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## News Release

# LOUISA-MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER AT LETTS WINS 2025 STATE FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 10, 2025. Members of the first place team included: Benjamin Coder, Aidan Moreno, Keely Williams, and Sedric Lamb. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Crews. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Newton FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Treyton Davidson, Nevaeh Bown, Ian Pence, and Olivya Miller. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. James Horn and Ms. Nicole Craig. Aiden Anderson, Central Plains FFA, Gowrie, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 14 chapters including 53 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Nursery/Landscape. The event consisted of a general knowledge exam, a landscape estimation practicum, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), equipment operations practicums, and a team skills challenge.

The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Donors. Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

### Top 10 Teams

- 1 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 2 Newton FFA Chapter
- 3 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 4 Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan
- 5 Central Plains FFA Chapter at Gowrie
- 6 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- 7 Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin
- 8 La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City
- 9 Nevada FFA Chapter
- 10 Humboldt FFA Chapter

### Top 10 Individuals

- Aiden Anderson, Central Plains FFA, Gowrie  
Dylan Randel, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Aidan Moreno, Louisa-Muscatine FFA  
Benjamin Coder, Louisa-Muscatine FFA  
Nevaeh Bown, Newton FFA Chapter  
Giovani Ocampo, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Ian Pence, Newton FFA Chapter  
Savannah Garcia, Westwood FFA, Sloan  
Keely Williams, Louisa-Muscatine FFA  
Treyton Davidson, Newton FFA Chapter

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

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

**Individual:** Benjamin Coder, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

### **Landscape Estimation**

**Team:** Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

**Individual:** Aiden Anderson, Central Plains FFA, Gowrie

### **Identification of Nursery Materials**

**Team:** Newton FFA Chapter **Individual:** Aidan Moreno, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

### **Team Skills Challenge**

**Team:** Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

### **Team Equipment Operation**

**Team:** Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

## **Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**

### **Gold Teams (5)**

Score Range (1179 to 1002)

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Newton FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Central Plains FFA Chapter at Gowrie

### **Silver Teams (6)**

Score Range (907 to 691)

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin

La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

Nevada FFA Chapter

Humboldt FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

### **Bronze Teams (3)**

Score Range (638 to 554)

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

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## **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,500 student members as part of 271 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) and on social media.