



Edward Silva

Aptos Man Farmer Of The Year

Edward Silva of Aptos was named "Farmer of the Year" Sunday by the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau, as some 200 persons attended the bureau's annual meeting.

Additionally, Frank Siri was unanimously elected for a second term as president, as were Don W. Hagerty and Sherry Mehl to vice presidents.

Silva and his wife Maybelle own an apple orchard in Pleasant Valley. In the fall of each year they operate a popular roadside business called The Apple Barn, where most of their commodity is marketed.

In presenting the award, Mehl lauded Silva for his "education of people who normally would not have become familiar with our agriculture industry."

The "Farmer of the Year" award is annually given to the person who is said to have stepped beyond regular farming responsibilities. The Farm Bureau Board of Directors select the recipient. Past winners have been J.J. Crosetti Jr. and Robert Harris.

Other directors elected to the board included: Don Bargiacchi and Joe Dellamora of Santa Cruz; John Kirkish and Silva of Aptos; Jim Beauregard of Bonny Doon; Cal Wikstrom of Aromas and Delbert Herschbach, Charles Barr Jr., Doug Jones, Tony Scherer, Doug Anderson, Jon Barr, Brad Bennett, Domingo Galvan, Bob Harris, Heidi Jensen, David Kegebein, Denise Manfre, Jim Rider, Doug Nakashima and Bill Ringe, all of Watsonville.