



## Virginia FFA 2009 State Convention “Same Traditions, New Ambitions”

### News Release

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### Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners – Ag Issues

Blacksburg, Virginia -- Winners of the State FFA Ag Issues Career Development Event were announced June 25, 2009 at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Virginia FFA State Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia.

The **Randolph-Henry** placed first in the Virginia FFA Ag Issues CDE. The team members were Dayton Dunnivant, Ryan Larson, Ashley Setzer, Nick Baker, and Taylor Brown with coach Melissa Harvey. The second place team in the Ag Issues CDE was the **Turner Ashby FFA Chapter**. High individuals received pins and the state winning team received a plaque sponsored by Elanco Animal Health. The ranking teams were as follows:

#### Gold Emblem Teams

Randolph-Henry

Turner Ashby

#### Silver Emblem Teams

Park View High  
Spotswood

Buffalo Gap

The Virginia FFA Ag Issues event provides members with an opportunity to be exposed to a wide variety of agricultural issues and formulate possible solutions. They practice and understand the principles and fundamentals of agricultural issue analysis and furthers their awareness of issues in their local communities. The members participate in finding an agricultural issue in their area and developing a presentation to give to judges on their content and solutions.

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FFA is a national youth organization of 500,823 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,385 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Virginia FFA Association has over 10,800 members in 189 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](http://www.ffa.org) for more information.

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