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## **Press Release**

# **Virginia FFA Association state event winners- Avian Bowl**

Blacksburg, Virginia -- Winners of the State FFA Avian Bowl Career Development Event were recognized June 21, 2016, at the second session of the 90<sup>th</sup> Virginia State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia. The state winning team was recognized with a plaque sponsored by the Virginia FFA Foundation.

This year's top individual winners were:

### **Top Placing Individuals**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Melandy Mawyer from Nelson Senior FFA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jacob Phillips from Nelson Senior FFA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Davis Fenster from James River FFA
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Kelsey Fitzgerald from Nelson Senior FFA
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Mason Sowers from James River FFA

### **Top Placing Teams**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – James River FFA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nelson Senior FFA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – James Wood FFA
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Blacksburg FFA

The Virginia FFA Avian Bowl Career Development Event is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Teams competed in a quiz bowl tournament.

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### **About National FFA Organization**

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 629,367 student members as part of 7,757 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is 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. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at FFA.org, on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

### **About National FFA Foundation**

The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations

and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. Governed by a 19-member board of trustees comprised of educators, business leaders, individual donors and FFA alumni, the foundation is a separately-registered nonprofit organization. About 82 percent of every dollar received by the foundation supports FFA members and agricultural education opportunities. For more, visit [FFA.org/Give](https://FFA.org/Give).