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## **News Release**

# **DIAMOND TRAIL FFA WINS IOWA FFA FOOD SCIENCE CDE**

The Diamond Trail FFA Chapter from Monroe was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Food Science Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on June 20, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Blake Van Der Kamp, Arthur VanWyk, Morgan DeHaai, and Alexis Dross. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Amber Samson. They will represent Iowa at the National Food Science Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The North Scott FFA Chapter from Eldridge was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Grace Bjustrom, Chloe Engelbrecht, Glory Hansel, and Kara Rohlf. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Jacob Hunter and Mrs Jen Westphal. Blake Van Der Kamp, Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 12 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 46 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. Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe
- 2 North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- 3 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 4 Charles City FFA, Charles City
- 5 Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert
- 6 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 7 Denison FFA, Denison
- 8 West Marshall FFA, State Center
- 9 East Sac FFA, Lake View
- 10 Roland-Story FFA, Story City

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Blake Van Der Kamp, Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe  
Morgan DeHaai, Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe  
Laina Marbach, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Reagan Schmitz, Roland-Story FFA, Story City  
Callie Tuttle, West Marshall FFA, State Center  
Liz Wessel, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Mariah Steenhard, West Fork FFA  
Katie Kessel, Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert  
Fern Pasche, East Sac FFA, Lake View  
Chloe Engelbrecht, North Scott FFA at Eldridge

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

**Team Product Development Activity**

**Team:** Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert

**General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe      **Individual:** Blake Van Der Kamp, Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe

**Practicums**

**Team:** North Scott FFA at Eldridge      **Individual:** Reagan Schmitz, Roland-Story FFA, Story City

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

**Gold Teams (5)**

Score Range (1183 to 1049)

Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe  
North Scott FFA at Eldridge  
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Charles City FFA, Charles City  
Gilbert FFA Chapter, Gilbert

**Silver Teams (5)**

Score Range (1009 to 936)

West Lyon FFA, Inwood  
Denison FFA, Denison  
West Marshall FFA, State Center  
East Sac FFA, Lake View  
Roland-Story FFA, Story City

**Bronze Teams (2)**

Score Range (815 to 631)

ACGC FFA  
West Fork FFA

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,600 student members as part of 242 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.