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News Release

APLINGTON-PARKERSBURG FFA CHAPTER AT PARKERSBURG WINS 2026 STATE FFA LIVESTOCK CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on June 11, 2026. Members of the first place team included: Caylee Harken, Kamie Helmke, Sam Janssen, and Owen Price. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Jamie Pudenz. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock competitions later this year. The Keota FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Garrett Greiner, Jack Greiner, Ella Greiner, and Covert Greiner. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Zach Jamison. Garrett Greiner, Keota FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: placing breeding and market classes of beef, swine, sheep and goats; keep/cull and oral reasons classes. There were 172 members participating from 50 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa State University Block and Bridle Club and Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Partners. The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Will Taylor and other faculty and staff with the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at
- 2 Keota FFA Chapter
- 3 Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon
- 4 Central DeWitt FFA Chapter at DeWitt
- 5 Newell-Fonda FFA Chapter
- 6 Pella Christian FFA Chapter
- 7 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 8 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 9 Winterset FFA Chapter
- 10 Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Top 10 Individuals

- Garrett Greiner, Keota FFA Chapter
- Tucker Lain, Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon
- Sam Janssen, Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg
- Paige Totemeier, Columbus FFA Chapter
- Brock White, Newell-Fonda FFA Chapter
- Owen Price, Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg
- Jillian Hanson, La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City
- Ty Henningsen, Central DeWitt FFA Chapter at DeWitt
- Baylen Brink, Dike-New Hartford FFA Chapter
- Alex Ver Ploeg, Pella Christian FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Beef Placing

Team: Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg

Individual: Garrett Greiner, Keota FFA Chapter

Swine Placing

Team: Cascade FFA Chapter

Individual: Sam Janssen, Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg

Sheep Placing

Team: Keota FFA Chapter

Individual: Ella Greiner, Keota FFA Chapter

Goat Placing

Team: Postville FFA Chapter

Individual: Tucker Lain, Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon

Oral Reasons

Team: Central DeWitt FFA Chapter at DeWitt

Individual: Garrett Greiner, Keota FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (21)

Score Range (2172 to 2001)

Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at

Keota FFA Chapter

Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon

Central DeWitt FFA Chapter at DeWitt

Newell-Fonda FFA Chapter

Pella Christian FFA Chapter

Cascade FFA Chapter

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Winterset FFA Chapter

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

ACGC FFA Chapter at Guthrie Center

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Columbus FFA Chapter

West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows FFA Chapter

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

North Butler FFA Chapter at Greene

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Dike-New Hartford FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (8)

Score Range (1384 to 691)

La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

North Scott Jr. High FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Central Springs FFA Chapter at Manly

Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Independence FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (21)

Score Range (1989 to 1812)

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Crooked Creek FFA Chapter at Winfield

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Boone A&M FFA Chapter

Riverside FFA Chapter at Oakland

Webster City FFA Chapter

Nevada FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin

Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley

Fairfield FFA Chapter

Postville FFA Chapter

Springville-Lisbon FFA Chapter

Central Plains FFA Chapter at Gowrie

Charles City FFA Chapter

Danville FFA Chapter

Alta-Aurelia FFA Chapter

Gilbert FFA Chapter

Pekin FFA Chapter at Packwood

Riceville FFA Chapter

Colfax-Mingo FFA Chapter

Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 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.