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News Release

Starmont FFA Wins Iowa FFA Farm Management CDE

The Starmont FFA Chapter from Arlington was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Farm Management Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 21, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Adam Fliehler, Karl Klocke, Jaxon Goedken, and Spencer Pech. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Rachel Myers. They will represent Iowa at the National Farm Management Career Development Event in Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Osage FFA Chapter from Osage was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Matthew Klaes, Joe Malecek, Jared Popp, and Rebekah Sletten. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Richard Schaufler. Spencer Pech, Starmont FFA, Arlington, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The St. Ansgar FFA Chapter from St. Ansgar was the winner of the Team Participation Activity.

FFA teams from 83 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Farm Management. The 313 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test which had three sections: economic principles, records and analysis, and risk management. All team members worked together to solve a problem related to break even analysis.

Dr. Ron Deiter, Professor of Economics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, was the Career Development Event coordinator and prepared the test with assistance from Dr. Georgeane Artz, Assistant Professor of Economics.

Recognition and awards for FFA member and chapters include; plaques for the first and second place individual and trophies for the first place individual and teams, Top Ten Rosettes for Teams and Individuals, as well as travel money for the winning chapter to participate in the National FFA CDE. Awards and plaques were sponsored by the Iowa Farm Business Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 2 Osage FFA, Osage
- 3 West Liberty FFA, West Liberty
- 4 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 5 Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe
- 6 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 7 Keota FFA, Keota
- 8 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 9 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 10 Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Spencer Pech, Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 2 Matthew Klaes, Osage FFA, Osage
- 3 Jaxon Goedken, Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 4 Rebekah Sletten, Osage FFA, Osage
- 5 Matt Kelly, West Liberty FFA, West Liberty
- 6 Marjorie Baker, Keota FFA, Keota
- 7 Brooke Sieren, Keota FFA, Keota
- 8 Lauren Groth, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 9 Taylor Reth, Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 10 Emma Baker, West Liberty FFA, West Liberty

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (26)

Starmont FFA, Arlington
Osage FFA, Osage
West Liberty FFA, West Liberty
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Keota FFA, Keota
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Riceville FFA, Riceville
Newton FFA, Newton
Denison FFA, Denison
Humboldt FFA, Humboldt
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley
Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
Algona FFA, Algona
Earlham FFA, Earlham
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Audubon FFA, Audubon
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Bronze Teams (27)

Hudson FFA, Hudson
Chariton FFA, Chariton
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
North Polk FFA, Alleman
Alburnett FFA, Alburnett
Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell
Carroll Area FFA, Carroll
Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
Wayne FFA, Corydon
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg
Adair-Casey FFA, Adair
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa

Silver Teams (32)

Spirit Lake FFA , Spirit Lake
East Sac FFA, Lake View
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
LeMars FFA Chapter, LeMars
Holland FFA, Orange City
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
Harlan FFA, Harlan
Rockford FFA, Rockford
Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
Creston FFA, Creston
Emmetsburg FFA, Emmetsburg
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Orient-Macksburg FFA, Orient
Iowa Falls-Alden FFA, Iowa Falls
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Sheldon FFA, Sheldon
Interstate 35 FFA, Truro
Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
North Union FFA, Armstrong
Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA, Coon Rapids
Bison FFA, Buffalo Center
Unity Christian FFA
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
Albia FFA Chapter, Albia
Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
Hawkeye FFA, West Bend
Panorama FFA, Panora
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Griswold FFA, Griswold

Marengo FFA, Marengo
Murray FFA, Murray
Collins-Maxwell FFA, Maxwell
Lake Mills FFA, Lake Mills
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Forest City FFA, Forest City
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah
Decorah FFA, Decorah

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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, on Facebook, and Twitter.