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**STATE WINNERS IN THE VEGETABLE PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY
RECOGNIZED AT THE 97th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

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

Drevin Wilkerson of Cook County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Elijah Ransom of Perry, and Shanii Armour of Booker T. Washington received third place.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Vegetable Production Proficiency includes activities involving the production and marketing of crops such as beans, potatoes, pumpkins, sweet corn, tomatoes, onions, zucchini, hot peppers, as well as all canning and common garden vegetables.

The Vegetable Production Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by Sutherland's Foodservice, Inc. & Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association.

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 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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