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News Release

SOUTH O'BRIEN FFA CHAPTER WINS 2015 STATE FFA MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 29, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Ben Aberson, Paige Ginger, Alicyn Rehder, and Anna Sells. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. They will represent Iowa at the National Meats Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Alan Chatfield, Hunter Britton, Caitlyn Haller, and Jensen Watson. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. Anna Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meat Evaluation. Activities included: placing carcass classes of beef, pork, and lamb; placing classes of wholesale and retail meat cuts; quality and yield grading beef carcasses; identifying retail meat cuts, and a problem solving activity. There were 87 members participating from 26 chapters.

The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Sherry Olsen and the ISU Meats Judging Team along with the faculty in the Meat Science Department of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Cargill Meat Solutions, Hormel Foods Corporation, Kraft Foods Inc.-Oscar Mayer Division, and Tyson Foods, Inc. through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Washington FFA Chapter
- 4 Osage FFA Chapter
- 5 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 6 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 7 Oelwein FFA Chapter
- 8 Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
- 9 Nevada FFA Chapter
- 10 St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Anna Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Hunter Britton, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Ben Aberson, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Alicyn Rehder, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Paige Ginger, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Elizabeth Schnicker, Washington FFA Chapter
- Alan Chatfield, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Caitlyn Haller, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Emmi Taets, Osage FFA Chapter
- Adam Koch, Osage FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Madison Lapke, Maquoketa FFA Chapter

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Alicyn Rehder, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: Osage FFA Chapter

Individual: Elizabeth Schnicker, Washington FFA Chapter

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Anna Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Anna Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (9)

Score Range (1699 to 1341)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Washington FFA Chapter

Osage FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

East Sac FFA Chapter

Oelwein FFA Chapter

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Nevada FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (821 to 316)

Iowa Falls-Alden FFA Chapter

Iowa River FFA Chapter at Garner

Bellevue FFA Chapter

Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion

Harmony/Van Buren FFA Chapter at Farmington

Silver Teams (12)

Score Range (1282 to 1041)

St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Maquoketa FFA Chapter

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Cascade FFA Chapter

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Indianola FFA Chapter

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne

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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.