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News Release

NEWTON FFA WINS IOWA FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY CDE

The Newton FFA Chapter from Newton was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on June 8, 2023. Members of the first place team included: Tyler Guy, Colin Cummins, Wesley McElroy, and Landon Menninga. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. James Horn and Mr. Jarret Horn. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Corwin Mcdonald, Elijah Trosen, Cory Shank, and Max Brendel. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, and Mrs. Alexa Coobs. Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 119 individuals from 34 chapters 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 Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, metals and welding, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Titan Machinery through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Jon Davis and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames. The Association of General Contractors of Iowa provided lunch for all participants and staff.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Newton FFA, Newton
- 2 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 3 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 4 Unity Christian FFA
- 5 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 6 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 7 Monticello FFA
- 8 St. Ansgar FFA
- 9 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 10 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Top 10 Individuals

- Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Bryce Fedders, Unity Christian FFA
Will Deutmeyer, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Drew Offen, St. Ansgar FFA
Logan Bicknese, Midland FFA, Wyoming
Brady Van Gorp, Holland FFA, Orange City
Cory Shank, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Corwin Mcdonald, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Tyler Guy, Newton FFA, Newton
Blake Lindsay, Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Structural Systems

Team: Newton FFA, Newton **Individual:** Will Deutmeyer, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Machinery & Equipment Systems

Team: Benton Community FFA, Van Horne **Individual:** Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Environmental & Natural Resource Systems

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA **Individual:** Landon Orcutt, Monticello FFA

Electrical Systems

Team: Newton FFA, Newton **Individual:** Colin Cummins, Newton FFA, Newton

Metals and Welding Systems

Team: Earlham FFA, Earlham **Individual:** Daxton Korthas, Earlham FFA, Earlham

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Newton FFA, Newton **Individual:** Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (12)

Score Range (386 to 331)

Newton FFA, Newton
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Unity Christian FFA
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Monticello FFA
St. Ansgar FFA
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Silver Teams (12)

Score Range (329 to 296)

Holland FFA, Orange City
Earlham FFA, Earlham
West Liberty FFA
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Charles City FFA, Charles City
South O'Brien FFA
Easton Valley FFA at Preston
Midland FFA, Wyoming
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
MVAO FFA

Bronze Teams (10)

Score Range (290 to 120)

Rockford FFA
Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell
IKM-Manning FFA, Manning
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
Central Community FFA, Elkader

Dike-New Hartford FFA
Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Sioux Central FFA at Sioux Rapids
Anamosa FFA, Anamosa
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 19,200 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.