

# Laurel Christopher



Hello! my name is Laurel Christopher. I am in the tenth grade at White County High School and this is my fifth year exhibiting livestock. Before this I had always shown registered American Quarter horses. As long as I can remember I was in the saddle and I have always lived for the show ring. That intense adrenaline and the uncomfortable show clothing on a cold morning are feelings I live for. So when I was presented with the opportunity to show something else, I jumped in with both feet and never looked back. At first, I had no idea what to do or how livestock

shows worked. However, after several years of experience and lots of help from fellow competitors I was blessed to win showmanship at the state show with my dairy heifer.

Since beginning my involvement in the show ring and FFA I have had the opportunity to compete in so many different competitions. In the past several years I have competed in dairy judging, livestock judging, veterinary science, public speaking, and several other career development events. Additionally, I have also started showing lambs and goats through my chapter. I am also a part of the 2022-2023 Georgia National Fairgrounds Ambassador team. However, all of these competitions aren't even the best part of these programs. The best part is the people I have met and the friendships I have gained.

When I began showing in the sixth grade I had no idea of all the amazing people I would meet and the memories I would make. This experience has allowed me to meet and work with people involved in every aspect of the dairy industry. I was so blessed to have all the help and support of my fellow competitors throughout my time in the arena. As a board member for GDYF I can not wait to support and encourage all of the members of this organization