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**STATE WINNERS OF FFA WEEK OBSERVANCE AWARD RECOGNIZED AT THE 88th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the National FFA Week Observance Awards were recognized at the 88th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 28-30, 2016. West Jackson Middle placed first, followed by East Jackson Middle and Pelham High finishing second and third respectively.

The FFA Week Observance Awards recognizes chapters that prepared a report detailing the activities they engaged in during National FFA Week. These reports included pictures, newspaper articles and other materials to showcase their chapter’s outstanding participation.

The FFA Week Observance Awards was sponsored by the Georgia Association of Past State FFA Officers.

Each of the area FFA Week Observance Award winners received a plaque and a $100 cash award. The state winner of the National FFA Week Observance Award received $500, and their local advisor also reviewed $100 for their accomplishment.

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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