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MACON HOSTS THE 98th GEORGIA FFA ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

MACON, Ga. – Over 7,000 members, advisors, and guests attended the 98th Georgia FFA Convention at the Macon Centreplex, April 22-25, 2026.

The convention featured six general sessions full of award presentations, motivational speakers, FFA talent, delegate business, and the conferring of the prestigious State FFA Degree on 775 members. The Convention kickoff speaker was Mr. Coty Back, a motivational speaker, encouraging FFA students to continue to work towards their dreams no matter the obstacles they may face. Other speakers on the Convention docket included past National FFA Western Region Vice President, Jael Cruikshank. In addition to the award sessions, the convention featured a career show, community service projects, and state level Career and Leadership Development Events and Agriscience Fair competitions.

The convention wrapped up on Saturday, April 25th, with the election of the 2026-2027 State FFA Officer Team. The new team consists of State President Clay Lawrence from ECI, Secretary Kevin Ray from Bainbridge, North Region Vice-Presidents Grace Koster from Jefferson City and Jabe Andrews from Banks County, Central Region Vice-Presidents Maggie Bell from Perry and Thomas Hogan from West Laurens, and South Region Vice-Presidents AJ Short from Mitchell County and Chloe Rogers from Echols County.

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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