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News Release

SOUTH O'BRIEN FFA CHAPTER WINS 2023 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 by Iowa State University on August 26, 2023. Members of the first place team included: Brett Evans, Gabe Moermond, Bensen Rohwer, and Brelee Rasmussen. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. The Sioux Center FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Blake Oostenink, Izabella Klein, Kaden Svoboda, and Aidyn Mouw. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Koehlmoos. Brelee Rasmussen, 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 54 members participating from 15 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support by Iowa Pork Producers Association and Smithfield Foods. The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by 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 Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- 3 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 4 North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- 5 Independence FFA Chapter
- 6 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter
- 7 Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston
- 8 MFL MarMac FFA Chapter at Monona
- 9 Riceville FFA Chapter
- 10 Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Top 10 Individuals

- Brelee Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Gabe Moermond, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Brett Evans, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- Cheyenne Mosier, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Kaden Svoboda, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- Saxby Stein, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Jack Zorich, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Izabella Klein, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- Aidyn Mouw, Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Jack Zorich, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Brelee Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Individual: Brelee Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Brelee Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Brelee Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (5)

Score Range (1697 to 1433)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Independence FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (6)

Score Range (1337 to 1175)

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston

MFL MarMac FFA Chapter at Monona

Riceville FFA Chapter

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (4)

Score Range (1125 to 799)

Nevada FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Anamosa 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.