



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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LaPorte-Dysart FFA Wins 2011 Iowa FFA Dairy Foods Career Development Event

The 2011 Iowa FFA Dairy Foods Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Dairy Classic in West Union on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Nineteen teams and sixty-two individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of milk quality and dairy foods.

The LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Foods And Milk Quality Team. Team members included: Natalie Hanson, Kristen Lowe, Emily Samuelson, and Sarah Ternus. Mr. Louis Beck is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Foods and Milk Quality Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October. The champion team received a plaque sponsored by Dean Foods and Dairy Farmers of America through the National FFA Foundation.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Foods Judging was the North Fayette FFA, West Union. Team members included: Brianna Lee, Bobbi Ney, Hanna Thoms, and Belinda Erickson. Mr. Ryan Holthaus is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. Wapsie Valley Creamery, Inc., through the Iowa FFA Foundation sponsored, the reserve champion team plaque. Natalie Hanson from LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City was the Champion Individual. Kristen Lowe from LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City was the Reserve Champion Individual. Wapsie Valley Creamery, Inc., through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored a plaque for the reserve champion team and plaques for the top 2 individuals.

Midwest Dairy Association, Ankeny, was title sponsor of the event with additional support received from Iowa State Dairy Association, Ankeny, and Western Iowa Dairy Alliance, Sanborn through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Sponsorship received covered individual rosettes and plaques for winning individuals, rosettes for winning teams as well as a plaque for the reserve champion team. Through the support of these sponsors, the Iowa FFA Dairy Foods Career Development Event champion team will also receive a travel stipend toward their travel to national FFA convention.

Dean Weber, of Rockwell, judged the milk defects component. The event was hosted by the North Fayette FFA. Milking equipment was provided by Fitzgerald Inc. Westphalia-Surge of Elkader.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
- 2 North Fayette FFA, West Union
- 3 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 4 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 5 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 6 South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
- 7 Jesup FFA, Jesup
- 8 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 9 Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank
- 10 Wapello FFA, Wapello

Top 10 Individuals

- Natalie Hanson, LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
Kristen Lowe, LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
Hanna Thoms, North Fayette FFA, West Union
Sarah Ternus, LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
Nick Stortz, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Kristen Orth, Jesup FFA, Jesup
Hannah Pagel, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Bailey Wright, East Sac FFA, Lake View
Madison Kirchmann, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Nolan Zumbach, West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Specialty Areas – Top Team/ Top Individual:

Written Test

Team: East Sac FFA, Lake View **Individual:** Nick Stortz, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Analysis and Interpretation

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon **Individual:** Nick Stortz, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Foods/Products/Imitation

Team: East Sac FFA, Lake View **Individual:** Kacie Partridge, East Sac FFA, Lake View

Cheese Identification

Team: LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City **Individual:** Ashlyn Frank, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Milk Samples

Team: North Fayette FFA, West Union **Individual:** Kristen Orth, Jesup FFA, Jesup

Mastitis Test

Team: LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City **Individual:** Kristen Lowe, LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

Milking Equipment

Team: North Fayette FFA, West Union **Individual:** Sarah Ternus, LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

Team Activity

Team: LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (509 to 368)

LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

North Fayette FFA, West Union

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Jesup FFA, Jesup

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Nashua-Plainfield FFA, Nashua

Bronze Teams (4)

Score Range (287 to 123)

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Algona FFA, Algona

Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

Silver Teams (4)

Score Range (342 to 311)

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

South Tama FFA, Tama

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