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YOUTH ATTEND 2016 NATIONAL 4-H/FFA ROUNDUP

Denver, Colorado – More than 1000 youth from more than 32 states including Alberta, Canada attended the Western National Roundup January 7-10, 2016 in Denver, CO. The Conference, now in its 96th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show. This year's theme of "Mission ImPossible" is aimed at leaving participants with the confidence that they have the opportunity to create unique experiences and thrive in their self-defined future through 4-H and FFA.

Both 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 19 have the opportunity to qualify for Roundup by winning their home state's contest. The competitions held at Western National Roundup include horse and livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon, and bowl, consumer decision making, public speaking prepared and impromptu, and meats identification. Workshops are offered throughout the week which provides a learning experience for the youth exposing them to topics ranging from communication and team building to leadership development. Youth participants develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Such skills as public speaking, professionalism, and good sportsmanship along with the memories and new friendships will outlast the trophies and ribbons that were won.



Spalding County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team represented the state of Georgia as state champions in national competition. The team consisted of Dani Gibson, Colter Chasteen, Tyler Gibson, and Carly Nash. Coaches for the team were Joanna Gibson and Melissa Chasteen. This team came home in 4th place in the nation. Individual honors given 9th place Tyler Gibson, 7th place Colter Chasteen, and 5th place Dani Gibson.