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## **News Release**

# **NEWTON FFA CHAPTER WINS 2018 STATE FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

The Newton FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 12, 2018. Members of the first place team included: Chazten Wells, Logan Chandler, and Jaden Adams. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. James Horn. They will represent Iowa at the National Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Cody Calvelage, Joseph Browning, and Wylie Jacobs. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Adam Crews. Chazten Wells, Newton FFA, Newton, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 11 chapters including 39 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Nursery/Landscape. The event consisted of a general knowledge exam, a landscape estimation practicum, a customer service activity, identification of nursery materials (plants, disorders, equipment and supplies), and situation assessment and solution.

The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Shawna Moss and the faculty and staff at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Kirkwood Community College also provided a lunch to all participants. The Iowa FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Wapello FFA Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Kubota Tractor Corporation and STIHL, Inc, through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team Plaque.

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

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Newton FFA Chapter
- 2 Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 3 Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City
- 4 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 5 West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth
- 6 Independence FFA Chapter
- 7 MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus
- 8 Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville
- 9 Indianola FFA Chapter
- 10 Cascade FFA Chapter

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- 1 Chazten Wells, Newton FFA, Newton
- 2 Joseph Browning, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 3 Cody Calvelage, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 4 Robyn Byl, Unity Christian FFA
- 5 Jaden Adams, Newton FFA, Newton
- 6 Logan Chandler, Newton FFA, Newton
- 7 Grace Bowman-Carptner, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 8 Kyle Oolman, Unity Christian FFA
- 9 Alexandria Gray, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 10 Cody Hull, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

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

**General Knowledge Exam**

Team: Newton FFA Chapter Individual: Chazten Wells, Newton FFA, Newton

**Landscape Estimation Practicum**

Team: Newton FFA Chapter Individual: Jaden Adams, Newton FFA, Newton

**Customer Assistance**

Team: West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth Individual: Robyn Byl, Unity Christian FFA

**Identification of Nursery Materials**

Team: Newton FFA Chapter Individual: Joseph Browning, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

**Assessment and Solutions**

Team: Newton FFA Chapter Individual: Robyn Byl, Unity Christian FFA

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

**Gold Teams (4)**

Score Range (1278 to 1049)

Newton FFA Chapter

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Silver Teams (5)**

Score Range (941 to 713)

West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Independence FFA Chapter

MMCRU FFA Chapter at Marcus

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

Indianola FFA Chapter

**Bronze Teams (2)**

Score Range (614 to 561)

Cascade FFA Chapter

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter

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**About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 student members as part of 235 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.