advisor, states the Annual "Kiss-A-Pig" Contest, along with donations at their annual banquet yielded this year's total of \$2,200.00 which brings their grand total to \$20,549.00. The chapter's grand total, however, does not reflect the many in-kind contributions such as student, parent and alumni workdays, donation of ornamental plants, sod and use of tractors and equipment.

To date, over forty-five FFA chapters in Florida have achieved the Gold Fund Raising Status by raising over \$2.000.00, a goal established by Commissioner Doyle Conner several years ago.

The Chamberlain FFA Chapter placed second by raising \$500.00 and the Frostproof Senior FFA Chapter placed third by raising \$470.00.

The project, when completed, will accommodate 350 students and teachers for a variety of educational activities such as leadership, seminars, contests, conferences, meetings, workshops, and chapter retreats.



BARNETT BANK SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION (L to R) Steve Hayden, State President, Beaver Yoder, Area I Vice President, Denise Reeves, Area II Vice President, Tracy Donnelly, Area III Vice President, Mr. Theron Stangry, Vice President, Barnett Bank in Haines City, Trisha Bailey, Area IV Vice President, Jason Keen, Area V Vice President, Alison Tuck, Area VI Vice President.

BARNETT BANK GIVES SCHOLARSHIPS

Barnett Bank presented each of the seven retiring FFA officers with a \$500 scholarship. Barnett Bank Charities presented a \$100,000 check at the 1992 convention to establish an endowed scholarship fund for outgoing state FFA officers.

The endowed scholarship program is designed to provide incentive and reward to State FFA officers. Upon election

following their high school graduation, the officers set aside a year of their lives to promote FFA by presenting various leadership and educational programs to Florida's Middle Schools and High Schools. Officers also participated in community service activities, fairs and shows, as well as planning and presenting statewide leadership workshops. The scholarship will be awarded annually to the retiring officer team.

The retiring officers receiving scholarships were:

Trisha Bailey, Dover, FL
Denise Reeves, Branford, FL
Tracy Donnelly, Dunnellon, FL
Alison Tuck, Lake Placid, FL
Steven Hayden, Lakeland, FL
Beaver Yoder, Altha, FL
Jason Keen, Lake Wales, FL



J.F. WILLIAMS AND H.E. WOOD SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS (L to R) Dr. Carl Beeman, Sarah Ahmed, Anna Revels, Melissa Mohney, Gary Botelho, Michael Swindle.

J.F. WILLIAMS AND H.E. WOOD SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Carl Beeman, chairman of Agriculture and Extension Education, University of Florida, presented J.F. Williams and H.E. Wood Scholarships to five very deserving individuals pursuing degrees in agriculture education.

The 1993 recipients of the \$500 scholarships are: Sarah Ahmed, Anna Revels, Melissa Mohney, Gary Botelho, and Michael Swindle.



Todd Hingson, National FFA Vice President from Live Oak, Florida, returned home for the 65th convention.



COURTESY CORPS RECOGNIZED ON STAGE

COURTESY CORPS

Outstanding FFA members from across the state are chosen each year to serve in the convention's courtesy corps. This group of young people are extremely important in the day to day operation of the convention. They preform a wide variety of tasks including escorting guests and award winners to the stage, taking delegate attendance, and monitoring traffic through the convention doors. The courtesy corps is coordinated by Michelle Walker, Trenton Sr. FFA Chapter advisor. Each participant received a courtesy corps pin from Farm Credit Services of Florida, the state sponsor.



TRACTOR OPERATIONS PRESENTATION
Mr. Jeff Bradley, advisor, Wesley Ard, State Champion, Jason Keen, Area V
Vice President.



Shawn Crocker, former State Vice President from Haines City will represent Florida as a National Officer Candidate in November.



VEGETABLE JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION Mr. Tim App, Advisor, Team Members: Jaysien Santuci, Scott Chester, Sarah Coleman, and Angie Brooks, Jason Keen, Area V Vice President.



MEAT JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION

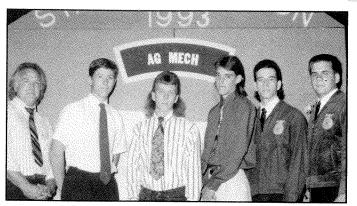
Mrs. Francine Hancock, Advisor, Team Members: Kelly Linville, Crystal

Davenport, Sarah towner, and Heather Smith, Jason Keen, Area V Vice

President.



LAND JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION
(L to R) Denise Reeves, Area IV Vice President, Team Members: David DeYoung, Keri Lee, & Brad Yeager, Mr. Ted Lynn, Advisor, and Jason Keen, Area V Vice President.



AG MECHANICS TEAM PRESENTATION
Bloomingdale Chapter: Mr. Richard Albertson, Advisor, Team members: Trae
Reeve, Mike Dean, Chris Castellano, & Sean Peters, Jason Keen, Area V Vice
President.



CITRUS JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION

Haines City Sr.: Mr. Jack Halabrin, Advisor, Team members are Keitha Hall,
Amy Akins, Kamie Stateler, and Ella Harrod, Jason Keen, Area V Vice
President.



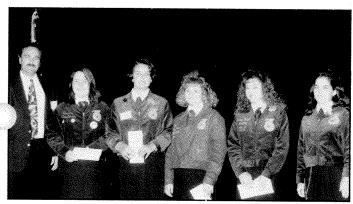
FORESTRY TEAM PRESENTATION

Plant City Sr. Chapter: Mr. Tim Cribbs, Advisor, Ms. Donna Moeller, Advisor,
Team members are Erin Johnson, Marty Lockhart, Jill Sumner, Amy
Gallagher, Jimmy Chestnut, Stephanie Wynn, Jill Bailey, Pam Fuller, Lloyd
Clark, and Jeremy Burnis.



PAST STATE OFFICER BRONZE GAVEL PRESENTATION

Honoring the 1982-83 State Officer Team (L to R) Richie Williams, Vivian Culbertson, Connie Sullivan Putnal, Teresa Lott, Cay Cooper, and Douglas Register representing the FFA Foundation.



TALENT AWARD PRESENTATION (L to R) Mr. Steve Broker, talent coordinator, Allison Chastain, Cari Crider and Melissa Wilson, State Talent Award winners, Tammy Hudson, and Tracy Donnelly, Area III Vice President.

TALENT AWARD

Each State FFA Convention features members performing at the start of each session. Members representing various talents, ranging from singing to clogging, entertain delegates and guests as they enter the convention hall. Steve Broker, teacher at Price Middle School, Interlachen, coordinates the talent events.

This year's State Talent Award was presented to Cari Crider and Melissa Wilson which sang a duet. Second place went to Tammy Hudson, who also sang and Third place went to Allison Chastain who played the piano.

FLORIDA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Time moves on, things change, Florida FFA Association as made many changes and so must the Florida FFA Alumni Association. The FFA Alumni has a great opportunity to truly support and assist the FFA, both locally and statewide.

The annual FFA Alumni meeting and reception was very well attended. This years reception was sponsored by the Grenelefe Resort. Mark Williams, Oviedo, Florida, National Alumni President, brought an informative and inspiring report from the National Council.

Mr. Gary Lee reported, this year's drawing and silent auction was the best ever. The funds are used to support the FFA. Our thanks to those affiliates and FFA chapters who donated items. Many FFA chapters helped sell tickets and a special thank you and congratulations to the top three sales chapters, Sebring, Suwannee, and Lake Gibson.

Eleven affiliates participated in the awards program. The top three will compete in Kansas City in the National Convention on November 10, 1993.

The Washington Conference Scholarship, sponsored by the Florida FFA Alumni, was won by Sarah Dasher of the Branford FFA Chapter.

Alumni Presidents, FFA Advisors, or anyone who is interested in forming a new or reinstating an old affiliate may contact their district director for assistance. District I is Darlene Matchett, District II is Shirley Carte, District III is Joanna Thomas, District IV is Archie Matthews, District V is Paul Little, District VI is Todd Maddox, District VII is Mark Williams, District VIII is Mary Ann Reis, At large are Fred Hayes and Jodi Geiger. Florida has 52 alumni affiliates and would like to see every FFA Chapter have an affiliate this year.



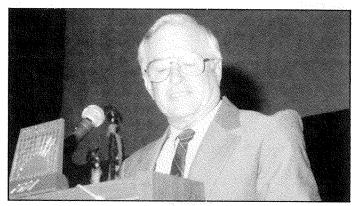
Florida FFA Alumni: Seated L to R: Jodie Geiger, Vice President, Shirley Carte, President, Gary Lee, Secretary/Treasurer. Standing L to R: Paul Little, Darlene Matchett, Mary Ann Reis, Archie Matthews. Not shown: Joanne Thomas, Fred Hayes, Todd Maddox, Mark Williams.

Last year at the National Alumni Convention, delegates voted to increase the National Alumni dues from \$6 to \$7 and the Life Membership from \$100 to \$150. These increases will be effective on November 1, 1993. Those who would like to be life members are encouraged to do so before the November deadline.

Ask what you can do to assist your local advisor and chapter. Make this year a year the Alumni truly supports the FFA.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER REPORT GIVEN BY MR. JAYME FEARY, DIRECTOR OF THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER CHAPTER AWARDS PRESENTATION BY MR. DOYLE CONNOR.



Torrey Riley of the Sebring FFA chapter was chosen as a McDonald's All Star Green Teen this year. He was selected to participate in a 2 week internship at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. All expenses were paid by McDonald's restaurants in cooperation with the Student Conservation Association. Torrey is the only student chosen from Florida, and one of only 25 in the nation who will participate. He was selected on the basis of his volunteer work at Highlands Hammock State Park, and his participation at the Florida FFA Forestry Camp at O'Leno State Park last summer.



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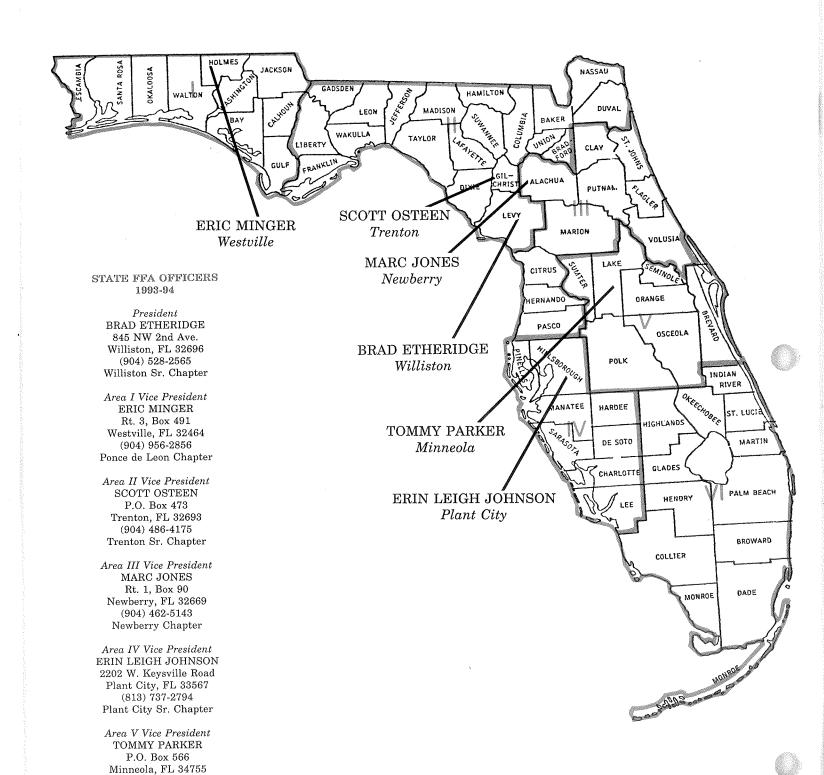
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