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## Veterans High FFA Meats Evaluation and Ag Sales Teams Win Awards at Nationals



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Two Veterans High School FFA teams represented Georgia at the National FFA Convention held Oct. 25-28 in Indianapolis. The Meats Evaluation and Technology Team placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation and earned a Gold emblem. The Agricultural Sales team placed 17<sup>th</sup>. The teams qualified for nationals by winning first place in Georgia.

Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Jeff Wilson commented, "I am very proud of the hard work invested by these young people."



The Agricultural Sales team members are shown with their advisor and sponsors: (pictured from left) Wilson, Ashley Derr, Channing Furgeson, Landon Ritche and Vince Lamedola. Also pictured is the Meats team: Wilson, Thomas Maddox, Allie Horton and Madison Rast.

For the Meats Evaluation and Technology competition, students identified retail cuts of beef, pork, and lamb and conducted quality and yield grades on beef carcasses. They also worked as a team in a problem-solving scenario.

For the Ag Sales competition, students completed an individual sales call, performed a team activity by planning a sales program and took a written exam.

Veterans High School is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen. Chris Brown serves as principal. For more information, please contact Wilson at 478-218-7537 or [Jeffrey.Wilson@hcbe.net](mailto:Jeffrey.Wilson@hcbe.net).

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