



## 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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### **South O'Brien FFA Chapter Wins 2012 Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event**

The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 25, 2012. Members of the first place team included: Eric Koehlmoos, Andrew Richter, Austin Rohrs, and Libby Wagner. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Eric Kumm. The Wapello FFA Chapter from Wapello was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Emma Kroeger, Alyson Martens, Morgan Irons, and Kennedie Stroda. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Irvin Meier. Austin Rohrs, from the South O'Brien FFA Chapter at Paullina, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 19 chapters including 71 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meats Evaluation. Activities included: placing carcass classes of beef, pork, and lamb; placing classes of wholesale and retail meat cuts; quality and yield grading beef carcasses; identifying retail meat cuts, and a problem solving activity.

The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Sherry Olsen and the ISU Meats Judging Team along with the faculty in the Meat Science Department of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from JBS U.S.A. of Marshalltown, Iowa. Cargill Meat Solutions, Hormel Foods Corporation, Kraft Foods Inc.-Oscar Mayer Division, and Tyson Foods, Inc. through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 2 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 3 Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
- 4 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 Osage FFA Chapter
- 6 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 7 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 8 Oelwein FFA Chapter
- 9 North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
- 10 Nevada FFA Chapter

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Austin Rohrs, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Tyler Koch, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Emma Kroeger, Wapello FFA Chapter
- Lakota Kirst, Osage FFA Chapter
- Eric Koehlmoos, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Libby Wagner, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Alexandria Samson, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
- Matthew Schulte, Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- Alyson Martens, Wapello FFA Chapter
- Derrick Hoodier, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

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

### **Placing Carcass Classes**

**Team:** Osage FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Austin Rohrs, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

### **Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Austin Rohrs, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

### **Beef Quality and Yield Grading**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Emma Kroeger, Wapello FFA Chapter

### **Retail Cut Identification**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Eric Koehlmoos, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

### **Problem Solving Activity**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Austin Rohrs, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (7)**

Score Range (1678 to 1426)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Osage FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

East Sac FFA Chapter

#### **Silver Teams (12)**

Score Range (1352 to 1184)

Oelwein FFA Chapter

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Nevada FFA Chapter

Indianola FFA Chapter

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly

Cascade FFA Chapter

Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Chapter

Maquoketa FFA Chapter

IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with nearly 13,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 540,000 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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