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News Release

WAPELLO FFA WINS 2019 IOWA FFA AGRONOMY CDE

The Wapello FFA Chapter located in Wapello was named the Iowa Champion FFA Agronomy Team in the 2019 Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was held at Ames on June 20, 2019. Team members included: Jacob Ewart, Bryant Lanz, Christopher Ewart, and Kabe Boysen. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Danielle Wolfe. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Agronomy Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October. The Reserve Champion Team in Agronomy was the Newton FFA Chapter located in Newton. Team members included: Jenna Smith, Jacob Aldrich, Cody Swank, and Korie Jack. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. James Horn. Jacob Ewart from Wapello was the High Overall Individual in the competition.

FFA teams including 88 individuals from 25 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agronomy. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in Agronomy, including crop, weed, insect and seed identification; crop and seed judging and evaluation; and grain grading. A written examination was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Ms. Nicole Shimp and other faculty and staff with the Agronomy Department at Iowa State University in Ames. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association provided lunch to all participants in the event. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy hosted the event and provided T-shirts to all participants. The top individual receives a \$500 scholarship from the Iowa State University Department of Agronomy if the student chooses to major in Agronomy at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was made possible with support from Iowa Corn through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 2 Newton FFA, Newton
- 3 Denison FFA, Denison
- 4 Bellevue FFA, Bellevue
- 5 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 6 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 7 Lansing FFA Chapter
- 8 Highland FFA, Riverside
- 9 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 10 Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Top 10 Individuals

- Jacob Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Christopher Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Bryant Lanz, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Jacob Aldrich, Newton FFA, Newton
Laci Orr, Central Community FFA, Elkader
Thomas Welch, Denison FFA, Denison
Korie Jack, Newton FFA, Newton
Isaac Black, Highland FFA, Riverside
Grace Sprank, Bellevue FFA, Bellevue
Maci Kaub, Denison FFA, Denison

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Crops Judging Placing Classes

Team: Bellevue FFA, Bellevue

Individual: Jebadiah Schwager, Bellevue FFA, Bellevue

Identification of Plants, Seeds, and Insects

Team: Wapello FFA, Wapello

Individual: Jacob Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello

General Knowledge Exam

Team: Wapello FFA, Wapello

Individual: Jacob Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Team Event

Team: Bellevue FFA, Bellevue

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (2061 to 1569)

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Newton FFA, Newton

Denison FFA, Denison

Bellevue FFA, Bellevue

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Decorah FFA, Decorah

Lansing FFA Chapter

Highland FFA, Riverside

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (1273 to 400)

Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe

Albia FFA Chapter, Albia

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Panorama FFA, Panora

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Silver Teams (9)

Score Range (1536 to 1317)

Seymour FFA

Central Community FFA, Elkader

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Charles City FFA, Charles City

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Lone Tree FFA

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Independence FFA

East Sac FFA, Lake View

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,600 student members as part of 242 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.