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National FFA to honor Minnesota resident Jerry Rose will receive a special VIP Citation

INDIANAPOLIS – The National FFA Organization has selected Jerry Rose of Wayzata, Minn., to receive a special VIP Citation for making significant contributions to agricultural education. It is one of the most prestigious awards a person may receive for supporting FFA and its programs. Rose was honored during an onstage presentation at the 82nd National FFA Convention, held Oct. 21-24 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Rose is the past National FFA Sponsors' Board chairman. Under his leadership, the National FFA Foundation raised a record \$14.1 million. A huge proponent for agricultural education and leadership development, Rose's commitment to FFA goes far beyond providing funding resources. As corporate vice president of Cargill, he leads by example, encouraging Cargill employees around the country to get involved on a local level and to participate in training that the company offers during the national FFA convention each year.

The VIP Citation recognizes the dedicated individuals who contribute to the FFA mission of student success through their hard work and cooperation. Without such strong and outstanding commitment, FFA would not be able to help build strong character in their members, who in turn build strong families, communities and industries.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural

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education. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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