



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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NEWS RELEASE

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Wapello FFA Wins 2013 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Wapello FFA Chapter from Wapello was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on October 12, 2013. Members of the first place team included: Kimberlee Ewart, Keegan Lanz, Tucker Massner, and Collin McNeil. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Cole Rushing. The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Megan Baker, Kurtis Doty, Tyler Geiger, and Aliya Pargeon. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Crawford. Tyler Geiger, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The top five teams will represent Iowa at the National Land Judging Event in May of 2014 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Central Lee FFA Chapter from Donnellson, AGWSR FFA Chapter from Ackley, and South O'Brien FFA Chapter from Paullina will join the top two teams in Oklahoma.

FFA teams including from 30 chapters, including 116 individuals 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 Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through sponsorship by Calcium Products, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Sponsorship provided covered awards recognition of the top ten teams and individuals as well as a travel stipend for the national qualifying teams.

The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Dr. Lee Burras of Iowa State University and Mr. Virgil Schmidt of Iowa State University Extension coordinated the event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 2 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 3 Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
- 4 AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- 5 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 6 Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
- 7 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Tyler Geiger, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Tucker Massner, Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 3 Kimberlee Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 4 Keegan Lanz, Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 5 Wyatt Sickelka, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 6 Kenan Todd, Columbus FFA, Columbus Junction
- 7 Andrew White, Spencer FFA, Spencer

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- 9 Columbus FFA, Columbus Junction
- 10 North Polk FFA, Alleman

- Caleb Bartling, AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- Morgan McEnany, Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
- Reed Shockley, Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Individual: Tyler Geiger, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Pit Evaluation

Team: Wapello FFA, Wapello

Individual: Tucker Massner, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (510 to 437)

- Wapello FFA, Wapello
- Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
- AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
- Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- Spencer FFA, Spencer
- Columbus FFA, Columbus Junction
- North Polk FFA, Alleman
- Des Moines FFA, Des Moines

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (419 to 385)

- Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
- Denison FFA, Denison
- Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
- Griswold FFA, Griswold
- Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
- Orient-Macksburg FFA, Orient
- IKM-Manning FFA, Manning
- Algona FFA, Algona
- East Union FFA, Afton
- Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Bronze Teams (9)

Score Range (376 to 272)

- Southern Cal FFA, Lake City
- North Sentral Kossuth FFA, Swea City
- Albia FFA, Albia
- Hawkeye FFA, West Bend
- Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
- North Tama FFA, Traer
- New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
- Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 13,400 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 575,000 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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