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## **News Release**

# **2025 IOWA FFA DISCUSSION MEET LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

## **97th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference**

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Discussion Meet Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. 5 individuals participated in this year's LDE. The first place individual for the event was Haylee Wachter from the West Central Valley FFA Chapter at Stuart. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Molly Dolch. The second place individual for the event was Colton C Zupke from the Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Jennifer Dillon.

Participants of the Ag Discussion Meet were responsible to exchange ideas and information in an effort to solve problems inherent in the topics. Students had to take a problem or need and work through all options, while testing and implementing new ideas. The Iowa FFA Ag Discussion Meet LDE was made possible with support from the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Discussion Meet LDE are listed below.

| <b>Place</b> | <b>FFA Member Name(s)</b> | <b>Chapter P. O.</b> | <b>Rating</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1            | Haylee Wachter            | Stuart               | Gold          |
| 2            | Colton C Zupke            | Sumner               | Gold          |
| 3            | Kyra Wolterman            | Carroll              | Gold          |
|              | Isaiah Ihrig              | Gowrie               | Silver        |
|              | Ethan Hosek               | Springville          | Silver        |

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### **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,300 student members as part of 270 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 and on social media.