Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention
Being Called Hallmark Of Success

Once more a Convention of Alabama Future Farmers has met with unusual success. The three-day festivities of the convention were the highlights of the year's FFA work for 14,125 FFA members and their local advisors throughout the State.

The program featured a variety of activities, including leadership training, recreation, and inspiration to all participants. Some 1,100 FFA'ers and their advisors responded well to the convention in its entirety.

The official welcome to the Auburn campus was given by Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and FFA Presby Bob Helms had charge of all general sessions.

DR. RALPH DRAUGHON, President, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, welcomed FFA'ers to the Auburn campus for the State Convention.

The two featured speakers of the convention were Dr. A. R. Meadows, State Superintendent of Education, and Royce Bodiford, National FFA Vice President from Millap, Texas.

This year's convention was a means through which talents of all kinds were displayed. Competition in all contests was very keen which can rightfully be credited to the fine work of local FFA Chapters and their development of programs which harmonize with those of the State Association.

Last year's record-breaking number of State Farmer Degree winners was exceeded this year when 281 boys were made State Farmers, an honor which symbolizes superior achievements in FFA and community functions and attainment of an outstanding supervised farming program. Five boys were selected as district and state star farmers from the recipients of the State Farmer Degree and were duly recognized in a colorful and impressive ceremony. Leland Helton was the State's Star Farmer. He is from the Atmore FFA Chapter.

Election of new FFA Officers was a highlight of the convention. Elected to serve for the coming year were: President, Buddy Farrington, Dadeville; Vice President, Charles Turner, Geneva; Secretary, Lavaughn Johnson, Jacksonville; Treasurer, Herman Majors, Orrville; and Reporter, Scotty Carson, Aliceville.

The tap of the new president's gavel on Saturday morning, June 7, brought to an official close the 29th annual FFA convention, which can be termed, without exaggeration, a hallmark of success.

State winners of contests and awards are as follows:

**CHAPTER CONTEST**

- Superior Chapter Awards — 1st, Montevallo 2nd, Foley 3rd, Grove Hill 4th, Riverton
- Others: Bay Minette, Blue Springs, Corner, Curry, Geneva, Greenville, Ider, Jackson, Jasper, New Market, Ohman, Pell City, Southside, Straughan, Sulligent, Troy, Vernon, Wetumpka

- Standard Chapter Awards — Blountsville, Brundidge, Citronelle, Double Springs, Eclectic, Elkmont, Haleyville, Midland City, Millry, Rogers, Rogersville, Samson, Thomas, Town Creek, Tuskegee, West Point, Winterboro, Woodville

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

1st — Guy Solley Glencoe
2nd — Earl Mack Gavin Slocomb
3rd — Dan Culpepper Winterboro
4th — Clifton Depreast — Speake
5th — Mack Leggett Citronelle

**QUARTET CONTEST**

1st — Winfield 4th — Opp
2nd — Odenville 5th — Atmore
3rd — Auburn

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS** — Shown with Mr. Faulkner are three of the five boys receiving $200 FFA Scholarships. The five winners were: Benza Bowen, Rockford; Jerry Morrow, Pell City; Nelson Knight, Luverne; Roland Huskie, New Market; and Charles Rupple, Bay Minette.

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Alabama Wins Second In Tri-States Contests

The Tri-State FFA Public Speaking and Quartet Contests were held at Daytona Beach, Florida on July 9 with Alabama winning second place in both contests.

Guy Solley of the Glencoe FFA Chapter was the second-place winner in the Public Speaking Contest. The subject of his speech was "America's No. 1 Enemy." Although Guy did not win first place in the contest he did a magnificent job in representing Alabama.

The three states participating in the contests were Alabama, Florida, and Georgia and the Tri-State contests match the first-place winners in the three respective states.

The Winfield FFA Quartet represented Alabama in the Quartet Contest held at the same time. They also won second place.

Florida won first place in both events and Georgia won third.

Mr. G. W. Ward, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor of Glencoe, and Mr. W. D. Hunt, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor of Winfield, accompanied the contestants to Daytona Beach.

**COVER PICTURE**

New state officers, State Advisor, and Assistant State Advisor are shown in the cover picture. Picture was made at the close of the Annual State Convention. Seated left to right: T. L. Faulkner, State Advisor; Buddy Farrington, Dadeville, President; Charles Turner, Geneva, Vice-President; J. L. Dailey, Assistant State Advisor.

Standing left to right: Scotty Carson, Aliceville, Reporter; Herman Majors, Orrville, Treasurer; Lavaughn Johnson, Jacksonville, Secretary.
Strength Through Striving—

FFA Purposes Developed Through Contests and Awards Program

Through the FFA Contests and Awards Program many worthwhile programs are initiated and an immense amount of good work is stimulated. The various contests have specific objectives which FFA'ers meet as a result of participation in the contest programs.

Whether or not the participant wins one of the top state awards, he still profits from the contest competition as evidenced by the improvements he makes in his own program.

The farm and home electrification contest, for example, has been an aid in teaching vo-ag students the practical use of electricity. The participants apply their electrical knowledge to actual projects on the farm and in the home. This experience may vary from rewinding motors to making time- and labor-saving devices such as pea shellers and the like.

FFA contests, with the exception of the quartet, string band, public speaking, and star reporter contests, are directly related to some phase of the boys' supervised farming programs. These exceptions are indirectly related in that they afford FFA'ers the opportunity to develop in the four phases of the FFA program—leadership, character, cooperation, and recreation.

The farm mechanics program emphasizes the mechanics of the farm and their application to a sounder and more economical farming operation. The dairy farming contest strengthens the use of improved practices on the dairy farms of FFA members while the forestry contest is designed to encourage “tree farming” as a means of income and also as an aid to conservation. The various judging events teach prospective farmers to choose the better breeds of livestock and to distinguish between desirable and undesirable characteristics. The soil and water management program promotes greater conservation of the soil, which is the foundation of all life, and the proper use of its life blood, water.

The public speaking program develops rural leadership which is an essential for the farmer to stand up and be counted! He must be able to voice his opinions and express ways in which ideas can be put into practice.

The quartet and string band contests develop the musical abilities of FFA boys and bring entertainment and a form of recreation to listeners as well as participants. The star reporter contest is instrumental, first of all, in gaining greater recognition for the farm group, and secondly, in developing the journalistic and creative writing abilities of FFA members.

All in all, it can be said that the whole FFA Contests and Awards Program serves a useful and unique purpose in developing a future citizen who can wisely and efficiently provide himself with what he wants from life, for he learns by doing and he understands what he does.
FFA CONTESTS AND AWARDS, 1958-59

FFA Public Speaking Contest

Purpose
This contest is designed to develop rural and agricultural leadership through providing for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities and stimulating interest along such lines.

Eligibility
Every active FFA member in Alabama is eligible who is less than 21 years of age and regularly enrolled in high school, except previous state FFA officers.

Subject
Contestants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subject of an agricultural character which is of general interest to the public will be acceptable.

Time Limit
Each speech shall be a minimum of eight minutes in length and a maximum of ten minutes. Deductions will be made of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof for speeches over eight minutes or over ten minutes in length.

Originality
All manuscripts must be original. However, contestant may secure help of teachers and others in checking.

Judging
Official judging sheets are to be used as a guide in judging all contestants. Advisors and contestants should become familiar with their use. The judges' decision shall be final.

Cooperation
Local advisors and members should seek the interest and cooperation of the school principal, English teacher, commercial teacher, local farmer cooperatives, and others in the FFA Speaking Contest.

Entry Date: Every FFA Chapter and member is entered NOW.

Chapter Contest: Chapter contest held by January 15.

County Contest: County contest held by February 1.

Area Contest: Area contest held by March 1.

District Contest: District contest will be held at regular district contest eliminations.

Forfeit
If the winner of any contest cannot compete in the next contest, the winner of second place is eligible to compete.

CHAPTER SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held by January 15.

2. Methods of elimination in chapter to be determined by local advisor and other chapter officers.

3. Local advisor cooperatives should be invited to cooperate. (They want to provide some special awards.)

4. It is not necessary to report names of chapter winners to State Office.

5. Three copies of the winner's manuscript to be sent to the advisor holding county contest one week in advance of the county elimination. DO NOT SEND TO STATE OFFICE.

6. Winner will compete in county contest.

7. AWARDS — Medal awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

COUNTY SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held by February 1.

2. One advisor in each county will be appointed to contact other local advisors in the county to determine date and place, select judges, and make other arrangements for holding contest.

3. Farmer cooperatives in the county should be invited to cooperate. (They may want to provide some special awards.)

4. Results of the contest to be mailed at once to the Assistant Advisor, Auburn, Alabama, by the advisor of the winning member. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY FEBRUARY 5th.)

5. If only one chapter in a county has an entry, this contestant is automatically the county winner and must be reported by his advisor by February 5th.

6. Advisor of winning speaker, including automatic winner, to mail three copies of manuscript to Assistant Advisor before February 5th.

7. Winner will compete in area contest.

8. AWARDS — Ribbon awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

AREA SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held in February.

2. Date and place will be arranged by state office.

3. Local advisor at the designated place will be in charge of the contest.

4. Farmer cooperatives in the area should be invited to cooperate. (They may want to furnish some special awards.)

5. Results of the contest to be mailed at once by advisor of winning member to the Assistant Advisor as soon as possible after the contest. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MARCH 5th.)

6. Winner will compete in district contest.

7. AWARDS — Ribbon awarded to first place winner. Other awards may be furnished locally.

DISTRICT SPEAKING CONTEST

1. Will be held at regular district contest eliminations.

2. Date and place will be arranged by district superintendents.

3. Results of the contest to be mailed at once by advisor of winning member to the Assistant Advisor, Auburn. (MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MAY 5th.)

4. Advisor of winning speaker to mail three copies of manuscript and glossy photograph of speaker to the Assistant Advisor by May 5th.

5. District winner will compete in state finals.

6. AWARDS — The district winner and his local advisor will be provided an all-expense trip to attend the Annual Youth Session of the American Institute of Cooperation which is usually held in some of the Central or Western States. (These trips will be financed by the farmer cooperative organizations listed below.)

STATE FINAL AWARDS

1. Will be held during State FFA Convention. All speakers shall use the F.A. system and wear official FFA jackets.

2. The state winner will compete in the Tri-State Contest. Normal expenses will be paid by the Alabama FFA Association.

3. The first place winner will not be eligible to compete in the state contest again.

STATE FINAL AWARDS

1st—$300.00 and Chapter Banner.

2nd—$200.00 and Chapter Banner.

3rd—$100.00 and Chapter Banner.

4th—$50.00 and Chapter Banner.

5th—$50.00 and Chapter Banner.

COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Farm Bureau Insurance Co.
Alabama REA Cooperatives.
Central Farmers Cooperative
Farmers Marketing and Exchange Assoc.
National Farm Loan Associations.
Production Credit Associations.
Tennessee Valley Cooperatives.
National FFA Foundation.
Alabama FFA Association.

GUY SOLLEY, Glencoe, is shown above with G. W. Ward, his advisor, and the Banner he won as 1st place speaker.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST—(left to right, seated) Guy Solley, Glencoe, 1st place winner; Earl Mack Gavin, Slocomb, 2nd place winner; Mack Leggett, Citronelle, 5th place winner; and Dan Culpepper, Winterboro, 3rd place winner. Standing are the advisors of these winners. Left to right, they are: G. W. Ward, Glencoe; G. R. Bass, Slocomb; A. H. Holcombe, Citronelle; H. E. Phillips, Speake; and Waddy Thompson, Winterboro.
**Quartet Contest**

**Purpose**
To encourage wholesome recreation; improve singing ability of FFA members; create more interest in chapter, county and state meetings; aid in radio and television broadcasts, other special programs; and stimulate more interest in group singing.

**Eligibility**
Open to all FFA chapters in good standing. Members of the quartet must be active members of the local chapter and at least 50% of the quartet members must be enrolled in high school. Winner of first place in each contest is eligible to compete in next contest, from chapter to state finals.

**Songs**
Each quartet will sing two numbers of their own choice. All quartets will use the F.A. system. No theme song is allowed.

**Accompaniment**
Quartet will sing with or without accompaniment.

**Judging**
Official judging sheets to be used in judging all contests. Each quartet will be judged on two songs in each contest.

**Dates**
Exactly the same as the FFA public speaking. (See rules for the speaking contest.) Results of each contest must be reported by advisor of winning quartet to Assistant Advisor, Auburn, Alabama same dates as for speaking contest. NOTE: This applies to automatic winners same as others.

**Forfeit**
If the winner of any contest cannot compete in the next contest, the winner of second place is eligible to compete.

State champion quartet will represent Alabama in the Tri-State contest and normal expenses will be paid by the Alabama FFA Association.

In case Alabama quartet wins the Tri-State, $100 will be paid on their expenses to attend the National Convention, provided they can attend.

**State Awards**
1st—$250 and three regional awards of $200 each.
2nd—$75 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$25 and Chapter Banner.

**Sponsors**
Alabama REA Cooperatives
Alabama FFA Association

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**FFA Chapter Contest**

**Purpose**
To create and increase member interest, stimulate cooperative effort, and crystallize chapter programs of work into more worthwhile undertakings.

**Rules**
1. Entry date—All chapters are entered NOW.
2. There will be three classes of awards given as follows:
   - Form I—Standard Chapter Award—Certificate and silver emblem seal.
   - Form II—Superior Chapter Award—Certificate and gold emblem seal.
   - Form III—Gold medal and National Chapter Award—Four top chapters in state will compete in national contest.
3. A chapter may win one or all three of these awards. All chapters may win the Standard Chapter award and the Superior Chapter awards if they meet the minimum qualifications.
4. The state awards listed below will be given to the top four chapters applying for National Chapter awards, which are Form III.
5. No scrapbooks, photographs, etc., may be submitted in State or National Contest.
6. Include copy of chapter program of work showing accomplishments if all three forms are submitted to compete for the gold medal and National Chapter Awards. This is not necessary if only Form I and II are submitted.

7. SEND IN FINAL REPORTS BEFORE MAY 15th.

**State Awards**
- Gold Medal—$37.50 and Chapter Banner.
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**Sponsors**
Alabama REA Cooperatives
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**Farm Safety Awards**

(Chapter Award)

**Purpose**
Each year thousands of farm people lose their lives in preventable farm accidents, and additional thousands are crippled for life. The cost of farm accidents in a year is estimated at $1,000,000. It is the purpose of this contest to help reduce these accidents in Alabama.

**NOMINATIONS**
FFA members are encouraged to make nominations for awards. Nominations should include the name of the person, his school, year enrolled, year graduated, and other pertinent information. Nominations should be sent to the National FFA Foundation before May 1.

**Awards**
Gold Medal Award: $37.50 and Chapter Banner.
Silver Medal Award: $20 and Chapter Banner.
Certificate of Merit Award: $10 and Chapter Banner.

**Eligibility**
All active FFA chapters in Alabama are eligible to compete. Only those submitting a report will be considered for the award. The reports submitted should be for the current school year. An FFA chapter will not be eligible to win first place for two successive years. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY MAY 10th.)

**State Awards**
1st—$100 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$75 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$25 and Chapter Banner.

**Sponsors**
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association
Judging Contests

Purpose
To develop interest and the ability to judge and appreciate quality animals.

Eligibility
Any boy is eligible who is under 21 years of age at time of the national contest. He must have had not more than four years training in any approved course in vocational agriculture of less than college level. He must be, AT THE TIME THE TEAM IS SELECTED BY THE STATE, A BONA FIDE FFA MEMBER, enrolled in a high school class in vocational agriculture, or who has had all of the vocational agriculture offered and carrying at least three units of regular high school work. An exception is a boy who has participated previously in any official national judging contest (including 4-H contests) will not be eligible for the same kind of contest, namely: dairy cattle, livestock, or poultry. (The only official national FFA contests are those at Waterloo and Kansas City.) If an ineligible boy is entered in any contest, the team of which he is a member shall be declared ineligible.

Plan
1. There will be three judging contests as follows: (1) LIVESTOCK; (2) DAIRY CATTLE; (3) POULTRY.
2. Judging teams will be composed of three members.
3. A livestock judging team will judge all three of the following: beef cattle, hogs, and sheep.
4. No member will be eligible to serve on more than one team.
5. District eliminations for livestock and dairy judging will be held, and the FIRST and SECOND place winners may compete in finals at state convention.
6. NOTICE—The poultry judging contest will be held during the State FFA Convention. All chapters should teach poultry judging and select a chapter team. Teams to participate in the finals will be selected. Instructions will be mailed later.
7. The state champion team in each contest will represent Alabama at the national contest for livestock and poultry teams in Kansas City, Missouri, and dairy teams in Waterloo, Iowa. In case the first place winner cannot participate in the National, the next place winner may go instead, and awards will be exchanged to take care of traveling expenses for the team.
8. In addition to the awards listed below, the teams going to the National will receive approximately $50 from the National FFA Foundation.

State Awards

Livestock Judging
1st—$200 and Chapter Banner
2nd—$100 and Chapter Banner
3rd—$75 and Chapter Banner
4th—$50 and Chapter Banner

Dairy Cattle Judging
1st—$250 and Chapter Banner
2nd—$100 and Chapter Banner
3rd—$75 and Chapter Banner
4th—$50 and Chapter Banner

Poultry Judging
1st—$250 and Chapter Banner
2nd—$100 and Chapter Banner

Sponsor
Alabama Poultry Industry Association

LIVESTOCK JUDGING—(left to right) W. T. Richards, Advisor, and the Orrville Judging team which won first place in the judging event. They are Alva Caine, Woodfin Caine, and David Caile.

MEMBERS of the Hartford FFA Poultry Judging team with their first place banner are (left to right): Joel Sullivan, Johnny Brannon, Paul Dean, Advisor; Colon Donnell; and Wayne Hartzog.

DAIRY JUDGING TEAM—Winfield won first place. Shown above are the members (left to right): Alvin Beasley, Jerry Trimm, and Billy Car ruthers.

String Band Contest

Purpose
To encourage all chapters to develop more local FFA string bands.

Plan
1. All members of FFA string band must be active members of the local chapter and in good standing.
2. At least 50% of band members must be enrolled in high school.
3. Each band will play three numbers of its own selection. No theme allowed.

State Farmer Degree

Purpose
To recognize outstanding farming ability and leadership by awarding this highest State Degree to the top 2 per cent of the FFA membership in Alabama each year.

Eligibility
Members in second-year vo-ag and who have their Chapter Farmer Degree are eligible to apply, provided they meet all other minimum qualifications as outlined in the American Farmer Degree.

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Members in second-year vo-ag and who have their Chapter Farmer Degree are eligible to apply, provided they meet all other minimum qualifications as outlined in the American Farmer Degree.
official FFA Manual. (Members working for the Star Farmer Awards may prefer waiting until their third or fourth year to apply, unless they want to be a state FFA officer candidate.)

Plan

Application forms will be mailed to all chapters around the first of March. To be eligible for consideration, they must be filled out and returned to Auburn by April 1st. A committee will select from the applications those to be recommended to receive the State Farmer Degree at the state convention in June.

Awards

State Farmer Degree certificate will be presented to successful candidates for the degree.

Star Farmer Awards

Purpose

To challenge every member in Alabama to earn all FFA degrees offered in the state, including Green Hand, Chapter Farmer, and State Farmer. Also, to encourage them to have the best record possible in FFA and vocational agriculture when they receive the State Farmer Degree.

Eligibility

All FFA members who meet the minimum qualifications and are applicants for the State Farmer Degree are eligible to compete for the Star Farmer Awards. They will be selected from the current year’s State Farmers.

Basis of Awards

1. Applicant for the State Farmer Degree in 1959 must be recommended by the State FFA Executive Committee to receive this degree.
2. Have outstanding supervised farming program that shows improvement in quality and continued expansion in scope.
3. Have full ownership of major products in supervised farming program.

STATE STAR FARMER—Picture above is Leland Helton on the new Ford tractor he received from the Alabama Ford Tractor Division for being Alabama’s Star Farmer for 1958.

4. Show initiative in taking advantage of opportunities at hand.
5. Have plans to continue and enlarge farming after graduating from school.
6. Have outstanding record of FFA and community leadership.

State Awards

State—$100 and NEW FORD TRACTOR, and chapter banner.

District—$150 Cash, $100 Savings Bond, and chapter banner.

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Sponsors

Ford Tractor and Implement Dealers of Alabama.

National FFA Foundation.

Alabama FFA Association.

Land Judging

Purpose

This contest is designed to help students learn more about land, differences in soils, their capabilities, methods of soil conservation and improvement, and treatments in order to obtain higher production.

Eligibility and Plan

All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes or who are still in high school but have completed all vocational agriculture offered are eligible to compete for this award.

The judging team will be composed of three members. The state champion team may represent Alabama at the National Land Judging contest held in Oklahoma.

County winning teams will be eligible to compete at the district eliminations.

First and second place teams from each district will compete in the state contest at the annual FFA Convention.

A score card will be used which will include surface texture, movement of air and water in the subsoil (permeability), depth of surface soil and subsoil, slope, erosion, wind and water, surface drainage, factors considered in selecting land class and treatments, land capability class, and land treatments.

STAR FARMERS—Above are the Alabama FFA Star Farmers for 1958. They are (left to right): Harold Phillips, Stevenson; Buddy Farrington, Dadeville; Leland Helton, State Star Farmer, Atmore; Douglas Wilcox, Liberty; and Wayne Curtis, Troy.

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State Awards
1st—$250.00 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$100.00 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$50.00 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$20.00 and Chapter Banner.

Sponsors
WSFA-TV Station, Montgomery, Alabama Cooperating Agencies—Soil Conservation Service and Soil Conservation Districts.

LAND JUDGING—Pictured is Carter Hardwick, WSFA-TV, Montgomery, with the 1st place Land Judgers from the Autaugaville FFA Chapter.

Star Dairy Farmer

Purpose
To stimulate interest and encourage FFA members to use improved practices in dairy farming.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered are eligible to compete for this award. In order to be eligible for the first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, insofar as they refer to supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the National Star Dairy Farmer Award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates

The records submitted should be the boy’s cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture classes, or during his period of membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the Assistant Advisor, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 5.)

Basis of State Awards

The awards will be based on achievement with special consideration being given to:
1. Efficiency in production as evidenced by accomplishment in dairy production in proportion to the opportunities and conditions on the home farm.
2. Stage of development of dairy operation on the farm.
3. Evidence of practical operation and use of improved practices.
   a. Provision of improved pasture throughout the longest practical grazing season.
   b. Production of legume hay adequate for hay requirements.
   c. Use of balanced rations based on largest practicable use of home grown grains.
   d. Feed cost per pound of butterfat and per cwt. of milk as measure of efficiency in production.
   e. All cows and heifers to be naturally or artificially bred to purebred bull of proved high production character.
   f. Use of approved sanitation practices with check on cleanliness, bacterial content, and flavor of milk and cream.
4. FFA activities.
   a. Evidence of leadership, ability, cooperation, community service, interest, and ability to assume responsibility.

State Awards

1st—$100, Plaque, and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$75, Plaque, and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$25 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
First place $250, and three regional awards of $200 each.

Sponsor
National Dairy Products Corporation
Kraft Foods Company
Southern Dairies, Inc.
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

Forestry Awards

Purpose
To encourage the conservation and proper management of the soil and water since it is so vital to our state and national welfare.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered are eligible to compete for this award. In order to be eligible for the first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, insofar as they refer to supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the national award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates

The records submitted should be the boy’s cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the Assistant Advisor, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 10.)

State Awards
1st—$100 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$25 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$20 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
First place $250, and three regional awards of $200 each.

Sponsors
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

Basis of Awards

Each chapter will be entitled to submit records on one FFA member who has done the most outstanding work in forestry. A special form is furnished for this report which outlines accomplishments.

State Awards
1st—$100 (also $75 to member and $25 to his local advisor for trip to the National FFA Convention), and chapter banner.
2nd—$50 and chapter banner.
3rd—$30 and chapter banner.
4th—$20 and chapter banner.

Sponsors
Seaboard Airline Railroad Company.
Alabama FFA Association.

Soil and Water Management

Purpose
To encourage the conservation and proper management of the soil and water since it is so vital to our state and national welfare.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered are eligible to compete for this award. In order to be eligible for the first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, insofar as they refer to supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the national award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates

The records submitted should be the boy’s cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the Assistant Advisor, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 25.)

Sponsor
National FFA Foundation
Alabama FFA Association

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SAFETY TRACTOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE—(left to right) Ronnie Morgan, 1st, Troy; Don Vincent, Standard Oil Company; Crawford Welch, 2nd, Grove Hill; Gary Holloway, 3rd, Wedowee; Charles Owens, 4th, Beatrice; Mack Jones, Standard Oil Company; and Floyd Williams, 5th, Paint Rock Valley.

SAFE TRACTOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE—(left to right) Ronnie Morgan, 1st, Troy; Don Vincent, Standard Oil Company; Crawford Welch, 2nd, Grove Hill; Gary Holloway, 3rd, Wedowee; Charles Owens, 4th, Beatrice; Mack Jones, Standard Oil Company; and Floyd Williams, 5th, Paint Rock Valley.

Soil and Water Management

(left to right) Joel D. Hardee, 1st, Beatrice; Ronnie Morgan, 2nd, Troy; Jimmy Thompson, 3rd, Ider; and Johnnie Carter, 4th, Millry.

Tractor Operation Contest

Purpose
To encourage FFA boys to develop the skills in safe operation and maintenance of tractors and equipment on the farm.

Plan
All active FFA members are eligible to compete in this contest. Each local chapter will select the chapter winner to participate in the county contest.

The local advisors in each county will conduct a contest prior to the district eliminations, to select the county champion. Each county champion will participate in the district contest to be held along with other district eliminations. The two top winners in the district contest will participate in the state finals during the State FFA Convention. The state winner will not be eligible to compete in this contest again. Participants must use tractors provided for the contest.

Conducting the Contest
Detailed instructions will be furnished each chapter at a later date on training members and conducting the eliminations.

State Awards
1st—$50 watch and $75 for trip to National FFA Convention.
2nd—$40 watch and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$30 watch and Chapter Banner.
4th—$25 watch and Chapter Banner.

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Farm Mechanics

Purpose
It is the purpose of this contest to develop the mechanical ability of each FFA member in the operation, care, maintenance, and construction of farm equipment and buildings.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered are eligible to compete for this award. In order to be eligible for the first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, insofar as they refer to supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the national award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates
The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the Assistant Advisor, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 15.)

Basis of Awards
Consideration will be given to the student who has achieved the most in making practical and economic use of farm mechanics in connection with his supervised farming program on his farm and in the farm home.

State Awards
1st—$100 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$50 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$25 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$25 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
First place $250, and three regional awards of $200 each.

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Farm Electrification Awards

Purpose
To encourage FFA members to develop necessary skills and take advantage of the rapidly expanding field of rural electricity.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered are eligible to compete for this award. In order to be eligible for the first place award, applicants must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the State Farmer Degree, insofar as they refer to supervised farming programs. The state winner may compete for the national award. The state winner will not be eligible to compete again. (National regulation.)

Opening and Closing Dates
The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the Assistant Advisor, Auburn. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN AUBURN BY APRIL 20.)

Basis of Awards
Consideration will be given to the student who has achieved the most in making practical and economic use of electricity in connection with his supervised farming program on his farm and in the farm home. Consideration will also be given to originality in the scientific development of new or improved practices in the use of electricity or electrical appliances or equipment on his home farm or in the farm home.

State Awards
1st—$100 and Chapter Banner.
2nd—$75 and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$65 and Chapter Banner.
4th—$60 and Chapter Banner.
5th—$50 and Chapter Banner.

National Awards
First place $250, and three regional awards of $200 each.

Sponsors
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Home Improvement Awards

Purpose
To help Future Farmers see the need for making the home a more attractive place in which to live. To encourage FFA members to do more home improvement by taking part in this contest.

Eligibility
All active FFA members, except previous winners of a trip to the National Convention through this contest, are eligible to compete again.

Opening and Closing Dates
The records submitted should be the boy's cumulative record during the entire time he has been enrolled in an all-day vocational agriculture class, or during his period of active membership in the FFA. Each local advisor will select the chapter winner and only his report will be submitted to the Assistant Advisor, Auburn.

Basis of Awards
Consideration will be given to the member who has achieved the most in improving his home by taking advantage of all opportunities he has, no matter how small.

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1958 STATE FARMERS—Pictured above are the candidates who received their State Farmer Degrees during the annual State FFA Convention held in Auburn.

State Farmers

Northeast District (79)
- Albertville—Hugh Lee Davis, Roy Todd, Hoyt M. Orr.
- Alexandria—Cloyce Hammonds.
- Arab—Wayne Martin, Kermit Wilks.
- Ashville—Jimmy Rickles.
- Attalla—Jerry Prince.
- Blountsville—Jimmy Jones.
- Boaz—Harold Brown, Durwood Pankey, Lewis Glassco, Bonard Hamby, Thomas Russell.
- Bridgeport—Charles Vinsent, Stephen Arnette Ridley.
- Cedar Bluff—Charles Hammett.
- Centre—Harold C. Hansard, Donald Williams.
- Catoosa—Kenneth Kent.
- Crossville—Gerald Martin, Kenneth Flunkett.
- Danville—Kenneth Owens, John Sims, Hoyt M. Orr.
- Douglas—Kermit Mitchell, Mickey Woodall, Ronald S. Pledger.
- Falkville—Bobby Palmer, Ronald Fitzgerald, Johnny Thompson, Tommie Lindell Dunlap.
- Glencoe—Mitchell Upton.
- Guntersville—Jerry Hammett, Clyde Nolan.
- Heflin—James L. Shookley.
- Ider—Ronald Norton, Donald Norton.
- Jacksonville—Max Studnard, Lavaughn Johnson, Donald Griffith.
- New Market—Donald Walker, Donald Hodge, Ronald Huskey, Tracy Jacks, Steve Arnold.
- Odenville—James McCay.

Northwest District (63)
- Oxford—Leon Traywick, Dewy Hughes.
- Pisgah—Gwen Nunley, Larry Bell.
- Priceville—Ted Grantland.
- Riverton—Donald Stiles, George William Darwin.
- Southside—Donald Grant.
- Spring Garden—James D. Whorton, Lewis E. Abernathy.
- Valley Head—Reggie Tate, Darvin Hulgan.
- West Point—Doyle Jones.
- White Plains—James Hyatt, Gerald Williams.

Central District (29)
- Ashland—Dwight Upchurch.
- Beulah—Jerry Milner.
- Billingsley—Fred Wilson.
- Centreville—Jimmy Smith.
- Dadeville—J. H. Haggerty, Jr., F. N. Farrington, Jr.
- Five Points—Harold Kendrick, Wyatt Daniel, Jr.
- Greensboro—Alfred Johnson.
- Lincoln—Glenn Ellen, Girdine Fulmer, Roy Phillips.
- Lineville—Billy Bradford.
- Marbury—Ethan Duncan.
- Rondo—Gene McManus.
- Rockford—Joe Gilliland.

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Lincoln—Glenn Ellen, Girdine Fulmer, Roy Phillips.
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Rondo—Gene McManus.
Rockford—Joe Gilliland.
CONTESTS AND AWARDS

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A detailed report on all improvements made to the applicant's home and home grounds should be included in the report.

State Awards
1st—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner, and $75 for Kansas City trip for advisor.
2nd—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.
4th—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.
5th—$75 for Kansas City trip and Chapter Banner.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT — (left to right) J. W. Lee, Advisor; Alan Mosley, Champion Corn Producer, Silas; and Dwight Hulgan, Director, Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau.

Champion Corn Growing Contest

Purpose
To recognize FFA members with outstanding production records and to encourage them to follow improved practices in increasing corn yields.

Eligibility
All active FFA members who have corn as a part of their supervised farming program. Previous state winners are not eligible to compete again.

Plan
All members who have one acre or more of corn in their supervised farming programs will be considered as entering the contest and no official form will be submitted other than the preliminary S-1 report. Contestants will follow experiment station recommendations on varieties, fertilization, spacing, and other cultural practices. An accurate and complete project record will be kept to include planting date, fertilization, and profit or loss on the project. The present project record may be used. Yield will be determined by measuring three 100-ft. sections of rows in different areas of the field and applying the formula used for measuring corn yields. Corn should be dry enough to store in the crib when yield is determined.

Chapter corn growers will be reported to the district supervisor as soon as corn is harvested and not later than December 1st. County, district, and state winners will be determined on basis of highest yields reported.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1958
HONORARY STATE FARMERS—Seated left to right: Fred M. Gambrell, Jr., Research and Demonstration Branch, TVA; L. S. Vanderford, Principal, Pike County High School; U. K. Wise, Agricultural Sales Representative, Spencer Chemical Company; Butch Shelton, stand-in for father, Eugene E. Shelton, Alabama Power Company, deceased; George A. Gingell, Program Director, WRBL-TV; Romaine Smith, Young folks Editor, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER; Jesse Forrester, Owner, Sanitary Dairy; and Lavern Brown, Superintendent, Lower Coastal Plains Experiment Station. Back row: W. M. Warren, Head Professor, A.P.I. Animal Husbandry and Nutrition Department; H. E. Smith, Jr., News Editor, THE MOBILE PRESS-REGISTER; Kenneth B. Roy, Head, Publications Department, A.P.I. Experiment Station; Roland Oliver, Rural Service Engineer, Alabama Power Company; Morse Haynes, Superintendent, Chambers County Board of Education; and Dr. Truman M. Pierce, Dean, A.P.I. School of Education.

To recognize an outstanding FFA member for his work and accomplishments in FFA, vocational agriculture, and also in his school and community.

All active FFA members are eligible to compete for this honor whether they are in school or out of school.

Each local chapter may nominate one outstanding member. A special nomination form will be furnished all chapters around November 1st to be used for this purpose. (NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN AUBURN BY DECEMBER 1st.)

The Turner E. Smith educational award of $300 in cash and Alpha Gamma Rho trophy to be presented at the State FFA Convention.

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JERRY USERY, FFA member of the Elkmont Chapter, is shown receiving banner from Charlie Summerour, representative of the American Potash Institute.

DR. R. E. CAMMACK, State Director of Vocational Education, presents Future Farmer of the Year Award to John Jay, Jr.
Poultry Production Awards

Purpose
To stimulate interest and encourage FFA members to learn how to produce poultry in a practical and efficient manner in the southeastern states.

Eligibility
Any active FFA member who has been regularly enrolled in all-day vocational agriculture high school classes during the current school year. Participants must grow a minimum of 500 broilers during the period of this program. Record of program should be from October 1, 1958 to September 30, 1959. See local FFA advisor for details. (THIS REPORT MUST BE IN STATE FFA OFFICE BY OCTOBER 15, 1959.)

Awards
State winner—$100 cash and trip with his local FFA Advisor to the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association Convention in Atlanta, January, 1960.
Regional winner—$500 cash.

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To encourage FFA reporters and chapters to have better public relations programs in order to keep the public informed of their work and accomplishments.

Outline for Report
1. Number of monthly FFA news reports sent in on time.
2. Number of news articles written and submitted with monthly report.
3. Number of suitable pictures submitted with monthly reports.
4. Number of local news letters published.
5. Number of radio programs presented.
6. Total column inches of FFA and vocational agriculture news and pictures published in newspapers and magazines since July 1, 1958.

Preparing Final Report
1. The records submitted will cover the period from May 1, 1958 to April 30, 1959.
2. An accurate record of the above information should be included in the final report.
3. The local reporter must also keep a scrapbook of news clippings, pictures, programs, etc., and submit with his final report.
4. The report must be properly filled out and signed by the reporter, president, and local advisor. (Due in Auburn by May 5th.)

State Awards
1st—$60 watch to reporter and Chapter Banner; Camera to advisor of top winner.
2nd—$50 watch and Chapter Banner.
3rd—$50 watch and Chapter Banner.
4th—$50 watch and Chapter Banner.
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State Star Farmer—Leland Helton .................. Atmore
District—F. N. Farrington, Jr. .............. Dadeville
District—Douglas Wilcox .................. Liberty
District—Harold R. Phillips ............. Stevenson
District—Wayne Curtis ................. Troy

STAR DAIRY FARMER
1st—Douglas Wilcox .................. Liberty
2nd—Clark Gaston .............. Sidney Lanier
3rd—F. N. Farrington, Jr. .............. Dadeville
4th—Roy Phillips ............... Lincoln

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT
1st—Joel D. Harder .................. Beatrice
2nd—Ronnie Morgan ................. Troy
3rd—Jimmy Thompson .............. Ider
4th—Johnnie Carter ............. Millry

FARM SAFETY
1st—Fell City 3rd—Pisgah
2nd—Riverton 4th—Foley

FARM MECHANICS
1st—Joe Carpenter ................. Clio
2nd—Walter Powers ............. Foley
3rd—Billy Thompson .............. Ider
4th—Keith Salter ............... Montevallo

FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION
1st—Edward Barnholt ............... Foley
2nd—William Fleming ............. Geneva
3rd—Arthur Duckworth ......... Palmetto
4th—James W. Porterfield ...... Baker Hill
5th—Jimmy Turner ............... Glencoe

FORESTRY AWARDS
1st—Wayne Curtis ................. Troy
2nd—Crawford Welch .......... Grove Hill
3rd—Joe Hamilton .............. Bay Minette
4th—Edgar L. Harper .......... Greensboro

HOME IMPROVEMENT
1st—Jacky Pennington .......... Sulligent
2nd—Otto Bishop ............... Fairhope
3rd—Ned McCall ............... Inverness
4th—Kenneth Robinson ......... Bay Minette
5th—Scotty Carson ............... Aliceville

TRACTOR DRIVING
1st—Ronnie Morgan .......... Troy
2nd—Crawford Welch .......... Grove Hill
3rd—Gary Holloway .......... Wedowee
4th—Charles Owens .......... Beatrice
5th—Floyd Williams .......... Paint Rock Valley

HONOR ROLL CHAPTERS
1. Foley—121 7. Moulton—105
2. Robertsdale—115 8. Ashford—104
5. Vernon—109 11. Dadeville—100
TRUDY CARGILE of the Birmingham News is shown as she was presented a citation from the Alabama FFA by President Helms.

FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR
John Jay, Jr. Greenboro FFA Chapter

CHAMPION CORN GROWER
Allen Mosley Silas FFA Chapter

CHAMPION COTTON GROWER
Jerry Usey Elkmont FFA Chapter

POULTRY PRODUCTION
Billy Kirby Pisgah FFA Chapter

STRING BAND
1st - Dadeville 3rd - Lineville
2nd - Jacksonville 4th - Theodore

JUDGING TEAMS
Livestock
1st - Orrville 3rd - Valley Head
2nd - New Market 4th - Ariton

Dairy
1st - Winfield 3rd - Vincent
2nd - Cullman 4th - Hackneyville

Poultry
1st - Hartford 3rd - Clanton
2nd - Cullman 4th - East Limestone

Land
1st - Autaugaville 3rd - Fairhope
2nd - Beatrice 4th - Ashville

SHOWN in picture is H. F. Gibson, Assistant Vo-Ag Supervisor, and T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor, as they congratulate a State Farmer Degree winner. Helping with the presentations are Billy Steele, State FFA Treasurer, and FFA Office Secretary Frances Mizell.

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