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Results from the 2025 Southeast Regional Collegiate Soils Contest

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Scene from the 2025 Southeast Regional Collegiate Soils Contest. Photo by John Kelley.

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Scenes from the contest. Photos courtesy of John Kelley ([view all photos](#)).

The top six schools listed below have punched their ticket to the national soil judging contest, which will also be hosted by NC State University March 22–27, 2026. View [the contest photos](#) (including national soil judging practice site photos).

The top six teams qualifying for national soil judging:

1. Virginia Tech
2. Auburn University
3. University of Tennessee—Knoxville
4. University of Georgia
5. West Virginia University
6. University of Kentucky

The top five individuals:

1. Clara Keener, Auburn University
2. Callie Goodwin, University of Tennessee—Knoxville
3. Sinclair Anderson, Virginia Tech
4. Holden Mrizek, Virginia Tech
5. Lee Alcorn, Virginia Tech



Clockwise from top: first-place individual: Clara Keener, Auburn University; first-place team: Virginia Tech; and group photo of all teams. Photos courtesy of John Kelley.

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