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News Release

Little Switzerland FFA Wins Iowa FFA Farm Business Management CDE

The Little Switzerland FFA Chapter from Waukon was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Farm Management Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 24, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Danielle Stock, Makayla Manning, Gabrielle Marti, and Nathan Helgerson. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jessica O'Connor. They will represent Iowa at the National Farm Management Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Daniel Bryan, Jesse Moyer, Harry Hamilton, and Jared Theis. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. Dylan Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter from Adel was the winner of the Team Participation Activity.

FFA teams from 83 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Farm Management. The 317 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test which had three sections: economic principles, records and analysis, and risk management. All team members worked together to solve a problem related to break even analysis.

The Iowa FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event was made possible with support from NextEra Energy and the Iowa Farm Business Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Dr. Ron Deiter, Professor of Economics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, was the Career Development Event coordinator and prepared the test with assistance from Dr. Georgeane Artz, Assistant Professor of Economics.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 2 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 3 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA
- 4 Osage FFA, Osage
- 5 Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
- 6 Cascade FFA
- 7 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 8 Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly
- 9 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 10 Starmont FFA, Arlington

Top 10 Individuals

- Dylan Barker, Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA
Gabrielle Marti, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Nathan Helgerson, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Mariah Vos, Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
Mitchell Hayes, Starmont FFA, Arlington
Danielle Stock, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Daniel Bryan, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Jesse Moyer, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Harry Hamilton, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Jacee De Vries, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (22)

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA
Osage FFA, Osage
Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
Cascade FFA
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly
Decorah FFA, Decorah
Starmont FFA, Arlington
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Wapello FFA, Wapello
Belle Plaine FFA
Holland FFA, Orange City
Hawkeye FFA, West Bend
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Algona FFA, Algona
Audubon FFA, Audubon
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Harlan FFA, Harlan
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic

Bronze Teams (36)

MVAO FFA, Mapleton
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Pleasantville FFA, Pleasantville
East Union FFA, Afton
OA-BCIG FFA
Washington FFA, Washington
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
Storm Lake FFA, Storm Lake
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Albia FFA Chapter, Albia
BCLUW FFA, Conrad
Griswold FFA, Griswold
Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson
Cherokee FFA
Ballard FFA, Huxley
South Hardin FFA, Eldora
Interstate 35 FFA
Missouri Valley FFA
Nevada FFA, Nevada

Silver Teams (27)

West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert
Newton FFA, Newton
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
Bedford FFA
Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
HLV, Victor
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Riceville FFA, Riceville
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
ACGC FFA
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Bellevue FFA, Bellevue
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Tri-County FFA, Thornburg
DeWitt Central FFA
Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
LeMars FFA Chapter, Le Mars
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
Rock Valley FFA
Panorama FFA, Panora
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe
Ridge View FFA, Holstein

East Buchanan, Winthrop
Dowling Catholic FFA
M-F-L-Mar-Mac FFA, Monona
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Woodward-Granger FFA, Woodward
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Independence FFA
Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg
Charles City FFA, Charles City
Belmond-Klemme FFA, Belmond
Forest City FFA, Forest City
Nodaway Valley FFA, Greenfield
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,300 student members as part of 235 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.