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## News Release

# South Winneshiek FFA Wins 2023 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle CDE

The 2023 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in Manchester on Friday, September 8, 2023. Thirty teams and individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of dairy cattle selection and management.

The South Winneshiek FFA Chapter located in Calmar was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Cattle Team. Team members included: Mitchell Vagts, Kelsey Timp, Katrina Hageman, and Hanna Vagts. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Melissa Hageman.

The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Judging was the Decorah FFA Chapter located in Decorah. Team members included: Brody Courtney, Kiele Eberling, Anders Lovstuen, and Creed Monroe. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Joni Bruvold. Kelsey Timp from Calmar was the Champion Individual. Anders Lovstuen from Decorah was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation and the Youth Dairy Classic Exhibitors.

Jim Hammerand, Austin Knapp and Kurt Wolf were the official judges for the placing classes. Kaleb Kruse selected the cattle for judging classes and acted as reasons taker.

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

### Top 10 Teams

- 1 South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
- 2 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 3 North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
- 4 Newton FFA, Newton
- 5 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 6 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 7 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 8 West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- 9 Maquoketa Valley FFA
- 10 Linn-Mar FFA

### Top 10 Individuals

- Kelsey Timp, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar  
Anders Lovstuen, Decorah FFA, Decorah  
Katrina Hageman, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar  
Hanna Vagts, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar  
Blake Sparrgrove, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union  
Ethan Palmer, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Grace Guy, Newton FFA, Newton  
Nathen Zumbach, Linn-Mar FFA  
Angie Knapp, West Lyon FFA, Inwood  
Blake Hunt, Central Community FFA, Elkader

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

**Dairy Cow and Heifer Placing Classes**

**Team:** MFL MarMac FFA, Monona

**Individual:** Abby Fedders, Western Christian FFA, Hull

**Oral Reasons**

**Team:** Decorah FFA, Decorah

**Individual:** Anders Lovstuen, Decorah FFA, Decorah

**Dairy Production and Management Test**

**Team:** South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

**Individual:** Kelsey Timp, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

**Herd Data Evaluation**

**Team:** South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

**Individual:** Kelsey Timp, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

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

**Gold Teams (12)**

Score Range (1684 to 1446.5)

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Decorah FFA, Decorah

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Newton FFA, Newton

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Maquoketa Valley FFA

Linn-Mar FFA

Western Christian FFA, Hull

MFL MarMac FFA, Monona

**Bronze Teams (6)**

Score Range (1256 to 1079)

Dike-New Hartford FFA

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Independence FFA, Independence

Ballard FFA, Huxley

Wilton FFA, Wilton

**Silver Teams (12)**

Score Range (1443 to 1301.5)

Starmont FFA, Arlington

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Postville FFA

West Sioux FFA, Hawarden

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Clear Creek Amana

Central Springs

**The following FFA Members served as show persons during the event and were ranked as follows:**

**Gold Awards (2)**

Bianka Ronnebaum, Maquoketa Valley FFA

Kayden Schnuelle, Postville FFA

**Silver Awards (3)**

Brianna Pirc, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Claire Gaul, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Owen Bentley, Postville FFA

**Bronze Awards (3)**

Parker Lansing, Postville FFA

Logan Frye, Decorah FFA, Decorah

Adam Kirkestue, Postville FFA

## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 19,200 student members as part of 262 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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.