



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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Muscatine FFA Chapter Wins 2011 State FFA Livestock Career Development Event

The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 27, 2011. Members of the first place team included: Chad Vander Linden, Ethan Wiegler, Ashley Tomlin, and Giddian Kappeler. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Dave Fowler, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Mr. Sam Paul. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Carroll Area FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Nick Fitzsimmons, Jamie Pudenz, Austin Tiefenthaler, and Alex Irlbeck. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Kolby Burch. Chad Vander Linden, Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: placing breeding and market classes of beef, swine, and sheep; grading classes of beef, swine, and sheep; and oral reasons classes. There were 165 members participating from 44 chapters.

The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by John DeClerk and other faculty and staff with the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

Bayer Animal Health Division, Biozyme, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica and Kent Nutrition Group, through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque. Iowa State Alpha Gamma Rho was the title sponsor of the Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event, Mark and Deb Core, Faidley Farms, Iowa Simmental Association, PC Show Pigs, United Suppliers, Inc. and VanAernam Simmental served as additional sponsors through the Iowa FFA Foundation. These sponsors provide the award for the Reserve Champion team, Champion Individuals, top ten teams and top ten individuals. Additionally sponsors provide a travel stipend for the Champion Team to represent the Iowa FFA Association during the National FFA Career Development Event and the Reserve Champion Team to participate in the National Western Contest.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Carroll Area FFA Chapter
- 3 St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- 4 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 5 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 6 Osage FFA Chapter
- 7 Bellevue FFA Chapter
- 8 Orient-Macksburg FFA Chapter
- 9 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 10 Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Chad Vander Linden, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Nick Fitzsimmons, Carroll Area FFA Chapter
- 3 Jamie Pudenz, Carroll Area FFA Chapter
- 4 Leo Kruse, Osage FFA Chapter
- 5 Ashley Tomlin, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 6 Olivia Bisbee, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- 7 Giddian Kappeler, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 8 Kayla Beckman, Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 9 Tanner Berry, East Sac FFA Chapter
- 10 Kendra Keitzer, Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Beef Placing

Team: Mediapolis FFA Chapter **Individual:** Jamie Pudenz, Carroll Area FFA Chapter

Swine Placing

Team: East Sac FFA Chapter **Individual:** Stephanie Patterson, Grinnell FFA FFA Chapter

Sheep Placing

Team: Bellevue FFA Chapter **Individual:** Riley Wattonville, Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

Oral Reasons

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Tyler Long, Orient-Macksburg FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (12)

Score Range (1669 to 1537)

Muscatine FFA Chapter
Carroll Area FFA Chapter
St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
Mediapolis FFA Chapter
East Sac FFA Chapter
Osage FFA Chapter
Bellevue FFA Chapter
Orient-Macksburg FFA Chapter
West Liberty FFA Chapter
Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Chapter
Pekin FFA Chapter at Packwood
West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Bronze Teams (14)

Score Range (1366 to 989)

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
Anamosa FFA Chapter
Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
Mount Ayr FFA Chapter
South Tama FFA Chapter at Tama
Nevada FFA Chapter
Fort Madison FFA Chapter
Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center
Wapello FFA Chapter
Bison FFA Chapter at Buffalo Center
Tipton FFA Chapter
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA Chapter at Grimes
Murray FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (18)

Score Range (1515 to 1402)

IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning
West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester
Cascade FFA Chapter
Indianola FFA Chapter
Adair-Casey FFA Chapter
Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter
Grinnell FFA FFA Chapter
Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City
CAM FFA Chapter at Anita
Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell
Creston FFA Chapter
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
Tri-County Community FFA Chapter at Thornburg
AGWSR FFA Chapter at Ackley
Audubon FFA Chapter
Spencer FFA Chapter
Earlham FFA Chapter
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 520,00 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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