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### **Agricultural Program at Perry High School Awarded Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant**

**November 15, 2007, LEXINGTON, KY** – The agricultural program at Perry High School in Perry, Georgia, is one of six programs across the country that has been awarded a 2007 Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant from the American Nursery Landscape Association (ANLA).

Perry High school is located in one of the fastest growing counties in Georgia. According to Argene Claxton, agricultural instructor, as housing and businesses are built, opportunities for employment in all facets of the nursery and landscape industry flourish. Up to this point, the agricultural department has had an active greenhouse component within its horticulture education program, but no nursery and woody ornamental plant instruction.

Claxton hopes to develop land nearby the school as a land laboratory, one part of which will be a working nursery operation. “By securing a parcel of land, developing a small nursery, teaching nursery management skills, a student can attain many necessary skills important in the world of work today. The ANLA grant monies will allow Claxton to begin construction of the nursery learning site.

The ANLA “Enhancing Nursery and Landscape Instruction” grant is awarded annually to one member from each of the National Association of Agricultural Educators’ six regions. The National Association of Agricultural Educators is the professional organization for agricultural educators in the United States. The mission of NAAE is “professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.”

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