



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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Wapello FFA Chapter Wins 2011 Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event

The Wapello FFA Chapter at Wapello was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 27, 2011. Members of the first place team included: Amber Howell, Bay Boysen, Kortey Wagner and Kolby Keltner. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Irv Meier. The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Avery Arp, Nick Escalante, Max Longtin, and Tyler Koch. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Dave Tometich, Mr Dave Fowler, and Mr. Sam Paul. Austin Rohrs, from the South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 22 chapters including 74 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meats Evaluation. Activities included: placing carcass classes of beef, pork, and lamb; placing classes of wholesale and retail meat cuts; quality and yield grading beef carcasses; identifying retail meat cuts, and a problem solving activity. Champion teams are awarded with a plaque,

The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by the ISU Meats Judging Team and the faculty in the Meat Science Department of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

Cargill Meat Solutions, Hormel Foods Corporation, Kraft Foods Inc.-Oscar Mayer Division, and Tyson Foods, Inc. through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque. JBS U.S.A. of Marshalltown, Iowa, Brewer Meats, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa, and Webster City Custom Meats, Inc. of Webster City, Iowa sponsored the Iowa FFA Meat Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina
- 4 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 5 Denison FFA Chapter
- 6 St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- 7 Osage FFA Chapter
- 8 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 9 North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
- 10 Carroll Area FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Austin Rohrs, South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina
Matthew Schulte, Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
Amber Howell, Wapello FFA Chapter
Kolby Keltner, Wapello FFA Chapter
Tyler Koch, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Max Longtin, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Katharina Wigg, Denison FFA Chapter
Bay Boysen, Wapello FFA Chapter
Nick Escalante, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Ryan Bissen, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Individual: Ryan Bissen, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Nick Escalante, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: Wapello FFA Chapter

Individual: Avery Arp, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Retail Cut Identification

Team: Wapello FFA Chapter

Individual: Amber Howell, Wapello FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: Wapello FFA Chapter

Individual: Austin Rohrs, South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (1591 to 1238)

Wapello FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Denison FFA Chapter

St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Osage FFA Chapter

Cascade FFA Chapter

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Carroll Area FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (6)

Score Range (1189 to 1053)

Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

East Sac FFA Chapter

Belle Plaine FFA Chapter

Guthrie Center Tiger FFA Chapter

Hampton Tall Corn FFA Chapter

AGWSR FFA Chapter at Ackley

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (988 to 413)

Bellevue FFA Chapter

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Anamosa FFA Chapter

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 520,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

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