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Iowa Farm Business Management Career Development Event April 17, 2009

The 34th Official Iowa FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event was held at the Des Moines Convention Center on Friday, April 17, 2009. There were 65 chapters and 286 individuals in the Career Development Event.

The first part of the Career Development Event consisted of a team participation event worth 50 points. The second part of the Career Development Event consisted of a test to evaluate an individual's knowledge, decision-making and problem-analysis skills of economic principals and concepts taught in Business Management in Agriculture. The exam was broken down into three sections:

- a) Economic Principals
- b) Records and Analysis
- c) Risk Management

Dr. Ron Deiter, Professor of Ag Economics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, was the Career Development Event coordinator and prepared the test with the assistance of Dr. William Edwards Professor of Ag Economics.

The National FFA Foundation sponsored the plaque for the champion team. The reserve champion team plaque, ribbons for the top ten teams, and the champion individual's trophy was sponsored by The Iowa Farm Business Association and the Iowa Agriculture Development Authority through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Iowa FFA Association will award certificates to all Farm Business Management teams and participants.

The first place Iowa FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event team is:

Montezuma: Emily Cashman, Brett Cranston, Madison Ehret, and Victor Bushong Instructor: Rick Swenson

The second place Iowa FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event team is:

Keota: Cody Branstad, Riley Sheetz, Travis Greiner, Bryce Sieren Instructor: Dan Striegel

Ten High Teams (all classes). School PO: (Score Range:419-294)

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| 1. Montezuma | 6. Lake View |
| 2. Keota | 7. Riceville |
| 3. Nashua | 8. Waukon |
| 4. Audubon | 9. Mount Ayr |
| 5. Harlan | 10. Denison |

Ten High Individuals (all classes). School PO: (Score Range: 136-110)

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| 1. Emily Cashman , Montezuma | 6. Madison Ehret, Montezuma |
| 2. Victor Bushong , Montezuma | 7. Caleb Bissen, Harlan |
| 3. Brett Cranston, Montezuma | 8. Wesley Dohlman, Riceville |
| 4. Riley Sheetz, Keota | 9. Jeffery Inloes, Mount Ayr |
| 5. Matthew Hansen, Audubon | 10. Travis Clark, Guthrie Center |

Top Team in Team Activity:

Montezuma

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Teams consisted of three or four members each with the top three scores determining team scores. Teams are identified by the Post Office address where the Agricultural Education Department and the FFA Chapter is located.

Gold Emblem Teams (Score Range: 419-248):

Montezuma	Waukon	Epworth
Keota	Mount Ayr	Cascade
Nashua	Denison	Inwood
Audubon	Edgewood	Neola
Harlan	Ackley	Creston
East Sac	Guthrie Center	Chariton
Riceville	Oskaloosa	Rockwell City
Gilbert	New Hampton	Parkersburg

Silver Emblem Teams (Score Range: 243-208):

Sioux Center	Monticello	Elgin
Wyoming	LeMars	Webster City
Vinton	Mapleton	Osage
Monroe	Carroll	Orange City
Jefferson	Story City	St. Ansgar
Arlington	Corydon	Rock Valley
Albia	Mason	Decorah

Bronze Emblem Teams (Score Range: 201-145)

Anamosa	Charles City	Pleasant Hill
Griswold	Sioux Rapids	Sloan
DeWitt	Lone Tree	Preston
Grundy Center	Tama	Sheffield
Newton	Olin	Goose Lake
West Union	Clarinda	
Manchester	Afton	

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

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