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## **News Release**

# **Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Farm Business Management CDE**

AMES, IOWA--The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Farm Management Career Development Event on April 21, 2026. Members of the first place team included: Vivian Cook, Easton Hudnut, Rett Pargeon, and Gracie Wilson. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Rick Swenson. The Davis-Rodgers FFA Chapter from Shenandoah was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Carter Sells, John Martin, Luke Mather, and Matthew Moutray. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Sarah Martin, Mr. Devin Morelock, and Ms. Lindsey Lundgren. Vivian Cook, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The Anamosa FFA Chapter from Anamosa was the winner of the Team Participation Activity.

FFA teams from 107 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 Farm Management. The 396 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test which had three sections: economic principles, records and analysis, and risk management. All team members worked together to solve a problem related to break even analysis.

The Iowa FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event was made possible with support from Hertz Farm Management through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Dr. Yuliya Bolotova and Dr. Amani Elobeid, Teaching Professors at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, were the Career Development Event coordinators and prepared the tests.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah
- 3 West Marshall FFA, State Center
- 4 East Union FFA, Afton
- 5 MFL MarMac FFA, Monona
- 6 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 7 Nodaway Valley FFA, Greenfield
- 8 Osage FFA, Osage
- 9 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 10 Holland FFA, Orange City

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Vivian Cook, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Brock Driskill, East Union FFA, Afton
- Rett Pargeon, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Gracie Wilson, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Andrew Allsup, Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- Keegan Van Wyk, Holland FFA, Orange City
- Luke Kading, Nodaway Valley FFA, Greenfield
- Kellen Kinkade, Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas
- Carter Sells, Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah
- Easton Hudnut, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

**Gold Teams (31)**

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma  
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah  
West Marshall FFA, State Center  
East Union FFA, Afton  
MFL MarMac FFA, Monona  
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Nodaway Valley FFA, Greenfield  
Osage FFA, Osage  
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda  
Holland FFA, Orange City  
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua  
Clear Creek Amana  
Newton FFA Chapter  
Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas  
Independence FFA, Independence  
Lynnville-Sully FFA  
Cedar Rapids Prairie  
Decorah FFA, Decorah  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton  
West Liberty FFA  
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson  
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes  
Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank  
Hawkeye FFA, West Bend  
Pekin FFA, Packwood  
Wilton FFA, Wilton  
Rock Valley FFA  
Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center  
AC/GC FFA  
South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar  
South O'Brien FFA

**Bronze Teams (33)**

Ridge View FFA, Holstein  
Monticello FFA  
Belle Plaine FFA  
North Scott FFA at Eldridge  
Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center  
Fort Madison FFA, Fort Madison  
Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo  
Cherokee FFA  
Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA  
Central Springs  
Keokuk FFA  
Collins-Maxwell FFA, Maxwell  
Winterset FFA

**Silver Teams (43)**

Audubon FFA, Audubon  
West Lyon FFA, Inwood  
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Holy Trinity Catholic FFA  
MVAO FFA  
Moravia FFA, Moravia  
Estherville FFA, Estherville  
St. Ansgar FFA  
Clarksville  
Cascade FFA  
Maquoketa Valley FFA  
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa  
Forest City FFA, Forest City  
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union  
Anamosa FFA, Anamosa  
Clear Lake FFA  
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis  
Albia FFA Chapter, Albia  
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein  
Postville FFA  
Carroll Area FFA, Carroll  
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood  
Bellevue FFA, Bellevue  
Denison FFA, Denison  
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake  
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton  
Riceville FFA, Riceville  
West Fork FFA  
Southwest Valley FFA, Corning  
Agri-Power FFA  
Bondurant-Farrar FFA  
Fairfield FFA, Fairfield  
Indianola FFA, Indianola  
North Cedar FFA, Clarence  
MMCRU FFA  
Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe  
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth  
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic  
Tri-Center FFA, Neola  
Glidden-Ralston FFA, Glidden  
Danville FFA Chapter  
Ballard FFA, Huxley  
Hudson FFA Chapter, Hudson

Central Plains FFA, Gowrie  
Mt. Pleasant FFA  
La Porte-Dysart FFA, La Porte City  
Tipton FFA, Tipton  
Wayne FFA, Corydon  
Le Mars FFA Chapter, Le Mars  
Ottumwa FFA  
George-Little Rock FFA  
Spencer FFA, Spencer  
Washington FFA, Washington  
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr  
Gladbrook-Reinbeck FFA  
Panorama FFA, Panora  
River Valley at Correctionville  
Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell  
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA  
Chariton FFA, Chariton  
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City  
Griswold FFA, Griswold  
Humboldt FFA, Humboldt

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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.

