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**STATE WINNERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROFICIENCY
RECOGNIZED AT THE 98TH GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

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

Ellie Rogers of Dodge County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Kayla Ramirez of Calhoun City, and Kevin Ray of Bainbridge received third place honors.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Agricultural Education Proficiency includes programs where students acquire experience in education and extension by developing informational materials and presentations. The students then use their materials to educate the public about the broad topics of agriculture, agricultural education and FFA in preparation for careers in extension and education.

The Agricultural Education Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the One Less Thing.

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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