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**STATE WINNERS IN DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT RECOGNIZED AT THE 90th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) were recognized at the 90th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 26-28, 2018.

In the senior division, Lawton Harris of Piedmont Academy was the high scoring individual, followed by Victoria Wright of Franklin County and Grace Thomas of Houston County placing second and third respectively. The senior team state winner was Houston County, followed by Brantley County in second place and Oconee County in third.

The junior division high individual was Canyon Randall of Franklin County Middle, followed by Tylar Leamon of LaFayette Middle in second place and Carolyn Day of Oconee County Middle in third place. The junior team state winner was Franklin County Middle, with second place going to Gilmer County and third place to Brantley County Middle.

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 Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event emphasizes skills in dairy cattle selection and dairy herd management and provides experience in the evaluation of dairy cattle type, production records, and dairy herd management. Participants evaluate dairy animals and place by type, give oral reasons for their placing and take a written examination.

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event was sponsored at the state level by the Georgia FFA Foundation.

All individual and team winners received a plaque and a cash award. Individual winners received $100. Second place individuals received $50 and third place individuals received $25. The winning team was awarded $2,000 travel money to attend the National FFA Convention. Additionally, the advisor of the state winning team 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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