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**STATE WINNERS IN THE POULTRY EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT RECOGNIZED AT THE 90th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) were recognized at the 90th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 26-28, 2018.

In the senior division, Mattie Anne Davis of Brantley County was the high scoring individual, followed by Shelby Lowe of Veterans and Grant Bennett of Brantley County placing second and third respectively. The senior team state winner was Brantley County, followed by Oconee County in second place and Effingham County in third.

The junior division high individual was Emma Long of Pickens County, followed by Mary Catherine Maloy of Bonaire Middle in second place and Kaitlyn White of Brantley County Middle in third place. The junior team state winner was Pickens County, with second place going to Effingham County and third place to Brantley County Middle.

CDE awards are granted to FFA members and teams who have exhibited premier leadership, personal growth, and career success in a variety of competitions. Poultry Judging teams participate in a set of comprehensive events related to judging, placing, grading and identifying live birds, carcasses, eggs, poultry parts, chicken patties, nuggets or tenders. Participants presented oral reasons, participated in a team activity, and were given a management test.

All individual and team winners received a plaque and a cash award. Individual winners received $100. Second place individuals received $50, and third place individuals received $25. The winning team was awarded $2,000 travel money to attend the National FFA Convention. Additionally, the advisor of the state winning team 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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