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## **News Release**

# **Little Switzerland FFA Wins 2018 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle CDE**

The 2018 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in Manchester on Saturday, September 8, 2018. Eighteen teams and sixty-three 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 dairy cattle selection and management.

The Little Switzerland FFA Chapter located in Waukon was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Cattle Team. Team members included: Kaylee Gibbs, Grace Howe, Cayla Nolting, and Faith Palmer. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jessica O'Connor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Judging was the Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter located in Dyersville. Team members included: Shelby Westhoff, Lauren Goldsmith, Jacob Besler, and Laina Marbach. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Dawn Mausser. Blake Courtney from Decorah was the Champion Individual. Sarah Goedken from Delhi was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Allflex USA sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

Jessie Schramm, Nevin Lansing, and Tyler Fischer were the official judges for the placing classes. Dean Weber from Rockwell prepared the testing materials.

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

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 2 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 3 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 4 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 5 North Scott FFA, Eldridge
- 6 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 7 M-F-L-Mar-Mac FFA, Monona
- 8 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 9 Cascade FFA
- 10 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Blake Courtney, Decorah FFA, Decorah  
Sarah Goedken, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi  
Grace Howe, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Shelby Westhoff, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Collin Costello, North Scott FFA, Eldridge  
Laina Marbach, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Kaylee Gibbs, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Faith Palmer, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Amber Engelken, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi  
Lauren Goldsmith, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

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

**Dairy Cow and Heifer Placing Classes**

**Team:** Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

**Individual:** Blake Courtney, Decorah FFA, Decorah

**Oral Reasons**

**Team:** Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

**Individual:** Grace Howe, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

**Dairy Production and Management Test**

**Team:** Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

**Individual:** Blake Courtney, Decorah FFA, Decorah

**Herd Data Evaluation**

**Team:** Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

**Individual:** Laina Marbach, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

**Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**

**Gold Teams (7)**

Score Range (1605.5 to 1452)

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Decorah FFA, Decorah

North Scott FFA, Eldridge

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

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

**Silver Teams (5)**

Score Range (1428 to 1352)

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Cascade FFA

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

West Marshall FFA, State Center

**Bronze Teams (6)**

Score Range (1337.5 to 401)

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Bellevue FFA, Bellevue

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe

New Hampton FFA, New Hampton

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

**The following FFA Members served as show persons during the event and were ranked as follows:**

**Gold Awards (3)**

Courtney Goedken, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Greyden Henry, Central Trail FFA, Leon

Austin Koch, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

**Silver Awards (2)**

Chris Wehling, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Mikel Brown, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

**Bronze Awards (1)**

Dylan Wehling, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

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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.