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**STATE WINNERS IN THE AGRISCIENCE FAIR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND NATURAL RESOURCES SYSTEMS CATEGORY RECOGNIZED AT THE 89th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Agriscience Fair in Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems Category were recognized at the 89th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 27-29, 2017.

In the area of Environmental Systems, there was an individual/team named the winner from each of the six divisions. Division 1 winner was Katie Chambler of the Lafayette Middle. Division 2 winning team was Amarde Ochieng and Lette Veeder of the Oconee County High FFA Chapter. Division 3 winner was Marin Lonner of the Oconee County High FFA Chapter. Division 4 winning team was Cedric Montgomery and Zachary Gay of the Lowndes County High FFA Chapter. Division 5 winner was Destiny Cheely of the Washington County High FFA Chapter. The Division 6 winners were Morgan Sysskind and Avery Fletcher of the Lowndes County High FFA Chapter.

Students competing in the Agriscience Fair conduct a scientific research project pertaining to the agriculture and food science industry and present their findings to a panel of judges with a visual display and written report.

The State Agriscience Fair was sponsored by Zaxby’s, Golden Peanut and Tree Nuts, the Harley Langdale Jr. Foundation, Titan/Goodyear Farm Tires, and Barnes Law Group.

Each winner received a plaque, a $100 cash award, and $500 travel money to compete in the National Agriscience Fair at the National FFA Convention. The advisor of each state winner also 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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