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News Release

Brokaw FFA Wins 2022 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Brokaw FFA Chapter from Clarinda was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on October 15th, 2022. Members of the first place team included: Grant Barr, Cale Clark, Quinn Durfey, and Dalton Wright. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Andrew Johnson, Mrs. Logan Henry, and Mrs. Emma Cutler. The Northeast FFA Chapter from Goose Lake was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Bailee Burken, Carson Burken, Kylie Petersen, and Parker Messerich. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Megan Peters. Dalton Wright, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including from 30 chapters, including 117 individuals 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 Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from Heartland Co-op through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy and the Iowa State Horticulture Research Station served as the host site for the event. Nick Howell, the Horticulture Research Station farm manager along with Brandon and Chad were hosts for the event. The Iowa State University Soils Judging Team served as pit monitors. Amber Anderson of Iowa State University coordinated the event. The official judges were State Soil Scientist Patrick Chase, Rich Pope, Dr. Lee Burras and Amber Anderson.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
- 2 Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
- 3 Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
- 4 Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center
- 5 East Union FFA, Afton
- 6 Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 7 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 8 Stanton
- 9 AGWSR FFA, Ackley
- 10 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA

Top 10 Individuals

- Dalton Wright, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Cale Clark, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Olivia Kraayenbrink, Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center
Parker Messerich, Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Carson Burken, Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Grant Barr, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Kendal Pugh, Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Darby Mitchell, Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
Dylan Renner, Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
Mason Clarahan, Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Individual: Dalton Wright, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Pit Evaluation

Team: Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Individual: Cale Clark, Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (13)

Score Range (503 to 441)

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center
East Union FFA, Afton
Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Harlan FFA, Harlan
Stanton
AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA
Grinnell FFA
Fairfield FFA, Fairfield
Southwest Valley FFA, Corning

Silver Teams (11)

Score Range (438 to 371)

Keota FFA
Algona FFA, Algona
Central Plains FFA, Gowrie
South O'Brien FFA
Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
West Central Valley FFA
Central Community FFA, Elkader
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA
Audubon FFA, Audubon
Nevada FFA, Nevada
Hawkeye FFA, West Bend

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (361 to 280)

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
North Tama FFA
Sheldon FFA
Independence FFA, Independence
Central Trail FFA, Leon
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

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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.