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**STATE WINNERS IN THE FIBER AND/OR OIL CROP PRODUCTION
PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE 98th GEORGIA FFA STATE
CONVENTION**

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

Jordan Oliver of Wilcox County placed first in the proficiency competition and placing second was Camilo Hernandez of Early County, and William Darsey of Lanier County received third place.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Participants in the Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production Proficiency implement best management practices to produce and market fiber and/or oil crops such as cotton, sisal, hemp, soybeans, flax, mustard, canola, castor beans, sunflower, peanuts, dill, mint, and safflower.

The Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia Cotton 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 also received \$100 cash. Second place winners receive \$50, and third place winners receive \$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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