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**STATE WINNERS IN THE DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION
ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE 98th GEORGIA
FFA STATE CONVENTION**

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

Nayely Bonilla-Andrade of Locust Grove placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Timothy Hamilton of Fitzgerald.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience. The Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency involves the use of the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market two or more crop related proficiency areas such as: grain, fiber/oil, forage, specialty crop, non-horticultural vegetable or fruit production.

The Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by Georgia Soybean Commodity Commission.

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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