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**STATE WINNERS IN THE WILDLIFE PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT
PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE 97th GEORGIA FFA STATE
CONVENTION**

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

Grace Barrett of Coffee County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Kasen Elsberry of Chattooga County, and Luke McEldoon of Harris County, received third place.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Wildlife Production and Management Proficiency involves activities where students improve the accessibility of fish and wildlife or develop and improve land and water habitats. This proficiency can also include professional development opportunities with Fish and Wildlife Departments and the Department of Natural Resources.

The Wildlife Management Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia FFA Foundation.

All proficiency winners received a plaque and a cash award. State winners received \$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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