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News Release

2026 IOWA FFA AG CSI LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

98th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag CSI Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 20, 2026. 11 chapters participated in this year's LDE. The first place chapter for the event was the Marengo FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Marcia Kilgard. The second place chapter for the event was the Nevada FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Kevin M. Cooper.

Ag Career & Science Investigation, Ag CSI, is a Leadership Development Event that challenges Middle School FFA members to explore the diverse career options in agriculture. Ag CSI also challenges students to think creatively to develop solutions to future agriculturally related issues. This is a Leadership Development Event for 7th and 8th grade Iowa FFA members. The Iowa FFA Ag CSI LDE is made possible with support from the Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Partners.

The results from the Ag CSI LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Colton Dietrich, Harper Fiser, James Fleming, Megan Sandhagen, Lucy Pritchard, and Reese Kasper	Marengo	Gold
2	Braden Smalley, Camden Novak, Cayden Johnson, and Liam Lynch	Nevada	Gold
3	Cort Miller, Isla Flaherty, Axel Neisemier, Cole Robins, and Lily Busick	Murray	Gold
	Eloise Achen, Natalie Morrison, Deklyn Benedict, Amelia Morrison, Zoey Ortiz, and Natalia Brockert	West Liberty	Gold
	Ike Boge, Austin Campbell, Sean Christiansen, Aiden Meyer, Dawsyn Heinrich, and Braydenn Werden	Wyoming	Gold
	Corbin Clark, James Derry, Stella Hamilton, Braelyn Herron, and Shelby Johnson	Audubon	Silver
	Isla Comer, Pearyle Dow, Jozie Woodruff, Temperance Hamilton, and Ally Szynskie	Clarinda	Silver
	Peyton Steinkamp, Dane Monahan, Mycah Mack, and Kasey Friedmann	Lake View	Silver
	Alexis Folkerts, Warner Huck, Paisley Nauman, Ava Peterson, and Joel Paplow	Nashua	Silver
	Tinley Morris, Hannah Van Donselaar, Blakley Franje, Peyton Veenstra, Mclane Warren, and Alexa Van Weelden	New Sharon	Silver
	Wyatt Koopman, Chase Miller, Lauren Vovroch, Trevor Ballard, Aidan Miller, and Beth Rashidi	Van Horne	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.