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News Release

2026 IOWA FFA AG BROADCASTING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

98th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Broadcasting Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 20, 2026. 12 individuals participated in this year's LDE. The first place individual for the event was Justin Ortner from the Sioux Center FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Koehlmoos. The second place individual for the event was Adam Wilke from the Central DeWitt FFA Chapter at DeWitt. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Amy Grantz and Ms. Skylar Bator.

Members participating in this event present a five-minute broadcast as if they were a farm director or reporter for a radio station. This event is intended to foster an understanding and create an interest in the field of broadcast journalism. The Iowa FFA Ag Broadcasting LDE is made possible with support from the Iowa Broadcasters Association Foundation.

The results from the Ag Broadcasting LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Justin Ortner	Sioux Center	Gold
2	Adam Wilke	DeWitt	Gold
3	Alexis Clark	Clarinda	Gold
	Morgan Mcmurphy	Charles City	Gold
	Brayden Wood	Sigourney	Gold
	Olivia Klingenberg	Dike	Silver
	Bailey Brown	LaPorte City	Silver
	Owen Nokes	Shenandoah	Silver
	Katie Kruger	Sibley	Silver
	Lexi Popham	Arlington	Bronze
	Jackson Carpenter	Corydon	Bronze
	Riley Benda	Leon	Bronze

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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 273 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.