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## **News Release**

# **LOUISA-MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER AT LETTS WINS 2017 STATE FFA LIVESTOCK CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

The Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 26, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Jackson Soy, Brandon Burmeister, Will Kiesewetter, and Addison Randall. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Crews. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The West Branch FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Ethan Fetzer, Emily Harold, Brady Edge, and Kaitlyn Edge. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Renee Thompson. Logan Sieren, Keota FFA Chapter, 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 152 members participating from 43 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 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 2 West Branch FFA Chapter
- 3 Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- 4 Keota FFA Chapter
- 5 Southwest Valley FFA Chapter at Corning
- 6 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- 7 Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter
- 8 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 9 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 10 IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Logan Sieren, Keota FFA Chapter
- Micah Schuiteman, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- Baxter Knapp, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- Cody Birt, Southwest Valley FFA Chapter at Corning
- Will Kiesewetter, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- Cole Spain, Postville FFA Chapter
- Brandon Burmeister, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- Emily Harold, West Branch FFA Chapter
- Devin DeVore, Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter
- Danielle Stock, Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

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

**Beef Placing**

**Team:** Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

**Individual:** Drew Willis, Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

**Swine Placing**

**Team:** Charles City FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Evan Espenscheid, East Marshall FFA Chapter at Le Grand

**Sheep Placing**

**Team:** West Branch FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Kole McNeer, Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

**Oral Reasons**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Logan Sieren, Keota FFA Chapter

**Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**

**Gold Teams (10)**

Score Range (1722 to 1635)

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

West Branch FFA Chapter

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Keota FFA Chapter

Southwest Valley FFA Chapter at Corning

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter

East Sac FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning

**Bronze Teams (17)**

Score Range (1497 to 581)

East Union FFA Chapter at Afton

ACGC FFA Chapter at Guthrie Center

Albia FFA Chapter

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

Cascade FFA Chapter

Nevada FFA Chapter

West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester

Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

Mormon Trail FFA Chapter at Garden Grove

Riverside FFA Chapter at Oakland

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull

Maquoketa FFA Chapter

South Hardin FFA Chapter at Eldora

Riceville FFA Chapter

Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

Postville FFA Chapter

**Silver Teams (16)**

Score Range (1605 to 1515)

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Algona FFA Chapter

East Marshall FFA Chapter at Le Grand

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Charles City FFA Chapter

Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

Bellevue FFA Chapter

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly

Audubon FFA Chapter

St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne

Panorama FFA Chapter

## 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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.