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News Release

LANSING FFA WINS 2026 IOWA FFA MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS CDE

The 2026 Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was held at Ames on Friday, May 19, 2026. 30 teams and 103 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of milk quality and dairy foods.

The Lansing FFA Chapter was named the Iowa Champion FFA Milk Quality & Products Team. Team members included: Alexis Rowan, Maddie Mauss, Ronny Escobar-Lopez, and Brielle Gavin. Mr. Ray Rankin is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Foods Judging was the North Scott FFA at Eldridge. Team members included: Alexandra Hart, Sebastian Jones, Arabella Miller, and Aaliyah Shimkus. Mr. Jacob Hunter, Ms. Emily Kruse, and Ms. Courtney Wiedenmann is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. Brielle Gavin from Lansing was the Champion Individual. Ronny Escobar-Lopez from Lansing was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Partners. The Milk Quality & Products samples were prepared by faculty and staff with the Iowa State University Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition in Ames.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Lansing FFA
- 2 North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- 3 North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
- 4 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 5 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 6 Maquoketa Valley FFA
- 7 Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- 8 Postville FFA
- 9 Jesup FFA, Jesup
- 10 Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Top 10 Individuals

- Brielle Gavin, Lansing FFA
- Ronny Escobar-Lopez, Lansing FFA
- Lila Moore, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
- Alexandra Hart, North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- Aaliyah Shimkus, North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- Payton Armstrong, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- Maddie Mauss, Lansing FFA
- Nova Selck, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- Alexis Rowan, Lansing FFA
- Aubrey Olson, Forest City FFA, Forest City

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Knowledge Exam and Problem Solving

Team: Lansing FFA

Individual: Ronny Escobar-Lopez, Lansing

Milk Products

Team: Lansing FFA

Individual: Haylee Hillers, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Milk Quality

Team: North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Individual: Alexandra Hart, North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (396 to 298)

Lansing FFA

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Maquoketa Valley FFA

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Postville FFA

Jesup FFA, Jesup

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (285 to 260)

Forest City FFA, Forest City

Northeast FFA, Goose Lake

Boone A&M FFA, Boone

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Bondurant-Farrar FFA

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Bronze Teams (12)

Score Range (251 to 115)

Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell

Central Springs

Agri-Power FFA

Panorama FFA, Panora

Belle Plaine FFA

La Porte-Dysart FFA, La Porte City

Nodaway Valley FFA, Greenfield

George-Little Rock FFA

Independence FFA, Independence

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Le Mars FFA Chapter, Le Mars

Central Community FFA, Elkader

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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.