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New York Resident Named National Agriscience Teacher of the Year Runner-up

Keith Schiebel receives honor at the 81st National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS – Keith Schiebel, who teaches at Verona-Verona-Sherrill Central School in Verona, New York, sees maple trees when he talks about science. With a six-acre maple sugarbush and maple processing facility, Schiebel knows he can teach a variety of sciences by simply using the maple tree. Students learn chemistry of maple sap, the physics of gases, liquids and solids, the biology of maple cells and more. By producing and marketing their own agricultural product, students are able to learn about science as well as the rewards of finishing a project.

Schiebel was named National Agriscience Teacher of the Year runner up on Oct. 24 at the 81st National FFA Convention during an onstage ceremony.

The Agriscience Teacher of the Year award recognizes outstanding agriculture teachers who emphasize agriscience technology in their curriculum. Finalists have developed innovative programs in food, environmental, animal, plant, soil and mechanical/engineering sciences. The program is sponsored by PotashCorp as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,439 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

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