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News Release

DENISON FFA WINS 2018 IOWA FFA AGRONOMY CDE

The Denison FFA Chapter located in Denison was named the Iowa Champion FFA Agromomy Team in the 2018 Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was held at Ames on June 7, 2018. Team members included: Dawson Evers, Brady Fredericks, Hannah Holdsworth, and Parker Wessel. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Dana Weeda, Ms. Alise Meyers, and Mr. Tim Baughman. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Agronomy Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October. The Reserve Champion Team in Agronomy was the Wapello FFA Chapter located in Wapello. Team members included: Jacob Ewart, Bryant Lanz, and Jackson Weyrick. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Danielle Wanfalt. Hannah Holdsworth from Denison was the High Overall Individual in the competition.

FFA teams including 122 individuals from 35 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 Ms. Nicole Shimp, Ms. Jody Smith 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 Denison FFA, Denison
- 2 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 3 Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
- 4 Newton FFA, Newton
- 5 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 6 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 7 Highland FFA, Riverside
- 8 M-F-L-Mar-Mac FFA, Monona
- 9 Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis
- 10 Midland FFA, Wyoming

Top 10 Individuals

- Hannah Holdsworth, Denison FFA, Denison
Ben Quade, Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Isaac Black, Highland FFA, Riverside
Macie Weigand, M-F-L-Mar-Mac FFA, Monona
Brady Fredericks, Denison FFA, Denison
Kody Wenger, West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Daniel Townsend, Newton FFA, Newton
Jacob Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Ethan Orr, Midland FFA, Wyoming
Matt Whittle, Central Community FFA, Elkader

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Crops Judging Placing Classes

Team: Denison FFA, Denison

Individual: Hannah Holdsworth, Denison FFA, Denison

Identification of Plants, Seeds, and Insects

Team: Denison FFA, Denison

Individual: Hannah Holdsworth, Denison FFA, Denison

General Knowledge Exam

Team: Denison FFA, Denison

Individual: Brady Fredericks, Denison FFA, Denison

Team Event

Team: Decorah FFA, Decorah

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (13)

Score Range (1959 to 1590)

Denison FFA, Denison

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Newton FFA, Newton

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Decorah FFA, Decorah

Highland FFA, Riverside

M-F-L-Mar-Mac FFA, Monona

Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Midland FFA, Wyoming

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Bellevue FFA, Bellevue

Belle Plaine FFA

Bronze Teams (4)

Score Range (1051 to 496)

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

West Fork FFA

Silver Teams (18)

Score Range (1567 to 1221)

Washington FFA, Washington

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Cascade FFA

Seymour FFA

Forest City FFA, Forest City

Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Charles City FFA, Charles City

Independence FFA

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Indianola FFA, Indianola

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 student members as part of 235 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.