“I believe in the future of agriculture with a faith born not of words but of deeds.” The first line of the Creed exemplifies the faith instilled in the hearts of FFA members and the promise of a better tomorrow through deeds rather than thoughts alone.

Agriculture Today
John Webster, a U. S. Senator, once said, “Unstable is the future of a country who has lost its taste for agriculture.” With the United States increasing the production of agricultural products, we can help, not only our own country, but other countries throughout the world that lack agricultural technology and resources to provide food for themselves.

Presently in the United States, one farmer or rancher produces for 128 people—94 in the U.S. and 34 abroad. The U.S. is the world’s largest exporter of agricultural products.

FFA Today
The FFA plays an important role in the growth of agriculture in the United States by encouraging students to gain knowledge of agriculture at a younger age. The FFA incorporates this knowledge of agriculture through 29 proficiency awards, countless contests, leadership through officer duties, advancements in degrees and community welfare. Participation in the activities of FFA provides the students with the experience needed to create a foundation for growth in an agricultural career. The students then play a large part in the growth of American agriculture as a whole.

Positive Changes
During the past year, membership in the National FFA Organization has increased by over 18,000 members. The FFA membership in Alabama alone increased by 500 members. Why have so many new members become interested in the FFA?

In 1988 the name was changed from the Future Farmers of America to the National FFA Organization, and changing the words, Vocational Agriculture, to Agricultural Education, broadened the image of agriculture. Increased public awareness of agriculture and the FFA became an important part of the FFA program.

Making a Difference
We are fortunate to have a group of advisors who are willing to dedicate their time and service to FFA members. Advisors spend countless hours with FFA members in preparation for various FFA events. Their enthusiasm for excellence in competition radiates throughout the membership.

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The chapter officers are the ones who stand behind and are responsible for the growing success of our organization. By conducting your chapter meetings and dedicating your personal time, energy, and skill, you have set an excellent example for others in your chapter to follow.

Share the Spirit

As State Officers, we challenge you to set goals and continue the upward mobility of the FFA at the chapter level. We would also encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities available through the FFA contests and awards program. Through active participation, you are exhibiting the true "SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP."
April 27, 1993

Dear 1992-93 Sponsors:

On behalf of the Alabama FFA Association, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to you for your continued support and sponsorship of the Alabama FFA Contests and Awards Program.

Through your investments in the FFA, you are encouraging growth in the Nation’s most important industry—agriculture. Your contributions will perpetually provide advancements in leadership and the growth of our organization.

Your trust in us is greatly appreciated, and we hope to continue to be worthy of your support. This is the true “Spirit of Leadership.”

Sincerely,

Casey Mattox
State President

Clara-Leigh Horn
State Vice President

Kary Luken
Secretary

Tommy Hutchins
State Treasurer

Will Glover
State Reporter

Tim Wood
State Sentinel
Dennis Degner, from Malone, Texas, is the National FFA Western Region Vice President. He is a member of the Hillsboro FFA Chapter. Dennis is a sophomore at Texas A&M University with an agricultural engineering major. He earned the American FFA Degree for his work with a registered Angus beef cattle and market steer operation. Dennis will address the Convention on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Jim Wand’s presentations and stage demonstrations are hilariously entertaining and informative. Each performance is unpredictable and takes on a unique style all its own. Dr. Wand has worked with some of the country’s hottest entertainers including Jay Leno, and the Miami Sound Machine. He performs to sell-out crowds everywhere. Dr. Wand will appear on the program Thursday morning during the final session.

Ronica Polk, the reigning Miss Alabama Agriculture, will appear Tuesday evening during the Convention. She is a nursing student at Bevill State Community College. Miss Polk is from Oakman in Walker County.