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News Release

LITTLE SWITZERLAND FFA WINS 2023 IOWA FFA MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS CDE

The 2023 Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was held at Manchester on Friday, September 8, 2023. Thirty-five 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 milk quality and dairy foods.

The Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon was named the Iowa Champion FFA Milk Quality & Products Team. Team members included: Caleb Helgerson, Ethan Gibbs, Kendra Gibbs, and Olivia Marti. Ms. Jessica O'Connor is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Foods Judging was the Newton FFA, Newton. Team members included: Wesley McElroy, Colin Cummins, Nathan Hauber, and Owen Guldborg. Mr. James Horn is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. Blair Scherf from Central Community FFA, Elkader was the Champion Individual. Olivia Marti from Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event exam was prepared by Dr. Stephanie Clark and other faculty and staff with the Iowa State University Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition in Ames.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 2 Newton FFA, Newton
- 3 Lansing FFA Chapter
- 4 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 5 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 6 North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- 7 West Marshall FFA, State Center
- 8 Belle Plaine FFA
- 9 Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 10 Maquoketa Valley FFA

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Blair Scherf, Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 2 Olivia Marti, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 3 Kendra Gibbs, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 4 Caleb Helgerson, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 5 Wesley McElroy, Newton FFA, Newton
- 6 Ethan Gibbs, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 7 Colin Cummins, Newton FFA, Newton
- 8 Nova Selck, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 9 Kinleigh Kriegel, West Marshall FFA, State Center
- 10 Anissa Stanley, Lansing FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Knowledge Exam and Problem Solving

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Individual: Caleb Helgerson, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Milk Products

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Individual: Blair Scherf, Central Community FFA, Elkader

Milk Quality

Team: Central Community FFA, Elkader

Individual: Emma Nachazel, Central Springs

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (15)

Score Range (333 to 260)

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Newton FFA, Newton

Lansing FFA Chapter

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Central Community FFA, Elkader

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

West Marshall FFA, State Center

Belle Plaine FFA

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Maquoketa Valley FFA

Easton Valley FFA at Preston

Monticello FFA

Western Christian FFA, Hull

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Bronze Teams (10)

Score Range (227 to 100)

Wilton FFA, Wilton

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Central Springs

Ballard FFA, Huxley

North Cedar FFA, Clarence

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Greene County FFA, Jefferson

Decorah FFA, Decorah

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (256 to 234)

La Porte-Dysart FFA, La Porte City

GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin

Riceville FFA, Riceville

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Independence FFA, Independence

Postville FFA

West Sioux FFA, Hawarden

Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Belmond-Klemme FFA, Belmond

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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 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, on Facebook, and Twitter.