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News Release

NORTHEAST FFA CHAPTER AT GOOSE LAKE WINS 2016 STATE FFA LIVESTOCK CAREER

The Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 27, 2016. Members of the first place team included: Cassidy Jacobsen, Connor McDonald, Collin Swanton, and Justin Swanton. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Joel Frost. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Mitchell Hanson, Nick McQuilkin, and Payton Sash. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Louis Beck. Justin Swanton, Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: placing breeding and market classes of beef, swine, sheep and goats; keep/cull and oral reasons classes; and a general knowledge test. There were 147 members participating from 40 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from Iowa State University Block & Bridle. Bayer, through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Chris Cassady and other faculty and staff with the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake
- 2 LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
- 3 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 4 Southwest Valley FFA Chapter at Corning
- 5 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- 6 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 7 Wilton FFA Chapter
- 8 Algona FFA Chapter
- 9 St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- 10 Bellevue FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Justin Swanton, Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake
- Dalton Peterson, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Mitchell Hanson, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
- Cody Birt, Southwest Valley FFA Chapter at Corning
- Baxter Knapp, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- Nick McQuilkin, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter
- Aaron Gerdts, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- Micah Lantz, South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City
- Connor Bregar, Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center
- Catie Messer, Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Beef Placing

Team: Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

Individual: Baxter Knapp, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Swine Placing

Team: Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Individual: Morgan Knapp, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Sheep Placing

Team: Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

Individual: Connor Bregar, Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center

Oral Reasons

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Mitchell Hanson, LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (13)

Score Range (1688 to 1547)

Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Southwest Valley FFA Chapter at Corning

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Wilton FFA Chapter

Algona FFA Chapter

St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Bellevue FFA Chapter

West Branch FFA Chapter

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (7)

Score Range (1368 to 876)

Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Indianola FFA Chapter

Belle Plaine FFA Chapter

Orient-Macksburg FFA Chapter

Adair-Casey FFA Chapter

Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley

Murray FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (18)

Score Range (1532 to 1395)

Grinnell FFA Chapter

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows FFA Chapter

Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston

Guthrie Center Tiger FFA Chapter

Osage FFA Chapter

Carroll Area FFA Chapter

Forest City FFA Chapter

North Tama FFA Chapter at Traer

Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly

Nevada FFA Chapter

Mormon Trail FFA Chapter at Garden Grove

Albia FFA Chapter

West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

Monticello FFA Chapter

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 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.