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News Release

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank Wins 2017 State FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development

AMES, IA--The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 11, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Lydia Martins, Sean Banger, Jackson Willey, and Austin Schares. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Ellen Doese. They will represent Iowa at the National Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Alyssa Scholz, Tyler Moeller, Dalton Petersen, and Nolan Osland. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Ms Ashley Wiebe. Lydia Martins, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Poultry Evaluation Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Poultry Evaluation. Activities included: placing classes of live poultry; placing and grading classes of ready to cook poultry; grading classes of egg interiors and exteriors; identifying and grading further process poultry products, and a poultry production examination. There were 271 members participating from 75 chapters.

The Poultry Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Cameron Hall and the Poultry Science Staff of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Newly Weds Foods, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, and Tyson Foods, Inc. through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- 4 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 5 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 6 Des Moines FFA Chapter
- 7 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 8 Keota FFA Chapter
- 9 Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
- 10 West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Top 10 Individuals

Lydia Martins, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank Jackson Willey, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank Sean Banger, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank Alyssa Scholz, Muscatine FFA Chapter Addison Randall, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts Nolan Osland, Muscatine FFA Chapter Makenna West, Wapello FFA Chapter Dalton Petersen, Muscatine FFA Chapter Chloe Levan, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter John Trumm, Cascade FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Live Poultry Classes Team: Wapello FFA Chapter	Individual:	Rease Morris, Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell
Ready to Cook Poultry Classes Team: Wapello FFA Chapter	Individual:	Jackson Willey, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
Egg Grading Classes Team: Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at F	airbank	Individual: Morgan DeHaai, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
Further Processed Classes Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter	Individual:	Alyssa Scholz, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Poultry Production Examination		

Team: Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank Individual: Jackson Willey, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (22)

Score Range (1672 to 1371) Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank Muscatine FFA Chapter St. Ansgar FFA Chapter Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts South O'Brien FFA Chapter Des Moines FFA Chapter Wapello FFA Chapter Keota FFA Chapter Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco Mediapolis FFA Chapter Cascade FFA Chapter North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge Hudson FFA Chapter East Buchanan FFA Chapter at Winthrop Emmetsburg FFA Chapter Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston Albia FFA Chapter North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Bronze Teams (23) Score Range (1212 to 486) Rockford FFA Chapter Audubon FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (30) Score Range (1355 to 1220) Wilton FFA Chapter Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon Newton FFA Chapter West Central Valley FFA Chapter at Stuart Sumner Fredericksburg FFA Chapter Carroll Area FFA Chapter LaPorte-Dysart FFA Chapter Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Starmont FFA Chapter at Arlington Fairfield FFA Chapter Hartlev-Melvin-Sanborn FFA Chapter Winterset FFA Chapter Oelwein FFA Chapter Nashua Plainfield FFA Chapter Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly Washington FFA Chapter East Sac FFA Chapter Marengo FFA Chapter Decorah FFA Chapter Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi Twin Cedars FFA Chapter at Bussey Maguoketa FFA Chapter Tri-County Community FFA Chapter at Thornburg New Hampton FFA Chapter Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Grundy Center FFA Chapter Williamsburg FFA Chapter Charles City FFA Chapter South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter Boyden-Hull FFA Chapter Interstate 35 FFA Chapter at Truro West Fork FFA Chapter Independence FFA Chapter Kingsley Pierson FFA Chapter North Mahaska FFA Chapter at New Sharon Crooked Creek FFA Chapter at Winfield ACGC FFA Chapter at Guthrie Center Alburnett FFA Chapter Murray FFA Chapter Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley Newell-Fonda FFA Chapter Tri-Center FFA Chapter at Neola Oskaloosa FFA Chapter Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland

Colfax-Mingo FFA Chapter Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull Gilbert FFA Chapter

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 232 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.