



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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2011 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

83rd 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 14, 2011. Twelve chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event. The first place chapter for the event was the St. Ansgar FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Andy Johnson. The second place chapter for the event was the West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Cathy Doorneweerd and Mr. Gary DeVries.

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	Ryan Bissen, Garrett Patterson, Riley Salz, Hailey Meitner, Spencer Hulshizer, and Klay Rustad	St. Ansgar	Gold
2	Drew Mogler, Joshua Metzger, LaChelle Moser, Jamie Pedersen, Kelsey Warner, and Marissa Van Veldhuizen	Inwood	Gold
3	Alaina Kielb, Brian Halligan, Dalton Hamm, Michaela Chambers, Trey Forsyth, and Grant Greenzweig	Charles City	Gold
4	Erin Grant, Chris Johnson, Austin Lane, Allison Marvin, Kimberly Strait, and Nicole Trenkamp	Preston	Gold
5	Cole Tanner, Tommy Walter, Morgan James, Chrystal Patten, Jasmine Ruckman, and Chandy Waldhauser	Orient	Gold
	Tuff Dykstra, Bronc Dystra, Kayla Fravel, Dalton Martinek, Jackie Meyer, and Jacob Langreck	Cresco	Gold
	Kedryn Boddie, Sarah Goode, Andrew Mcevoy, Meghan Peacock, Nick Price, and Brendan Schott	Troy Mills	Gold
	Grant Beeler, Jessica Ackerson, Brandon Reynolds, Emma Niedermayer, Trevor Morgan, and John Keller	Indianola	Silver
	Jenna Baldwin, Kate Deakins, Jessica Huntrods, Sam Huntrods, Riley Wattonville, and Lauren White	Maxwell	Silver
	Nathaniel Harris, Sean Hedge, Craig Larkin, Tanner Powers, Brett Roquet, and Tayler Sammons	Eddyville	Bronze
	Justin Free, Kathryn Hunter, Traer Schon, Alex Ratliff, Justin Brant, and Tanner Headlee	Glidden	Bronze
	Benjamin Degner, Liz Halbur, Morgan Olhausen, Tayler Schmidt, Austin Steinkamp, and Jared Wissler	Lake View	Bronze