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## News Release

# Osage FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Sales CDE

The Osage FFA Chapter from Osage was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agriculture Sales Career Development Event (CDE) held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 21, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Taylor Dohlman, Thatcher Goodale, Ralee Kruse, and Roni Kruse. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Richard Schaufler. They will represent Iowa at the National Ag Sales Career Development Event in Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Corina Bates, Sam Burmeister, MaKayla Kellor, and Tiffany Tomlin. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. Roni Kruse, Osage FFA, Osage, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 53 chapters participated in this year's CDE designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agriculture Sales. The 211 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test, made a sales presentation, and performed a customer relations practicum. All team members worked together to prepare a marketing plan and make an oral presentation of the plan to the judges.

The Iowa FFA Ag Sales CDE was made possible with support from Nationwide through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The event was coordinated and conducted by Jeff Mayes of AHSTW at Avoca. A total of 39 area agriculture business and sales personnel from the surrounding area served as judges.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Osage FFA, Osage
- 2 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 3 Hudson FFA, Hudson
- 4 Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
- 5 Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank
- 6 Tri-County FFA, Thornburg
- 7 Iowa Mennonite FFA, Kalona
- 8 Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
- 9 Charles City FFA, Charles City
- 10 Northeast FFA, Goose Lake

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Roni Kruse, Osage FFA, Osage  
Ralee Kruse, Osage FFA, Osage  
Logan Street, Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville  
Taylor Dohlman, Osage FFA, Osage  
Todd Miller, Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank  
Sadie Ruzicka, Charles City FFA, Charles City  
Zachery Lamphere, Oelwein FFA, Oelwein  
McKayla Brush, Iowa Mennonite FFA, Kalona  
Noah Huber, Hudson FFA, Hudson  
Abbey Hartwig, Tri-County FFA, Thornburg

### **Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

Sales Presentations

Team: Osage FFA, Osage Individual: Roni Kruse, Osage FFA, Osage Individual

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Osage FFA, Osage Individual: Taylor Dohlman, Osage FFA, Osage

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

**Gold Teams (23)**

Score Range (1028 to 751.5)

Osage FFA, Osage  
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Hudson FFA, Hudson  
Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville  
Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank  
Tri-County FFA, Thornburg  
Iowa Mennonite FFA, Kalona  
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein  
Charles City FFA, Charles City  
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake  
Des Moines FFA, Des Moines  
Louisa-Muscatine FFA  
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda  
North Linn FFA, Troy Mills  
Roland-Story FFA, Story City  
Chariton FFA, Chariton  
Emmetsburg FFA, Emmetsburg  
Harlan FFA, Harlan  
Boyden-Hull FFA, Hull  
Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa  
East Buchanan, Winthrop  
South Hamilton FFA, Jewell  
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

**Bronze Teams (16)**

Score Range (649.5 to 403)

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union  
DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt  
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City  
Algona FFA, Algona  
Wayne FFA, Corydon  
Creston FFA, Creston  
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah  
Fairfield FFA, Fairfield  
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg  
Lenox FFA Chapter  
Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly  
Postville FFA, Postville  
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton  
Cascade FFA, Cascade  
Twin Cedars FFA, Bussey

**Silver Teams (14)**

Score Range (735 to 662)

Jesup FFA, Jesup  
Decorah FFA, Decorah  
English Valleys FFA, North English  
Crestwood FFA, Cresco  
Rockford FFA, Rockford  
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids  
Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA, Coon Rapids  
Monticello FFA, Monticello  
East Sac FFA, Lake View  
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis  
Albia FFA Chapter, Albia  
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson  
Humboldt FFA, Humboldt  
Winterset FFA, Winterset

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 225 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at [IowaFFA.com](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.