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News Release

EAST SAC FFA CHAPTER WINS 2018 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 on August 25, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Nick Gerdes, Justin Rupnow, Cale Niehaus, and Levi Steinkamp. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Susan Krummen and Ms. Larissa Rupnow. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Bellevue FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jebadiah Schwager, Brooklynn Moore, Nick Deppe, and Miranda Peters. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Steve Schroeder. Justin Rupnow, East Sac 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 124 members participating from 36 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Bayer, through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Chris Cassady 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 Bellevue FFA Chapter
- 3 West Branch FFA Chapter
- 4 Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley
- 5 Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
- 6 Panorama FFA Chapter
- 7 Charles City FFA Chapter
- 8 Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter
- 9 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 10 IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning

Top 10 Individuals

- Justin Rupnow, East Sac FFA Chapter
- Levi Steinkamp, East Sac FFA Chapter
- Nick Deppe, Bellevue FFA Chapter
- Brooklynn Moore, Bellevue FFA Chapter
- Walker McDermott, CAM FFA Chapter at Anita
- Cale Niehaus, East Sac FFA Chapter
- Ashley Kahler, Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley
- Avery Mather, Nevada FFA Chapter
- Ethan Fetzer, West Branch FFA Chapter
- Riley Bell, Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Beef Placing

Team: East Sac FFA Chapter

Individual: Conner Murty, GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin

Swine Placing

Team: East Sac FFA Chapter

Individual: Drew Staudt, Charles City FFA Chapter

Sheep Placing

Team: Bellevue FFA Chapter

Individual: Nick Deppe, Bellevue FFA Chapter

Goat Placing

Team: Davis-Rodgers FFA Chapter at Shenandoah

Individual: Claire Ohlrichs, LeMars FFA Chapter

Oral Reasons

Team: Bellevue FFA Chapter

Individual: Ashley Kahler, Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley

Knowledge Exam

Team: Bellevue FFA Chapter

Individual: Jebadiah Schwager, Bellevue FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (1785 to 1625)

East Sac FFA Chapter

Bellevue FFA Chapter

West Branch FFA Chapter

Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Panorama FFA Chapter

Charles City FFA Chapter

Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning

Nevada FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (10)

Score Range (1492 to 477)

Winterset FFA Chapter

Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

Southwest Valley FFA Chapter at Corning

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Turkey Valley FFA Chapter at Jackson Junction

Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center

GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin

West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center

Grundy Center FFA Chapter

Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly

Silver Teams (15)

Score Range (1612 to 1506)

Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne
St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Davis-Rodgers FFA Chapter at Shenandoah

East Union FFA Chapter at Afton

CAM FFA Chapter at Anita

Spencer FFA Chapter

Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

Audubon FFA Chapter

BCLUW FFA Chapter at Conrad

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

LeMars FFA Chapter

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Atlantic FFA Chapter

Van Buren Harmony FFA Chapter at Keosauqua

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 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.