



News Article for Release

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During the week of June 3rd - 6th, downtown Lexington was a sea of blue and gold, with nearly 3000 middle school and high school FFA members from across the state attending the 95th annual Kentucky State FFA Convention in the Central Bank Center. While at the convention, FFA members were competing in individual and team competitions. Ten Barren County Middle School FFA members were among those in attendance at the convention, and they were Jacob Wilson, Audrey Carter, Hallie Hughes, Gracie Jones, Kinsley Mattox, Irelynn Williams, Kady Sharp, Lily Turner, Lacye Mauk, and Chloe Floyd.

Each of these students represented Barren County Middle School FFA, fabulously placing in top honors. The awards received were as follows:

Extemporaneous Speaking

Cambree Lile - first place and state winner.

Prepared Public Speaking

Emma Jones - second place state winner

Agriscience Fair

Audrey Carter & Kinsley Mattox received first place in the animal system category, division 2. Jacob Wilson received first place in the agriculture structure and technical systems category, division 1. These students have the potential opportunity to compete on the national level if they are selected as one of the top 12 research projects by the National FFA Organization.

Irelynn Williams received second place in the social systems category, division 1, and Hallie Hughes received second place in the animal systems category, division 1. Kady Sharp and Katelynn Reece received a top 20 winner in plant science division 2.

Agricultural Discussion Meet

Lily Turner, Chloe Floyd, Laycie Mauk, and Gracie Jones - top 5 winning team.

Opening & Closing Ceremonies Team

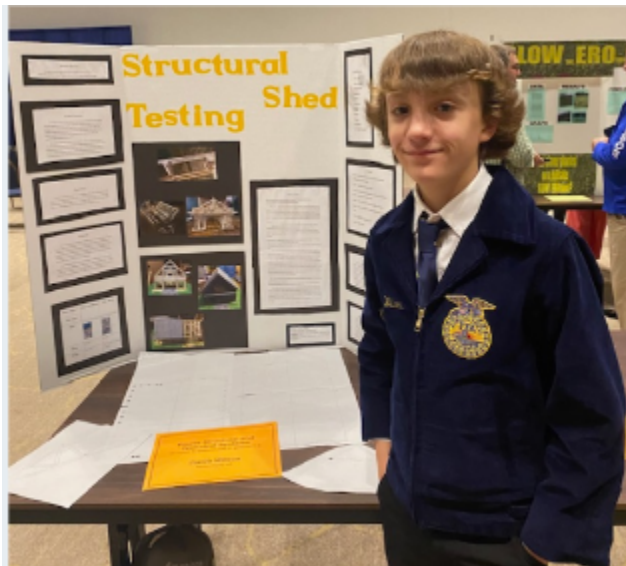
Jacob Wilson, Audrey Carter, Gracie Jones, Hallie Hughes, Kinsley Mattox, and Emma Hunt - top 10 winning team.

Barren County Middle School FFA students worked hard, and their efforts paid off. Our FFA chapter is proud of each one of our members who represented us at the 95th Kentucky FFA Convention.

Photos:



Audrey Carter & Kinsley Mattox
Agriscience Fair - Animal Systems, Division 1
First Place State Winners



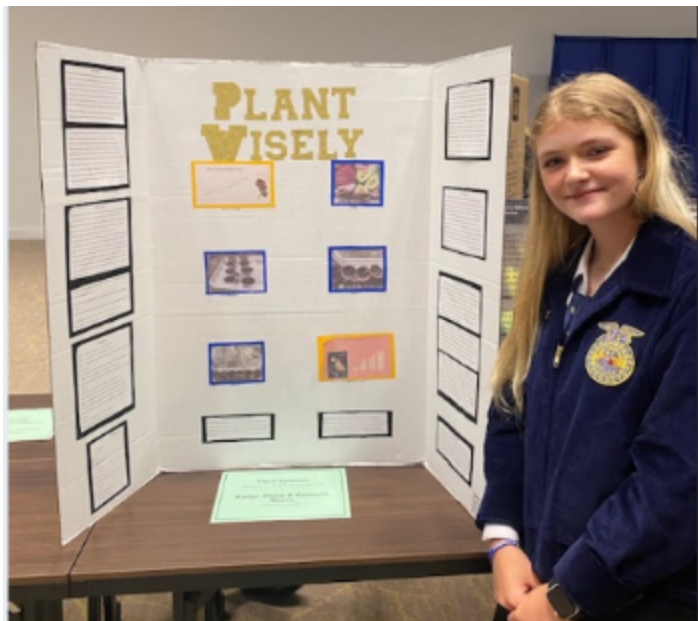
Jacob Wilson
Agriscience Fair - Agriculture Structures & Technical Systems, Division 1
First Place State Winner



Irelynn Williams
 Agriscience Fair - Social Systems, Division 1
 Second Place State Winner



Hallie Hughes
 Agriscience Fair - Animal Systems, Division 1
 Second Place State Winner



Kadyn Sharp & Katelynn Reece

**Katelynn isn't photographed because she was unable to attend.*

Agriscience - Plant Systems, Division 1

Top 20 winner



Agricultural Discussion Meet Team

Back (L to R): Lily Turner, Laycie Mauk

Front (L to R): Gracie Jones, Chloe Floyd

Top 5 Winning Team



Opening & Closing Ceremonies Team

L to R: Hallie Hughes, Kinsley Mattox, Audrey Carter, Jacob Wilson, Gracie Jones, and Emma Hunt

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