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News Release

MAQUOKETA FFA WINS IOWA FFA FOOD SCIENCE CDE

The Maquoketa FFA Chapter from Maquoketa was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on June 8, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Rachel Vorbeck, Abby Diesing, Thomas Crossland, and Barb Miller. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Gary Bruns and Jackie Crowley. They will represent Iowa at the National Food Science Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Wapello FFA Chapter from Wapello was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Daniel Hemphill, Aiden Housman, Ellise Wykert, and Tate Boysen. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Danielle Wanfalt. Marie Knepper, Cascade FFA, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 14 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 Food Science. The 50 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including demonstration of skills and problem solving in dealing with consumer concerns, food safety and sanitation, aroma identification, taste testing, and product differences. A written examination was included along with a team product development competition.

The Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Terri Boylston, and numerous other faculty and staff with the Iowa State University Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition in Ames. The top individual receives a \$500 scholarship from the Iowa State University Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition if the student chooses to major in Food Science at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event was made possible with support from Heartland Co-op through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Kerry Taste and Nutrition and the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the champion plaque for the winning team.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10

- 1 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 2 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 3 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 4 Denison FFA, Denison
- 5 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 6 Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- 7 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 8 Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly
- 9 Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
- 10 Cascade FFA

Top 10

- Marie Knepper, Cascade FFA
- Abby Diesing, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- Emily Boettger, Denison FFA, Denison
- Barb Miller, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- Tate Boysen, Wapello FFA, Wapello
- Paige Ginger, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- Rachel Vorbeck, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- Becca Dunkel, Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
- Erica Meyer, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- Maggie Chapman, Denison FFA, Denison

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Product Development Activity

Team: Wapello FFA, Wapello

General Knowledge Examination

Team: East Sac FFA, Lake View

Individual: Abby Diesing, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Practicums

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi **Individual:** Marie Knepper, Cascade FFA

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (1343 to 1180)

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Wapello FFA, Wapello

East Sac FFA, Lake View

Denison FFA, Denison

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi

Silver Teams (7)

Score Range (1137 to 869)

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Clay Central/Everly FFA, Everly

Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

Cascade FFA

Washington FFA, Washington

ACGC FFA

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Bronze Teams (1)

Score Range (338 to 338)

Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

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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 233 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, on Facebook, and Twitter.