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**STATE WINNERS IN POULTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
RECORD BOOK COMPETITION RECOGNIZED AT THE  
98<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Poultry Middle School Record Book Competition were recognized at the 98<sup>th</sup> Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 22-25, 2026.

The Area 1 winner was Brantley Foster of Heritage Middle. Nellie Taylor of Youth Middle took honors in Area 2. Aubrey Kaiser of Northside Middle was the winner in Area 3. The Area 4 winner was Daniel Zetina of Jenkins County Middle. Jude Rhodes of Crisp County Middle was the winner in Area 5. Braylee Oliver of Pierce County Middle took honors in Area 6.

**Will Barb of Whigham 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 Poultry, students own their own business, work for someone, or do research on efficiently producing and marketing livestock from areas such as chickens, turkey, and domestic fowl such as ducks, geese and guinea and their products.

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 Middle School Record Book Award in the area of Poultry was sponsored by Georgia Poultry Equipment Company (A Division of Hog Slat, Inc.).

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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