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Emily Owenby, Sarah Howard and Bailey Rayfield will be competing at the 2019 Georgia National Fair. Photo by Mark Smith

with Bandit, and she also won the local steer show here in Blairsville last year and a show in South Georgia three years ago with other cows.

Winning Grand Reserve Champion at the Georgia National Fair in October is a big deal, as there were about a thousand people showing their livestock this year, including Rayfield and other students from Union County.

The only bigger deal would be to win the Georgia State Fair, because that's the biggest livestock show of all in Georgia. The Georgia Futurity, Georgia National Fair and Georgia State Fair are all held in Perry, about 30 miles due south of Macon.

Rayfield and her classmates Emily Owenby and Sarah Howard are slated to show their animals at the Georgia

State Fair in February.

"I am extremely proud of our students and their participation at the Georgia National Fair," said Ryan Talton, ag teacher at Union County High. "Our Union County students have really improved their livestock and showing abilities within the last two years."

"I have been teaching agriculture for 15 years and have been participating in the junior livestock shows the entire time, and this has been the best group of students I have ever taught. I'm very proud of our kids and families."

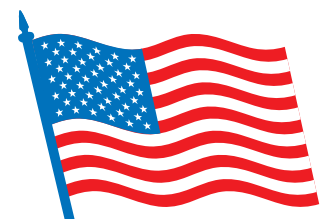
Nine kids from Union County showed their cows at the Georgia National Fair Junior Livestock Show this year, and they all placed in the competition. Two others showed hogs.

Of the 11 kids who went to the livestock show this year from Union County, nine are FFA members and two, Rayfield and Maggie McClure, are 4-H members.

But they all work together, travel together to the shows and, most importantly, support each other, according to Rayfield.

The kids who participated were Rayfield, McClure, Owenby, Howard, Preston Dyer, Cameron Elliot, Colby Elliot, Alyssa Sweat and Tamara Collins in show cows; and Trent Kerr and Tanner McGee, who showed hogs.

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wings to all veterans in attendance."

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