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**STATE WINNERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS REPAIR AND
MAINTENANCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT
THE 97th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship Proficiency were recognized at the 97th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 24-26, 2025.

Luke Wheatley of Banks County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was William Tabb of Bainbridge.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship Proficiency involves programs in which students independently acquire career experience operating, repairing and maintaining agricultural structures, machinery or equipment, including lawn equipment.

The Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by Kubota Industrial Equipment.

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.

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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