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'Club' Awards Participants

Madison Brothers Win Big

By Pauline Fletcher Cogdill

Farmers Cooperative and their feed supplier, Southern States are proud to offer the Southern States Club Master Awards Program.

If you join our Club Master Awards Program and feed your show animals Southern States manufactured feeds exclusively you will receive a personalized Club Master cap. If you win either the Grand Champion or Reserve Champion at the county or state level, you'll be awarded your own Club Master jacket and personalized folding chair.

THIS PAST YEAR, Farmers Cooperative had two Madison County brothers that participated in the Club Master Awards Program and won the Reserve Champion and Grand Champion at Madison County Livestock & Sale Show in February.

Collin Kauffman, Grand Champion winner at the Madison County Livestock & Sale Show in the spring, received a \$75.00 check from Southern States as well as a Club Master Chair and a Southern States Jacket.

Forrest Kauffman, Reserve Champion winner of \$50.00 from Southern States, received a Club Master Chair and a Southern States jacket.



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Collin Kauffman showed the Grand Champion at the Madison show.

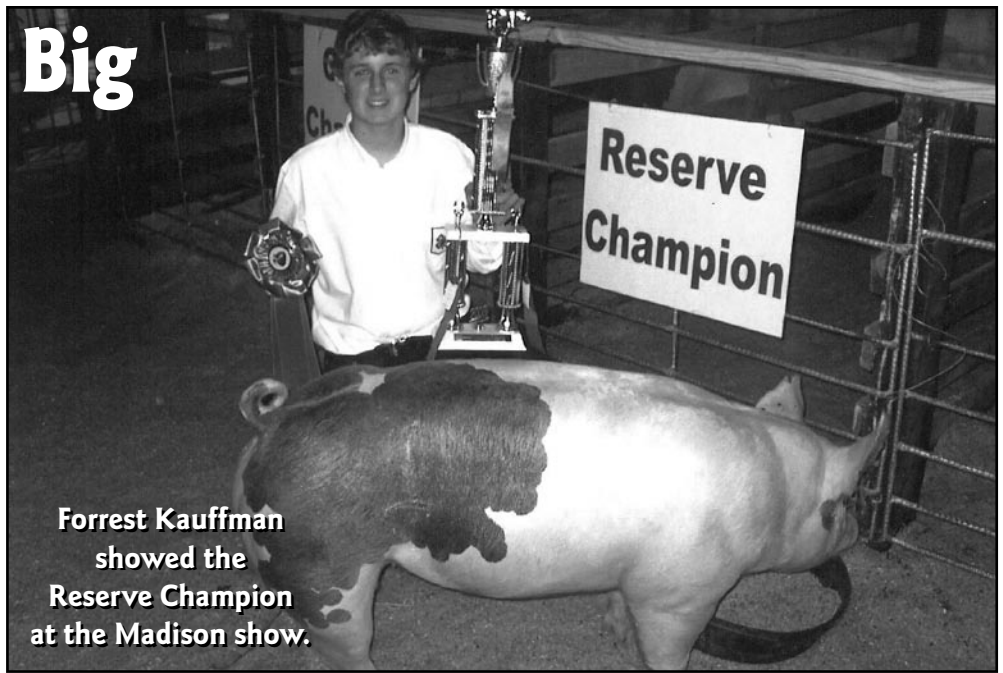
Brothers Win Big

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Brian and Paula Kauffman of Madison, Florida, are the proud parents of Collin and Forrest Kauffman.

Eddie Curl, Farmers Cooperative's Madison Manager, congratulates winners Collin Kauffman and Forrest Kauffman.

GETTING STARTED with Southern States Club Master Awards Program is simple. Just ask a sales associate at Farmers Cooperative in Madison or Live Oak. They'll be happy to help you with an application from Southern States so that you can enjoy the savings they offer to livestock and show animals.



Forrest Kauffman showed the Reserve Champion at the Madison show.



Eddie Curl, the Co-op's Madison Manager, congratulated Winner Collin Kauffman.



Forrest Kauffman receives congratulations from Eddie Curl, the Co-op's Madison Manager.

A Kauffman Family Recipe Smothered Pork Chops

6 pork chops
2 cans of cream of mushroom soup
paprika
course ground black pepper
salt to taste
rice to serve with chops

In a large cast iron skillet, add two tablespoons of oil. Place meat in skillet and season with paprika, salt, and pepper. Brown pork chops in oil until brown on both sides. Move pork chops to the side and add 2 cans of soup. Whisk together to mix. Re-arrange chops in pan and smother with soup mixture. Cook until pork chops are tender and done.

Serve with rice and enjoy.

Don't tell your kids that you used mushrooms!

Advance Deposit Saves Money

Our 5% advance deposit program will be available through Jan. 31, 2010.

FOR OUR patrons who are not familiar with the Co-op's 5% advance deposit program, we will offer a 5% discount on Fertilizer, Seed, and Chemicals when you deposit a cash advance during the month of January 2010.

The 5% discount does not apply, however, to equipment construction

contracts.

WHEN YOU have decided just how much money you will need to spend at the Cooperative for the calendar year, 2010, please stop by your Co-op at Live Oak or Madison and we will be happy to assist you with your farming needs.

So, if you are really interested in getting the most out of your money, our advance deposit program will give you an even greater savings than the 5% discount.

For the Past Quarter

NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

LIVE OAK STORE

William Ross, White Springs
Marcie Morgan, Wellborn
Jennie Garner, O'Brien
James R. Perry, Jr., Wellborn
Samuel Winter, Jasper
Michael O'Leary, Live Oak
Kevin Keen, Live Oak
Brent Newton, O'Brien,
Lorraine Sharpless, Live Oak
Patricia Bryant, Ft. White
Alfredo Pacheco, Live Oak
Marcus & Laura Kaman, O'Brien
Ricky Aderholt, Branford
Steve D. Edenfield, White Springs
Lovie P. Fout, O'Brien
Joyce K. Truluck, O'Brien
Justin Cregg, Live Oak
Michael Koon, Lake City
Bonnie Flagg, Wellborn
Michael Arnett, Plantation
Daniel E Owens, Lake City
Elex Leon Sapp, Dowling Park
William R. Izell, Jasper
Wallace Britt, Jr., Lake City
J Russ Hannon, Lamont
Jonathan B. Ellis, Live Oak
Wesley R Douglas, Lake City
Michael J. O'Brien, Jr., O'Brien
Andrew Baron, Live Oak
James L Cunningham, Live Oak
Outback Construction, LLC, Live Oak
Loretta Hubert, Lake City
Jerry Bryant, Vero Beach
James A Garrett, McAlpin
Grace Reyneveld, McAlpin
Dwayne Weaver, McAlpin
Daniel S McLeod, Jasper
Donna Humphries, Live Oak
Daniel Noble, Live Oak
Linda L Brown, Live Oak

Louis C Alexander, II, Live Oak
Amy Tucker-Baldree, Live Oak
Brenda Horton, Live Oak
Frank Brugner, Clearwater
Glenda Bryan, Lake City
Mary K Sampson, Live Oak
Noah Jeannette, Ft. White
Gladys Owens, Live Oak
Robert Earl Tatum, Jasper
William L Pinkerton, Live Oak
Harold Bass, White Springs
Ashley & Jay Alexander, Live Oak
Robert Mowls, Live Oak
Oleatha Harris, Lake City
Matt Smith, Live Oak
Lance Johnson, Live Oak
Roy & June Wood, Live Oak
Teresa Batista, Live Oak
Wallace Harris, Lake City
Markuna Smith, O'Brien
Faye T Hall, Brandywine, MD
Thomas & Roberta Itrich, McAlpin
Becky Cooper, Live Oak
Alice Jordan, Live Oak
Christine C. Thompson, Orlando
Kay Thompson, Lake City
Oda Dillon, Lake City
Fred Hammond, Live Oak
James & Mary Nevils, Live Oak
Jon Hunsinger, Live Oak
Wendy Storman, McAlpin
Darrell K. Perkins, Live Oak
David E Mangrum, Lake City
Deborah L. Day, Day
Michael Blumenthal, O'Brien
Dan Davis, Live Oak
Patrick & Dusti Garrison, Live Oak
Bonnie Nichols, Live Oak
Ruby Gooden & Gary Griffin, Live Oak
Lowell Parrish, Gainesville
Ian Field, McAlpin

Sonny May, Mayo
Timoteo Leos, Branford
Mark Mickle, Lee
Kathryn J Miller, Live Oak
Laura Williams, Mayo

MADISON STORE

Mari Louise Sparks, Monticello
Linda Sparks, Monticello
Donna & Catherine Murphy, Lee
Eileen Herndon, Pinetta
Todd L. Hendry, Madison
Jana Grubbs, Lamont
Albert Holton, Madison
Immi C. Shea, Madison
Raymond Herndon, Greenville
Henry Brinson, Madison
William Mantin, Apopka, FL
Albert Thomas, Monticello
Gene Phillips, Jacksonville, FL
Robin Dodge, Greenville
William Allen, Perry
Carla S. Barrett, Madison
Ronald Creamer, Mayo
Vernon A. Brown, Pinetta
M. Donald Dickinson, Jr., Madison
Oscar Howard, Jr., Perry
Pablo Fazia, Miami, FL
Tom Fico, Madison
Tim Queter, Madison
Lillie & Julius Thompson, Madison
Jessica Green, Madison
Ramona Winter, Jasper
Richard L. Murphy, St. Cloud, FL
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Claire Hatcher, Shady Grove
Phillip Henley, Greenville
Allen Dyke, Madison
Donna Bullock, Pinetta
J.C. Sharp, Lee
Don Parker, Perry
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Gareth Smith, Madison

Earn Pet Food Discounts

Are you signed up? Join the Pet Loyalty Club today!

Purchase your Southern States Pet Food from January through June to receive your rewards in August. Purchase July through December to receive your rewards in February.

• Total Purchase Amount of \$150: \$300.00 and your reward is three \$5.00 off-per-bag coupons.

• Purchase \$301.00 – \$499.00 and your reward is four \$5.00 off-per-bag coupons.

• And a \$500.00 or more purchase: your reward is five \$5.00 off-per-bag coupons.

Be sure to tell us you are a "Pet Loyalty Customer" each time you visit our store in order to take advantage of this program. Also, please be sure to give your phone number each time you purchase feed under the Pet Loyalty Club.

Where Are These Folks?

Farmers Cooperative is trying to locate the following people whose patronage refund checks have been returned from the U. S. Postal Service as "undeliverable."

Hubert Lyons, Live Oak
Enoch W. McClamma, Jasper
E S Chandler, Jasper
Buford Bryant, White Springs
J W Pinkard, Camilla, GA
Robert Pickles, Monticello
Clyde Pittman, Perry
Lyndell Pitzer, Russellville, AR

Hay Ring Saves \$\$

By Barry Long

Hay feeding practices can greatly influence the amount of hay that is required to carry a herd throughout the winter. Feeding bales in the roll remains the most common practice.

ONCE THE cattle are full, activity around the bale including trampling, defecation, urination and lying in the hay will result in hay losses. Studies have shown that when feeding unprotected round rolls, about 40% of your hay is wasted. Protecting hay from animal activity can help reduce your losses.

The most common way to protect your rolls from excessive waste is with a hay ring feeder.

Hay Feeding Methods compared:

1. Unprotected — 60 rolls @ \$35.00 per roll = \$2,100.00 / 40% loss = \$840.00
2. Protected — 60 rolls @ \$35.00 per roll = \$2,100.00 / 6% loss = \$126.00

WITH A HAY ring feeder, you could save up to 34% (\$714.00) per year on your hay feeding each year. Ask one of our knowledgeable sales associates about our hay ring feeders today and start saving money.

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Sales Volume Tops \$10 Million

Farmers Cooperative's 63rd Annual Membership Meeting was held at Live Oak Church of God in Live Oak on October 3, 2009. Following registration, the meeting started at 10:00 a.m. Several door prizes were awarded to the 133 members attending the Annual Membership Meeting.

GENERAL Manager Lawrence reported annual sales volume of \$10,003,151 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and a net profit of \$102,487 to be paid as follows: 49% in cash, \$50,218 and 51% notified equity, \$52,269. Additionally, Farmers Cooperative, Inc. paid \$51,064 to deceased members spouses

or heirs.

Fertilizer volume, \$3,083,844, Refund, \$23,514, or .76%; Feed and Animal Health volume, \$1,719,585, Refund \$14,787 or .86%; Crops volume \$382,930, Refund, \$5,699 or 1.48%; Ag Chemical volume, \$574,136, Refund, \$6,857 or 1.19%; Farm Supplies volume, \$1,428,522, Refund \$13,969 or .98% and LP Gas volume \$2,814,134, Refund \$37,661 or 1.14% or 3.47 cents per gallon.

PATRONAGE Refund for 2008-2009 checks were mailed in December, and should also be included in your 2009 tax return.

Black And White Friday



The week after Black Friday, Farmers Cooperative employees celebrated Black and White Friday in December with many special sale items for our patrons. Southeastern Milk Cooperative delivered their 14 foot black and white cow to Farmers Cooperative in Live Oak to promote our many sale items: John Deere toys and

clothing, shelled peanuts, cane syrup, Carhartt, Wrangler, Georgia, Wolverine, Case knives and LP Gas cylinder sale on sale December 4th. Live Oak sales staff employees enjoyed the celebration with their Black and White attire also. Left to right: Robert Sapp, Sheryl Chauncey, Brian McDonald, Kelli Hall and Hallie Smith.