



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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MONTEZUMA FFA CHAPTER CLAIMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP **IN SOILS EVENT**

The Montezuma FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Members of the first place Montezuma FFA team included: Kendra Doty, Tyler Swenson, Camden Watson, and Bridgette Moore. Their Agricultural Education instructor is Mr. Rick Swenson. The Manson-Northwest Webster FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kolin Sukovaty, Sam Wood, Nichole Licht, and Austin Theilmann. Their Agricultural Education instructor is Mr. Doug Gaul. Tyler Swenson, from the Montezuma FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams including 112 individuals from twenty-nine chapters advanced from District level competition to participate in this year's Career Development Event designed to give the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of soils. The event included the judging of four soil pits, plus a written test on soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features - The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Suitability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

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The top five teams qualify to represent Iowa in the National Land and Range Judging Contest in May 2011 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Iowa Corn Promotion Board, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored plaques for the Champion team, Reserve Champion team, Champion Individual, Reserve Champion Individual, Top Soil Pit Team and Individual, and Top Written Test Team and Individual. The Iowa Corn Promotion Board also sponsored rosettes for the Top 10 teams, members of the Top 10 teams, Top 10 Individuals, \$200 for each of the Top 5 teams to travel to the National Land and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma, the digging of the soil pits, scoring coordinator's expenses, and answer sheets. The Professional Soil Classifiers of Iowa, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored additional travel money for the Top 3 teams to participate in the National Land and Range Judging Contest. The Iowa State University Agronomy Department sponsored a \$500 Agronomy scholarship for the Top Individual FFA member.

All Career Development Event activities were coordinated by Dr. Gerald Miller, Iowa State University; Mr. Rick Swenson, Montezuma Agricultural Education Instructor; and Mr. Virgil Schmitt, ISU Extension Field Specialist.

Top 10 Teams Overall: (Score Range: 536-466)

1. Montezuma
2. Manson
3. Denison
4. Columbus Junction
5. Clarinda
6. Griswold
7. Pella
8. Spencer
9. Wapello
10. Adair

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Top 10 Individuals Overall: (Score Range: 180 - 163)

1. Tyler Swenson, Montezuma
2. Kendra Doty, Montezuma
3. Bridgette Moore, Montezuma
4. Austin Theilmann, Manson
5. Gabbie Pearson, Spencer
6. Sam Stecker, West Liberty
7. Kolin Sukovaty, Manson
8. John VandeNoord, Pella
9. Anna Mardesen, Griswold
10. Derek Rothe, Denison

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Top Pit Judging

Team: Montezuma

Individual: Kendra Doty, Montezuma

Top Written Test

Team: Montezuma

Individual: Bridgette Moore, Montezuma

GOLD EMBLEM TEAMS: (Score Range: 536-456)

Montezuma
Manson
Denison
Columbus Junction
Clarinda
Griswold
Pella
Spencer
Wapello
Adair
Paullina
Preston
Monroe
Lake View

SILVER EMBLEM TEAMS: (Score Range: 449-402)

West Liberty
Ackley
Afton
Moulton
Osage
Greenfield
Rockwell City

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BRONZE EMBLEM TEAMS: (Score Range: 374-301)

Nashua
Pleasantville
Gowrie
Nevada
Elgin
Edgewood
LaPorte City
Jesup

The Iowa FFA Association has 222 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a 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.

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