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**STATE WINNERS IN THE SWINE PRODUCTION ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE 97<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA FFA STATE  
CONVENTION**

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

Meah Hobbs of LaFayette placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Braelynn Dowling of Camden County, and Walkie Davis of Pike County received third place honors.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Students who participate in Swine Production Entrepreneurship implement management practices to produce and market in the swine industry.

The Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia Pork Producers.

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 also 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 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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