



# Virginia FFA 2009 State Convention "Same Traditions, New Ambitions"

## News Release

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### Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Senior Dairy Cattle Evaluation 2009

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Junior Division 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. Teams were recognized on stage during the fifth session of the convention.

The team from the Spotswood High School FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Senior Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Megan Berry, Samanth Campbell, Esther Smith and Phillip Wood and were coached by Rebecca Holloway. The Spotswood High School team placed first in competition against 15 other teams.

This year's participants  
were:

#### Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Virginia	Megan Berry, Samanth Campbell, Esther Smith, and Phillip Wood, all of Spotswood High School
2nd Place--Virginia	Jordan Ambler, Chloe Cawiezell, Josh Phillips, and Chaz Ramsey, all of Wilson Memorial High School
3rd Place--Virginia	Sam Stike, Evan Collins, Emma Reeves, and Grace Sanders, all of Pulaski County High School
4th Place--Virginia	Cassidy Miller, Dylan Mcdowell, Jeremy Cluxton, and Maggie Moran, all of Floyd County High School
5th Place--Virginia	Jack Dunlap, Samantha Holliday, and Josh

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Shifflett, all of Sherando High School

### **Top Placing Individuals**

- 1st Place-- Esther Smith of Spotswood High School, VA
- 2nd Place-- Phillip Wood of Spotswood High School, VA
- 3rd Place-- Jordan Ambler of Wilson Memorial High School, VA
- 4th Place-- Grace Sanders of Pulaski County High School, VA
- 5th Place-- Chloe Cawiezell of Wilson Memorial High School, VA
- 6th Place-- Maggie Moran of Floyd County High School, VA
- 7th Place-- Megan Berry of Spotswood High School, VA
- 8th Place-- Morgan Diehl of Fort Defiance High School, VA
- 9th Place-- Josh Phillips of Wilson Memorial High School, VA
- 10th Place-- Haley Morris of Elkton Middle School, VA

### **Team Emblems Listed**

#### **Gold Emblem Teams**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sherando High School, VA     | Wilson Memorial High School, VA |
| Spotswood High School, VA    | Pulaski County High School, VA  |
| Floyd County High School, VA |                                 |

#### **Silver Emblem Teams**

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Liberty High School - Bedford, VA | Fort Defiance High School, VA |
| Bluestone High School, VA         | Culpeper High School, VA      |
| Franklin County High School, VA   | Clarke County High School, VA |

#### **Bronze Emblem Teams**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Elkton Middle School, VA | Holston Ag, VA                 |
| Tazewell High School, VA | Christiansburg High School, VA |
| Galax High School, VA    |                                |

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## Individual Emblems Listed

### Gold Emblem Individuals

Jordan Ambler of Wilson Memorial High School, VA	Maggie Moran of Floyd County High School, VA
Megan Berry of Spotswood High School, VA	Haley Morris of Elkton Middle School, VA
Samanth Campbell of Spotswood High School, VA	Josh Phillips of Wilson Memorial High School, VA
Chloe Cawiezell of Wilson Memorial High School, VA	Chaz Ramsey of Wilson Memorial High School, VA
Jeremy Cluxton of Floyd County High School, VA	Emma Reeves of Pulaski County High School, VA
Evan Collins of Pulaski County High School, VA	Grace Sanders of Pulaski County High School, VA
Morgan Diehl of Fort Defiance High School, VA	Josh Shifflett of Sherando High School, VA
Jack Dunlap of Sherando High School, VA	Esther Smith of Spotswood High School, VA
Samantha Holliday of Sherando High School, VA	Phillip Wood of Spotswood High School, VA
Cassidy Miller of Floyd County High School, VA	

### Silver Emblem Individuals

Brittney Baber of Fort Defiance High School, VA	Julia Mesich of Clarke County High School, VA
Carla Brubaker of Franklin County High School, VA	Andy Metler of Christiansburg High School, VA
Brandon Coleman of Bluestone High School, VA	Makenzie Neff of Galax High School, VA
Clint Croft of Liberty High School - Bedford, VA	Andrew Smith of Culpeper High School, VA
Samantha Dalton of Tazewell High School, VA	Cymer Stanley of Liberty High School - Bedford, VA
Justin Farmer of Holston Ag, VA	Joey Stevens of Holston Ag, VA

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Sarah Hess of Liberty High School - Bedford, VA

Tonya Hodges of Franklin County High School, VA

Caleb Koon of Clarke County High School, VA

Tiffany Linkous of Christiansburg High School, VA

Dylan Mcdowell of Floyd County High School, VA

Sam Stike of Pulaski County High School, VA

Devin Stiles of Clarke County High School, VA

Ross Swan of Culpeper High School, VA

Melissa Valentine of Culpeper High School, VA

Hannah Weary of Bluestone High School, VA

### **Bronze Emblem Individuals**

Alexa Allen of Fort Defiance High School, VA

Hannah Cassell of Galax High School, VA

Darla Dale of Tazewell High School, VA

Sarah Dalton of Tazewell High School, VA

Amber Gish of Franklin County High School, VA

Amanda Hale of Christiansburg High School, VA

Jenna Lake of Clarke County High School, VA

Alicia Meadows of Fort Defiance High School, VA

Jesse Palmer of Tazewell High School, VA

Zachary Pittard of Bluestone High School, VA

Megan Spears of Galax High School, VA

John Straw of Holston Ag, VA

Zacha Townsend of Liberty High School - Bedford, VA

Josh Whitten of Bluestone High School, VA

Samantha Williams of Culpeper High School, VA

The Virginia FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and manage quality dairy cattle. Event components include six classes of dairy cattle, linear classification of five Holstein cows, a sire selection and dairy management exercise and placing of four dairy animal pedigrees.

The event is one of many educational activities at the Virginia FFA State Convention

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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 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 21-24, 2009.

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event is sponsored by the Virginia FFA Foundation.

FFA is a national youth organization of 476,732 student members preparing for 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](http://www.ffa.org) and [www.vaffa.org](http://www.vaffa.org) for more information.

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