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Dr. Phil Gentry ~ GA Young Farmer Advisor of the Year



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Dr. **Phil Gentry**, Perry High School agriculture teacher, has been named the 2010 **Georgia Young Farmer Advisor of the Year**. He was honored during the 41st annual Georgia Young Farmers Convention held in Savannah on Jan. 29, 2011. Of the 52 advisors in the state, he was selected for the honor.

According to the Georgia Young Farmer Program the job description for young farmer teachers states their mission is “to provide educational instruction and leadership opportunities to individuals engaged in the management, agribusiness and leadership.”

Dr. Gentry was nominated by Chris Corzine, Central Region Agricultural Education Coordinator with the Georgia Department of Education. Corzine wrote, “Phil received the State Advisor of the year for several reasons. He has been very instrumental in developing and running the State Young Farmer Livestock Show for the past five years. He also goes above and beyond the county lines to help other Young Farmer Programs as well as students from other counties market and sell their SAE projects for a substantial gain. In addition, Phil serves on the State Young Farmer Teachers Advisory Board, which has played an important role in the development of our states Young Farmer Programs.”

He concluded with, “Dr. Phil Gentry is outstanding! He cares about everyone and tries to help out all. It is an honor and a privilege to call Phil my friend, neighbor, and Young Farmer Advisor. Phil has taught for 20 years with 12 of those being dedicated to the Young Farmer Organization, I look forward to the great things to come.” Corzine (left) is pictured presenting Gentry with the award.

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry. Dr. Darryl Albritton serves as principal. Dr. Gentry may be contacted at 478-988-6298, ext. 21561, or phil.gentry@hcbe.net. Corzine may be reached at 478-822-7385 or ccorzine@gaaged.org.

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