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## **News Release**

# **Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Named 2016 Iowa FFA Supreme National Chapter**

ANKENY - The Iowa FFA Supreme National Chapter Award Program will be held during the 88<sup>th</sup> Iowa FFA Leadership Conference in Ames, on April 17-19, 2016. 37 chapters participated in this year's award program. The first place chapter for the event was the Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter. The Agricultural Education Instructors/FFA Advisors are Mrs. Louise Fleming and Mrs. Melissa Heeren. The second place chapter for the event was the Webster City FFA Chapter. The Agricultural Education Instructor/FFA Advisor is Mr. Kurt Veldhuizen.

The National Chapter Award program encourages participating chapters to plan activities and carry them out with a successful Program of Activities. Chapters are recognized for outstanding achievement in the areas of Student Development, Chapter Development, and Community Development. The National Chapter Awards are sponsored by John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Three FFA Chapters were recognized for outstanding achievement in the three development areas. The Webster City FFA Chapter was named the winner in Student Development as well as the top chapter in Chapter Development. The Griswold FFA Chapter was named the top Community Development Chapter. The top 23 FFA Chapters in Iowa will advance to the National FFA competition and will be recognized at the 89<sup>th</sup> National FFA Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

A complete list of results is included on page two of this release.

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## **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 226 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.

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<b>Chapter Name</b>	<b>Chapter PO</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Winners</b>
Vinton-Shellsburg	Vinton	Gold	1	Overall Winner
Webster City	Webster City	Gold	2	Student & Chapter Development
West Liberty FFA	West Liberty	Gold	3	
Oelwein FFA	Oelwein	Gold	4	
Griswold Community	Griswold	Gold	5	Community Development
Westwood	Sloan	Gold	6	
Wapsie Valley	Fairbank	Gold	7	
Tall Corn FFA	Latimer	Gold	8	
Decorah	Decorah	Gold	9	
Mid-Prairie	Wellman	Gold	10	
Benton Community	Van Horne	Gold	11	
Marengo FFA	Marengo	Gold	12	
Brokaw	Clarinda	Gold	13	
North Fayette Valley	West Union	Gold	14	
Wapello	Wapello	Gold	15	
North-Linn	Troy Mills	Gold	16	
La Porte-Dysart	La Porte City	Gold	17	
Nashua-Plainfield	Nashua	Gold	18	
Waverly Shell Rock	Waverly	Gold	19	
Creston	Creston	Gold	20	
East Buchanan	Winthrop	Gold	21	
Indianola	Indianola	Gold	22	
AGWSR	Ackley	Gold	23	
West Delaware	Manchester	Gold		
Panorama	Panora	Gold		
Audubon	Audubon	Silver		
South Winneshiek	Calmar	Silver		
Central Plains	Gowrie	Silver		
Monticello	Monticello	Silver		
West Central Valley	Stuart	Silver		
Sibley-Ocheyedan	Sibley	Silver		
Little Switzerland	Waukon	Silver		
Starmont	Arlington	Bronze		
Belmond-Klemme	Belmond	Bronze		
Central Trail	Leon	Bronze		
Newton	Newton	Bronze		
Roland Story	Story City	Bronze		