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**STATE WINNERS IN THE AGRISCIENCE RESEARCH  
INTEGRATED SYSTEMS PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE  
97<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Agriscience Research Integrated Systems Proficiency were recognized at the 97<sup>th</sup> Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 24-26, 2025.

Abigail Griffin of Berrien County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Samantha Dong of Islands, and Micheal Rios of Rome finished third.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Agriscience Integrated Systems Research Proficiency involves activities where students research topics including environmental services and natural resources, food products and processing, power, structural and technical elements, social sciences, or a combination of topics.

The Agriscience Integrated Systems Research Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by Support Georgia Agriculture.

All proficiency winners received a plaque and a cash award. State winners receive \$100, as well as \$500 travel money to attend the National FFA Convention. Additionally, the advisor of the state winner received \$100 cash. Second place winners received \$50, and third place winners received \$25.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, changed its name in 1988 to reflect the growth and diversity of agriculture. There are over 1 Million FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 80,000 members, making it the third largest Association in the nation. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success, through agricultural education.

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