



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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Diamond Trail FFA Wins Iowa FFA Agronomy CDE

The Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on June 7, 2012. Members of the first place team included: Alex Samson, Derrick Hoodjer, Nate VandeWall and Killian Van Scolen and their agricultural education instructor and FFA Advisor is Mr. Ed Ricks. They will represent Iowa at the National Agronomy Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Isiah Brandt, Bridget Bouska, Madison Kirchmann, and Lucas Wedland and their agricultural education instructor and FFA Advisor is Ms. Meghan Crilly. Derrick Hoodjer of the Diamond Trail FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 95 individuals from 27 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agronomy. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in Agronomy, including crop, weed, insect and seed identification; crop and seed judging and evaluation; and grain grading. A written examination and computer application activities were included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from Channel – a seed brand of Monsanto and the Iowa Crop Improvement Association. The top individual receives a \$500 scholarship from the Iowa State University Department of Agronomy if the student chooses to major in Agronomy at Iowa State University. The Bayer CropScience sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy hosted the event and provided lunch and T-shirts to all participants. The Agronomy Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Dennis Miller and other faculty and staff with the Agronomy Department at Iowa State University in Ames.

Top 10 Teams

1	Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe
2	Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA, Sumner
3	Denison FFA, Denison
4	LaPorte City-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
5	Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
6	Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
7	Washington FFA, Washington
8	AGWSR FFA, Ackley
9	Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
10	Iowa Falls-Alden FFA, Iowa Falls

Top 10 Individuals

Derrick Hoodjer	Monroe
Alex Samson	Monroe
Nate VandeWall	Monroe
Katharina Wigg	Denison
Bridget Bouska	Sumner
Trent Heth	LaPorte City
Matt Schulte	Waukon
Killian Van Scolen	Monroe
Isiah Brandt	Sumner
Lucas Wedland	Sumner

Specialty Areas – Top Team/Top Individual:

Team Event

Team: Denison FFA

Crops Judging

Team: Diamond Trail FFA

Individual: Killian Van Scolen, Monroe

Identification

Team: Diamond Trail FFA

Individual: Derrick Hoodjer, Monroe

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Diamond Trail FFA

Individual: Derrick Hoodjer, Monroe

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (1914 to 1245)

Diamond Trail FFA

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Denison FFA

LaPorte City-Dysart FFA

Little Switzerland FFA

Maquoketa FFA

Washington FFA

AGWSR FFA

Central Lee FFA

Iowa Falls-Alden FFA

Silver Teams (9)

Score Range (1238 to 1151)

Earlham FFA

Creston FFA

New Hampton FFA

Cascade FFA

North Polk FFA

Charles City FFA

North Iowa FFA

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA

Brokaw FFA

Bronze Teams (8)

Score Range (1089 to 648)

Oelwein FFA

West Fork FFA

Collins-Maxwell FFA

South O'Brien FFA

St. Ansgar FFA

West Delaware FFA

Dallas Center-Grimes FFA

Southeast Polk FFA

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with nearly 13,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 540,000 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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