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**STATE WINNERS IN THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT RECOGNIZED AT THE 89th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Wildlife Management Career Development Event (CDE) were recognized at the 88th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 27-29, 2017.

In the senior division, Appling County placed first in the team CDE competition, followed by Bleckley County and Banks County finishing second and third, respectively.

In the junior division, Appling County Middle placed first in the team CDE competition, followed by White County High and Bagley Middle finishing second and third, respectively.

CDE awards are granted to FFA members and teams who have exhibited premier leadership, personal growth, and career success in a variety of competitions. The Wildlife Management CDE provides opportunities for participants to demonstrate technical and management skills related to wildlife, habitat, and harvesting regulations.

The Wildlife Management Career Development Event was sponsored by CSX Transportation.

All teams received a plaque award. Additionally, the advisor of the state winning team received a $100 cash award and a certificate.

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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