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**NEWLY CHARTERED CHAPTERS ANNOUNCED AT THE 90th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – The Newly Chartered Chapters were announced at the 90th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 26-28, 2018. These newly chartered chapters have just completed their first year of activities and were presented with their official charter at the convention.

The newly chartered chapters were Baker County, Pierce County Middle, Byron Middle, Long Cane Middle, Rutland Middle, West Laurens Middle, Bear Creek Middle, Indian Creek Middle, Lanier Career Academy, Liberty Middle, Otwell Middle, Pleasant Valley, and Russell Middle.

In addition, the following chapters were re-instated: Baconton Charter, Riverdale, and Rome Middle.

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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