



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

### News Release

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### Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners – Soils, Sr.

Blacksburg, Virginia -- Winners of the State FFA Senior Soils Career Development Event were recognized June 23, 2009, at the second session of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Virginia State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia. **Atlee FFA Chapter** placed first in the Virginia FFA Senior Soils Career Development Event with team members Nick Eads, Michael Ramsey, Ryan Brugger, and Ray Pryor with coach David Balderson. **Central FFA Chapter** placed second in the contest. This year's top individuals were:

#### Top Placing Individuals

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Matthew Cox from the Floyd County FFA Chapter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – George Ritter from the Sherando FFA Chapter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Michael Ramsey from the Atlee FFA Chapter
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Jordan Orr of the Holston FFA Chapter
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Ray Pryor of the Atlee FFA Chapter

The event provides FFA members an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of different types of soils. The event includes the following events: soil identification, characteristics about those types of soils, and more.

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](http://www.ffa.org) for more information.

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