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**STATE WINNERS IN AGRISCIENCE FAIR ANIMAL SYSTEMS CATEGORY RECOGNIZED AT THE 90th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Agriscience Fair Animal Systems Category were recognized at the 90th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 26-28, 2018.

In the area of Animal Systems, there was an individual/team named the winner from each of the six divisions. Division 1 winner was Britton Davis of the Lowndes Middle School FFA Chapter. Division 2 winning team was Ella Barkdoll and Emma McElharron of the Hilsman Middle FFA Chapter. Division 3 winner was Tyler Freeman from the Lowndes County High FFA Chapter. Division 4 winning team was Madlen Hodges and Victoria Wright of the Franklin County High FFA Chapter. Division 5 winner was Gracy Sexton of the Sonoraville High FFA Chapter. The Division 6 winners were Elizabeth Meadows and Ava Sloan of the North Oconee High FFA Chapter.

Students competing in the Agriscience Fair conduct a scientific research project pertaining to the agriculture and food science industry and present their findings to a panel of judges with a visual display and written report.

Each winner received a plaque, a $100 cash award, and $500 travel money to compete in the National Agriscience Fair at the National FFA Convention. The advisor of each state winner also received a $100 cash award.

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 more than 600,000 FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 40,000 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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