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## News Release

# Muscatine FFA Chapter Wins 2026 State FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event

AMES, IA--The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on April 21, 2026. Members of the first place team included: Carter Houseman, Madyson Wyatt, Lily Barnard, and Preston Schroeder. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mr. Josh Day, Mrs. Alexa Coobs, and Ms. Dailyn Garrett. The Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Brianna Swenson, Caden Swenson, Hallie Gray, and Danica Derner. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Rich Martin. Lily Barnard, Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Poultry Evaluation Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Poultry Evaluation. Activities included: placing classes of live poultry; placing and grading classes of ready to cook poultry; grading classes of egg interiors and exteriors; identifying and grading further process poultry products, and a poultry production examination. There were 475 members participating from 133 chapters.

The Poultry Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Dawn Koltes and the Poultry Science Staff of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University, and Jason & Emma Lihs.

The Iowa FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from Versova through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

## Top 10 Teams

- 1 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford
- 3 Lynnville-Sully FFA Chapter at Sully
- 4 North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West
- 5 Lansing FFA Chapter FFA Chapter
- 6 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 7 West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood
- 8 Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
- 9 Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader
- 10 Anamosa FFA Chapter

## Top 10 Individuals

- Lily Barnard, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Carter Houseman, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Madyson Wyatt, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Brianna Swenson, Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford  
Hayden Lowry, Lynnville-Sully FFA Chapter at Sully  
Caden Swenson, Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford  
Landyn Rankin, Lansing FFA Chapter FFA Chapter  
Isabelle White, Postville FFA Chapter  
Aaron Fangman, Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader  
Brock Soppe, North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union

## **Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:**

### **Live Poultry Classes**

**Team:** Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford

**Individual:** Caden Swenson, Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford

### **Ready to Cook Poultry Classes**

**Team:** North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union

**Individual:** Casey Wade, Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter

### **Egg Grading Classes**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Hayden Lowry, Lynnville-Sully FFA Chapter at Sully

### **Further Processed Classes**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Carter Houseman, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Poultry Production Examination**

**Team:** Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford

**Individual:** Brianna Swenson, Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

### **Gold Teams (40)**

#### Score Range (1441 to 1043)

Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Okoboji FFA Chapter at Milford  
Lynnville-Sully FFA Chapter at Sully  
North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union  
Lansing FFA Chapter FFA Chapter  
South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood  
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming  
Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader  
Anamosa FFA Chapter  
Newton FFA Chapter  
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill  
Mid-Prairie FFA Chapter at Wellman  
Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco  
Clarksville FFA Chapter  
Albia FFA Chapter  
Sioux Center FFA Chapter  
Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon  
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts  
Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville  
New Hampton FFA Chapter  
Sioux Central FFA Chapter  
Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank  
Osceola Big Chief FFA Chapter  
Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter  
Cedar Rapids Prairie FFA Chapter  
North Scott Jr. High FFA Chapter at Eldridge  
IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning  
WACO FFA Chapter at Wayland  
Bondurant-Farrar FFA Chapter  
Central Plains FFA Chapter at Gowrie  
Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City

### **Silver Teams (45)**

#### Score Range (1037 to 937)

Postville FFA Chapter  
Mediapolis FFA Chapter  
Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter  
Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield  
Creston FFA Chapter  
Williamsburg FFA Chapter  
Central Lee FFA Chapter at Donnellson  
Denison FFA Chapter  
Pekin FFA Chapter at Packwood  
Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell  
Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville  
Gilbert FFA Chapter  
Ridge View FFA Chapter  
Belle Plaine FFA Chapter  
North Union FFA Chapter at Armstrong  
Waverly-Shell Rock FFA Chapter  
South Hamilton FFA Chapter at Jewell  
ACGC FFA Chapter at Guthrie Center  
Charles City FFA Chapter  
Glidden-Ralston FFA Chapter  
Nodaway Valley FFA Chapter  
Iowa Falls-Alden FFA Chapter  
East Sac FFA Chapter  
BGM-HLV FFA Chapter at Victor  
Central Springs FFA Chapter at Manly  
Stanton FFA Chapter  
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge  
Ottumwa FFA FFA Chapter  
Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin  
Sheldon Golden Corn FFA Chapter  
South Winneshiek FFA Chapter at Calmar  
Lone Tree FFA Chapter  
Boone A&M FFA Chapter  
Panorama FFA Chapter

Osage FFA Chapter  
Riceville FFA Chapter  
La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City  
Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion  
Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon  
Carroll Area FFA Chapter  
Fairfield FFA Chapter

Kingsley Pierson FFA Chapter  
Seymour FFA Chapter  
West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth  
Rockford FFA Chapter  
Monticello FFA Chapter  
AGWSR FFA Chapter at Ackley  
Keokuk FFA Chapter  
Cascade FFA Chapter  
Lake Mills FFA Chapter  
West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester  
Mount Pleasant FFA Chapter

**Bronze Teams (42)**

Score Range (924 to 296)

Alburnett FFA Chapter  
Audubon FFA Chapter  
Wilton FFA Chapter  
South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City  
Decorah FFA Chapter  
Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland  
LaSalle Catholic Middle FFA Chapter at Cedar  
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA Chapter at Grimes  
MFL MarMac FFA Chapter at Monona  
English Valleys FFA Chapter at North English  
Mount Ayr FFA Chapter  
Riverside FFA Chapter at Oakland  
Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley  
Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston  
GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin  
New London FFA Chapter  
North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman  
Akron-Westfield FFA Chapter  
Winterset FFA Chapter  
Hinton FFA Chapter  
Cherokee FFA Chapter  
Dike-New Hartford FFA Chapter  
MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus  
Marshalltown FFA Chapter  
Murray FFA Chapter  
Newell-Fonda FFA Chapter  
West Hancock FFA Chapter at Britt  
Southeast Warren FFA Chapter at Liberty Center  
Center Point-Urbana FFA Chapter  
Holy Trinity Catholic FFA Chapter at Fort  
Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda  
LeMars FFA Chapter

Washington FFA Chapter  
Colo-NESCO FFA Chapter  
Moravia FFA Chapter  
Forest City FFA Chapter  
GTRA FFA Chapter at Graettinger  
Storm Lake FFA Chapter  
Waterloo FFA Chapter  
Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne  
Tri-Center FFA Chapter at Neola  
North Mahaska FFA Chapter at New Sharon

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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.