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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Invaluable Partnerships Honored** **National Pork Board receives recognition for contributions**

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The National Pork Board, located in Des Moines, Iowa., will soon be publicly honored for advancing agricultural education. The National FFA Organization selected the National Pork Board to be a recipient of the special Distinguished Service Citation. This award recognizes clubs, agencies and organizations that have greatly contributed to agricultural science education and FFA programs.

A representative from the National Pork Board will accept the award during an onstage presentation at the 81st National FFA Convention, held Oct. 22-25 in Indianapolis, Ind. Three Distinguished Service Citations will be given this year.

Awards such as the Distinguished Service Citation recognize that FFA makes a greater impact on students through the cooperation of the entire community. FFA and agricultural education programs have helped millions of students achieve extraordinary success for 81 years because of this remarkable dedication.

The National Pork Board has a long record of supporting agricultural education and FFA. It was one of the first organizations to invest resources in the development of online instructional materials for teachers. Through their support, the Team Ag Ed Learning Center was created. Not only are they a partner of the LifeKnowledge program, they are currently funding the exploratory phase of a middle school agricultural science/literacy curriculum that will help students understand the relationship between food, agriculture, science and careers.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 507,793 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

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