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News Release

SOUTH O'BRIEN FFA CHAPTER WINS 2019 STATE FFA MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on August 24, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Dante Johnson, Dain Moermond, Bryce Rasmussen, and Grant Wagner. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. They will represent Iowa at the National Meats Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jocelyn Boynton, Sierra Long, James Sprague, and Robert Carver. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mr. Josh Day, and Ms. Cassi Montandon. Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meat Evaluation. Activities included: placing carcass classes of beef, pork, and lamb; placing classes of wholesale and retail meat cuts; quality and yield grading beef carcasses; identifying retail meat cuts, and a problem solving activity. There were 32 members participating from 9 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Sherry Olsen and the Iowa State University Meats Judging Team along with faculty in the Meat Science Department of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 2 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 3 Independence FFA Chapter
- 4 Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- 5 South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake
- 6 Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
- 7 Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City
- 8 Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda
- 9 North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

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Top 10 Individuals

- Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Grant Wagner, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Jocelyn Boynton, Muscatine FFA Chapter
James Sprague, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Clayton Ehlers, Sioux Central FFA Chapter
Robert Carver, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Dante Johnson, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Dain Moermond, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
Avery Hanaway, Independence FFA Chapter
Keegan Zimmerly, Independence FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Grant Wagner, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Grant Wagner, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (4)

Score Range (1657 to 1514)

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Independence FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (4)

Score Range (1264 to 1155)

South Central Calhoun FFA Chapter at Lake City

Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill

Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Bronze Teams (1)

Score Range (367 to 367)

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 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, on Facebook, and Twitter.