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2016 YFV Convention



VA FFA State Officer Presentation



Brookhill Farms — Horse Facility



Albermarle Cider Works



Awards



YFV Officers



C-Stock Angus Farm



Virginia Teacher of the Year – Jaclyn Ryan



Entertainment – Sarah McDonald & Band



President – Jane McDonald

It's hard to believe that the season of planting crops and cutting hay is happening once again! Thanks to the early rains we've experienced, the extra moisture will be welcomed as the heat turns up. Please be safe as you go about your daily routines of planting, hay making, etc. and be mindful of the extra traffic on rural roads this time of year. Thanks to all that made our 2016 Convention in Charlottesville such a success! The weekend of tours, meetings and fellowship wouldn't have been possible without an excellent Executive Committee and such great association attendance. Whether it be collecting door prizes, silent auction items, providing your time, talents, and participating in all the weekend festivities, thank you for what you do for this organization.

The Executive Committee had its first meeting for the year in early April to begin planning for this year's activities. We are continuously searching for new ideas that will help the growth of our organization. It was a successful meeting and we are all dedicated to making 2016 a great year for YFV. In this newsletter you will find details about summer tours. Shelia Lilly has worked very hard to coordinate a fun and educational day. We hope you make plans to join us! It's not too early to mark your calendars for this year's NYFEA National Institute, December 7-11, 2016 in Tampa, FL! Tours for the institute will include the Florida Aquarium, The America Victory (WWII ship), Carlton Ranch, Mixon Fruit Farm, and Ekkwill Water Life Resources just to name a few. This year marks the 50th Anniversary for the institute and to help with the celebration they are offering incentives to encourage a large attendance. More details about this year's institute are available at www.nyfea.org.

Additionally, we are working diligently to secure a venue for our 2017 convention in Lynchburg and to coordinate appealing tours around the area. Stay tuned for more details!

Looking forward to another great year with you all!

Best,
Jane McDonald

Thank you to Farm Credit of the Virginias and First Bank & Trust Co. for sponsoring our lunch for the Convention Tours.



2016 Young Farmers of Virginia Awards

The following awards were presented at the 2016 convention:

Corn Growing Award: Sponsored by Southern States Cooperative
RECEIVED GIFT CERTIFICATES TO SOUTHERN STATES (\$100 1st and \$50 2nd)

1. Richard Clemmer, Riverheads
2. Bob Christian, Riverheads

Corn Silage Growing Award: Sponsored by Pioneer-John See
Winner received plaque and 2 units of seed corn, runner up received 1 unit of seed

1. John Kelly Kiser, Riverheads
2. Richard Clemmer, Riverheads

Virginia Outstanding Young Farmer Association: Sponsored by Virginia Farm Credit Assn
Winner RECEIVED \$ 100 CHECK and runner up received \$50

1. Spotswood
2. Turner Ashby

Outstanding Young Agribusiness Person: Sponsored by VA Council of Farmer Cooperatives
RECEIVED \$ 200 and plaque.

1. Breanna Cave, Turner Ashby

Outstanding Young Farmer Award: Sponsored by VA Farm Credit Association
RECEIVED \$500 CASH AWARD and plaque

1. Rachel Smith

Agriculture Stewardship Award: Sponsored by VDACS
RECEIVED \$500 CASH AWARD and plaque, farm sign.

1. Jason Patterson, Turner Ashby

Farm Business Management Contest: (Test prepared by David Walker)
RECEIVED CASH PRIZES FROM Nationwide Insurance

1. Herb Hoffeditz – Broadway/Timberville \$25.00 and plaque
2. Mark Deavers - Broadway/Timberville \$20.00
3. Chandler Vaughan – VA FFA \$15.00
4. John Robert Helsley – VA FFA \$10.00
5. Janae Bickart - Broadway/Timberville \$5.00

Ag Stewardship Contest: (Test prepared by Carrie Gray)
RECEIVED CASH PRIZES courtesy of VA Poultry Growers Cooperative

1. Herb Hoffeditz - Broadway/Timberville \$25.00 and plaque
2. Chandler Vaughan – VA FFA \$20.00
3. Janae Bickart - Broadway/Timberville \$15.00
4. Emily Myers – VA FFA \$10.00
5. Mark Deavers - Broadway/Timberville \$5.00

Honorary Membership: RECEIVED PLAQUE FROM YFV

Jimmy and Rachel Graves

Attendance Award:
RECEIVED PLAQUES from YFV

Percentage of Members Attending: Patrick Henry Central
Most Members in Attendance: Strasburg

Farm and Home Safety Award: Sponsored by YFV (1st \$100.00 and 2nd \$50.00)

1. Spotswood Association
2. Turner Ashby

Outstanding Advisor Award: Sponsored by Southern States Cooperative
Received plaque and \$200

1. Brian Crickenberger, Turner Ashby

Membership Development: Sponsored by Rockingham Petroleum Coop.
RECEIVED \$100 CASH AWARD

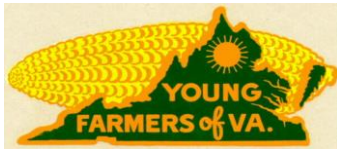
1. Spotswood



Thank You to Tractor Care Inc. for sponsoring the Tractor lease for the Auction.

Be sure to check vayoungfarmer.org for the latest information.

Also check out our facebook page at facebook.com/youngfarmersofvirginia



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Summer Tour

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for our Summer Tours being held in Rockingham County on Wednesday, July 6 2016. We will meet at East Rockingham High School (250 Eagle Rock Road, Elkton, VA) at 8:30 A.M. We will leave at 8:45 for our first tour.

The first stop will be Stoney Run Dairy. In 2015 they constructed a 72 cow rotary milking parlor. They have 460 acres as a part of this farm and are currently milking around 2,600 cows. They own numerous other large acreage tracts to help support the dairy operation. Rachel Smith with Stoney Run was the State Outstanding Young Farmer award winner at our 2016 convention in Charlottesville.

The second half of the afternoon will be a safety demonstration by Jeremy Holloway, Chief of Rockingham County Fire and Rescue. He will speak to us about different farm accidents that they encounter. We will have a live demonstration of a tractor accident and a large animal rescue. This will be an informative afternoon and we are looking forward to having Chief Holloway and other fire and rescue members join us.

Details are still being ironed out on an additional morning tour and our lunch spot. Please check the Young Farmer website (<http://www.vayoungfarmer.org/>) and/or Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/youngfarmersofvirginia/>) for any changes or additions to the day's schedule. An email will be sent to advisors if any major changes are made. A head count of those attending will be needed no later than Friday, July 1 for the caterer. Please let your advisor know or email me at shelialilly@comcast.net. We are excited about what we have lined up and hope to see all of you there.



Stoney Run Farm



Milking Parlor



Pack Barns



Commodity Shed-Silos