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STATE WINNERS IN THE DAIRY PRODUCTION PLACEMENT PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE 98th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION

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

Nathan Smith of Troup County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Neveah Chappelear of Hart College & Career Academy, and Noah Jones of Lee County received third place honors.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The Dairy Production Placement Proficiency involves activities where students acquire industry experience by working alongside professionals implementing programs that utilize the best management practices available to produce and market dairy cattle and dairy products efficiently.

The Dairy Production Placement Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association.

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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