



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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2009 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

81st Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event was held at the Events Center, Des Moines, on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Twelve chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place chapter for the event was the Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Patrick Powers. The second place chapter for the event was the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dan Smicker.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored this year's event.

The Iowa FFA Association has 221 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a

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national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

Listed below are the results for the Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Dimitri Boyer, Tyler Orman, Emily Orman, Levi Ratliff, Katrina Van Ringlestein, and Brandon Ver Steegh	Eddyville	Gold
2	A.J. McNeil, Stuart McCulloh, Anthony Burke, Alexandra Hunter, Pat McClimon, and Thomas McConohy	DeWitt	Gold
3	Brooke Brinker, Ross Droppert, Stephen Foote, Holly Halstead, Kyle Johnson, and Jessi Sorensen	Hudson	Gold
4	Dusty Kriegel, Jenna Lightle, Shannon Waring, Audrey Sperflage, Jordan Schott, and Laura Moorman	Troy Mills	Gold
5	Adriana Dubbelde, Andrew Metzger, Lanna Meyer, Tad Meyer, Tory Mogler, and Holly Van Roekel	Inwood	Gold
	Colton Hill, Julia Griffieon, Trevor Hall, Cody Oberender, Samuel Bair, and Cole Mcdonald	Alleman	Silver
	Mark Bailey, Rick Deetz, Kristen Garden, Alex Grober, Jennifer Ott, and Josh Staudt	Charles City	Silver
	Ross Husson, Steven Weber, Brian Clymer, Chase Russell, Dylan Berkey, and Joseph Borts	Colfax	Silver
	William Frels, Dustin Clark, Clay Stetzel, Cole Larsen, Zachary Cain, and Kristopher Lehman	Guthrie Center	Silver
	Garrett Barker, Courtney Bartz, Mary Knudsen, Allan Donahue, Jackson Hertel, and Ray Mueller	St. Ansgar	Silver
	Brent Drey, Korey Drost, Jay Highland, Kyle Obmann, James Roth, and Jason Pickhinke	Lake View	Bronze
	Sean Eads, Casey James, Michael Kaufman, Jordan Nelson, Adam Pool, and Nick Ray	Orient	Bronze

