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News Release

2023 IOWA FFA DISCUSSION MEET LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

95th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Discussion Meet Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Six individuals participated in this year's LDE. The first place individual for the event was Emma Ahrendsen from the Sioux Central FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Melanie Bloom. The second place individual for the event was Mackinze Hora from the Highland FFA Chapter at Riverside. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Gina Trower.

Participants of the Ag Discussion Meet were responsible to exchange ideas and information in an effort to solve problems inherent in the topics. Students had to take a problem or need and work through all options, while testing and implementing new ideas. The Iowa FFA Ag Discussion Meet CDE was made possible with support from the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Discussion Meet CDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Emma Ahrendsen	Sioux Rapids	Gold
2	Mackinze Hora	Riverside	Gold
3	Emily Freese	Carroll	Gold
	Hannah Mescher	Carroll	Silver
	Taylor Mayhue	Eldridge	Silver
	Kollyn Lentz	Nashua	Silver

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 19,000 student members as part of 260 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.