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**2026-2027 GEORGIA FFA STATE OFFICER TEAM ELECTED AT THE 98<sup>th</sup>  
GEORGIA FFA ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Eight members from across the state were elected to serve as the 2025-2026 Georgia FFA State Officer Team at the 98<sup>th</sup> Georgia FFA Convention at the Macon Centreplex, April 22-25th, 2026.

The new team consists of State President Clay Lawrence from ECI, Secretary Kevin Ray from Bainbridge, North Region Vice-Presidents Jabe Andrews of Banks County and Grace Koster from Jefferson City, Central Region Vice-Presidents Maggie Bell from Perry and Thomas Hoagan from West Laurens, and South Region Vice Presidents AJ Short from Mitchell County and Chloe Rogers from Echols County.

State Officers are elected to serve the 80,000+ FFA members across the state of Georgia. Their time will be spent planning, developing and hosting various leadership conferences throughout the year as well as traveling to chapters to provide leadership workshops and interact with members. The state officers also provide assistance at various agricultural education events throughout the year and serve as the face of Georgia FFA, meeting with Georgia's business and industry leaders as well as many elected officials.

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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