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## **News Release**

# **MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2022 STATE FFA MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event held by Iowa State University on August 27, 2022. Members of the first place team included: Robert Carver, Jenna Lovstad, Cory Shank, and Kat Carver. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, and Mrs. Alexa Scherer. The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Payton Farquhar, Abby Stout, Gabe Moermond, and Bensen Rohwer. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center 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 45 members participating from 13 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support by Iowa Pork Producers Association and Iowa FFA Gold Standard Partners. The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Amy Powell, 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 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- 3 Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- 4 Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- 5 Independence FFA Chapter
- 6 North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- 7 Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter
- 8 East Union FFA Chapter at Afton
- 9 Riceville FFA Chapter
- 10 Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- Payton Farquhar, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Robert Carver, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Cory Shank, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Jenna Lovstad, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Rayce Meyer, Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- Edwin Madsen, Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- Kaden Svoboda, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- Abby Stout, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Kat Carver, Muscatine FFA Chapter

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

### **Placing Carcass Classes**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Gabe Moermond, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

### **Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Robert Carver, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Beef Quality and Yield Grading**

**Team:** Sioux Center FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Cory Shank, Muscatine FFA Chapter

### **Retail Cut Identification**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center FFA Chapter

### **Problem Solving Activity**

**Team:** South O'Brien FFA Chapter

**Individual:** Blake Oostenink, Sioux Center FFA Chapter

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

### **Gold Teams (4)**

Score Range (1623 to 1565)

Muscatine FFA Chapter

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

### **Bronze Teams (2)**

Score Range (398 to 361)

Anamosa FFA Chapter

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

### **Silver Teams (7)**

Score Range (1344 to 1048)

Independence FFA Chapter

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Manson Northwest Webster FFA Chapter

East Union FFA Chapter at Afton

Riceville FFA Chapter

Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 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.