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## News Release

# SUMNER FREDERICKSBURG FFA WINS 2015 IOWA FFA AGRONOMY CDE

The Sumner Fredericksburg FFA Chapter located in Sumner was named the Iowa Champion FFA Agronomy Team in the 2015 Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on June 4, 2015. Team members included: Justin Dillon, Bryce Gaede, Tessa Meyer, and Kelly Diemer. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Meghan Bond. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Agronomy Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this October. The Reserve Champion Team in Agronomy was the Little Switzerland FFA Chapter located in Waukon. Team members included: Sarah Smith, Jacob Dougherty, Michael Schulte, and Kyle Gordon. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jessica O'Connor. Tessa Meyer from Sumner was the High Overall Individual in the competition.

FFA teams including 90 individuals from 27 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students 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 was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA 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. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association provided lunch to all participants in the event. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy hosted the event and provided T-shirts to all participants. 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 Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was made possible with support from Iowa Corn through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Bayer Crop Science sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 2 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 3 Denison FFA, Denison
- 4 Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center
- 5 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 6 Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
- 7 Washington FFA, Washington
- 8 Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly
- 9 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 10 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Tessa Meyer, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA  
Justin Dillon, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA  
Bryce Gaede, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA  
Emily Boettger, Denison FFA, Denison  
Jacob Dougherty, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Garrett Butler, Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center  
Kelly Diemer, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA  
Michael Schulte, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Justin Reiser, Denison FFA, Denison  
Sarah Smith, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

## **Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

### **Crops Judging Placing Classes**

**Team:** Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

**Individual:** Jacob Dougherty, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

### **Identification of Plants, Seeds, and Insects**

**Team:** Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

**Individual:** Justin Dillon, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

### **General Knowledge Exam**

**Team:** Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

**Individual:** Tessa Meyer, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

### **Team Event**

**Team:** Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (11)**

##### Score Range (1911 to 1284)

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Denison FFA, Denison

Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Atlantic FFA, Atlantic

Washington FFA, Washington

Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly

East Sac FFA, Lake View

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Audubon FFA, Audubon

#### **Bronze Teams (4)**

##### Score Range (1039 to 445)

LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Forest City FFA, Forest City

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

#### **Silver Teams (12)**

##### Score Range (1257 to 1055)

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Bellevue FFA, Bellevue

Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

Boone A&M FFA, Boone

New Hampton FFA, New Hampton

North Polk FFA, Alleman

Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Indianola FFA, Indianola

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 225 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at [IowaFFA.com](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.