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News Release

EAST SAC FFA CHAPTER WINS 2015 STATE FFA LIVESTOCK CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The East Sac 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 29, 2015. Members of the first place team included: William Rupnow, Benjamin Kolbe, Kyle Kolbe, and Morgan Ackerman. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Ben Wise and Ms. Larissa Rupnow. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Trey Boyle, Kourtney Grimm, Payton Sporrer, and Alexis Stadtlander. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Ben Booth. Derek Henningsen, DeWitt Central 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, sheep and goats; keep/cull and oral reasons classes; and a general knowledge test. There were 157 members participating from 48 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Bayer Health Care Animal Health and Boehringer Ingelheim, through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

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

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 2 IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning
- 3 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- 4 Bellevue FFA Chapter
- 5 Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon
- 6 Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi
- 7 Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland
- 8 Iowa Falls-Alden FFA Chapter
- 9 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 10 Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Top 10 Individuals

- Derek Henningsen, DeWitt Central FFA Chapter
Benjamin Kolbe, East Sac FFA Chapter
Payton Sporrer, IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning
Kyle Kolbe, East Sac FFA Chapter
William Rupnow, East Sac FFA Chapter
Max Wetzel, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Dexter Davis, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
Michael Peters, Bellevue FFA Chapter
Ethan Fetzer, West Branch FFA Chapter
Jacob Wallace, Carroll Area FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Beef Placing

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Individual: Macey Goretska, Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon

Swine Placing

Team: East Sac FFA Chapter

Individual: Payton Sporrer, IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning

Sheep Placing

Team: East Sac FFA Chapter **Individual:** Amber Hinck, Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

Oral Reasons

Team: Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield **Individual:** Derek Henningsen, DeWitt Central FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (1791 to 1660)

East Sac FFA Chapter
IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning
Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
Bellevue FFA Chapter
Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon
Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi
Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland
Iowa Falls-Alden FFA Chapter
Muscatine FFA Chapter
Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Bronze Teams (21)

Score Range (1543 to 494)

Harmony/Van Buren FFA Chapter at Farmington
Monticello FFA Chapter
Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda
Hawkeye FFA Chapter at West Bend
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
Osage FFA Chapter
Carroll Area FFA Chapter
Audubon FFA Chapter
New Hampton FFA Chapter
Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
Independence FFA Chapter
Murray FFA Chapter
Indianola FFA Chapter
Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City
Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
DCHS FFA Chapter at West Des Moines
Oskaloosa FFA Chapter
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City
North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Silver Teams (16)

Score Range (1649 to 1550)

Grinnell FFA Chapter
DeWitt Central FFA Chapter
Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA Chapter
Grundy Center FFA Chapter
Mormon Trail FFA Chapter at Garden Grove
West Branch FFA Chapter
Boyden-Hull FFA Chapter at Hull
Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly
MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
Iowa River FFA Chapter at Garner
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
North Tama FFA Chapter at Traer
CAM FFA Chapter at Anita
Cascade FFA Chapter
Algona FFA Chapter

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 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.