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**STATE WINNERS IN THE AGRISCIENCE RESEARCH
ANIMAL SYSTEMS PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE
98th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

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

Morgan Koon of Harris County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Elizabeth Whitley of Franklin County, and in third was Maddison Pratho of Lowndes County.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Agriscience Animal Systems Research Proficiency involves activities where students research animal systems, including life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and processing through the study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry.

The Agriscience Research Animal Systems Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia FFA Foundation.

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.

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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