Jason Daugherty, member of the Lineville FFA Chapter, representing the Southern Region, was declared the 1992 National Winner in the Forest Management Proficiency Award Program during the 65th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The Forest Management Award program is designed to provide agriculture with the opportunity for job entry experiences concerned with the principles and practices involved in the forestry industry by employing the best management practices available for the efficient production and marketing of forestry products.

Jason began his project with 10 acres of forest and planted pine trees, cut firewood, and plowed firelines around timber. He managed to sell 5 acres of pulpwood to a private logger and used some of the money to replant the five acres in pine trees the following winter. By enlisting in the U.S. Army, Jason plans to use the Army College Fund to pay for college. He plans to study forest management at Auburn University. Pictured above with Jason is Dillard Fenley, Homelite Division of Textron, Sponsor.

Michael Davis, member of the Smiths Station FFA Chapter, representing the Southern Region, was declared the 1992 National Winner in the Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Proficiency Award Program at the 65th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Award program is designed to encourage agriculture students to become established in the fruit and vegetable production industry. Each student’s practical experiences will be different but will involve employing the principles and practices which encourage the efficient production and marketing of crops such as edible beans, all canning vegetables, potatoes including yams, stone, pone and citrus fruits, nuts and common garden vegetables.

On the advice and generosity of his grandfather, Mike was able to start his own crop growing. In 1988, his grandfather gave him 6 acres of land to use for crops, and Mike has prospered ever since. Things such as the installation of an irrigation system and the skills of tractor and machinery maintenance have allowed him to reach peak efficiency and lower costs. Mike plans to study horticulture at Auburn University. Pictured above with Mike is Dr. Larry D. Case, National FFA Advisor.
Regional Winners...

DAIRY PRODUCTION — James Racine, of the Robertsdale FFA Chapter, representing the Southern Region, competed as a national finalist with three other regional winners in the Dairy Production Proficiency Award program at the 65th National Convention. James is pictured with Dr. Larry D. Case, National FFA Advisor. James’ advisor at Robertsdale is Eddie Creamer.

HOME and/or FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT — Jason Hickey, member of the Central-Coosa County FFA Chapter, was one of four finalist in the Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Award program at the National FFA Convention. Jason represented the Southern Region. Pictured with Jason is Gerald A. Welch, Corporate Executive Vice President, the Upjohn Company, sponsor. Advisors to Jason at Central-Coosa County are Donald Griffin and Lee Wilder.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT — Brett Speegle, member of the Hartselle FFA Chapter, Southern Region Representative, competed as one of four regional winners in the Wildlife Management Proficiency Award program at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Pictured with Brett is Charles Buck, Chairman/President, Buck Knives, Inc., sponsor. Brett’s FFA Advisor at Hartselle is Greg Adams.
The G. W. Long Agricultural Mechanics Team was one of 46 Agricultural Mechanics teams participating in the 65th National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The team received a silver emblem plaque award. Pictured with the team is a representative of the sponsor, The Bridgestone/Firestone Corporation Trust Fund. Team members (l-r) Wayne Young, Brian Young, J. D. Dunn, and Bob Moorehead, advisor.

The Falkville Dairy Cattle Judging Team represented Alabama in national competition. Pictured with the team is Charles Beckendorf, corporate director, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., sponsor. Team members (l-r) Rusty Anders, alternate; Jeremy Miller, Dusty Halbrooks, Geremy Segers, John Foote, and advisor Billy Bryan. Alabama's team was one of 45 competing in this event and received a silver emblem plaque award.

The Lineville Forestry Judging Team competed in the National FFA Forestry Judging Contest during the recent National Convention. The team placed fourth out of 33 teams. Kirk Miller was the second high scoring individual in this competition. Pictured is Les Thompson, USDE and team members (l-r) Wade McCollum, Scott Miller, Wesley McCollum, Kirk Miller, and advisor Lamar Dewberry. The team received a gold emblem plaque award.

The Holly Pond FFA Livestock Judging Team represented Alabama in the National Livestock Contest. Representing the sponsor, Purina Mills, Inc., is (left) Don Mautrey. Team members are Heather Hicks, Core ofa Cyer, Corey Gibbs, Dusty Gibbs, and John White. Their advisor is Darrell Hicks. The Holly Pond Team was one of 46 teams competing and received a silver emblem plaque award.

The Mt. Hope Nursery/Landscape Team was one of 43 teams competing during the 65th National FFA Convention. Pictured with the team is Richard Anderson, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and Clint Albin, American Association of Nursemanship, sponsors. Team members are Kristi Cook, Wesley Mitchell and Adam Daniel. Advisor is Wade Fleming (right).

We hope every department will work to have 100% membership this year. Will you do your part to help us meet this goal?

100%
Superior Chapter Awards were received by (l-r) Heath Darnell, East Lawrence; Steve Smith, East Lawrence, Jason McClure, Scottsboro; Will Morgan and Adam Sconyers, Daleville.

BOAC Award Winners (l-r) Charles Patterson, Kinston; Debra Yelder, Wilcox Central; Billy Joe Banks, West Blocton; Denise Batton and Donald Sullivan, Shelby County School of Technology.

Honorary American FFA Degrees were presented to Teachers of Agribusiness Education (l-r) Stacy Hatcher, Hartford; Randall Paramore, Notasulga (retired), and Alan Waters, Daleville. Teachers receiving the American FFA Degree not pictured Robin Clark, Grand Bay and Frankel Hunnicutt, former teacher at South Lamar High School.

The Red Bay FFA String Band entertained at various events during the National Convention. They also participated in the talent program. Members of this band are (l-r) Rodney Pruitt, Kevin McCarthy, Chris Wright, Lisa Winchester, Torrey Lewey, Keenan Hastings (drums), Rachael Hall, and Jennifer Jackson.

American FFA Degree Recipients (l-r) Lance Putnam, Woodville; Michael Reeser, Calera; James Porter, Talladega City AVC; Mark Shehee, Hartford; Vickie McCluskey, West Limestone; Troy Fillingim, Enterprise; Rebecca Birdsong, Hartford; Randy Chandler, Talladega City AVC; Richie Carr, Enterprise, and Stephen Kiser, Spring Garden.

Chapter Safety Award Program Winners receiving recognition for the achievements of their chapter were (l-r) Daniel Gray, Matthew Jones, East Lawrence; Jason McClure, Scottsboro; Adam Sconyers and J. J. Bailey, Daleville.

Honorary American FFA Degree Recipients from business and industry (l-r) Jim Cravey, Commodity Director, Alabama Farmers Federation, Montgomery, and Galan Grace, Territory Manager, Solvay Animal Health, Inc., Albertville.

The Red Bay Quartet entertained at various events and performed in the talent program during the National Convention. Members of this quartet are (l-r) Sarah Johnson, Jarod Massey, Jason Thrasher, and Darrell Underwood.