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**STATE WINNERS IN THE FORAGE PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED
AT THE 98th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

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

Cade Keene of Wilcox County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Madilyn Moore of Winder-Barrow, and Colton McCoy of East Laurens finished third.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Participants in the Forage Production Proficiency implement best management practices to produce and market forage crops such as non-grain sorghum, alfalfa, clover, brome grass, orchard grass, grain forages, corn or grass silages, and pastures.

The Forage Production Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia Young Farmers 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 also 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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