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

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

Charles Futch of Wilcox County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Dustin Brannen of Screven County, and Katherine Anderson of Winder-Barrow received third place honors.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Agricultural Services Proficiency involves activities where students provide services through agricultural enterprises such as agricultural management and finance, animal breeding, custom baling, crop scouting, horseshoeing, taxidermy, custom and contract feeding or other appropriate services.

The Agricultural Services Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia Plant Food Educational Society.

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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