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News Release

LITTLE SWITZERLAND FFA WINS 2016 IOWA FFA AGRONOMY CDE

The Little Switzerland FFA Chapter located in Waukon was named the Iowa Champion FFA Agronomy Team in the 2016 Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event held at Iowa State University, Ames on June 9, 2016. Team members included: Jacob Dougherty, Austin Day, Kyle Gordon, and Michael Schulte. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jessica O'Connor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Agronomy Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this October. The Reserve Champion Team in Agronomy was the West Lyon FFA Chapter located in Inwood. Team members included: Jacee De Vries, Karie Klingensmith, Kiana Knoblock, and Alexis Knutson. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Cathy Doorneweerd and Mr. Craig Winquist. Emily Boettger from Denison was the High Overall Individual in the competition.

FFA teams including 112 individuals from 34 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agronomy. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in Agronomy, including crop, weed, insect and seed identification; crop and seed judging and evaluation; and grain grading. A written examination was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Dennis Miller and other faculty and staff with the Agronomy Department at Iowa State University in Ames. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association provided lunch to all participants in the event. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy hosted the event and provided T-shirts to all participants. The top individual receives a \$500 scholarship from the Iowa State University Department of Agronomy if the student chooses to major in Agronomy at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was made possible with support from Iowa Corn Promotion Board through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Bayer Crop Science sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 2 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 3 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 4 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 5 Denison FFA, Denison
- 6 Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center
- 7 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 8 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 9 Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
- 10 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Top 10 Individuals

- Emily Boettger, Denison FFA, Denison
Benjamin Kolbe, East Sac FFA, Lake View
Jacee De Vries, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Karie Klingensmith, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
John Trumm, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Austin Day, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Jacob Dougherty, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Aaron Gerds, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Michael Schulte, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Kaleb Miller, Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Crops Judging Placing Classes

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon **Individual:** Aaron Gerdts, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Identification of Plants, Seeds, and Insects

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon **Individual:** Benjamin Kolbe, East Sac FFA, Lake View

General Knowledge Exam

Team: Denison FFA, Denison **Individual:** Emily Boettger, Denison FFA, Denison

Team Event

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (1809 to 1505)

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Denison FFA, Denison
Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center
Decorah FFA, Decorah
Central Community FFA. Elkader
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Bronze Teams (8)

Score Range (1223 to 468)

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Woodward-Granger FFA, Woodward
Pella FFA, Pella
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Silver Teams (15)

Score Range (1475 to 1274)

Midland FFA, Wyoming
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
Bellevue FFA, Bellevue
Newton FFA, Newton
AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Audubon FFA, Audubon
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
Indianola FFA, Indianola
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Lawton-Bronson FFA, Lawton

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 226 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.

