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News Release

ST. ANSGAR FFA WINS IOWA FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY CDE

The St. Ansgar FFA Chapter from St. Ansgar was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on May 19, 2026. Members of the first place team included: Aden Franzen, Braden Halvorson, Aidan Jenkins, and Hale Dieterich. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Davis. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter from Dyersville was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Landen Borgerding, Brock Burlage, Levi Reiter, and Will Deutmeyer. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Dawn Mausser. Andrew Machin, Newton FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 210 individuals from 55 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, metals and welding, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Titan Machinery through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Jon Davis and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames. The Association of General Contractors of Iowa provided lunch for all participants and staff.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 St. Ansgar FFA
- 2 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 3 Newton FFA Chapter
- 4 Boone A&M FFA, Boone
- 5 West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- 6 Pella FFA, Pella
- 7 Ridge View FFA, Holstein
- 8 Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
- 9 East Union FFA, Afton
- 10 Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis

Top 10 Individuals

- Andrew Machin, Newton FFA Chapter
Levi Reiter, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Will Deutmeyer, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
George Grote, Boone A&M FFA, Boone
Aidan Jenkins, St. Ansgar FFA
Casen Albers, Pella FFA, Pella
Ronald Riemenschneider, East Union FFA, Afton
Braden Halvorson, St. Ansgar FFA
Shannah Smith, Maquoketa Valley FFA
Aden Franzen, St. Ansgar FFA

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Structural Systems

Team: Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville **Individual:** Jacob Cornick, Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly

Machinery & Equipment Systems

Team: Boone A&M FFA, Boone **Individual:** Talon Stevens, Boone A&M FFA, Boone

Environmental & Natural Resource Systems

Team: Newton FFA Chapter **Individual:** Levi Reiter, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Electrical Systems

Team: St. Ansgar FFA **Individual:** Shannahan Smith, Maquoketa Valley FFA

Metals and Welding Systems

Team: West Delaware FFA, Manchester **Individual:** Aidan Jenkins, St. Ansgar FFA

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville **Individual:** Andrew Machin, Newton FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (19)

Score Range (427 to 342)

St. Ansgar FFA
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Newton FFA Chapter
Boone A&M FFA, Boone
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Pella FFA, Pella
Ridge View FFA, Holstein
Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
East Union FFA, Afton
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Cascade FFA
Gilbert FFA
La Porte-Dysart FFA, La Porte City
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Marengo FFA, Marengo

Bronze Teams (10)

Score Range (285 to 238)

Interstate 35 FFA
Gladbrook-Reinbeck FFA
North Butler FFA, Greene
Independence FFA, Independence
Central Springs
George-Little Rock FFA
Keokuk FFA
Bedford FFA
Le Mars FFA Chapter, Le Mars
Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell

Silver Teams (26)

Score Range (339 to 297)

Martensdale-St. Marys FFA
Central Plains FFA, Gowrie
Maquoketa Valley FFA
Ogden FFA
Bison FFA, Buffalo Center
Lynnville-Sully FFA
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Riceville FFA, Riceville
Forest City FFA, Forest City
Fairfield FFA, Fairfield
Carroll Area FFA, Carroll
Central Trail FFA, Leon
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Belmond-Klemme FFA, Belmond
New London FFA Chapter
Belle Plaine FFA
Holland FFA, Orange City
South Hardin FFA, Eldora
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Webster City FFA, Webster City
Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
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Charles City FFA, Charles City
Rockford FFA
Indianola FFA, Indianola
Osage FFA, Osage

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 20,800 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.