

# News Release

# CALAMUS-WHEATLAND FFA CHAPTER AT WHEATLAND WINS 2023 STATE FFA LIVESTOCK CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on August 26, 2023. Members of the first place team included: Delaney Engler, Ryan Olson, Hadley Jacobi, and Kalloway Whitman. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jenna Kingsley. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock competitions later this year. The LeMars FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Brady Allan, Jack Ten Napel, Sarah Vacura, and Jace Fisher. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Mattie Tucker and Ms. Machaela Ingalls. Delaney Engler, Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: placing breeding and market classes of beef, swine, sheep and goats; keep/cull and oral reasons classes; and a general knowledge test. There were 149 members participating from 43 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa State University Block and Bridle Club and Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Partners. The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Will Taylor and other faculty and staff with 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**

# **Top 10 Individuals**

1 Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland Delaney Engler, Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland

2 LeMars FFA Chapter Brady Allan, LeMars FFA Chapter

3 Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Lillie Curry, Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

4 Columbus FFA Chapter Tommy Janssen, Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at

5 Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda Madeleine Howell, Columbus FFA Chapter

6 Bellevue FFA Chapter Kalloway Whitman, Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at

7 Mount Ayr FFA Chapter Cole Miller, Boyer Valley FFA Chapter at Dunlap

8 Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon Wade Hill, Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

9 Pekin FFA Chapter at Packwood Lilian Buie, Pekin FFA Chapter at Packwood

10 Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston Sarah Vacura, LeMars FFA Chapter

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

Beef Placing

Team: LeMars FFA Chapter

Individual: Delaney Engler, Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland

**Swine Placing** 

**Team:** Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland **Individual:** Carson Schmitt, East Sac FFA Chapter

Sheep Placing

**Team:** Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg

Individual: Tommy Janssen, Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg

**Goat Placing** 

Team: LeMars FFA Chapter

Individual: Brady Allan, LeMars FFA Chapter

**Oral Reasons** 

**Team:** Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland

Individual: Delaney Engler, Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland

**Knowledge Exam** 

Team: Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland

Individual: Delaney Engler, Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland

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

#### Gold Teams (15)

Score Range (1783 to 1644)

Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland

LeMars FFA Chapter

Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at

Columbus FFA Chapter

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Bellevue FFA Chapter

Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon Pekin FFA Chapter at Packwood

Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston

East Sac FFA Chapter

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Griswold FFA Chapter

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

# **Bronze Teams (15)**

Score Range (1560 to 526)

Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

Interstate 35 FFA Chapter at Truro

Van Buren County FFA Chapter at Keosaugua

Lenox FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

Rockford FFA Chapter

Pella FFA Chapter

Central City - Springville FFA Chapter

Nevada FFA Chapter

#### Silver Teams (13)

Score Range (1628 to 1574)

Atlantic FFA Chapter

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

Carroll Area FFA Chapter

Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Grinnell FFA Chapter

West Sioux FFA Chapter at Hawarden North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Charles City FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter GTRA FFA Chapter at Graettinger Exira Elk Horn-Kimballton FFA Chapter at Elk South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City Iowa Falls-Alden FFA Chapter Muscatine FFA Chapter Boyer Valley FFA Chapter at Dunlap Newton FFA Chapter

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#### About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 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.