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**STATE WINNERS IN AGRISCIENCE FAIR PLANT SYSTEMS CATEGORY RECOGNIZED AT THE 89th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Agriscience Fair Plant Systems Category were recognized at the 89th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 27-29, 2017.

In the area of Plant Systems, there was an individual/team named the winner from each of the six divisions. Division 1 winner was Ty Parks of the Lowndes County Middle FFA Chapter. Division 2 winning team was Tory Ratajcak and Ella Johnson of the Hilsman Middle FFA Chapter. Division 3 winner was Annelies Carr of the Sonoraville FFA Chapter. Division 4 winning team was Gabriella Daugherty and Dawson Peek of the Lowndes County High FFA Chapter. Division 5 winner was Courtney Cameron of the Lowndes County High FFA Chapter. The Division 6 winners were Levi Herring and Shaw Wacter of the Lowndes County 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.

The State Agriscience Fair was sponsored by Zaxby’s, Golden Peanut and Tree Nuts, the Harley Langdale Jr. Foundation, Titan/Goodyear Farm Tires, and Barnes Law Group.

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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