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News Release

MIDLAND FFA WINS 2021 IOWA FFA AGRONOMY CDE

The Midland FFA Chapter located in Wyoming was named the Iowa Champion FFA Agronomy Team in the 2021 Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event which was held at Ames on June 10, 2021. Team members included: Hope Saroka, Justin Agnitsch, Coy Petersen, and Jared Crock. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Jen Westphal and Ms. Jamie Christiansen. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Agronomy Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October. The Reserve Champion Team in Agronomy was the Denison FFA Chapter located in Denison. Team members included: Thomas Welch, Maci Kaub, Emma Reisz, and Cole Carlson. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Chelsea Schroeder and Ms. Alise Meyers. Brennan Duffy from Sumner was the High Overall Individual in the competition.

FFA teams including 78 individuals from 23 chapters 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 Agronomy. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in Agronomy, including crop, weed, insect and seed identification; crop and seed judging and evaluation; and grain grading. A written examination was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by faculty and staff with the Agronomy Department at Iowa State University in Ames. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy hosted the event and provided T-shirts to all participants. The top individual receives a \$500 scholarship from the Iowa State University Department of Agronomy if the student chooses to major in Agronomy at Iowa State University.

The Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event was made possible with support from Iowa Corn 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 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 2 Denison FFA, Denison
- 3 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 4 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 5 Newton FFA, Newton
- 6 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 7 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 8 Unity Christian FFA
- 9 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 10 Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Top 10 Individuals

- Brennan Duffy, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Hope Saroka, Midland FFA, Wyoming
Jacob Aldrich, Newton FFA, Newton
Emma Reisz, Denison FFA, Denison
Justin Agnitsch, Midland FFA, Wyoming
Claire Jonas, Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Coy Petersen, Midland FFA, Wyoming
Keaton Klingman, Central Community FFA, Elkader
Cole Carlson, Denison FFA, Denison
Alaina Gebel, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Crops Judging Placing Classes

Team: Denison FFA, Denison

Individual: Maci Kaub, Denison FFA

Identification of Plants, Seeds, and Insects

Team: Denison FFA, Denison

Individual: Hope Saroka, Midland FFA, Wyoming

General Knowledge Exam

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Individual: Brennan Duffy, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Team Event

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (2016 to 1551)

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Denison FFA, Denison

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Newton FFA, Newton

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Unity Christian FFA

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Bronze Teams (2)

Score Range (514 to 467)

Independence FFA, Independence

Humboldt FFA, Humboldt

Silver Teams (11)

Score Range (1477 to 1133)

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

South O'Brien FFA

Clear Creek Amana

New Hampton FFA, New Hampton

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

T-55 FFA

Wilton FFA, Wilton

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,500 student members as part of 248 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.