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**STATE WINNERS IN THE LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION PROFICIENCY  
RECOGNIZED AT THE 98<sup>TH</sup> GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Landscape Installation Proficiency were recognized at the 98<sup>th</sup> Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 22-25, 2026.

Francisco Granado IV of Sumter County placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Victor Galvan of Jackson.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Landscape Installation Proficiency students gain valuable knowledge through their participation in career specific activities such as planting and maintaining plants and shrubs, landscaping and outdoor beautification, installing sprinklers, and improving recreational areas.

The Landscape Installation Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by Georgia Urban Ag Council.

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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