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**STATE WINNERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SALES  
PLACEMENT PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE  
98<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Agricultural Sales Placement Proficiency were recognized at the 98<sup>th</sup> Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 22-25, 2026.

Audrey Brown of Madison County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Lily Watson of Colquitt County, and Brady Nease of South Effingham received third place honors.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Agricultural Sales Placement Proficiency involves programs where students acquire industry experience working alongside professionals selling and merchandising crops, feed, seed, agricultural chemicals, livestock, processed agricultural commodities, agricultural equipment, horticultural or forestry items at either the retail or wholesale level.

The Agricultural Sales Placement Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by Birdsong Peanuts.

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 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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