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News Release

2024 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

96th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 15, 2024. 12 chapters participated in this year's LDE. The first place chapter for the event was the Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jenna Kingsley. The second place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions LDE was made possible with support from ASFMRA- Iowa Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Issues and Perceptions LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Delaney Engler, Alexa Jacobi, Mackensie LeBarge, Cooper VanderHeiden, Kalloway Whitman, and Erica Will	Wheatland	Gold
2	Cael Daufeldt, Cole Daufeldt, Ava Morrison, Seth Axsom, Ryan Cassady, and Mia Gingerich	West Liberty	Gold
3	Marae Gerber, Angie Knapp, Abby Knobloch, Kayla Knoblock, Luca Knoblock, and Ellie Metzger	Inwood	Gold
4	Melanie Bruesewitz, Karena Herrick, Erica Gast, Isabelle Jacobs, Ethan Peterson, and Kara Theis	Osage	Gold
5	Kaleb Adams, Elise Church, Jason Ahern, Mackenzie Thiele, Joey Vobr, Marina Burke, and Briana Burke	Cresco	Silver
	Anya Ruzicka, Quinn Heidebrink, Brayden Ellis, Alexander Graeser, and Jordin Ritter	Charles City	Silver
	Bailey Carstens, Ayden Goetz, Paul Kading, Chloe Rardin, Ty Rardin, Charles Rudolf, and Benjamin Hoover	Greenfield	Silver
	Ashlyn Crawford, Shawn McAfee, Cort Selsor, Marissa Bakley, and Madisyn McCoy	Osceola	Silver
	Sigrid Adams, Hannah Brown, Lindsay Peck, Andrew Nelson, Ava Mccarty, Zane Sangwin, and Emmalee Thompson	Sioux Rapids	Silver
	Rachel Rollinger, Kara Rollinger, Kirsten Pettit, Brihanna Dulin, Steven Rogers, Raine Wheeler, and Zane Helter	Vinton	Silver

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Brooklyn Backstrom, Paighton Dop, Ellyanna Taggart, Shawn Partlow, Nathan Mundy, Anna Mamatiuc, and Gracie Backstrom	Liberty Center	Bronze
Hayden Benson, Caden Coatney, Asha Goodman, Addisyn Redinbaugh, and Wyatt Roane	Neola	Bronze

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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, on Facebook, and Twitter.