



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

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners – Nursery/Landscape

Blacksburg, Virginia -- The winner of the State FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event was recognized Thursday, June 25, at the final session of the 83rd Virginia State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Marion Horticulture FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Nursery/Landscape CDE. Team members include Ethan Harris, Christopher Gore, and John Wymer with coach Phil McCroskey. The state winning team received a plaque provided by the sponsors. The second place team was from the **Patrick County FFA Chapter**.

The Virginia FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event is designed to your skills in all aspects of producing, marketing, using and maintaining landscape plants and related products, equipment and services, including landscape design. Participants complete a written exam, identify plant materials and equipment and interpret landscape plans. They also demonstrate their skills in landscaping, control, merchandising, plant materials measurement, interpersonal relationships and sales.

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 for more information.

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