



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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Washington FFA Chapter Wins 2013 State FFA Livestock Career Development Event

The Washington FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 24, 2013. Members of the first place team included: McKenna Brinning, Sarah Greiner, Lexi Marek, and Macy Marek. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Duane Van Winkle. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The St. Ansgar FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kim Beyer, Olivia Bisbee, Matt Levan, and Ben Weis. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Jim Green. Macy Marek, Washington FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: placing breeding and market classes of beef, swine, and sheep; grading classes of beef, swine, and sheep; and oral reasons classes. There were 172 members participating from 49 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Bayer Animal Health Division, SureChamp VitaFerm, Boehringer Ingelheim and Kent Nutrition Group, through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Jon DeClerck and other faculty and staff with the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Washington FFA Chapter
- 2 St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- 3 Bellevue FFA Chapter
- 4 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 Carroll Area FFA Chapter
- 6 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 7 Mediapolis FFA Chapter
- 8 Grinnell FFA FFA Chapter
- 9 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 10 Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

Top 10 Individuals

- Macy Marek, Washington FFA Chapter
- Ben Weis, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- Sarah Greiner, Washington FFA Chapter
- Austin Rohrs, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Alex Irlbeck, Carroll Area FFA Chapter
- Lexi Marek, Washington FFA Chapter
- Olivia Bisbee, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- Eric Koehlmoos, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Matt Levan, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
- Mathias Peters, Bellevue FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Sheep Placing

Team: Washington FFA Chapter **Individual:** Macy Marek, Washington FFA Chapter

Beef Placing

Team: Bellevue FFA Chapter **Individual:** Mathias Peters, Bellevue FFA Chapter

Swine Placing

Team: Bellevue FFA Chapter **Individual:** Tayler Veldhuizen, Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Oral Reasons

Team: Washington FFA Chapter **Individual:** Ben Weis, St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (12)

Score Range (1689 to 1517)

Washington FFA Chapter
St. Ansgar FFA Chapter
Bellevue FFA Chapter
Muscatine FFA Chapter
Carroll Area FFA Chapter
South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Mediapolis FFA Chapter
Grinnell FFA FFA Chapter
East Sac FFA Chapter
Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake
Wapello FFA Chapter
Maquoketa FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (10)

Score Range (1359 to 856)

Forest City FFA Chapter
Des Moines FFA Chapter
IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning
Lamoni FFA Chapter
Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Fort Madison FFA Chapter
West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester
Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
Monticello FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (27)

Score Range (1499 to 1387)

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell
Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA Chapter
Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
Cascade FFA Chapter
Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
Graettinger-Terril FFA Chapter
Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi
Tall Corn FFA Chapter
North Mahaska FFA Chapter at New Sharon
Nevada FFA Chapter
Adair-Casey FFA Chapter
South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City
Audubon FFA Chapter
Indianola FFA Chapter
Sioux Central FFA Chapter
CAM FFA Chapter at Anita
Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda
LeMars FFA Chapter
Harlan FFA Chapter
Griswold FFA Chapter
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
Murray FFA Chapter
Calamus-Wheatland FFA Chapter at Wheatland
Atlantic FFA Chapter
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

The Iowa FFA Association has 216 local chapters with over 13,400 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 550,000 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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