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News Release

BENTON COMMUNITY FFA WINS IOWA FFA FOOD SCIENCE CDE

The Benton Community FFA Chapter from Van Horne was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on May 20th, 2025. Members of the first place team included: Payton Armstrong, Katelyn Covington, Brianna Gahring, and Nova Selck. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Krystal Wright and Mr. Evan Brehm. They will represent Iowa at the National Food Science Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Crestwood FFA Chapter from Cresco was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Marina Burke, Trynnity Frana, Lindsey Johnson, and Ryleigh Myers. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Mike Adams and Ms. Kimberly Burt. Elijah Magtoto, Ames FFA, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 20 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Food Science. The 71 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in dealing with consumer concerns, food safety and sanitation, aroma identification, taste testing, and product differences. A written examination was included along with a team product development competition.

The Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Terri Boylston, and numerous other faculty and staff with the Iowa State University Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition in Ames.

The Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event was made possible with support from Cookies Food Products, Inc. through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 2 Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- 3 North Butler FFA, Greene
- 4 Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center
- 5 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 6 Ames FFA
- 7 Dike-New Hartford FFA
- 8 Newton FFA Chapter
- 9 Nevada FFA, Nevada
- 10 Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah

Top 10 Individuals

- Elijah Magtoto, Ames FFA
- Olivia Klingenberg, Dike-New Hartford FFA
- Ryleigh Myers, Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- Marina Burke, Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- Nova Selck, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- Drew Vorhes, North Butler FFA, Greene
- Brianna Gahring, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- Abbie Arbogast, Moravia FFA, Moravia
- Payton Armstrong, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- Isabella Betting, Nevada FFA, Nevada

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Product Development Activity

Team: Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Crestwood FFA, Cresco **Individual:** Elijah Magtoto, Ames FFA

Practicums

Team: Benton Community FFA, Van Horne **Individual:** Katie Rine, Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (921 to 819)

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
North Butler FFA, Greene
Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Ames FFA
Dike-New Hartford FFA
Newton FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (3)

Score Range (690.5 to 619)

Charles City FFA, Charles City
Turkey Valley at Jackson Junction
Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center

Silver Teams (9)

Score Range (797.5 to 708)

Nevada FFA, Nevada
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah
West Fork FFA
Sioux Central FFA at Sioux Rapids
North Scott FFA at Eldridge
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Moravia FFA, Moravia
Essex FFA

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 20,400 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.