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**HALL OF GEORGIA AWARD RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE 89th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Recipients of the 2017 Hall of Georgia Awards were recognized at the 89th State FFA Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 27-29, 2017.

The Wayne County received first, followed by Echols County and ECI, finishing second and third, respectively.

Hall of Georgia Awards were given to individuals who created displays to showcase facts, figures, and products concerning Georgia’s agricultural industry in the Hall of Georgia exhibit competition. These booths were judged on creativity, student interaction, knowledge of Georgia agriculture, and professionalism, and were available for viewing during the Georgia State Convention’s Career Show on April 27, 2017. These exhibits are meant to educate others about the rich traditions and bright future for the agriculture industry in Georgia.

The Hall of Georgia Awards were sponsored by Georgia Grown.

All finalists received a plaque. The winning chapter received $2,500 in travel money to represent Georgia at the Hall of States during the National FFA Convention.

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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