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News Release

Montezuma FFA Wins Iowa FFA Farm Business Management CDE

The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Farm Management Career Development Event virtually on November 12, 2020. Members of the first place team included: Elise Boulton, Alyssa Cline, Michael Dejong, and Brayden Stockman. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Rick Swenson. The Belle Plaine FFA Chapter from Belle Plaine was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Carson Adams, Zach Brecht, Jared Ward, and Kamryn Hoskey. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Steve Eskildsen. Michael Dejong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma was the winner of the Team Participation Activity.

FFA teams from 26 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 Farm Management. The 95 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test which had three sections: economic principles, records and analysis, and risk management. All team members worked together to solve a problem related to break even analysis.

The Iowa FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa Farm Business Association through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Dr. Ron Deiter, Professor of Economics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, was the Career Development Event coordinator and prepared the test.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 2 Belle Plaine FFA
- 3 Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- 4 Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
- 5 Lone Tree FFA
- 6 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 7 AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- 8 Newton FFA, Newton
- 9 Algona FFA, Algona
- 10 Midland FFA, Wyoming

Top 10 Individuals

- Michael Dejong, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Brayden Stockman, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Elise Boulton, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Alyssa Cline, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Kristina Goth, MMCRU FFA
Alexander Viner, Lone Tree FFA
Jacob Aldrich, Newton FFA, Newton
Jared Ward, Belle Plaine FFA
James Beran, Riceville FFA, Riceville
Austin Vanderhoff, Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Belle Plaine FFA
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
Atlantic FFA, Atlantic
Lone Tree FFA
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Newton FFA, Newton
Algona FFA, Algona
Midland FFA, Wyoming

Silver Teams (8)

Riceville FFA, Riceville
MMCRU FFA
Unity Christian FFA
Cherokee FFA
ACGC FFA
Clear Lake FFA
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City

Bronze Teams (8)

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
Belmond-Klemme FFA, Belmond
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Monticello FFA
Jesup FFA, Jesup
Iowa River FFA, Garner
Roland-Story FFA, Story City

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,100 student members as part of 246 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.