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**STATE WINNERS IN FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT
RECOGNIZED AT THE 97th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Floriculture Career Development Event (CDE) were recognized at the 97th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 24-26, 2025.

In the senior division, Kenneth Williams of Colquitt County was the high scoring individual, followed by Lucas Babb of Colquitt County and Chloe Pulliam of Franklin County placing second and third respectively. The senior team state winner was Perry followed by Rutland in second place and Colquitt County in third.

The junior division high individual was Addison Colbert of Rutland, followed by Remiya Stephens of Rutland in second place and Luis Salinas of Bagley Middle. The junior team state winner was Rutland, with second place going to Bagley Middle and third place to Lee County Middle West.

CDE and LDE awards are granted to FFA members and teams who have exhibited premier leadership, personal growth and career success in a variety of competitions. The Floriculture Career Development Event tests participants' knowledge and skills in various aspects of the industry. The team event includes identification of plant materials and disorders, as well as hands-on problem solving and a written exam involving the production, use of plant material and their maintenance, related products, equipment and services.

The Floriculture Career Development Event was sponsored at the state level County Farm Plant Company & Sunbelt Greenhouses.

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 nearly 940,000 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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