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## News Release

# Wapello FFA Wins 2020 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Wapello FFA Chapter from Wapello was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on April 30, 2021. Members of the first place team included: Christopher Ewart, Emma Schoonover, Lydia Fisher, and Alex Boysen. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Cassi Chapman. The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Alex Cheney, Gavin Tindle, Carmen Klos, and Lauren Klos. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Rick Swenson. Emma Schoonover, Wapello FFA, Wapello, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including from 30 chapters, including 116 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from Iowa Corn and Ag Processing through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Amber Anderson of Iowa State University coordinated the event.

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 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 3 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 4 Grinnell FFA
- 5 East Union FFA, Afton
- 6 South O'Brien FFA
- 7 Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
- 8 Nevada FFA, Nevada
- 9 Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- 10 AGWSR FFA, Ackley

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Emma Schoonover, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Alex Cheney, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma  
Katherine Mclaughlin, Sigourney FFA, Sigourney  
Jared Nickel, Grinnell FFA  
Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA  
Gavin Tindle, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma  
Jason Wright, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda  
Colby Carlson, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda  
Lydia Fisher, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Mason Moore, Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

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

### **General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

**Individual:** Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA

### **Pit Evaluation**

**Team:** Wapello FFA, Wapello

**Individual:** Emma Schoonover, Wapello FFA, Wapello

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

### **Gold Teams (11)**

Score Range (470 to 411)

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Grinnell FFA

East Union FFA, Afton

South O'Brien FFA

Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Nevada FFA, Nevada

Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

Algona FFA, Algona

### **Bronze Teams (6)**

Score Range (337 to 321)

Decorah FFA, Decorah

Atlantic FFA, Atlantic

Independence FFA, Independence

Red Oak FFA, Red Oak

Central Trail FFA, Leon

Clear Creek Amana

### **Silver Teams (13)**

Score Range (399 to 356)

Griswold FFA, Griswold

Hawkeye FFA, West Bend

Harlan FFA, Harlan

West Central Valley FFA

Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

English Valleys FFA, North English

Pella FFA, Pella

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,400 student members as part of 248 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.