

Bill York, AgriBank, FCB CEO, Receives Honorary American FFA Degree

INDIANAPOLIS— Bill York, CEO of AgriBank, FCB, was recently selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree. The award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.

The National FFA Organization works to enhance the lives of youth through agricultural education. Without the efforts of highly dedicated individuals, thousands of young people would not be able to achieve success that, in turn, contributes directly to the overall well being of the nation. The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond the valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists.

Members of the National FFA Board of Directors approved the nomination. Bill York will travel to Indianapolis in order to receive the honor during an onstage presentation at the 82nd National FFA Convention, held Oct. 21-24, 2009. All recipients will receive a certificate and medal and their names will be permanently recorded. Mr. York was an active member of his FFA Chapter as a student and as alumni. He supported FFA and leadership initiatives as a member of the Board of Education. He provided substantial support through his former positions in Farm Credit Services, as president of New Holland Credit, and as senior vice president of Case New Holland Capital.

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 of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.