



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

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Agricultural Mechanics 2009

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event were announced Thursday June 25th at the final session of the 83rd Virginia State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia.

High individuals received pins and the state winning team received a plaque provided by the sponsors. The state winning team will compete at the National CDE in Indianapolis, IN in October. The state runner up receives the opportunity to represent Virginia at the Big E competition in Massachusetts. Teams were recognized on stage during the fifth session of the convention.

The team from the Strasburg FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Nic Fleming, Alex Stickley, Timothy Simons and Taylor Neal and were coached by Ron Roller. The Strasburg team placed first in competition against 26 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

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| 1st Place-- | Strasburg: Nic Fleming, Alex Stickley, Timothy Simons, and Taylor Neal |
| 2nd Place-- | Lord Botetourt: Matthew Taylor, Matt Chocklett, Ricky Phoenix, and Corey Reid |
| 3rd Place-- | Appomattox: Michael Williamson, William Lewis, C.J. Kress, and Will Gaulden |
| 3rd Place-- | Grayson County: Michael Sumner, Ethan Liddle, and Derek Weatherman |
| 4th Place-- | Kettle Run: Cameron Norman, Garth Kendrick, Greg Martin, and John Pope |

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5th Place--	Massaponax: Emily Dutton, Jonathan Hayden, and Christopher Tremper
6th Place--	Randolph-Henry: Emily Brown, Mitch Parrish, Jason McNeary, and Todd Garnett
7th Place--	Lakeland: Jamie Durden, Carson Daughtrey, Cody Holland, and Curt Pulley
8th Place--	Sherando: Logan Martin, Dennis Clem, and Chris King-Quick
9th Place--	Halifax: Justin Talley, Pierre Antoine, Kenton Beard, and Joseph Carrington

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Timothy Simons of Strasburg
- 2nd Place-- Ethan Liddle of Grayson County
- 3rd Place-- Michael Sumner of Grayson County
- 4th Place-- Matt Chocklett of Lord Botetourt
- 5th Place-- Alex Stickley of Strasburg
- 6th Place-- Brett Graham of Pulaski County
- 7th Place-- John Pope of Kettle Run
- 8th Place-- Emily Brown of Randolph-Henry
- 9th Place-- Will Gaulden of Appomattox
- 9th Place-- Kenton Beard of Halifax
- 9th Place-- Carson Daughtrey of Lakeland
- 10th Place-- George Gray of Turner Ashby

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Appomattox	Lord Botetourt
Grayson County	Massaponax
Halifax	Randolph-Henry

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Kettle Run
Lakeland

Sherando
Strasburg

Silver Emblem Teams

Carroll County
Fauquier
Honaker
Luray
Millbrook

Patrick County
Pulaski County
Stonewall Jackson
Turner Ashby

Bronze Emblem Teams

Amelia
Culpeper
Fort Defiance
George Wythe

Highland
King George
Louisa
Richlands

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Patrick Barb of Stonewall Jackson
Kenton Beard of Halifax
Dustin Bowman of Carroll County
Emily Brown of Randolph-Henry
Matt Chocklett of Lord Botetourt
Dennis Clem of Sherando
Carson Daughtrey of Lakeland
Emily Dutton of Massaponax
Nic Fleming of Strasburg
Todd Garnett of Randolph-Henry
Will Gaulden of Appomattox
Brett Graham of Pulaski County

Garth Kendrick of Kettle Run
Chris King-Quick of Sherando
William Lewis of Appomattox
Ethan Liddle of Grayson County
Greg Martin of Kettle Run
Logan Martin of Sherando
Ricky Phoenix of Lord Botetourt
John Pope of Kettle Run
Corey Reid of Lord Botetourt
Timothy Simons of Strasburg
Tyler Stevens of Fauquier
Alex Stickleby of Strasburg

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George Gray of Turner Ashby
Jonathan Hayden of Massaponax
Davey Hinkle of Millbrook
Cody Holland of Lakeland

Michael Sumner of Grayson County
Matthew Taylor of Lord Botetourt
Christopher Tremper of Massaponax
Michael Williamson of Appomattox

Silver Emblem Individuals

Cody Polk of Stonewall Jackson
Cody Altizer of George Wythe
Pierre Antoine of Halifax
George Belcher of Patrick County
Matt Bennett of Culpeper
Ricky Best of Louisa
Derek Burns of Highland
Ty Burton of Pulaski County
Ethan Callison of Fort Defiance
Joseph Carrington of Halifax
Jacob Carvell of Luray
Jarrett Coleman of Amelia
Cody Cook of Luray
Kevin Delp of Richlands
Jamie Durden of Lakeland
B.J. Hall of Patrick County
Hunter Hastings of Amelia

Hunter Henry of Fauquier
Lyle Hightower of Fauquier
Stephen Holder of Amelia
Aaron McGlothlin of Honaker
Jason McNeary of Randolph-Henry
Derek Miller of Turner Ashby
Dylan Norman of Luray
Mitch Parrish of Randolph-Henry
Curt Pulley of Lakeland
Zach Rorrer of Patrick County
Alex Shepley of Millbrook
Tripp Summers of Turner Ashby
Ross Swan of Culpeper
Justin Talley of Halifax
Brian Whitt of Honaker
Shane Wiseman of Highland

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Zack Aker of George Wythe
Charlie Aldred of Carroll County
Matthew Bagby of Louisa
James Beddow of Millbrook
Joseph Carvell of Luray
Jake Daugherty of Carroll County
Zachary Hackett of Fauquier

Dustin Phillips of George Wythe
Adam Powell of Fort Defiance
Jonathan Powell of Amelia
Zach Ray of Stonewall Jackson
Cody Roadcap of Fort Defiance
Ashley Rubush of Fort Defiance
Jarred Sauls of Honaker

Evan Harper of King George
Eddie Hickerson of Carroll County
Kyle Kerns of Millbrook
Asa Kirby of Richlands
C.J. Kress of Appomattox
Dakota Long of Pulaski County
Taylor Neal of Strasburg
Cameron Norman of Kettle Run
Jeremy Perkins of Honaker

Lyle Smith of Highland
Mark Stanley of Louisa
Robert Swinehart of King George
Derek Weatherman of Grayson County
Chris Whittak of Highland
Ben Wiedl of George Wythe
Dustin Wisenhunt of Culpeper
Terry Woodie of Louisa

The Virginia FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Activities included in the event are a written exam, a team activity, a demonstration of problem-solving skills, and hands-on performance activities. Areas of emphasis include energy systems, environmental/natural resource systems, machinery & equipment systems, structural systems and industry & marketing systems.

The event is one of many educational activities at the Virginia FFA State Convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes. The event was held on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, VA.

The state winning team will represent Virginia at the 81st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 21-24, 2009.

The Agricultural Mechanics event is sponsored by Virginia FFA Foundation, Inc.

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