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News Release

SOUTH O'BRIEN FFA CHAPTER WINS 2021 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 August 28, 2021. Members of the first place team included: Kyan Kruse, Hudson Oolman, Leo Sells, and Claire Wagner. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: James Sprague, Robert Carver, Nyssa Brown, and Jenna Lovstad. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, and Mr. Josh Day. Hudson Oolman, South O'Brien 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 52 members participating from 15 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support by Iowa Pork Producers Association 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 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- 4 Independence FFA Chapter
- 5 Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- 6 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter
- 7 Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter
- 8 Nevada FFA Chapter
- 9 Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan
- 10 MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus

Top 10 Individuals

- Hudson Oolman, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Claire Wagner, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
James Sprague, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Clayton Ehlers, Sioux Central FFA Chapter
Kyan Kruse, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
Leo Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Aric Baier, Sioux Central FFA Chapter
Jenna Lovstad, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Robert Carver, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: Independence FFA Chapter

Individual: Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Elizabeth Kremer, Independence FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Kyan Kruse, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Hudson Oolman, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Hudson Oolman, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**Gold Teams (6)**

Score Range (1697 to 1366)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (7)

Score Range (1262 to 1108)

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Nevada FFA Chapter

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus

Wilton FFA Chapter

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Bronze Teams (2)

Score Range (1092 to 1050)

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

Pilot Creek FFA Chapter at Pocahontas

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 16,500 student members as part of 247 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.