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News Release

SOUTH O'BRIEN FFA CHAPTER WINS 2018 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 on August 25, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Abby Boardman, Eric Mars, Sean Negus, and Anthony Sells. 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 Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Hope Reichert, Allen Tian, Jocelyn Boynton, and James Sprague. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. Sean Negus, South O'Brien 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 56 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 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 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Independence FFA Chapter
- 4 North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union
- 5 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 6 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 7 Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA Chapter
- 8 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter
- 9 Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter
- 10 Newton FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Sean Negus, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Eric Mars, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Abby Boardman, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Anthony Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Jocelyn Boynton, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Christopher Ewart, Wapello FFA Chapter
Megan Corkery, Independence FFA Chapter
Mia Gibson, North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union
Avery Hanaway, Independence FFA Chapter
Ben Quade, Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Rebecca Fettkether, North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Anthony Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Individual: Avery Hanaway, Independence FFA Chapter

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Eric Mars, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Sean Negus, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (1642 to 1301)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

East Sac FFA Chapter

Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA Chapter

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (5)

Score Range (1220 to 1093)

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Newton FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Bronze Teams (4)

Score Range (1002 to 528)

Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center

Nevada FFA Chapter

Riceville FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 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.