



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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West Lyon FFA Wins Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology CDE

The West Lyon FFA Chapter from Inwood was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames in ISU, Ames on June 6, 2013. Members of the first place team included: James Dubbelde, Nickolas Meester, Reagen Meyer, and Cody Ver Steeg. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Cathy Doorneweerd and Mr. Craig Winquist.. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Riceville FFA Chapter from Riceville was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jacob Back, Sam Back, John Green, and Luke Harken. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Jim Green. John Green, Riceville FFA, Riceville, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 101 individuals from 32 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 Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in ag machinery equipment, energy systems, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems. A written examination and computer application activities were included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from P & K Midwest John Deere and Van Wall Group through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Firestone Agricultural Tire Company sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Ryan Anderson and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department along with the Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering Department at Iowa State University in Ames.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 2 Riceville FFA, Riceville
- 3 Keota FFA, Keota
- 4 West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- 5 Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- 6 South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- 7 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 8 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Top 10 Individuals

- John Green, Riceville FFA, Riceville
Reagen Meyer, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
James Dubbelde, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Derek Hammen, Keota FFA, Keota
Geordan Hanson, Valley FFA, Elgin
Nickolas Meester, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Cody Ver Steeg, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Dylan Reidesel, DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt

9 Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
10 Valley FFA, Elgin

Zachary Greimann, West Fork FFA
Dalton Martinek, Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Structural Systems

Team: Riceville FFA, Riceville **Individual:** Derek Hammen, Keota FFA, Keota

Machinery & Equipment Systems

Team: Valley FFA, Elgin **Individual:** Jack Walstrom, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Environmental & Natural Resource Systems

Team: West Lyon FFA, Inwood **Individual:** Andrew Richter, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Electrical Systems

Team: West Lyon FFA, Inwood **Individual:** James Dubbelde, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Energy Systems

Team: IKM-Manning FFA, Manning **Individual:** Geordan Hanson, Valley FFA, Elgin

General Knowledge Examination

Team: West Lyon FFA, Inwood **Individual:** Geordan Hanson, Valley FFA, Elgin

Team Problem Solving

Team: Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (14)

Score Range (544 to 416)

West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Riceville FFA, Riceville
Keota FFA, Keota
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Valley FFA, Elgin
Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
Interstate 35 FFA, Truro

Silver Teams (12)

Score Range (404 to 313)

Indianola FFA, Indianola
IKM-Manning FFA, Manning
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Griswold FFA, Griswold
East Sac FFA, Lake View
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Forest City FFA, Forest City
West Fork FFA
DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (295 to 235)

North Polk FFA, Alleman
Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley
MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Nashua-Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

The Iowa FFA Association has 216 local chapters with over 13,400 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 550,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local,

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