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**STATE WINNERS IN FORESTRY FIELD DAY CAREER DEVELOPMENT
EVENT RECOGNIZED AT THE 98th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Forestry Field Day Career Development Event (CDE) were recognized at the 98th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 22-25, 2026.

In the senior division, the state winning team was Echols County, followed by Banks County and Pierce County respectively. In the junior division, Central Middle was the state winner followed by Echols County in second and Brantley County placing third.

CDE and LDE awards are granted to FFA members and teams who have exhibited premier leadership, personal growth and career success in a variety of competitions. In the Forestry Field Day Career Development Event, students who participate in this CDE demonstrate their skills in diagnosing forest disorders, managing forests and forest inventory and applying approved silviculture practices.

The Forestry Field Day Career Development Event was sponsored on the state level by Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce & Joint Development Authority.

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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