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## News Release

# 2015 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT

87th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event was held at Iowa State University, Ames, on Monday, April 20, 2015. Twelve chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event (CDE). The first place chapter for the event was the Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Miss Jamie Christiansen. The second place chapter for the event was the North Linn FFA Chapter at Troy Mills. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Tom Murray.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions CDE was made possible with support from the Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Issues and Perceptions CDE are listed below.

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### About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 225 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA 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. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at [IowaFFA.com](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Rylee Andresen, Madison Gravel, Landon Hunter, Madi Markmann, Tommy Ostrander, Eli Slouha, and Ethan Wherry	Wyoming	Gold
2	Cassie Rawson, Mandy Rawson, Clinton Prier, Kyler Schott, Rachel Zumbach, and Sam Anderson	Troy Mills	Gold
3	Olivia Hotchkiss, Austin Angle, Vesta Moore, Rachel Maloy,	Eddyville	Gold

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4	McKenzie White, Mija Cotton, Rebecca Tierney, Madison Nauman, Daniel Swartzrock, Tauna Mayhorn, and Drew	Charles City	Gold
5	Elizabeth Horn, Jaci Reeves, Sierra Foster, Ronald Clark, Kaylee Lange, and Reanna Fitzgerald	Newton	Silver
	Jessica Albright, Mahayla Hill, Jacob Lietz, Colin Lourens, Jared Myers, and Ty Carlson	Colfax	Silver
	Tiffany Foley, Carli Grau, Coltin Kramer, Yazmin Medel, and Molly Tiffany	Newell	Silver
	Owen Hensley, Dylan Nichols, Cameron Walker, and Katie Walter	Orient	Silver
	Natalie Joos, Dexter Davis, Sheridan Dunlavy, Blair Bodkins, Olivia Knobloch, and Kelly Lynch	Bloomfield	Bronze
	Emma Toms, Gregory Paul, Marisa Jones, Koltyn Moeller, Lane Weigel, and Erica Mehlhaus	Boone	Bronze
	Peyton Busse, Caleb Finnegan, Landon Foster, Jonathon Lauritsen, and Ben Tallman	Guthrie Center	Bronze
	Alex Gerdes, Carter Chedester, Justin Geery, Donnie Hoffard, and Joeseoph Obman	Lake View	Bronze