



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

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners – Dairy Showmanship

Blacksburg, Virginia -- Winners of the State FFA Dairy Showmanship Career Development Event were recognized June 25, 2009, at the fifth session of the 83rd Virginia State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia and received medals for their placings. **Kraig Smith** of the **Liberty-Bealton FFA Chapter** placed first in the Virginia FFA Dairy Showmanship Career Development Event. This year’s winners were:

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place – Kraig Smith from the Liberty-Bealton FFA Chapter
- 2nd Place – Brianna Shanholtzer from the James Wood FFA Chapter
- 3rd Place – Gwen Berry from the Rockbridge FFA Chapter

The event provides FFA members an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of and performance in showing dairy cattle. The event includes answering questions about dairy cattle and showing them to judges without prior contact with the animals. The animals are not judged, just how the contestants are able to handle showing various dairy cattle.

FFA is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,439 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Virginia FFA Association has over 10,800 members in 200 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 for more information.

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