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## **News Release**

# **East Union FFA Wins 2017 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event**

The East Union FFA Chapter from Afton was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on October 7, 2017. Members of the first place team included: Brody Granfield, Kanyon Huntington, Brayden Martinez, and Sidney McFee. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Mike Cooley. The Colo-NESCO FFA Chapter from Colo was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Alex Dunahoo, Claire Skinner, Spencer Short, and Adam Henderson. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Justin Chapman. Jared Theis, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The top five teams will represent Iowa at the National Land Judging Event in May of 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma, Harlan FFA Chapter from Harlan, and Hawkeye FFA Chapter from West Bend will join the top two teams in Oklahoma.

FFA teams including from 30 chapters, including 114 individuals 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 Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from Calcium Products, Inc. and Chemorse through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Sponsorship provided covered awards recognition of the top ten teams and individuals as well as a travel stipend for the national qualifying teams. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Amber Anderson of Iowa State University coordinated the event.

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

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 East Union FFA, Afton
- 2 Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo
- 3 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 4 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 5 Hawkeye FFA, West Bend
- 6 Des Moines FFA, Des Moines
- 7 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 8 Keota FFA, Keota
- 9 Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
- 10 Boyer Valley FFA, Dunlap

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Jared Theis, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma  
Kanyon Huntington, East Union FFA, Afton  
Miguel Mena, Harlan FFA, Harlan  
Andrew Schechinger, Harlan FFA, Harlan  
Alex Dunahoo, Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo  
Samuel Stevens, Des Moines FFA, Des Moines  
Ethan Herzberg, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda  
Spencer Short, Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo  
Claire Skinner, Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo  
Brandon Fehr, Hawkeye FFA, West Bend

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

### **General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** East Union FFA, Afton

**Individual:** Kanyon Huntington, East Union FFA, Afton

### **Pit Evaluation**

**Team:** East Union FFA, Afton

**Individual:** Jared Theis, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

## **Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.**

### **Gold Teams (10)**

#### Score Range (515 to 458)

East Union FFA, Afton

Colo-Nesco FFA, Colo

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Hawkeye FFA, West Bend

Des Moines FFA, Des Moines

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Keota FFA, Keota

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Boyer Valley FFA, Dunlap

### **Bronze Teams (6)**

#### Score Range (397 to 184)

Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

IKM-Manning FFA, Manning

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

### **Silver Teams (14)**

#### Score Range (452 to 409)

Algona FFA, Algona

South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Adel DeSoto Minburn

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Audubon FFA, Audubon

Central Trail FFA, Leon

Ridge View FFA, Holstein

Albia FFA Chapter, Albia

Independence FFA Chapter

West Fork FFA

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

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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](http://IowaFFA.com), on Facebook, and Twitter.