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## **News Release**

# **SOUTH O'BRIEN FFA CHAPTER WINS 2020 STATE FFA MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event held virtually by Iowa State University on September 26, 2020. Members of the first place team included: Kyan Kruse, Hudson Oolman, Leo Sells, and Abby Stout. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. The Sioux Central FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Clayton Ehlers, Emma Ahrendsen, Edwin Madsen, and Austin Vanderhoff. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Koehlmoos. Christopher Ewart, Wapello FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meat Evaluation. Activities included: placing carcass classes of beef, pork, and lamb; placing classes of wholesale and retail meat cuts; quality and yield grading beef carcasses; identifying retail meat cuts, and a problem solving activity. There were 78 members participating from 23 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support by Farm Credit Services of America through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Amy Powell, Sherry Olsen and the Iowa State University Meats Judging Team along with faculty in the Meat Science Department of 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 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 2 Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- 3 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 4 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter
- 6 Riceville FFA Chapter
- 7 Sheldon FFA Chapter
- 8 North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- 9 Boyer Valley FFA Chapter at Dunlap
- 10 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Christopher Ewart, Wapello FFA Chapter  
Robert Carver, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Brantly Palmer, Wapello FFA Chapter  
Clayton Ehlers, Sioux Central FFA Chapter  
Hudson Oolman, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Abby Stout, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Emma Ahrendsen, Sioux Central FFA Chapter  
Leo Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Nyssa Brown, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Edwin Madsen, Sioux Central FFA Chapter

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

**Placing Carcass Classes****Team:** Sioux Central FFA Chapter**Individual:** Clayton Ehlers, Sioux Central FFA Chapter**Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts****Team:** Sioux Central FFA Chapter**Individual:** Christopher Ewart, Wapello FFA Chapter**Beef Quality and Yield Grading****Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter**Individual:** Robert Carver, Muscatine FFA Chapter**Retail Cut Identification****Team:** South O'Brien FFA Chapter**Individual:** Abby Stout, South O'Brien FFA Chapter**Problem Solving Activity****Team:** South O'Brien FFA Chapter**Individual:** Christopher Ewart, Wapello FFA Chapter**Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.****Gold Teams (8)**Score Range (1684 to 1300)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Riceville FFA Chapter

Sheldon FFA Chapter

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

**Bronze Teams (4)**Score Range (974 to 660)

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Wilton FFA Chapter

Davis-Rodgers FFA Chapter at Shenandoah

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

**Silver Teams (11)**Score Range (1282 to 1028)

Boyer Valley FFA Chapter at Dunlap

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Turkey Valley FFA Chapter at Jackson Junction

Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Centerville FFA Chapter

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull

Nevada FFA Chapter

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Spencer FFA Chapter

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**About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 16,100 student members as part of 246 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.