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## News Release

# 2026 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

## 98th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions 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 Holland FFA Chapter at Orange City. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Molly Cleveringa and Mr. Mike Moller. The second place chapter for the event was the Clear Lake FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jenna Kingsley.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions LDE is made possible with support from ASFMRA- Iowa Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Issues and Perceptions LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Marnie Croatt, Allison Heller, and Lily Moeller	Orange City	Gold
2	Carly Roth, Avery Ries, Taelyn Lietz, Bella Kappmeyer, Lauren Good, Kylee Colby, and Sienna Voortmann	Clear Lake	Gold
3	Grace Schneider, Miles Mcconnaha, Alivia Garcia, Sophia Hayes, Madison Buysse, Gable Underbakke, and Brynn Cassady	West Liberty	Gold
4	Gavin Lihs, Marli Vanlaningham, and Preston Von Stein	Bondurant	Gold
5	Ethan Franzen, Natalie Feldman, Jackson Mehmen, Emerson Richards, and Cole Scharnhorst	Nashua	Gold
	Bella Johnson, Hadley Miller, Alayna Shepherd, Stevie Wilmes, and Elaina Hesse	Clarinda	Gold
	Parker Nichols, Aiden Ostrum, Gavin White, Cameron Zeimet, and Amira Grant	Cedar Rapids	Silver
	Kelsey Adams, Avery Church, Lindsey Johnson, Claire Kach, Clara Keller, Ashton Keune, and Ryleigh Myers	Cresco	Silver
	Freya Iverson, Lily Duffy, Paige Rector, Claire Nuehring, Syamala Akula, and Sahana Nagarajan	Marion	Silver
	Paxton Beane, Kye Gleason, Braeden Christensen, Collin Hansen, Hudson Hocker, Mason Kasperbauer, and Kaleb Nelson	Audubon	Bronze
	Journey Warnke, Tryniti Petersen, Bella Petersen, Caidyn Meyer, and Benina Cleary	Lake View	Bronze

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Tanner Jansen, Nick Moeckly, Jaycie Monson, Kate Muhlbauer,  
Dylan Twedt, Drew Fausch, and Sadie Goering

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Participation

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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](http://IowaFFA.com) and on social media.