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**STATE WINNERS IN LIVESTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL RECORD BOOK
COMPETITION RECOGNIZED AT THE
98th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Livestock Middle School Record Book Competition were recognized at the 98th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 21-25, 2026.

The Area 1 winner was Ellie Floyd of Dawson County Middle. Riley Skates of Youth Middle took honors in Area 2. Cash Owen of Perry Middle was the winner in Area 3. The Area 4 winner was MaryEmma Douglas of Metter Middle. Lucy Thompson of Pelham Middle was the winner in Area 5. Ryan Copeland of Martha Puckett Middle took honors in Area 6.

Cash Owen of Perry Middle was the state winner in the competition.

The Middle School Record Book award program encourages students to begin and maintain a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project and keep accurate, detailed records. In the area of Livestock, students own their own business, work for someone, or do research on efficiently producing and marketing livestock from areas such as beef, dairy, equine, sheep, goats and swine.

Each area winner received a plaque and a \$50 cash award. The state winner received a plaque and an additional \$100 cash award. The advisor of the state winner also received a \$100 cash award.

The Livestock Middle School Record Book Award in the area of was sponsored by the Georgia FFA Foundation.

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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