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Invaluable Partnerships Honored

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation receives recognition for contributions

INDIANAPOLIS – The Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation in Columbia, Tenn., will soon be publicly honored for advancing agricultural education. The National FFA Organization selected the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation 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 Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation 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.

For the past 75 years, the Tennessee Farm Bureau has been the second oldest sponsor for the Tennessee FFA Association and is the largest state farm bureau in the country. They provide leadership and agriculture issue training and serve as a resource for state FFA officers and local advisors. They have lobbied on behalf of FFA to provide agriculture teachers 12 months of pay and have helped add money to the state budget to provide educational opportunities for FFA members.

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

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