



## **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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### **Muscatine FFA Chapter Wins 2013 State FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event**

The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids on June 11, 2013. Members of the first place team included: Alec Osland, Tyler Koch, Zachary Anderson, and Damien Klinkerberg. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Dave Fowler, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Mr. Sam Paul. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Wapello FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Emma Kroeger, Alyson Martens, Jack Walker, and Kimberlee Ewart. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Irvin Meier and Mr. Cole Rushing. Tyler Koch, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 9 chapters including 35 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Nursery/Landscape. The event consisted of a general knowledge exam, a landscape estimation practicum, a landscape drawing activity, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), and situation assessment and solution.

The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation with support from Farber Bag & Supply Company and the Wapello FFA Chapter. Arysta LifeScience North America, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and STIHL, Inc, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

Kirkwood Community College hosted the event and provide lunch to all participants. The Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

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## **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Wapello FFA Chapter
- 3 MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton
- 4 East Sac FFA Chapter
- 5 West Liberty FFA Chapter
- 6 Oelwein FFA Chapter
- 7 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 8 Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell
- 9 North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
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## **Top 10 Individuals**

Tyler Koch, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Alec Osland, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Zachary Anderson, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Emma Kroeger, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Jack Walker, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Alyson Martens, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Damien Klinkerberg, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Kimberlee Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Shawn Flanigan, MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton  
Hope Brotherson, East Sac FFA, Lake View

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

### **General Knowledge**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Emma Kroeger, Wapello FFA, Wapello

### **Landscape Estimation Practicum**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Tyler Koch, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Landscape Drawing Activity**

**Team:** Wapello FFA Chapter **Individual:** Tyler Koch, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Identification of Nursery Materials**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Tyler Koch, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Assessment and Solutions**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter **Individual:** Alyson Martens, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (4)**

Score Range (1375 to 1038)

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Wapello FFA Chapter

MVAO FFA Chapter at Mapleton

East Sac FFA Chapter

#### **Silver Teams (3)**

Score Range (996 to 801)

West Liberty FFA Chapter

Oelwein FFA Chapter

Cascade FFA Chapter

#### **Bronze Teams (2)**

Score Range (775 to 709)

Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

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