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News Release

SUMNER FREDERICKSBURG FFA WINS 2015 IOWA FFA MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The 2015 Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was held at ISU, Ames on Saturday, August 29, 2015. Fifteen teams and fifty-one individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of milk quality and dairy foods.

The Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA was named the Iowa Champion FFA Milk Quality & Products Team. Team members included: Nathan Arthur, Lindsey Meyer, Elysa Hampton, and Alyssa Swehla. Ms. Karen VanDeWalle is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Foods Judging was the Monticello FFA, Monticello. Team members included: Breanna Adams, Kaitlyn Heinrich, Cortney Price, and Stephanie Manternach. Mr. Eric Schmitt is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. Alyssa Swehla from Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA was the Champion Individual. Nathan Arthur from Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from the Midwest Dairy Association in Ankeny, Culver's, Dairy Farmers of America and Kraft Heinz, through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

The Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Stephanie Clark and numerous other faculty and staff with the Iowa State University Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition in Ames. Leo Timms and the Iowa State University Dairy Farm provided materials for the California Mastitis Test portion of the event. Eastern Iowa Dairy Supply and Fitzgerald, Inc. Dairy Equipment & Service provided the milker units.

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 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 3 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 4 Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
- 5 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 6 South Tama FFA, Tama
- 7 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 8 Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
- 9 Murray FFA, Murray
- 10 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Top 10 Individuals

- Alyssa Swehla, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Nathan Arthur, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Lindsey Meyer, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Kaitlyn Heinrich, Monticello FFA, Monticello
Cortney Price, Monticello FFA, Monticello
Trevor Burgart, New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Zoe Ryan, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Brandon King, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Amanda Fortman, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Devin Kirkoff, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Written Test

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA **Individual:** Lindsey Meyer, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Milk Fat Identification

Team: Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull **Individual:** Alyssa Swehla, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Cheese Identification

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA **Individual:** Nathan Arthur, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Milk Samples

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA **Individual:** Alyssa Swehla, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Mastitis Test

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA **Individual:** Brandon King, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Milking Equipment

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA **Individual:** Lindsey Meyer, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Team Activity

Team: Monticello FFA, Monticello

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (478 to 350)

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
South Tama FFA, Tama
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull
Murray FFA, Murray
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Silver Teams (4)

Score Range (345 to 309)

South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

Bronze Teams (1)

Score Range (101 to 101)

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

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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, on Facebook, and Twitter.