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## News Release

# OSAGE FFA WINS IOWA FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY CDE

The Osage FFA Chapter from Osage was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames in Iowa State University, Ames on June 9, 2016. Members of the first place team included: Trystan Dohlman, Joe Malecek, Jared Popp, and Joe Popp. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Richard Schaufler. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The West Lyon FFA Chapter from Inwood was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Austin Kooi, Alex Kooistra, Levi Metzger, and Micah Meyer. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Cathy Doorneweerd and Mr. Craig Winqvist. Alex Kooistra, West Lyon FFA, Inwood, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 96 individuals from 30 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 Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, metals and welding, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Caterpillar Dealers of Iowa through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Firestone Agricultural Tire Company and Caterpillar, Inc. sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation. The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Ryan Anderson and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames.

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

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Osage FFA, Osage
- 2 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 3 Holland FFA, Orange City
- 4 Central Community FFA. Elkader
- 5 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 6 MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
- 7 Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
- 8 LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
- 9 Davis County FFA, Bloomfield
- 10 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Alex Kooistra, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- Jared Popp, Osage FFA, Osage
- Joe Malecek, Osage FFA, Osage
- Joe Popp, Osage FFA, Osage
- Micah Meyer, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- Singin Briggs, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
- Dalton Kollbaum, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
- Devin Bieber, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- Parker Klingman, Central Community FFA. Elkader
- Jonathan McNees, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

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

**Structural Systems**

**Team:** LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City      **Individual:** Singin Briggs, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

**Machinery & Equipment Systems**

**Team:** Osage FFA, Osage      **Individual:** Dalton Kollbaum, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton

**Environmental & Natural Resource Systems**

**Team:** Osage FFA, Osage      **Individual:** Alex Kooistra, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

**Electrical Systems**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine      **Individual:** Dalton Kollbaum, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton

**Metals and Welding Systems**

**Team:** West Lyon FFA, Inwood      **Individual:** Austin Kooi, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

**General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** West Lyon FFA, Inwood      **Individual:** Singin Briggs, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

**Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**

**Gold Teams (13)**

Score Range (517 to 449)

- Osage FFA, Osage
- West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- Holland FFA, Orange City
- Central Community FFA, Elkader
- Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
- Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
- LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
- Davis County FFA, Bloomfield
- St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- Lenox FFA Chapter
- Riceville FFA, Riceville
- Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

**Silver Teams (10)**

Score Range (422 to 341)

- West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- Griswold FFA, Griswold
- Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- East Sac FFA, Lake View
- Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe
- Collins-Maxwell FFA, Maxwell
- Bellevue FFA, Bellevue
- Cascade FFA, Cascade

**Bronze Teams (7)**

Score Range (320 to 117)

- Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- Lawton-Bronson FFA, Lawton
- Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
- Woodward-Granger FFA, Woodward
- Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
- West Fork FFA
- Pella FFA, Pella

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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 226 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.