



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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NEWS RELEASE

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Montezuma FFA Wins 2012 Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was held at Iowa State University in Ames, on Saturday, October 6, 2012. Thirty teams and one hundred eighteen individuals qualified for the State Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of landscape and soil profile evaluation and land management.

The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about 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 Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The first place team for the Career Development Event was the Montezuma FFA Chapter at Montezuma. Team members include: Steve Kopp, Vanessa Minner, Sidney Roorda, and Jack Little. The Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor is Rick Swenson. The second place team for the event was the Adair-Casey FFA Chapter at Adair. Team members include: Logan Dinkla, Anna Mulder, Jake Reed, and James Grubbs. The Agricultural Education Instructors and FFA Advisor is Mike Cooley.

Jack Little from Montezuma was named the champion individual. The top five teams advance to the National Land Judging Contest in May of 2013 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through sponsorship by the Iowa FFA Foundation. Sponsorship provided covered individual rosettes and plaques for winning individuals, rosettes for winning teams as well as a plaque for the champion and reserve champion team.

The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Dr. Lee Burras of Iowa State University and Mr. Virgil Schmidt of Iowa State University Extension coordinated the event.

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Listed below are the results for the Soils Evaluation Career Development Event.

Top Ten Teams Overall:

1. Montezuma
2. Adair-Casey @ Adair
3. AGWSR @ Ackley
4. North Union @ Armstrong
5. Clarinda
6. Wapello
7. Des Moines
8. South O'Brien @ Paullina
9. North Polk @ Alleman
10. Diamond Trail @ Monroe

Top Ten Individuals Overall:

Jack Little, Montezuma
Jake Reed, Adair
Sidney Roorda, Montezuma
Nolan Clemons, Ackley
Nate VandeWall, Monroe
Kimberlee Ewart, Wapello
Becky Cronk, Armstrong
Kenan Todd, Columbus Junction
Darcy Sunderman, Clarinda
Steve Kopp, Montezuma

Specialty Award Areas

Soil Pit Evaluation

Individual: Jake Reed, Adair-Casey @ Adair

Team: AGWSR @ Ackley

Written Examination

Individual: Sidney Roorda

Team: Montezuma

Team Ratings

GOLD Ratings:

Montezuma FFA
Adair-Casey FFA @ Adair
AGWSR FFA @ Ackley
North Union FFA @ Armstrong
Clarinda FFA
Wapello FFA
Des Moines FFA
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
North Polk FFA @ Alleman
Diamond Trail FFA @ Monroe

SILVER Ratings:

Sigourney FFA
Columbus FFA @ Columbus Jct.
Pella FFA
Central Lee FFA @ Donnellson
Osage FFA
Harmony FFA @ Farmington
Boyden Hull FFA @ Hull
Pleasantville FFA
Algona FFA
Audubon FFA
Griswold FFA

BRONZE Ratings:

East Sac FFA @ Lake View
Humboldt FFA
East Union FFA @ Afton
Prairie Valley FFA @ Gowrie
Manson NW Webster FFA @ Manson
South Central Calhoun FFA @ Lake City
Harris-Lake Park FFA @ Lake Park
Orient-Macksburg FFA @ Orient
Guthrie Center FFA

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