



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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Maquoketa Valley FFA Wins 2014 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event

The 2014 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in West Union on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Sixteen teams and fifty-three 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 dairy cattle selection and management.

The Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter located in Delhi was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Cattle Team. Team members included: Matthew Lansing, Kaleb Kruse, Trent Westhoff, and Nick Bagge. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Dawn Mausser. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Judging was the North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter located in West Union. Team members included: Nashua Lansing, Morgan Lauer, Philip Kleve, and Matthew Appler. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Ryan Holthaus and Ms. Monica Enyart. Matthew Lansing from Delhi was the Champion Individual. Matthew Appler from West Union was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Allflex USA sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

Katie Adams and Dennis Cline were the official judges for the placing classes. Dean Weber from Rockwell prepared the testing materials.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 2 North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
- 3 Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- 4 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 5 Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank
- 6 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 7 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 8 Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
- 9 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 10 Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

Top 10 Individuals

- Matthew Lansing, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Matthew Appler, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Nick Bagge, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Kaleb Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Jordyn Shaw, Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
Jason Malven, Crestwood FFA, Cresco
Kaitlyn Hauser, Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Aaron Gerds, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Nashua Lansing, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Todd Miller, Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Dairy Cow and Heifer Placing Classes

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Individual: Kaitlyn Hauser, Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

Pedigree Evaluation

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Individual: Kaleb Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Oral Reasons

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Individual: Kaleb Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Dairy Production and Management Test

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Individual: Matthew Appler, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Sire Evaluation

Team: Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

Individual: Matthew Appler, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Cow Culling

Team: Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

Individual: Aaron Gerdts, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (9)

Score Range (1618.5 to 1400)

Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Decorah FFA, Decorah

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Bronze Teams (3)

Score Range (983.5 to 416.5)

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

Silver Teams (4)

Score Range (1345 to 1220)

Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Gladbrook-Reinbeck FFA, Reinbeck

The following FFA Members served as show persons during the event and were ranked as follows:

Gold Awards (4)

Gabie Lauer, North Fayette Valley FFA, West

Clint Halverson, North Fayette Valley FFA, West

Charles Kies, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Natalie Merritt, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Silver Awards (5)

Kassi Steinlage, North Fayette Valley FFA, West

Alexis Gage, North Fayette Valley FFA, West

Heath Gibbs, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Cole Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Josh Wojcio, Cascade FFA, Cascade

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 14,300 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of nearly 580,000 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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