

MONTEZUMA FFA CHAPTER CLAIMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
IN SOILS EVENT

The Montezuma FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Members of the first place Montezuma FFA team included: Courtney Petersen, Eric Osborn, Katelyn Gregory, and Quincy Griffith. Their Agricultural Education instructor is Mr. Rick Swenson. The Denison FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Ryan Reimers, Tim Riessen, Calvin Snitker, and Josie McMinemee. Their Agricultural Education instructors are Mr. Randy Kuhlmann and Mrs. Dana Weeda. Courtney Petersen, from the Montezuma FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 105 individuals from twenty-seven chapters advanced from District level competition to participate in this year's Career Development Event designed to give students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of soils. The event included the judging of four soil pits, plus a written test on soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features - The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Suitability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The 2011 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event was sponsored by the Iowa Corn Promotion Board through the Iowa FFA Foundation. As the Exclusive Sponsor, the Iowa Corn Promotion Board sponsored all plaques and rosettes for the top ranking teams and individuals as well as travel sponsorships for the top five teams who advance to compete at the National Land Judging Contest in May of 2012 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

All Career Development Event activities were coordinated by Dr. Gerald Miller, Iowa State University; Mr. Rick Swenson, Montezuma Agricultural Education Instructor; and Mr. Virgil Schmitt, ISU Extension Field Specialist.

Top 10 Teams Overall: (Score Range: 1,518 – 1,461)

1. Montezuma
2. Denison
3. Spencer
4. South O'Brien
5. Clarinda
6. Central Lee
7. Adair-Casey
8. Pella
9. Prairie City-Monroe
10. East Sac

Top 10 Individuals Overall: (Score Range: 182 - 167)

1. Courtney Petersen, Montezuma

2. Patrick White, Spencer
3. Jacob Beyer, Pella
4. Evan Magnussen, South O'Brien
5. Gunnar Dinkla, Adair-Casey
6. Dalton Crabs, Clarinda
7. Katelyn Gregory, Montezuma
8. Tim Riessen, Denison
9. Austin Moore, Central Lee
10. Alex Bedore, Spencer

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Top Pit Judging

Team: Spencer

Individual: Evan Magnussen, South O'Brien

Top Written Test

Team: Montezuma

Individual: Katelyn Gregory, Montezuma

The Iowa FFA Association has 222 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

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