



# 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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## **2013 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

85th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event was held at Iowa State University, Ames, on Monday, April 22, 2013. Twelve chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place chapter for the event was the Des Moines FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Jacob Hunter and Mr. Craig Nelson. The second place chapter for the event was the West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Cathy Doorneweerd and Mr. Craig Winquist.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored this year's event.

The Iowa FFA Association has 216 local chapters with 13,403 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 550,000 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**

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career success through agricultural education.

Listed below are the results for the Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Ella Gehrke, Lee Thomsen, Jonah Jensen, Alexis Kurth, Charlie Arends, Sydney Durbin, and Jordan Christensen	Des Moines	Gold
2	Micah Bajema, Benjamin Feucht, Matt Metzger, Reagen Meyer, Talon Meyer, and Cody Ver Steeg	Inwood	Gold
3	Libby Fisher, Matt Goode, Allison Zumbach, Miranda Moore, Justin Voss, and Joe Ward	Troy Mills	Gold
4	Tanner Rau, Savannah Gefaller, Heidi Kalb, Chase Reising, Wade Michels, and Kayleigh Miller	Oelwein	Gold
5	Ethan Weber, Dalton Webster, Gretchen Witzenburg, Meredith Wheeldon, Alex Shadley, and J.C. Dumont	Sigourney	Gold
	Danielle Nemmers, Kendra Nemmers, Sarah Dyer, Mary Von Rentzell, Jared Rouw, and Sydney Waldron	Earlham	Silver
	Ben Bierschenk, Megan Evans, Matt Stille, Brittany Murphy, and Annette Lantow	Nashua	Silver
	Cassandra Aldis, Brooke Krogman, Larissa Ruchotzke, Emily Strait, Rose Strait, Abby Smithson, and Zachary Adams	Preston	Silver
	Nathan Hagedorn, Derek Nielsen, Clifton Nelson, Kyle Juelsgaard, Daniel Schneider, and Jalen Nelson	Audubon	Bronze
	Ashley Vance, Bailee Hejna, Nathan Mead, Nick Mead, Zachary Mitchell, Myla Meyer, and Jessica Keifer	Charles City	Bronze
	Cassie Irlmeier, Austin Moeller, Chansea Nelson, Chance Lauritsen, Meaghan Sonntag, Jordan Hoffman, and Hannah	Elk Horn	Bronze
	Tom Devereaux, Zachery Sievers, Andrew Temple, Nate Jesse, Brady Dicks, and Bryce Nielsen	Newell	Bronze

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