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## News Release

# Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Sales CDE

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agriculture Sales Career Development Event (CDE) held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 16, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Cruz Dejong, Makenna Johannes, Camryn Brennan, and Madison Van Zee. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms Hannah Garland. They will represent Iowa at the National Ag Sales Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter from Tiffin was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Shelby Heisler, Kelsey Leathers, Ava Locklear, and Olivia Webb. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Alyssa Amelon and Ms. Morgan Hibbs. 0, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 87 chapters participated in this year's CDE designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agriculture Sales. The 318 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test, made a sales presentation, and performed a customer relations practicum. All team members worked together to prepare a marketing plan and make an oral presentation of the plan to the judges.

The Iowa FFA Ag Sales CDE was made possible with support from Nationwide through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The event was coordinated and conducted by Alaina Imhoff of Mediapolis. A total of 45 area agriculture business and sales personnel from the surrounding area served as judges.

### Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Clear Creek Amana
- 3 Easton Valley FFA at Preston
- 4 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 5 Columbus FFA, Columbus Junction
- 6 Cedar Rapids Prairie
- 7 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 8 Grinnell FFA
- 9 Davis County FFA, Bloomfield
- 10 West Marshall FFA, State Center

### Top 10 Individuals

- Camryn Brennan, Montezuma
- Fiona Amstutz, Bloomfield
- Alia Schmidt, Preston
- Saxby Stein, Muscatine
- Olivia Webb, Tiffin
- Ava Locklear, Tiffin
- Ella Burken, Preston
- Charlie Lane, Preston
- Maddison Banzee, Montezuma
- Kensley Paul, Muscatine

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

Sales Presentations

Team: Easton Valley FFA at Preston Individual: Camryn Brennan, Montezuma

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Clear Creek Amana Individual: Makenna Johannes, Montezuma

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

**Gold Teams (22)**

Score Range (819.8 to 613.7)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma  
Clear Creek Amana  
Easton Valley FFA at Preston  
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Columbus FFA, Columbus Junction  
Cedar Rapids Prairie  
Benton Community FFA, Van Horne  
Grinnell FFA  
Davis County FFA, Bloomfield  
West Marshall FFA, State Center  
Keota FFA  
North Linn FFA, Troy Mills  
Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman  
Riverside FFA, Oakland  
Earlham FFA, Earlham  
Storm Lake FFA, Storm Lake  
Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton  
Bondurant-Farrar FFA  
Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson  
Algona FFA, Algona  
  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton  
Maquoketa Valley FFA

**Bronze Teams (19)**

Score Range (468.999999999999994 to

Marshalltown FFA  
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr  
Sheldon Golden Corn FFA  
Osage FFA, Osage  
Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center  
Wilton FFA, Wilton  
West Central Valley FFA  
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes  
North Cedar FFA, Clarence

**Silver Teams (39)**

Score Range (605.6 to 469.3)

Monticello FFA  
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah  
South Hamilton FFA, Jewell  
Decorah FFA, Decorah  
Lenox FFA  
MVAO FFA  
Central Springs  
Forest City FFA, Forest City  
Creston FFA, Creston  
Chariton FFA, Chariton  
Lake Mills FFA, Lake Mills  
GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin  
WACO FFA  
Clear Lake FFA  
AC/GC FFA  
Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe  
Central City-Springville FFA, Central City  
North Scott FFA at Eldridge  
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth  
Washington FFA, Washington  
Cascade FFA  
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA  
HLV, Victor  
BCLUW FFA, Conrad  
Holland FFA, Orange City  
Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas  
Sioux Central FFA at Sioux Rapids  
West Delaware FFA, Manchester  
Pekin FFA, Packwood  
Charles City FFA, Charles City  
Dike-New Hartford FFA  
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua  
East Union FFA, Afton  
Tipton FFA, Tipton  
Le Mars FFA Chapter, Le Mars  
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg  
Alburnett FFA, Alburnett  
  
East Sac FFA, Lake View  
Ridge View FFA, Holstein

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA  
Postville FFA  
North Scott Jr. High FFA at Eldridge  
Bellevue FFA, Bellevue  
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton  
Nevada FFA, Nevada  
Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank  
Ogden FFA

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### About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 19,800 student members as part of 263 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.