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News Release

2026 IOWA FFA AG IMPACT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

98th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Impact Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 20, 2026. 12 chapters participated in this year's LDE. The first place chapter for the event was the Sidney FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Abby Pendleton. The second place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael.

Ag Impact is a LDE that challenges Middle School FFA members to explore the importance of agriculture in our state, county, and communities. This event is designed to engage middle schools students in learning how the industry of agriculture affects their daily lives. Learning activities should focus on: agricultural literacy, career exploration, personal development, and integration of academics. The Iowa FFA Ag Impact LDE is made possible with support from Sukup through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Impact LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Avary Gamber, Leila Glenn, Ellie Thompson, and Anna Zavadil	Sidney	Gold
2	Ruby Hall, Blake Yoder, Maguire Wulf, Jimmy Rud, Madelynn Neeld, and Gavin Baltisberger	West Liberty	Gold
3	Leah Henkes, Saige Fallon, Grace Norman, and Rachel Hartz	Cresco	Gold
	Astelle Graham, Brielle Lohoff, Stella Rold, Stella Scheffler, and Morgan Sieh	Avoca	Silver
	Bailee Baldwin, Casen Lundt, Chloe Ray, Kynlee Todd, and Tesla Wilson	Correctionville	Silver
	Jaron Hoefler, Anniston Langel, Brody Ries, Cooper Schulte, and Layne Trenkamp	Delhi	Silver
	Brinlynn Alliger, Kaylee Hicks, Kelsey Hayes, Grace Kauffman, and Taylor Carlson	Gowrie	Silver
	Gracie Harty, Katelyn Clayton, Hadley Meister, Addison Clayton, Lucas Aragon, and Kennedy Schmitt	Lake View	Silver
	Abigail Bos, Alysa Bos, Ava Deweese, Tait Henkle, Brayson Latcham, and Annie Mathes	Montezuma	Silver
	Creed Ruby, Audrina Lamb, Allison Myers, Colby Nold, Emma Mateer, and Wendie Boles	Murray	Silver
	Brantley Nearmyer, Clayden Clymer, Caleb Colburn, Coen Whipple, Jack Zink, and Landen Terlouw	Newton	Silver
	Luke Theis, Corbin Jacobs, Bryson Tusler, Caleb Rachut, and Oliver	Osage	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.