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News Release

Wapello FFA Chapter Wins 2015 State FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event

AMES, IA--The Wapello FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 21, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Laramie Boysen, Arin Howell, Nick McCleary, and Maliree Reid. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Cole Rushing. They will represent Iowa at the National Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Austin Schares, Emily Martins, Jackson Willey, and Sean Banger. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Ellen Doese. Maliree Reid, Wapello FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Poultry Evaluation Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Poultry Evaluation. Activities included: placing classes of live poultry; placing and grading classes of ready to cook poultry; grading classes of egg interiors and exteriors; identifying and grading further process poultry products, and a poultry production examination. There were 187 members participating from 51 chapters.

The Poultry Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Cameron Hall and the Poultry Science Staff of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Newly Weds Foods, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, and Tyson Foods, Inc. through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 2 Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
- 3 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 4 North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West
- 5 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 6 Lone Tree FFA Chapter
- 7 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 8 New Hampton FFA Chapter
- 9 Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly
- 10 Tri-Star FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Maliree Reid, Wapello FFA Chapter
Matthew Appler, North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West
Cecilia Rickerl, Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly
Peyton Schmitt, Lone Tree FFA Chapter
Hannah Meissen, New Hampton FFA Chapter
Anna Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Heath Broders, Mediapolis FFA Chapter
Jackson Willey, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
Emily Martins, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
Laramie Boysen, Wapello FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Live Poultry Classes

Team: Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Individual: Gretchen Slaymaker, Marengo FFA Chapter

Ready to Cook Poultry Classes

Team: Washington FFA Chapter

Individual: Matthew Appler, North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union

Egg Grading Classes

Team: Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

Individual: Heath Broders, Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Further Processed Classes

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Nolan Osland, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Poultry Production Examination

Team: Wapello FFA Chapter

Individual: Wyatt Nelson, Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (1712 to 1560)

Wapello FFA Chapter

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Lone Tree FFA Chapter

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly

Tri-Star FFA Chapter

Washington FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (1146 to 506)

Interstate 35 FFA Chapter at Truro

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter

Centerville FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (35)

Score Range (1547 to 1219)

Cascade FFA Chapter

Emmetsburg FFA Chapter

Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City

Boyden-Hull FFA Chapter at Hull

Carroll Area FFA Chapter

LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Oelwein FFA Chapter

Tri-County Community FFA Chapter at Thornburg

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Rock Valley FFA Chapter

Newton FFA Chapter

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA Chapter

Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

Iowa River FFA Chapter at Garner

Sumner Fredericksburg FFA Chapter

Rockford FFA Chapter

Davis-Rodgers FFA Chapter at Shenandoah

Nashua Plainfield FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Decorah FFA Chapter

North Mahaska FFA Chapter at New Sharon

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Creston FFA Chapter

Maquoketa FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Gilbert FFA Chapter

Guthrie Center Tiger FFA Chapter
Lake Mills FFA Chapter
Marengo FFA Chapter
Grundy Center FFA Chapter
Forest City FFA Chapter
Williamsburg FFA Chapter
South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City
West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 225 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.