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News Release

BECKMAN CATHOLIC FFA WINS IOWA FFA FOOD SCIENCE CDE

The Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter from Dyersville was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on June 11, 2026. Members of the first place team included: Ashley Schilling, Brianna Pirc, Ava Oberbroeckling, and Owen Boge. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Dawn Mausser. They will represent Iowa at the National Food Science Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Sioux Center FFA Chapter from Sioux Center was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Anna Oostenink, Sophia Tacke, Raelle Kroese, and Taylor Hirschman. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Koehlmoos. Drew Vorhes, North Butler FFA, Greene, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 13 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 Food Science. The 50 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in dealing with consumer concerns, food safety and sanitation, aroma identification, taste testing, and product differences. A written examination was included along with a team product development competition.

The Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Terri Boylston, and numerous other faculty and staff with the Iowa State University Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition in Ames.

The Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 2 Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center
- 3 Dike-New Hartford FFA
- 4 North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- 5 North Butler FFA, Greene
- 6 Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- 7 Nevada FFA, Nevada
- 8 Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah
- 9 Central Springs
- 10 Lake Mills FFA, Lake Mills

Top 10 Individuals

- Drew Vorhes, North Butler FFA, Greene
Olivia Klingenberg, Dike-New Hartford FFA
Taylor Hirschman, Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center
Alexis Laumann, Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah
Jared Drenth, Nevada FFA, Nevada
Ava Oberbroeckling, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Kora Thiessen, North Scott FFA at Eldridge
Owen Boge, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Brianna Pirc, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Lindsey Johnson, Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Product Development Activity

Team: Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville **Individual:** Olivia Klingenberg, Dike-New Hartford FFA

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Team: Crestwood FFA, Cresco **Individual:** Drew Vorhes, North Butler FFA, Greene

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (1025 to 952)

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Dike-New Hartford FFA

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

North Butler FFA, Greene

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Silver Teams (5)

Score Range (911 to 846)

Nevada FFA, Nevada

Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah

Central Springs

Lake Mills FFA, Lake Mills

Springville-Lisbon FFA

Bronze Teams (2)

Score Range (828 to 765)

Charles City FFA, Charles City

Humboldt FFA, Humboldt

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 20,900 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.