



## Iowa FFA Association

### The FFA Mission

*FFA makes 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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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **WEST LYON FFA CHAPTER CLAIMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN AGRICULTURE MECHANICS**

The West Lyon FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Ag Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Members of the first place West Lyon FFA team included: Philip Feucht, Lucas Bouwman, Jacob Meyer, and Preston Smidt. Their Ag Education Instructors are Mr. Gary De Vries and Ms. Cathy Doorneweerd. The St Ansgar FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Garrett Cole, Ryan Bissen, Chris Slaichert, and Hunter Thome. Their Ag Education Instructor is Mr. Andy Johnson. Andrew Metzger, from the West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including eighty-one individuals from twenty-seven 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 Ag Mechanics. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in ag machinery equipment, energy systems, structures, environmental and natural resources, and industry and marketing systems. A written examination and computer application activities were included along with a team problem solving competition.

The plaque for the State Winning Team sponsored by Firestone Agricultural Tire Company through the National FFA Foundation. All plaques and rosettes (team and individual), travel money for the Champion Team and event materials were all made possible through the Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association and ASMUS Farm Supply through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The Agricultural Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Tom Brumm and other faculty and staff with the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Department at ISU in Ames.

#### **Top 10 Teams Overall:**

1. West Lyon at Inwood
2. St. Ansgar
3. West Liberty
4. Riceville
5. Osage
6. South O'Brien at Paullina
7. Souix Central at Souix Rapids
8. Crestwood at Cresco
9. Williamsburg
10. West Delaware at Manchester

## Top 10 Individuals Overall:

1. Avery Meyers, West Liberty
2. Cody Aubrecht, West Liberty
3. Ryan Bissen, St Ansgar
4. Kyle Drilling, Riceville
5. Jacob Meyer, West Lyon at Inwood
6. Kyle Nerad, Osage
7. Lucas Bouwman, West Lyon at Inwood
8. Garrett Cole, St. Ansgar
9. Philip Feucht, West Lyon at Inwood
10. Dalton Martinek, Crestwood at Cresco

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

Structural Systems...

Team: West Liberty                      Individual: Cody Aubrecht, West Liberty

Industry and Marketing Systems...

Team: West Liberty                      Individual: Avery Meyers, West Liberty

Energy Systems...

Team: Osage                                Individual: Jacob Meyers, West Lyon at Inwood

Machinery Equip. Systems...

Team: St. Ansgar                        Individual: Craig DeBoer, South O'Brien at Paullina

Environmental/Natural Resources...

Team: West Lyon at Inwood            Individual: Jacob Meyers, West Lyon at Inwood

Written Exam...

Team: West Lyon at Inwood            Individual: Kyle Drilling, Riceville

Team Problem Solving...

Team: South O'Brien at Paullina

## GOLD EMBLEM TEAMS: (488-375)

West Lyon at Inwood                      Sioux Central at Sioux Rapids

St. Ansgar                                      Crestwood at Cresco

West Liberty                                  Williamsburg

Riceville                                        West Delaware at Manchester

Osage    Charles City

South O'Brien at Paullina

## SILVER EMBLEM TEAMS: (358-316)

Valley at Elgin                                MOC Floyd Valley at Orange City

West Fork at Sheffield                      Waukon

East Sac at Lake View                        Indianola

Cascade                                        DeWitt Central at DeWitt

AGWSR at Ackley

## BRONZE EMBLEM TEAMS: (287-)

Davis County at Bloomfield                Maple Valley at Mapleton

Bellevue                                        Dallas Center at Grimes

South Tama at Tama                         Guthrie Center

Nashua Plainfield

The Iowa FFA Association has 226 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.