



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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West Liberty FFA Wins Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology CDE

The West Liberty FFA Chapter from West Liberty was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames in ISU, Ames on June 5, 2014. Members of the first place team included: Chris McMichael, Gabe Broders, and Brett Becker. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris and Mr. Dick Brand.. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Gilbert FFA Chapter from Gilbert was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Garrett Ament, Adam Davis, Nathan Kimle, and Chase Pflughaupt. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Jon Davis and Ms. Melissa Appel. Chris McMichael, West Liberty FFA, West Liberty, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 92 individuals from 29 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 & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, energy systems, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Van Wall Group through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Firestone Agricultural Tire Company sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation.

The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Ryan Anderson and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames.

The Iowa FFA Association would like to thank the Lincoln Welding Company for providing each student with a welding projects book and a MIG welder to the top three teams, Lemar Manufacturing for providing steel for the welding activity, and to Huber Supply Welding Outfitter for the refreshment break provided to all

Top 10 Teams

- 1 West Liberty FFA, West Liberty
- 2 Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
- 3 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 4 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 5 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 6 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 7 West Fork FFA
- 8 West Marshall FFA, State Center
- 9 Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
- 10 Riceville FFA, Riceville

Top 10 Individuals

- Chris McMichael, West Liberty FFA, West Liberty
Derek Dubblede, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Brett Becker, West Liberty FFA, West Liberty
Keith Bohan, Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
Kelly Puhmann, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Tristen Schemmel, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Garrett Ament, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
Adam Davis, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
Gabe Broders, West Liberty FFA, West Liberty
Cole Gilmore, West Marshall FFA, State Center

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Structural Systems

Team: West Liberty FFA, West Liberty

Individual: Daniel Jones, West Fork FFA

Machinery & Equipment Systems

Team: West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Individual: Chase Fuhrman, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Environmental & Natural Resource Systems

Team: Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

Individual: Nathan Kimle, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

Electrical Systems

Team: West Liberty FFA, West Liberty

Individual: Tristen Schemmel, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Metals and Welding Systems

Team: Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

Individual: Adam Davis, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

Individual: Adam Davis, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (499 to 426)

West Liberty FFA, West Liberty

Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

West Fork FFA

West Marshall FFA, State Center

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (417 to 374)

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

Bellevue FFA, Bellevue

Bronze Teams (10)

Score Range (365 to 127)

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Pella FFA, Pella

DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

Forest City FFA, Forest City

Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

North Polk FFA, Alleman

Indianola FFA, Indianola

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 14,300 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of nearly 580,000 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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