



## **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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**NEWS RELEASE**

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### **St. Ansgar FFA Wins Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics CDE**

The St. Ansgar FFA Chapter from St. Ansgar was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on June 7, 2012. Members of the first place team included: Ryan Bissen, Jessie Gerdes, Matt Levan, and Hunter Thome. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Andy Johnson.. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Riceville FFA Chapter from Riceville was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jacob Back, Sam Back, Kenny Linkenmeyer, and Marcus Uthe. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Jim Green. Derek Willert, Rockford FFA, Rockford, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 104 individuals from 32 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agricultural Mechanics. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in ag machinery equipment, energy systems, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems. A written examination and computer application activities were included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from the Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association, Lincoln Electric, and the Iowa State University Department of Agricultural Education & Studies. The Firestone Agricultural Tire Company sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

The Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Tom Brumm and other faculty and staff with the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Department and Dr. Ryan Anderson with the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames.

#### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 2 Riceville FFA, Riceville
- 3 Keota FFA, Keota
- 4 South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- 5 Rockford FFA, Rockford
- 6 Charles City FFA, Charles City

#### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Derek Willert, Rockford FFA, Rockford  
Geordan Hanson, Valley FFA, Elgin  
Derek Hammen, Keota FFA, Keota  
Ryan Bissen, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar  
Marcus Uthe, Riceville FFA, Riceville  
Jessie Gerdes, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

- 7 Valley FFA, Elgin
- 8 OA-BCIG FFA
- 9 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 10 Griswold FFA, Griswold

- Heath Negus, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- Alex Buseman, Charles City FFA, Charles City
- Austin Jurgensen, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- Joseph Ernst, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

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

**Structural Systems**

**Team:** Keota FFA, Keota      **Individual:** Derek Willert, Rockford FFA, Rockford

**Machinery & Equipment Systems**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA, Paullina      **Individual:** Joseph Ernst, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

**Environmental & Natural Resource Systems**

**Team:** Keota FFA, Keota      **Individual:** Kolton Greiner, Keota FFA, Keota

**Electrical Systems**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA, Paullina      **Individual:** Craig DeBoer, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

**Energy Systems**

**Team:** St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar      **Individual:** Geordan Hanson, Valley FFA, Elgin

**General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** Keota FFA, Keota      **Individual:** Joseph Ernst, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

**Team Problem Solving**

**Team:** Riceville FFA, Riceville

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

**Gold Teams (13)**

Score Range (539 to 420)

- St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- Riceville FFA, Riceville
- Keota FFA, Keota
- South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- Rockford FFA, Rockford
- Charles City FFA, Charles City
- Valley FFA, Elgin
- OA-BCIG FFA
- West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- Griswold FFA, Griswold
- Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Anamosa FFA, Anamosa
- Bison FFA, Buffalo Center

**Silver Teams (9)**

Score Range (399 to 362)

- Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
- Holland FFA, Orange City
- East Sac FFA, Lake View
- Nashua-Plainfield FFA, Nashua
- West Marshall FFA, State Center
- Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley
- New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
- Earlham FFA, Earlham

**Bronze Teams (10)**

Score Range (346 to 188)

- MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
- South Tama FFA, Tama
- Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
- West Fork FFA
- Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

Jesup FFA, Jesup  
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill  
Davis County FFA, Bloomfield  
DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt  
North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with nearly 13,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 540,000 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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