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### Perry High FFA ~ 2010-2011 State Champions



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Perry High School’s FFA Senior Meats Evaluation team earned the title of State Champion during the 2010-2011 State FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event. Team members are Michael Herren, Drew Rowell, Daniel Bergman, Myles Sowell and Jared Law.

The Meats Evaluation event develops skills needed for careers in the meat animal industry and students become more knowledgeable consumers of meat and meat animal products. Participants take a written exam, identify retail cuts, and grade carcasses on quality and yield grade.

John (Chip) Bridges, Program Manager, Agricultural Education for the Georgia Department of Education, commented “It is an awesome accomplishment when a student, teacher, school, and system are recognized as a State Champion. It is another championship in a long and rich tradition for Perry High FFA -- but it is always impressive and speaks very profoundly of the quality of your students, teachers, and administrators.”

He added, “This event, like many others in agricultural education, is an accomplishment that demonstrates many hours of dedication, great classroom instruction, and the skill attainment that we value in our students. The work and commitment on the part of the students and the agriculture teacher is very impressive. Hundreds of students each year begin course work and instruction in this component of the agricultural education curriculum, and to be recognized as the best in this pathway is something that should not be taken lightly.”

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