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## News Release

# WEST LYON FFA WINS 2017 IOWA FFA AGRONOMY CDE

The West Lyon FFA Chapter located in Inwood was named the Iowa Champion FFA Agronomy Team in the 2017 Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event held at Iowa State University, Ames on June 8, 2017. Team members included: Jacee De Vries, Megan Blauwet, Talia Knobloch, and Dayra Knobloch. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Shauna Kill and Mr. Craig Winqvist. 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 Denison FFA Chapter located in Denison. Team members included: Brady Fredericks, Hannah Holdsworth, Dawson Evers, and Parker Wessel. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Dana Weeda, Ms. Alise Meyers, and Mr. Tim Baughman. Megan Blauwet from Inwood was the High Overall Individual in the competition.

FFA teams including 112 individuals from 31 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 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 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 2 Denison FFA, Denison
- 3 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 4 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 5 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 6 Cascade FFA
- 7 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 8 Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
- 9 LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
- 10 Washington FFA, Washington

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- 1 Megan Blauwet, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 2 Hannah Holdsworth, Denison FFA, Denison
- 3 Aaron Gerdts, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 4 Jacee De Vries, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 5 Benjamin Kolbe, East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 6 Ted Hilgerson, Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 7 Brady Fredericks, Denison FFA, Denison
- 8 John Trumm, Cascade FFA
- 9 Alex Gerdes, East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 10 Anna Hanson, Decorah FFA, Decorah

## **Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

### **Crops Judging Placing Classes**

**Team:** West Lyon FFA, Inwood      **Individual:** Megan Blauwet, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

### **Identification of Plants, Seeds, and Insects**

**Team:** West Lyon FFA, Inwood      **Individual:** Megan Blauwet, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

### **General Knowledge Exam**

**Team:** St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar      **Individual:** Aaron Gerds, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

### **Team Event**

**Team:** West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (9)**

##### Score Range (1933 to 1512)

West Lyon FFA, Inwood  
Denison FFA, Denison  
Central Community FFA, Elkader  
East Sac FFA, Lake View  
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar  
Cascade FFA  
Decorah FFA, Decorah  
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic  
LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

#### **Bronze Teams (6)**

##### Score Range (1175 to 965)

Independence FFA Chapter  
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein  
Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly  
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda  
Roland-Story FFA, Story City  
Kingsley-Pierson FFA, Kingsley

#### **Silver Teams (16)**

##### Score Range (1447 to 1241)

Washington FFA, Washington  
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg  
Bellevue FFA, Bellevue  
Ridge View FFA, Holstein  
M-F-L-Mar-Mac FFA, Monona  
Belle Plaine FFA, Belle Plaine  
West Liberty FFA, West Liberty  
Montezuma FFA, Montezuma  
Lone Tree  
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi  
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson  
Seymour FFA, Seymour  
Lawton-Bronson FFA, Lawton  
Albia FFA Chapter, Albia  
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa  
Forest City FFA, Forest City

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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 233 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.