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News Release

2016 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

88th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event was held at Iowa State University, Ames, on Monday, April 18, 2016. Twelve Chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event (CDE). The first place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris and Mr. Dick Brand. The second place chapter for the event was the Maquoketa FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Gary Bruns.

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 FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions CDE was made possible with support from the Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Issues and Perceptions CDE are listed below.

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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 226 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.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Alyssa McMichael, Sean Salemink, Joe Baker, Gracie Danner, Belinda Heckman, Haddie Anderson, and Reghan McNaul	West Liberty	Gold
2	Courtney Becker, Sarah Tabor, Brooke Lapke, Ethan Strathman, Jackson Tubbs, and Macklin Shanahan	Maquoketa	Gold
3	Hanna Bjelica, Bailee Bortz, Makayla Nierling, Kelby Katcher,	Charles City	Gold

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	Jonathan Zander, Ciana Sonberg, and Aaron Wright		
4	Alex Fouts, Noah Huber, Gabriela Petry, Maria Geisler, Olivia Jordan, and Kayla Carolan	Hudson	Gold
5	Teirra Long, Amanda Osland, Tatum Choate, Skyler Romberg, Tanner Hoffstetter, and Wyatt Thomas	Grinnell	Silver
	Madison Fitzgerald, Austin Haskovec, Kandise Hauber, Amber Hinck, Meredith Sheehy, Kiersta Walton, and Truman Thomas	Cresco	Silver
	Sage Bennett, Peyton Boyle, Lora Brummer, Braden Else, Christian Hinkeldey, and Montana Else	Holstein	Silver
	Kate Collins, Noah Kouri, Kaylee Wheeler, Spencer Collins, and Kaitlyn Jimmerson	Adel	Bronze
	Whitney Petersen, Tyler Riebhoff, Jarrett Meaike, Dylan Lollie, Dustin Andreasen, and Jayden Hartl	Audubon	Bronze
	Emilee Ellis, Brandon Nelson, Laura Pauley, Stephanie Smith, and Molly Wingert	Harlan	Bronze
	Simon Berentschot, Tate Blankespoor, Karisa Faber, Payton Klarenbeek, Micah Meyer, Josey Poppens, and Dylan Teunissen	Inwood	Bronze
	Collin Retterath, Wesley Johnson, Austin Duryee, Taylor Ewing, Kelli Wicks, Alyssa Staudt, and Jenna Knecht	Rockford	Bronze