



## **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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### **South O'Brien FFA Chapter Wins 2014 State FFA Meats Career Development Event**

The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 23, 2014. Members of the first place team included: Wyatt Sickelka, Karlene Negus, Dylan Riedemann, and J.C. Lange. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. They will represent Iowa at the National Meats Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Caitlyn Haller, Jensen Watson, Alan Chatfield, and Hunter Britton. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mr. Dave Tometich, and Mr. Sam Paul. Wyatt Sickelka, South O'Brien FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meat 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. There were 61 members participating from 19 chapters.

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. 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 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Osage FFA Chapter
- 4 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 5 Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe
- 6 Oelwein FFA Chapter
- 7 Maquoketa FFA Chapter
- 8 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 9 North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union
- 10 Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Wyatt Sickelka, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Dylan Riedemann, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Caitlyn Haller, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
J.C. Lange, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Karlene Negus, South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Jordan Montandon, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts  
Hunter Britton, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Alan Chatfield, Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Emmi Taets, Osage FFA Chapter  
Michael Birkenholtz, Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe

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

### **Placing Carcass Classes**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Dylan Riedemann, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

### **Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Kaitlyn Hauser, Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter

### **Beef Quality and Yield Grading**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Wyatt Sickelka, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

### **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:** Wyatt Sickelka, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (7)**

##### **Score Range (1708 to 1325)**

South O'Brien FFA Chapter  
Muscatine FFA Chapter  
Osage FFA Chapter  
Cascade FFA Chapter  
Diamond Trail FFA Chapter at Monroe  
Oelwein FFA Chapter  
Maquoketa FFA Chapter

#### **Silver Teams (8)**

##### **Score Range (1290 to 1018)**

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts  
North Fayette Valley FFA Chapter at West Union  
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill  
St. Ansgar FFA Chapter  
Panorama FFA Chapter at Panora  
South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City  
East Sac FFA Chapter  
Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

#### **Bronze Teams (4)**

##### **Score Range (943 to 515)**

Harmony FFA Chapter at Farmington  
Nashua-Plainfield FFA Chapter  
Collins-Maxwell FFA Chapter at Maxwell  
North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

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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