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News Release

South O'Brien FFA Chapter Wins 2023 State FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event

AMES, IA--The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on April 18, 2023. Members of the first place team included: Dante Johnson, Dain Moermond, Hudson Oolman, and Leo Sells. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. The Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Benjamin Coder, Mason Zaehring, Taylor Morrison, and Kennedy Rife. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Crews. Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Poultry Evaluation Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Poultry Evaluation. Activities included: placing classes of live poultry; placing and grading classes of ready to cook poultry; grading classes of egg interiors and exteriors; identifying and grading further process poultry products, and a poultry production examination. There were 525 members participating from 140 chapters.

The Poultry Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Dawn Koltes and the Poultry Science Staff of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Donors.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 2 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 3 Charles City FFA Chapter
- 4 Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- 5 Riceville FFA Chapter
- 6 Albia FFA Chapter
- 7 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 8 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- 9 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 10 Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

Top 10 Individuals

- Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
Taylor Morrison, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Leo Sells, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Hudson Oolman, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Taylor Quade, Charles City FFA Chapter
Lauren VanManen, Newton FFA Chapter
Kennedy Rife, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Keaton Croatt, Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA Chapter
Lukas Vance, Charles City FFA Chapter
Coy Petersen, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Live Poultry Classes

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Lauren VanManen, Newton FFA Chapter

Ready to Cook Poultry Classes

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Lily Schwickerath, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

Egg Grading Classes

Team: Charles City FFA Chapter

Individual: Fiona Amstutz, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Further Processed Classes

Team: Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Individual: Erin Sprank, Bellevue FFA Chapter

Poultry Production Examination

Team: Albia FFA Chapter

Individual: Coy Petersen, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (30)

Score Range (1350 to 1071)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Charles City FFA Chapter
Sioux Center FFA Chapter
Riceville FFA Chapter
Albia FFA Chapter
Muscatine FFA Chapter
Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
Mediapolis FFA Chapter
Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake
Lansing FFA Chapter FFA Chapter
Bellevue FFA Chapter
Newton FFA Chapter
Sioux Central FFA Chapter
Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
Maquoketa FFA Chapter
Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA Chapter
Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union
Glidden-Ralston FFA Chapter
Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City
West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth
Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco
Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
MFL MarMac FFA Chapter at Monona
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA Chapter at Grimes
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
Sheldon Golden Corn FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (43)

Score Range (1060 to 982)

Earlham FFA Chapter
WACO FFA Chapter at Wayland
Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City
Algona FFA Chapter
Central Lyon FFA Chapter at Rock Rapids
Anamosa FFA Chapter
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne
Gilbert FFA Chapter FFA Chapter
Hinton FFA Chapter
DCHS FFA Chapter at West Des Moines
Spencer FFA Chapter
Keota FFA Chapter
East Sac FFA Chapter
Griswold FFA Chapter
West Central Valley FFA Chapter at Stuart
La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City
North Scott Jr. High FFA Chapter at Eldridge
Van Meter FFA Chapter
Starmont FFA Chapter at Arlington
New Hampton FFA Chapter
Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter
GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA Chapter
Columbus FFA Chapter
Cedar Rapids Prairie FFA Chapter
Cascade FFA Chapter
Denison FFA Chapter
Bedford FFA Chapter

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
Akron-Westfield FFA Chapter
Ridge View FFA Chapter
Osage FFA Chapter
Kingsley Pierson FFA Chapter
South Hamilton FFA Chapter at Jewell
West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester
Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull
Marshalltown FFA Chapter
Monticello FFA Chapter
Pekin FFA Chapter at Packwood
Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston

Bronze Teams (66)

Score Range (981 to 642)

Central Lee FFA Chapter at Donnellson
Bondurant-Farrar FFA Chapter
West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood
HLV FFA Chapter at Victor
Rock Valley FFA Chapter
Marengo FFA Chapter
Creston FFA Chapter
Ames FFA Chapter
Williamsburg FFA Chapter
Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion
MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
Moravia FFA Chapter
LeMars FFA Chapter
South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City
Independence FFA Chapter
Mount Pleasant FFA Chapter
Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Chapter
Forest City FFA Chapter
Lone Tree FFA Chapter
Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi
Riverside FFA Chapter at Oakland
Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley
ACGC FFA Chapter at Guthrie Center
George-Little Rock FFA Chapter
Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
Gladbrook-Reinbeck FFA Chapter at Reinbeck
Hudson FFA Chapter
Highland FFA Chapter at Riverside
North Cedar FFA Chapter at Clarence
North Tama FFA Chapter at Traer
Carroll Area FFA Chapter
Ogden FFA Chapter

Moulton-Udell FFA Chapter
Estherville FFA Chapter
Dike-New Hartford FFA Chapter
North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon
Des Moines FFA Chapter
AGWSR FFA Chapter at Ackley
Audubon FFA Chapter
Atlantic FFA Chapter
Nodaway Valley FFA Chapter
North Mahaska FFA Chapter at New Sharon
Colo-NESCO FFA Chapter
Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center
Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA Chapter
Twin Cedars FFA Chapter at Bussey
North Union FFA Chapter at Armstrong
Rockford FFA Chapter
Murray FFA Chapter
Indianola FFA Chapter
Orient-Macksburg FFA Chapter
Tri-Star FFA Chapter
Interstate 35 FFA Chapter at Truro
East Union FFA Chapter at Afton
Boone A&M FFA Chapter
Belmond-Klemme FFA Chapter
Postville FFA Chapter
West Hancock FFA Chapter at Britt
Central Springs FFA Chapter at Manly
Seymour FFA Chapter
Belle Plaine FFA Chapter
Fairfield FFA Chapter
Hillcrest Academy FFA Chapter at Kalona
Denver FFA Chapter
Washington FFA Chapter

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 19,000 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.