



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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South Winneshiek FFA Wins 2012 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event

The 2012 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Dairy Classic in West Union on Saturday, September 15, 2012. Twelve teams and forty-two individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of dairy cattle selection and management.

The South Winneshiek FFA Chapter located in Calmar was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Team. Team members included: Cassidy Buddenberg, Karla Hageman, Ben Hanson, and Mariah Schmitt. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Melissa Brincks. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Judging was the Sumner Fredericksburg FFA Chapter located in Sumner. Team members included: Tessa Meyer, Kristen Reno, Joseph Reed, and Tim Kleiss. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Meghan Crilly. Tim Kleiss from Sumner was the Champion Individual. Sam Schwartz from Waukon was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from the Midwest Dairy Association. Additionally the Iowa State Dairy Association and the Western Iowa Dairy Alliance provided sponsorship through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Sponsorships provided rosettes for winning teams and individuals, travel money for the winning team, plaques for category winning teams and individuals as well as plaques for the reserve champion team. Allflex USA sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

Kailin Hanson, Jess Rediske, and Steve Searles were the judges for the placing classes with Chris Lungrend placing the linear animal. Dean Weber from Rockwell prepared the testing materials.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
- 2 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 3 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 4 North Fayette FFA, West Union
- 5 Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
- 6 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 7 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- 8 Crestwood FFA, Cresco
- 9 Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
- 10 Cascade FFA, Cascade

Top 10 Individuals

- Tim Kleiss, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Sam Schwartz, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Cassidy Buddenberg, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
Karla Hageman, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
Mariah Schmitt, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
Joseph Reed, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Matt Metzger, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Eric Metzger, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Tyler Fisher, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
Kelli Steinlage, North Fayette FFA, West Union

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Dairy Cow and Heifer Placing Classes**Team:** South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar**Individual:** Tyler Fisher, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood**Pedigree Evaluation****Team:** South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar**Individual:** Mariah Schmitt, South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar**Oral Reasons****Team:** Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi **Individual:** Tyler Fisher, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood**Dairy Production and Management Test****Team:** Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA **Individual:** Joseph Reed, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA**Sire Evaluation****Team:** Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi **Individual:** Tim Kleiss, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA**Cow Culling****Team:** West Lyon FFA, Inwood**Individual:** Tessa Meyer, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA**Linear Evaluation****Team:** Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)Score Range (1651 to 1429.5)

South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

North Fayette FFA, West Union

Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Silver Teams (4)Score Range (1380 to 1341.5)

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Bronze Teams (2)Score Range (1182.5 to 436.5)

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

The following FFA Members served as show persons during the event and were ranked as follows:

Gold Awards (2)

Kaleb Kruse, Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi

Ryan Goedkem, Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi

Silver Awards (2)

Tia Kruger, Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Spencer Frazier, Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

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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