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News Release

GRINNELL FFA CHAPTER WINS 2025 STATE FFA LIVESTOCK CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Grinnell FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on August 23, 2025. Members of the first place team included: Kolton Kline, Tristan Graff, Maggie Dayton, and Aden Wolfe. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Ashley Wolfe. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock competitions later this year. The DeWitt Central FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kyle Deppe, Caden Bernauer, Ty Henningsen, and Audrina Gordon. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Amy Grantz and Ms. Skylar Bator. Makenna Burmeister, Independence FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: placing breeding and market classes of beef, swine, sheep and goats; keep/cull and oral reasons classes. There were 163 members participating from 51 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa State University Block and Bridle Club and Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Partners. The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Will Taylor and other faculty and staff with the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Grinnell FFA Chapter
- 2 DeWitt Central FFA Chapter
- 3 Keota FFA Chapter
- 4 Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake
- 5 North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- 6 Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
- 7 Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan
- 8 Center Point-Urbana FFA Chapter
- 9 Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at
- 10 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Top 10 Individuals

- Makenna Burmeister, Independence FFA Chapter
Grace Flannigan, Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan
Jillian Hanson, La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City
Tate Beard, Crooked Creek FFA Chapter at Winfield
Lillie Curry, Mount Ayr FFA Chapter
Kyle Deppe, DeWitt Central FFA Chapter
Houston Holdgrafer, Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston
Cooper McCarty, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
Andrew Klindt, North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
Kadence Heald, Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**Beef Placing****Team:** Grinnell FFA Chapter**Individual:** Lillie Curry, Mount Ayr FFA Chapter**Swine Placing****Team:** Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake**Individual:** Makenna Burmeister, Independence FFA Chapter**Sheep Placing****Team:** Grinnell FFA Chapter**Individual:** Cooper McCarty, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield**Goat Placing****Team:** Grinnell FFA Chapter**Individual:** Makenna Burmeister, Independence FFA Chapter**Oral Reasons****Team:** DeWitt Central FFA Chapter**Individual:** Jillian Hanson, La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City**Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.****Gold Teams (18)****Score Range (2213 to 2099)**

Grinnell FFA Chapter

DeWitt Central FFA Chapter

Keota FFA Chapter

Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Center Point-Urbana FFA Chapter

Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Hawkeye FFA Chapter at West Bend

Bellevue FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

Clarksville FFA Chapter

ACGC FFA Chapter at Guthrie Center

Newell-Fonda FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (13)**Score Range (1841 to 688)**

Springville-Lisbon FFA Chapter

Danville FFA Chapter

Ames FFA Chapter

La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Crooked Creek FFA Chapter at Winfield

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Winterset FFA Chapter

Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston

Montezuma FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (20)**Score Range (2083 to 1890)**

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Ridge View FFA Chapter

East Sac FFA Chapter

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Cascade FFA Chapter

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Lynnville-Sully FFA Chapter at Sully

Earlham FFA Chapter

Audubon FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Griswold FFA Chapter

Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin

Carroll Area FFA Chapter

Atlantic FFA Chapter

East Union FFA Chapter at Afton

Webster City FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Denison FFA Chapter

Riceville FFA Chapter

Central Plains FFA Chapter at Gowrie

Dike-New Hartford FFA Chapter

North Scott Jr. High FFA Chapter at Eldridge

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,600 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, on Facebook, and Twitter.