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**STATE WINNERS IN THE DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED AT THE 90th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Diversified Crop Production Placement Proficiency were recognized at the 90th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 26-28, 2018.

Joseph Lawhorn of Miller County placed first in the proficiency competition.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience. The Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency involves the use of the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market two or more crop related proficiency areas such as: grain, fiber/oil, forage, specialty crop, non-horticultural vegetable or fruit production.

The Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia Soybean Commodity Commission.

All proficiency winners received a plaque and a cash award. State winners receive $100, as well as $500 travel money to attend 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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