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News Release

SOUTH O'BRIEN FFA CHAPTER WINS 2016 STATE FFA MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 27, 2016. Members of the first place team included: Emily Mars, Zachary Riedemann, Erin Wagner, and Dawson Weathers. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. They will represent Iowa at the National Meats Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Miranda Reinhardt, Carmen Wille, Christa Heffern, and Erika Johnson. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jessica O'Connor. Logan Sieren, Keota FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meat 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. There were 59 members participating from 17 chapters.

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. Cargill Meat Solutions, Hormel Foods Corporation, and Tyson Foods, Inc. through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 2 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 3 Osage FFA Chapter
- 4 Keota FFA Chapter
- 5 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 6 Independence FFA Chapter
- 7 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 8 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 9 Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- 10 Audubon FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Logan Sieren, Keota FFA Chapter
- Emily Mars, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Emmi Taets, Osage FFA Chapter
- Dawson Weathers, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Zachary Riedemann, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Adam Koch, Osage FFA Chapter
- Carmen Wille, Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- Erika Johnson, Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- Erin Wagner, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Erin Chalupa, Keota FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: Osage FFA Chapter

Individual: Emily Mars, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Logan Sieren, Keota FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Dawson Weathers, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Emily Mars, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Logan Sieren, Keota FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (7)

Score Range (1668 to 1469)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Osage FFA Chapter

Keota FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (5)

Score Range (1287 to 1201)

East Sac FFA Chapter

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Audubon FFA Chapter

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Indianola FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (1147 to 1010)

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Maquoketa FFA Chapter

Bellevue FFA Chapter

Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

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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.