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News Release

Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Farm Business Management CDE

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Farm Management Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 16, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Maddy McKeag, Carissa Vanzee, Mikayla Henry, and Madelyn DeJong. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. They will represent Iowa at the National Farm Management Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Wapello FFA Chapter from Wapello was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jacob Ewart, Bryant Lanz, and Brantly Palmer. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Danielle Wolfe. Maddy McKeag, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The West Liberty FFA Chapter from West Liberty was the winner of the Team Participation Activity.

FFA teams from 85 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Farm Management. The 311 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test which had three sections: economic principles, records and analysis, and risk management. All team members worked together to solve a problem related to break even analysis.

The Iowa FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event was made possible with support from GROWMARK and the Iowa Farm Business Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Dr. Ron Deiter, Professor of Economics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, was the Career Development Event coordinator and prepared the test with assistance from Dr. Georgeane Artz, Assistant Professor of Economics.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 3 Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
- 4 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 5 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 6 Hawkeye FFA, West Bend
- 7 Newton FFA, Newton
- 8 Osage FFA, Osage
- 9 Clay Central/Everyly FFA, Everyly
- 10 Cascade FFA

Top 10 Individuals

- Maddy McKeag, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Jacob Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Bryant Lanz, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Mason Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Mikayla Henry, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Carissa Vanzee, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Brantly Palmer, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Madelyn DeJong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Jaren Rathje, Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Korie Jack, Newton FFA, Newton

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (25)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Wapello FFA, Wapello
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Hawkeye FFA, West Bend
Newton FFA, Newton
Osage FFA, Osage
Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly
Cascade FFA
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
MVAO FFA, Mapleton
Monticello FFA, Monticello
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
ACGC FFA
Alburnett FFA, Alburnett
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
MMCRU FFA
Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
Chariton FFA, Chariton
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Decorah FFA, Decorah
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah

Bronze Teams (33)

Iowa Falls-Alden FFA, Iowa Falls
Turkey Valley at Jackson Junction
Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Kingsley-Pierson FFA, Kingsley
Independence FFA
Earlham FFA, Earlham
Collins-Maxwell FFA, Maxwell
Holland FFA, Orange City
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Panorama FFA, Panora
Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
Emmetsburg FFA, Emmetsburg
Western Christian FFA, Hull
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

Silver Teams (27)

Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis
Interstate 35 FFA
North Scott FFA at Eldridge
West Liberty FFA
Harlan FFA, Harlan
Estherville FFA, Estherville
Algona FFA, Algona
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Creston FFA, Creston
West Fork FFA
Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Unity Christian FFA
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
LeMars FFA Chapter, Le Mars
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Rock Valley FFA
Riverside FFA, Oakland
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Carroll Area FFA, Carroll
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
OABCIG FFA
Belle Plaine FFA

Tall Corn FFA Chapter
Woodward-Granger FFA, Woodward
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
Starmont FFA, Arlington
Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
East Union FFA, Afton
Charles City FFA, Charles City
Bedford FFA
Pella Christian FFA
Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas
Nodaway Valley FFA, Greenfield
Belmond-Klemme FFA, Belmond
Forest City FFA, Forest City
Melcher-Dallas FFA
West Delaware FFA, Manchester

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 student members as part of 242 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.

