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## News Release

# Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Farm Business Management CDE

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Farm Management Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 11, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Vance Bushong, Ashley Armstrong, Aoife Lyons, and Shelby Helm. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Rick Swenson and Ms. Lindsey Schanbacher. They will represent Iowa at the National Farm Management Career Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Osage FFA Chapter from Osage was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Matthew Klaes, Adam Koch, Joe Popp, and Michael Uthe. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Melissa Moretz. Vance Bushong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The Southeast Polk FFA Chapter from Pleasant Hill was the winner of the Team Participation Activity.

FFA teams from 83 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 Farm Management. The 298 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test which had three sections: economic principles, records and analysis, and risk management. All team members worked together to solve a problem related to break even analysis.

The Iowa FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa Farm Business Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Dr. Ron Deiter, Professor of Economics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, was the Career Development Event coordinator and prepared the test with assistance from Dr. Georgeane Artz, Assistant Professor of Economics.

### Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Osage FFA, Osage
- 3 ACGC FFA
- 4 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 5 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 6 Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully
- 7 Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
- 8 Chariton FFA, Chariton
- 9 North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
- 10 Newton FFA, Newton

### Top 10 Individuals

- Vance Bushong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Ashley Armstrong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Matthew Klaes, Osage FFA, Osage
- Aaron Gerdts, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- Matthew Appler, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
- Aoife Lyons, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Shelby Helm, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- Adam Koch, Osage FFA, Osage
- Caleb Finnegan, ACGC FFA
- Kaden Gray, Chariton FFA, Chariton

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

### **Gold Teams (30)**

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma  
Osage FFA, Osage  
ACGC FFA  
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar  
West Lyon FFA, Inwood  
Lynnville-Sully FFA, Sully  
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill  
Chariton FFA, Chariton  
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union  
Newton FFA, Newton  
Starmont FFA, Arlington  
Algona FFA, Algona  
Adel DeSoto Minburn  
Holland FFA, Orange City  
East Sac FFA, Lake View  
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic  
Cascade FFA  
Tri-Center FFA, Neola  
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah  
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes  
West Liberty FFA, West Liberty  
Monticello FFA, Monticello  
Crestwood FFA, Cresco  
Bedford FFA, Bedford  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton  
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood  
Charles City FFA, Charles City  
Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland  
Washington FFA, Washington  
Gilbert FFA, Gilbert

### **Bronze Teams (25)**

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina  
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson  
Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly  
Newell-Fonda FFA, Newell  
Harlan FFA, Harlan  
AGWSR FFA, Ackley  
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth  
Turkey Valley FFA at Jackson Junction  
West Fork FFA  
Iowa Falls-Alden FFA, Iowa Falls  
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg  
Independence FFA Chapter  
Woodward-Granger FFA, Woodward  
Winterset FFA, Winterset

### **Silver Teams (29)**

Interstate 35 FFA, Truro  
Hudson FFA, Hudson  
Roland-Story FFA, Story City  
Audubon FFA, Audubon  
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis  
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda  
LeMars FFA Chapter, LeMars  
Riceville FFA, Riceville  
Forest City FFA, Forest City  
Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas  
Southeast Warren FFA, Liberty Center  
Hawkeye FFA, West Bend  
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton  
Keota FFA, Keota  
Tri-County FFA, Thornburg  
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson  
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi  
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City  
Carroll Area FFA, Carroll  
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids  
Missouri Valley FFA Chapter  
Belle Plaine FFA, Belle Plaine  
West Delaware FFA, Manchester  
Western Christian FFA, Hull  
East Union FFA, Afton  
Rock Valley FFA, Rock Valley  
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua  
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr  
North Scott FFA, Eldridge

OA-BCIG FFA  
Linn-Mar FFA, Marion  
North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon  
Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe  
Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center  
Albia FFA Chapter, Albia  
Kingsley-Pierson FFA, Kingsley  
Unity Christian FFA  
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein  
Griswold FFA, Griswold

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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 232 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.