



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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Diamond Trail FFA Chapter Wins 2013 Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event

The Diamond Trail FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 24, 2013. Members of the first place team included: Mallory Bell, Tyler Espenscheid, Derrick Hoodjer, and Jennafer Uitermarkt. Their Agriculture Education instructor is Ms. Nichole Gent. The South O'Brien FFA Chapter from Paullina was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kellie Einck, Brian Haden, Wyatt Sickelka, and Denny Weber. Their Agriculture Education instructor is Mr. Eric Kumm. Derek Hoodjer, from the Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 21 chapters including 69 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meats Evaluation. Activities included: placing carcass classes of beef, pork, and lamb; placing classes of wholesale and retail meat cuts; quality and yield grading beef carcasses; identifying retail meat cuts, and a problem solving activity.

The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Sherry Olsen and the ISU Meats Judging Team along with the faculty in the Meat Science Department of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from Tyson Foods, Inc. Cargill Meat Solutions, Hormel Foods Corporation, Kraft Foods Inc.-Oscar Mayer Division, and Tyson Foods, Inc. through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
- 2 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 3 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 4 Osage FFA Chapter
- 5 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 6 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 7 North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
- 8 Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter
- 9 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 10 Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly

Top 10 Individuals

- Derrick Hoodjer, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
Wyatt Sickelka, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Tyler Espenscheid, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
Kellie Einck, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Alan Chatfield, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Mallory Bell, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
Caitlyn Haller, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Brian Haden, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Jensen Watson, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Denny Weber, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning

Individual: Alan Chatfield, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: Cascade FFA Chapter

Individual: T.J. Tittle, Cascade FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

Individual: Mallory Bell, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Wyatt Sickelka, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Derrick Hoodjer, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (9)

Score Range (1623 to 1315)

Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Osage FFA Chapter

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Cascade FFA Chapter

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (1285 to 1223)

Clay Central-Everly FFA Chapter at Everly

IKM-Manning FFA Chapter at Manning

East Sac FFA Chapter

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

Maquoketa FFA Chapter

Indianola FFA Chapter

St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (4)

Score Range (609 to 382)

Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

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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