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News Release

DENISON FFA WINS 2022 IOWA FFA AGRONOMY CDE

The Denison FFA Chapter located in Denison was named the Iowa Champion FFA Agronomy Team in the 2022 Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development Event held at Ames on June 16, 2022. Team members included: Cole Carlson, Emma Reisz, Maci Kaub, and Johnathan Graeve. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Chelsea Schroeder and Ms. Alise Meyers. 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 Newton FFA Chapter located in Newton. Team members included: Austin Storm, Breanna Leaming, Lauren VanManen, and Madelyn Adkison. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. James Horn and Mr. Jarret Horn. Brennan Duffy from Sumner was the High Overall Individual in the competition.

FFA teams including 78 individuals from 21 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 Soybean Association and the Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Donors.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Denison FFA, Denison
- 2 Newton FFA, Newton
- 3 Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
- 4 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 5 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 6 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 7 North Scott FFA at Eldridge
- 8 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 9 Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
- 10 North Butler FFA, Greene

Top 10 Individuals

- Brennan Duffy, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Emma Reisz, Denison FFA, Denison
Austin Storm, Newton FFA, Newton
Maci Kaub, Denison FFA, Denison
Lauren VanManen, Newton FFA, Newton
Alaina Gebel, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Johnathan Graeve, Denison FFA, Denison
John Paul Grebner, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
Nate Shirbroun, Central Community FFA, Elkader
Keaton Klingman, Central Community FFA, Elkader

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Crops Judging Placing Classes

Team: Denison FFA, Denison

Individual: Katie Reno, Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Identification of Plants, Seeds, and Insects

Team: Central Community FFA, Elkader

Individual: Keaton Klingman, Central Community FFA, Elkader

General Knowledge Exam

Team: Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Individual: John Paul Grebner, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

Team Event

Team: Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (7)

Score Range (2016 to 1649)

Denison FFA, Denison

Newton FFA, Newton

Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Silver Teams (7)

Score Range (1579 to 1481)

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

North Butler FFA, Greene

Dike-New Hartford FFA

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Easton Valley FFA, Preston

Albia FFA Chapter, Albia

Bronze Teams (7)

Score Range (1412 to 1216)

GTRA FFA at Graettinger

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Turkey Valley at Jackson Junction

Independence FFA, Independence

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Charles City FFA, Charles City

Osage FFA, Osage

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 18,600 student members as part of 254 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.