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News Release

2018 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

90th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event was held at Iowa State University, Ames, on Monday, April 23, 2018. Twelve chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event (CDE). The first place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Megan Rauen, and Ms. Michele McMichael. The second place chapter for the event was the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Amy Grantz and Ms. Jenna Stevens.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions CDE was made possible with support from the Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Issues and Perceptions CDE are listed below.

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,300 student members as part of 235 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.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Tatum Dickey, Lexi Buysse, Brent Meyers, Parker Werling, Cora Wickham, and Olivia Crook	West Liberty	Gold
2	Jacob Diercks, Skylore Arp, Lane Krukow, Emma Sailor, and John McConohy	DeWitt	Gold
3	Emily Scott, Alli Crump, Josh Halbur, Abby Hauser, Nick	Lake View	Gold

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	Gerdes, and Alex Cromwell		
4	Blake Frascht, Madelyn Tjaden, Cassie Debower, Maxwell Deeter, Cael Ruzicka, Bronson Forsyth, and Nathan Shultz	Charles City	Gold
5	Tristen Liebe, Austin Miller, Madylin Arnold, Seth Boss, Kaitlyn Sommerfelt, and Mitchell Rawson	Troy Mills	Silver
	Kaylea Gosnell, April Halverson, Alyssa Halvorson, Taylor Haskovec, Katlynn Hauber, Kimberly Hauber , and Alyson Kayla Luther, Connor Travis, Brittany Vandevender, Nathan Pudenz, Gavin Gillam, and Hank Looney	Cresco	Silver
	Tyler Breheny, Jennifer Holliday, Brady Hilpipre, Max Kuhns, and Julia Eshelman	Creston	Silver
	Elise Emmick, Dalton Weeks, Justice Rowe, Blaire Steenhoek, and Alex Hommer	Greenfield	Silver
	Holly Bailey, Faith Carpenter, Kollyn Lentz, Dawson Schmitt, and Caleb Winters	Liberty Center	Silver
	Nole Bochmann, Brady Olson, and Fisher Morris-Mcewan	Nashua	Silver
	Mcklain Jorgensen, Cassie Landry, Paige Caltrider, Dustin Hansen, and Quenton Spack	Graettinger	Bronze
		Guthrie Center	Bronze