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## **News Release**

# **WAPELLO FFA CHAPTER WINS 2017 STATE FFA MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

The Wapello 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 26, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Kenna Lanz, James Wykert, Makenna West, and Daniel Hemphill. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Danielle Wanfalt. 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: Carmen Wille, Miranda Reinhardt, Erika Johnson, and Christa Heffern. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jessica O'Connor. James Wykert, Wapello 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 74 members participating from 21 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 with support 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 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 2 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 3 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 4 North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union
- 5 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter
- 6 Independence FFA Chapter
- 7 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 8 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 9 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 10 Cascade FFA Chapter

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- James Wykert, Wapello FFA Chapter  
Kenna Lanz, Wapello FFA Chapter  
Makenna West, Wapello FFA Chapter  
Eric Mars, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Miranda Reinhardt, Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon  
Christa Heffern, Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon  
Daniel Hemphill, Wapello FFA Chapter  
Sean Negus, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Dylan Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter  
Anthony Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

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

### **Placing Carcass Classes**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter

**Individual:** James Wykert, Wapello FFA Chapter

### **Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter

**Individual:** James Wykert, Wapello FFA Chapter

### **Beef Quality and Yield Grading**

**Team:** Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

**Individual:** James Wykert, Wapello FFA Chapter

### **Retail Cut Identification**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Kenna Lanz, Wapello FFA Chapter

### **Problem Solving Activity**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter

**Individual:** James Wykert, Wapello FFA Chapter

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

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

Score Range (1737 to 1390)

Wapello FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

East Sac FFA Chapter

### **Silver Teams (9)**

Score Range (1357 to 1160)

Cascade FFA Chapter

Keota FFA Chapter

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

Maquoketa FFA Chapter

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Ridge View FFA Chapter

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

### **Bronze Teams (3)**

Score Range (1093 to 787)

Albia FFA Chapter

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

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