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## **News Release**

# **Maquoketa Valley FFA Wins 2019 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle CDE**

The 2019 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in Manchester on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Fourteen teams and fifty-one individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of dairy cattle selection and management.

The Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter located in Delhi was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Cattle Team. Team members included: Amber Engelken, Sarah Goedken, Tara Goedken, and Mason Kruse. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Ann Grant. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Judging was the North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter located in West Union. Team members included: Kerigan Alexander, Kylie Oakland, Dillion Sparrgrove, and Alexis Steffens. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Ryan Holthaus and Ms. Rachael Strong. Mason Kruse from Delhi was the Champion Individual. Erik Gerdts from St. Ansgar was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa State University Dairy Science Club through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Mary Scott, Rachel Mills, Craig Fisher, and Gina Mashek were the official judges for the placing classes. Dean Weber from Rockwell prepared the testing materials.

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

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 2 North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
- 3 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 4 North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- 5 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 6 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- 7 Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 8 Cascade FFA
- 9 Highland FFA, Riverside
- 10 Crestwood FFA, Cresco

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Mason Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi  
Erik Gerdts, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar  
Alexis Steffens, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union  
Amber Engelken, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi  
Alex Dickman, North Scott FFA at Eldridge  
Kylie Oakland, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union  
Jesse Wulf, West Lyon FFA, Inwood  
Adrianna Kruse, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar  
Nathan Knapp, West Lyon FFA, Inwood  
Kerigan Alexander, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

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

**Dairy Cow and Heifer Placing Classes**

**Team:** Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

**Individual:** Tara Goedken, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

**Oral Reasons**

**Team:** Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

**Individual:** Adrianna Kruse, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

**Dairy Production and Management Test**

**Team:** North Scott FFA at Eldridge

**Individual:** Erik Gerdts, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

**Herd Data Evaluation**

**Team:** North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

**Individual:** Nathan Knapp, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

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

**Gold Teams (5)**

Score Range (1617 to 1515)

Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

**Bronze Teams (2)**

Score Range (1177 to 884)

West Central Valley FFA, Stuart

Humboldt FFA, Humboldt

**Silver Teams (7)**

Score Range (1399 to 1322)

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Starmont FFA, Arlington

Cascade FFA

Highland FFA, Riverside

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Turkey Valley at Jackson Junction

**The following FFA Members served as show persons during the event and were ranked as follows:**

**Gold Awards (4)**

Tyler Menne, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Courtney Goedken, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Holli Hogan, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Brooke Hogan, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

**Silver Awards (1)**

Ben Gibson, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

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**About Iowa FFA Association**

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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.