



Virginia FFA 2008 State Convention

News Release

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Meats Sr FFA 2008

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Junior Meats Career Development Event were announced Saturday, March 15, at the annual B&B competition held on the Virginia Tech Campus

High Individuals recieved pins and the state winning team recieved a plaque provided by the sponsors.

The team from the Central FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Meats Sr FFA Career Development Event at the 82nd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Willie Elgin, Cain Harbison, Aaron Heishman and Brian Walsh and were coached by Sherry Heishman. The Central team placed first in competition against 10 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--	Central: Willie Elgin, Cain Harbison, Aaron Heishman, and Brian Walsh
2nd Place--	Fort Defiance A: Micah Owens, Spencer Arey, Adam Cline, and Bly Patterson
3rd Place--	Nelson Senior: Lauren Goff, Malcolm Stewart, Ethan Maloney, and Joseph Thomas
4th Place--	Spotswood A: Karl Paulson, Jessica Rion, Katie Wood, and Michelle Wood

Top Placing Individuals

1st Place-- Wyatt Hall of Giles
2nd Place-- Brian Walsh of Central

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3rd Place-- Cain Harbison of Central
4th Place-- Malcolm Stewart of Nelson Senior
5th Place-- Karl Paulson of Spotswood A
6th Place-- Spencer Arey of Fort Defiance A
7th Place-- Willie Elgin of Central
8th Place-- Micah Owens of Fort Defiance A
9th Place-- Katie Wood of Spotswood A
10th Place-- Adam Cline of Fort Defiance A

Team Emblems Listed Gold Emblem Teams

Central	Nelson Senior
Fort Defiance A	Spotswood A

Silver Emblem Teams

Fort Defiance B	Sherando
Giles	

Bronze Emblem Teams

Buffalo Gap	James Wood
Fort Chiswell	Spotswood B

Individual Emblems Listed Gold Emblem Individuals

Spencer Arey of Fort Defiance A	Bly Patterson of Fort Defiance A
Adam Cline of Fort Defiance A	Karl Paulson of Spotswood A
Willie Elgin of Central	Spencer Shanholtz of Sherando
Lauren Goff of Nelson Senior	Malcolm Stewart of Nelson Senior
Wyatt Hall of Giles	Casey Thompson of Sherando
Cain Harbison of Central	Brian Walsh of Central

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Micah Owens of Fort Defiance A

Katie Wood of Spotswood A

Silver Emblem Individuals

Sierra Athey of James Wood

Jessica Dean of Spotswood B

Aaron Heishman of Central

Tyler Jones of Giles

Jordan Kristoff of Fort Defiance B

Ethan Maloney of Nelson Senior

Brandon Monk of Sherando

Brandon Reeves of Buffalo Gap

Laura Reeves of Buffalo Gap

Jessica Rion of Spotswood A

Ashley Rubush of Fort Defiance B

Morgan Slaven of Fort Defiance B

Joseph Thomas of Nelson Senior

Michelle Wood of Spotswood A

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Heather Addison of Fort Chiswell

Kelli Aker of Fort Chiswell

Justin Blair of Fort Chiswell

Alex Brown of Buffalo Gap

Adam Burton of Giles

Julia Collett of James Wood

Alix Drown of James Wood

Taylor Fix of Buffalo Gap

Josh Ingo of Fort Chiswell

Charles Michael of Spotswood B

Chris Perry of Sherando

Emma Rion of Spotswood B

Esther Smith of Spotswood B

Amanda Thomas of James Wood

The Virginia FFA Meats Career Development Event is a competitive activity that test student's skills and competencies in evaluating and identifying meat carcasses and products. Event components include a general knowledge exam, identification of wholesale and retail cuts of beef, lamb, and pork, and classings of various cuts.

This event is one of many educational activities held for members in Virginia which applies classroom knowledge to real-life situations. The event was held on the Virginia Tech campus in the Food Science Building.

The Meats Evaluation CDE is sponsored by the Virginia FFA Foundation, Inc. FFA is a national youth organization of 476,732 student members preparing for

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leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,223 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Virginia FFA Association has over 10,800 members in 208 chapters. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org and www.vaffa.org for more information.

The FFA Mission: 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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