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## Third Graders Grow Own Food

# Meet The 'Cabbage Patch' Kids

By Pauline Fletcher Cogdill

Farmers Cooperative and Bonnie Plant teamed up again for their Fifth Annual Cabbage Plant Growing Contest. The Cooperative Cabbage Program included all third grade classes at Suwannee Elementary School, Westwood Christian School, Branford Elementary School, Madison County Central School, Greenville Elementary School, Lee Elementary School, Pinetta Elementary School.

Growing With Farmers Cooperative is the theme used again for this year's Cabbage Plant Growing Contest. When you see a third grader wearing one of our Cooperative T-shirts with the logo, "Growing With Farmers Cooperative" you'll know they spent a lot of time caring for their cabbage for the weigh in on Saturday on May 4th in Live Oak, and on May 18th at our Madison Co-op store.

General Manager, Todd Lawrence, Agronomy Division Manager, Barry Long, and Madison Manager Eddie Curl, delivered 800 plants to the various elementary schools in their area. Heather Bennett, Katherine Rigdon, Karen Fraley and all the managers provided pizza parties for the drawing winners.

In order for third graders to be eligible for the Bonnie Plant Farms Cabbage Contest, they simply had to plant the free Bonnie cabbage plant, provide the nutrients and attention the cabbage needed, and just watch it grow. Farmers Cooperative provided a small bag of fertilizer and a garden trowel free. Farmers Cooperative's website provided complete instructions on how to grow their Bonnie Plant cabbage.

We had a total of 52 participants with 32 class winners in the Cabbage Plant Growing Contest this year. Additionally, class winners will be entered into the State Bonnie Plant Farms drawing for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship from Bonnie Plant Farms.

Our third grade gardeners learned responsibility along with a real sense of accomplishment to see how they can grow their own food. Children were encouraged to bring their cabbage to the weigh in regardless of the size or weight. In fact, they ranged from 20 pounds on down.

All the winners and their cabbages can be seen on our website at [www.farmerscooperative.org](http://www.farmerscooperative.org) and then click on photo gallery.

We would like to recognize all our winners: First Place Winner at Suwannee

Elementary School, Grant Floyd's cabbage weighed in at 13.90 lbs, Grant is a student in Mrs. Roberts class. Second Place Winner, Matthew Gill's cabbage weighed in at 10.15 lbs, Matthew Gill is a student in Ms. Lambert's class. Third Place winner Emma Rae Byers' cabbage weighed in at 7.72 lbs. Emma Rae Byers is a student in

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**Avery Washington, first place,  
20 pound cabbage, Madison County**

# Cabbage Winners

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Ms. Moyer's class at Westwood Christian School. Congratulations to Dillon Norris in Ms. Nobles class at Westwood for seeing his project through from start to finish.

Other class participants at Suwannee Elementary School included: Emily Jones, Ms. Williams class; Isiah Rivera, Ms. Handley's class; Mason Poole, Ms. Furry's class; Ethan Mercer, Ms. Redish's class; T J Douglas, Ms. Lewis' class; Brian Massimo, Ms. Taylor's class; Brianna Jenkins, Ms. Gray's class; Sophia Amon, Ms. Selph's class; Corbin Anastasio, Ms. McMillian's class; Bryan Bailey, Ms. Wooley's class; Attison Lundy, Ms. Berry's class; Sierra Underhill, Ms. McIntosh's class; Brooc Daniel, Ms. Robertson's, and Kyler Ramsey, Mr. Harris' class. Of course, the contest would not be complete without a class pizza party winner, and lucky class winner was Mason Poole in Ms. Furry's class.

Branford Elementary School winners were Ms. Knighton's students. The First Place Winner was Ian Yardly, weighing in at 16.25 lbs. Second Place winner Tucker Shuler, His cabbage weighed 14.88. Third Place Winner, Shahyla Lee's cabbage weighed in at 13.72 lbs. Also participating in the cabbage project included Gabby Saavedra in Mrs. Clark's class; Miranda Riels, Ms. Conger's student; Austin Patton, Ms. Winnett's class, and Cason Barrs, Ms. O'Quinn's class. The winner of the Pizza Party at Branford Elementary went to Austin Patton's class, a student in Ms. Winett's class. Naturally, the pizza was quite a hit with Austin's class.

Madison's First Place Winner, Avery Washinton's cabbage weighed in at 20 lbs. and he is a student in Ms. Ross' class. Tris Replogle was the Second Place Winner with her cabbage weighing 14.52 lbs. Tris Replogle is Ms. O'Quinn's student. Third Place Winner, Bailey Hackle's cabbage weighed in at 13.70 lbs. Bailey is a student in Ms. Ross' class. The lucky class winner for the pizza party was Haeden McCrury in Ms. Salls class.



**Tris Replogle, 2nd, 14.52#  
Madison**



**Bailey Hackle, 3rd, 13.7#  
Madison**



**Ian Yardley, 1st, 16.25#  
BES**



**Tucker Shuler, 2nd, 14.88#  
BES**



**Shahyla Lee, 3rd, 13.72#  
BES**



**Grant Floyd, 1st, 13.9#  
SES / Westwood**



**Mathew Gill, 2nd, 10.15#  
SES / Westwood**



**Emma Rae Byers, 3rd, 7.72#  
SES / Westwood**



**BES Pizza Party Winner  
Austin Patton**

Class participants for Madison also included Shelby Shipley in Ms. Griffen's class. Bryan Hinson in Ms. Hickman's class; Dalton Cochran, a student in Ms. Waters class; Carter Gore in Ms. Pickles class; Trinity Miller, Ms. Pride's class; Karic Miller, Ms. Clark's class, and Haeden McCrury in Ms. Salls class.



**Madison Pizza Party Winner  
Haeden McCrury**



**SES Pizza Party Winner  
Mason Poole**

First place winners won a \$30.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Second place winners won a \$20.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, a Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Third place winners won a \$10.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A

Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Each class winner's name was put into a random drawing to win the pizza party along with a \$10.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Congratulations third graders for your great participation in the Farmers Cooperative/Bonnie Plant Cabbage Growing Contest.

# Selph Farm Irrigated Corn Plot

By Travis Page

The Selph Family has been farming for years in the Jennings area. They are a successful family run farm operation. The Selphs are diversified in their farming operation, which consists of corn, peanuts, swine, cattle and hay. They were willing to do a corn variety trial with Farmers Cooperative, Agra-Tech, and Pioneer this past spring. We are trying to see which one of these varieties will perform the best on their North Florida soil type. All these varieties will better help them and other local farmers understand the value of buying the right corn hybrid to meet their needs to optimize their investment with a great return on their efforts.

The corn plots were centralized in an area of one of their currently irrigated corn fields, which will give them and viewers a good fair comparison of how each variety yields.

They were all planted on March 28, 2013 in excellent planting conditions, which

included moisture and soil temperature. They all had a liquid nitrogen application in a 2 x 2 by the row of 30 units. (N). The varieties that were planted on this day consists of: Agra Tech 84G, 903GT, 774 x 135, 842, 1777 and 883 VT3 Pioneer 2023BVT, 1319 HR, 1639 YHR and 1690 HR. All these varieties will be sprayed with Expert Herbicide for weed control. They also had 4 lbs Counter 20G in furrow at planting for nematodes and other soil insects. Lastly, they will apply applications at V6, VT, and R1 with Stratego Yield and Headline Amp for fungal diseases that greatly affect corn yield. We want to give out a special thank you to David Graybo, the owner of Agra-Tech Seed And Rusty Harris of Pioneer for contributing the corn seed for this test plot. We are happy that the Selph's were willing to invite all of us to their farm and take a day to plant these corn varieties for us. They gave us great hospitality and fellowship throughout the day. It will not be long before we get to harvest and weigh each variety to see which one performs the best.

The Selph Family Farm is run by Cleve and Susan Selph. They have one son, Luke, and daughter-in-law, Brittany. Luke farms side by side with his dad on a daily basis, and plays a very important role in their farm operation.

The Selph's also have a daughter, Keri and 3 beautiful granddaughters, Addison, Aldyn, and Rilyn. They're all a joy to Susan and Cleve and they love the life on the Selph Family Farm with Meme and Papa.



Farm Employee, Luke Selph, Cleve Selph, David Graybo (Agri-Tech Owner)

(from left to right)

## Red Brand Fence Sales Support FFA Chapters

Agronomy Division Manager, Barry Long presents checks to Suwannee Middle School FFA Chapter, Suwannee High School Junior Chapter and Suwannee High School FFA Chapter.

At the FFA Banquets, Barry Long, Agronomy Division Manager for Farmers Cooperative, Inc. presented a check to all of the above FFA Chapters. The funds were the result of Farmers Cooperative's participation in "Home Grown", an initiative developed by Red Brand that financially supports local FFA Chapters.

The Community support for Home Grown and our FFA chapters has been tremendous said Barry Long. The chapter always does what they can to raise funds, but this was a win-win for everyone. Just by purchasing fence, we were all partnering in the future of the students. "We can't say thank you enough, said FFA chapter advisors. Red Brand has been supporting the FFA for over sixty years as a national sponsor. Now, through Home Grown, they're building on that by helping local dealers get involved with local chapters.

We appreciate the folks at Farmers

Cooperative and everyone in the community who purchased Red Brand fence. The funds donated will go towards FFA projects. On behalf of the entire chapter, we truly appreciate it."

Home Grown is in effect from January 1st through December 31st and applied to all new orders of Red Brand field fence, sheep and goat fence, barbed wire, and horse fence

placed by Farmers Cooperative, Inc. Madison Manager, Eddie Curl, presented a check to Madison County FFA Advisor, Ed Sapp for the Madison Store's participation in Red Brand Home Grown fence purchases. Live Oak and Madison stores are very pleased that Red Brand Home Grown Fencing program partnered with the Cooperative to give these funds to our FFA chapters.



Ed Sapp and Eddie Curl



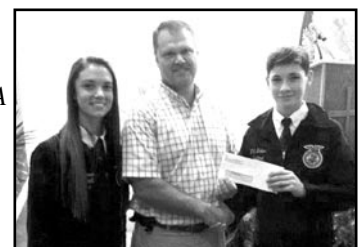
Middle School FFA

Kaleb Dye, Barry Long, Tania Henderson



Senior FFA

Wesley Thomas, Barry Long, Mallory Morgan



Junior FFA

Terrah Henderson, Barry Long, Will Baker

## For the Past Quarter

# NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

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## Purina's Thanks

By Travis Page

We had a great opportunity this fall and winter to supply a new liquid molasses to cattle farmers, including the Garrison Brothers. The Garrison's have been successful cattle, hay and row crop farmers here in Suwannee County for many years.

Like all new products, Farmers Cooperative was skeptical of how this Purina Supplement would fit into our customers cattle operation. Purina's 18-12 (for young growing cattle) and 34-12 (for adult cows and breeding bulls). The bottom line in every farming operation is to make right decisions to put food on the table. For years, farmers have been feeding other brands of molasses to help maintain their cattle nutrient requirements throughout the fall and winter. The new Purina Molasses consists of protein, fat, vitamins/minerals, and has a safe all around limiter to limit the amount of intake each cow needs to maximize growth while not wasting any product.

We want to thank Purina Mills and



Left to Right  
Don Garrison, Ty Springer (Purina Specialist),  
Gary Garrison and William Carte

especially their cattle specialist, Ty Springer, in working side by side with the Garrison's and other valued customers to help maintain a healthy cow herd.

Purina Mills sponsored a customer appreciation meal, which consisted of ribeye steaks and all the trimmings at the Garrison Farm. We invited all of our customers that feed Purina's new product to attend this special day and have fellowship with each other.

We look forward to the Garrison Brothers and other valued customers continued use of this product in their day to day cattle operation.