



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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2012 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

84th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event was held at Iowa State University, Ames, on Monday, April 23, 2012. Twelve chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place chapter for the event was the Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Patrick Powers. The second place chapter for the event was the Columbus FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Katie McWhirter.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored this year's event.

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 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

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Listed below are the results for the Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Paige Reck, Megan Paris, Anna Haselhuhn, Harlie Boyer, MaKenzie Jensen, and Danielle Delange	Eddyville	Gold
2	Trevor Conaway, Anna Lowe, Megan Pretz, Irvin Rodriguez, Mitchell Roush, and Shelly Stewart	Columbus Junction	Gold
3	Emily Kalb, Jacob Mohlis, Paige Wardell, Tessa Stewart, Hannah Fink, and Ben Rettinger	Oelwein	Gold
4	Matthew Mack, Leigh Marzen, Colin Barker, Derek Counsell, Tyler Havel, Lakota Kirst, and Jesse Klaes	Osage	Gold
5	Eric Metzger, Kendra Mogler, Lynelle Mogler, Chad Knoblock, Kinzi Blomgren, and Kaleb Heyer	Inwood	Gold
	Jamie Highland, Sidney Herrig, Molly Hesnard, Kurt Fertig, Brayton Grote, and Chris Carlyle	Lake View	Gold
	Drew Dietz, Maddie Fonley, and Matthew Sharp	Nashua	Silver
	Meagan Fields, Elli Slouha, Sam Reilly, Tyler Mullins, Aubrie Soper, and Cole Lineburg	Wyoming	Silver
	Adam Baker, John Gravlin, Brooke Thelen, and Tyson Tucker	Creston	Bronze
	Max Dirks, McKaila von Rentzell, Erica Baier, Cole Ferguson, Branden Waldron, and John Hopp	Earlham	Bronze
	Nick Kornishuck, Joey Koke, Leah Eng, Drake Nielson, Jeff Flies, and Jordan Siebert	Harlan	Bronze
	Merritt Caviness, Chantz Davidson, Cody Hagle, Wyatt Hensley, Tyrell Stucker, and Alex Cheers	Orient	Bronze

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