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The Alabama FFA Association attended the 86th National FFA Convention.

Pictured are the members, advisors, and supporters of the Alabama FFA Association attending the state photograph session at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

The 86th National FFA Convention was a fun, educational, and life changing experience for FFA members across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Alabama had nearly 700 members that attended the National FFA Convention. Many of the members competed in competitions, attended convention sessions and workshops, and participated in different community service projects.

Many of the state winning Career Development Event (CDE) teams and individuals competed at the National FFA Convention. We are very proud of all of the teams and individuals. They all represented Alabama very well!

CDE Event

Creed Speaking
Dairy Cattle Evaluation
Extemporaneous Speaking
Floriculture
Forestry
Horse Evaluation
Livestock Evaluation
Meats Evaluation
Nursery and Landscape
Parliamentary Procedure
Poultry Evaluation
Prepared Public Speaking

Competitors

Alexis Paige, Jacksonville Bronze Albertville FFA Bronze John William Norris, Wetumpka Silver Pleasant Valley FFA **Bronze** Oak Grove FFA Gold South Baldwin FFA Bronze Hartselle FFA Bronze Horseshoe Bend FFA **Bronze** Pleasant Valley FFA Silver Enterprise FFA Bronze Lawrence County FFA Silver Nikki Giba, Cherokee Silver

Results



Touch the world one student at a time.



Teach Agriscience!

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A special congratulations goes to the Oak Grove FFA Chapter Forestry Team for placing 8th in the Nation! The team members are Colton Harris, Tyler Northcutt, Zach Odom, and Jacob Burchfield. Alabama had 18 participants in proficiency awards. Six participants received the Silver and twelve received the Bronze.

The highest honor and degree an FFA member can earn is the American FFA Degree. FFA members may receive this degree if they meet the qualifications. Honorary FFA degrees may be given to supporters of Agriscience Education and FFA.

Honorary American Degree Recipients

Scott Butler	Arab
Terry Johnson	Geraldine
Benny Neal Isom	Arab
Jill Bailey	Cedar Bluff
Barry Bailey	Cedar Bluff

American Degree Recipient

James Z. Alford	Samson
Asa Jackson Harris	Eufaula
Cameron Hill	Skyline
Logan Cook McCord	Marbury
Zachary H. Padgett	Eufaula
William Perry	Skyline
Joshua Kevin Williams	Douglas

Special Guests attending this year's convention included Young Farmers' Director Miss Jennifer Himburg; State Senator Bill Holtzclaw; State Representative Alan Boothe; Dr. Philip Cleveland, Director of Career and Technical Education; Jeff Newman, State School Board: Kim McKibbens. Governor Bentley's Office; and Paul Pinyan, Executive Director of the Alabama Farmer's Federation. We would like to thank all for attending the National FFA Convention and supporting the Alabama FFA Association, Alabama Agriscience Education, and Alabama Agriculture.

We are proud to say Jackson Harris, past state officer and member of the Eufaula FFA chapter, was announced as the National FFA Southern Region Vice-President! He will join five other National Officers from across the United States in a year long journey advocating the FFA and agriculture.

Overall, the 86th National FFA Convention was a great experience to meet new people, build relationships, and gain knowledge through experience. Special thanks to everyone who made our attendance possible.



2013-2014 National FFA Officers: (l-r) Brian Walsh, President, Virginia; Mitch Baker, Secretary, Tennessee; Jackson Harris, Southern Region Vice President, Alabama; Wes Davis, Eastern Region Vice President, West Virginia; Jason Wetzler, Western Region Vice President, Oregon; and Steven Brockshus, Central Region Vice President, Iowa.





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