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## News Release

# MUSCATINE FFA WINS IOWA FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY CDE

The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on June 6, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Corwin McDonald, Kaden Miller, Brady Hoag, and Alex Houck. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mrs. Alexa Coobs, and Ms. Alli Youngbauer. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Unity Christian FFA Chapter from Orange City was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Bryce Fedders, Deker Mulder, Caden Oolman, and Lane Scholten. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Dennis Benson and Ms. Sherri Boostma. Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 99 individuals from 31 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 Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, metals and welding, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Titan Machinery through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Jon Davis and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames. The Association of General Contractors of Iowa provided lunch for all participants and staff.

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

### Top 10 Teams

- 1 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 2 Unity Christian FFA
- 3 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 4 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 5 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 6 St. Ansgar FFA
- 7 South O'Brien FFA
- 8 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 9 Pella FFA, Pella
- 10 Crestwood FFA, Cresco

### Top 10 Individuals

- Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne  
Alex Houck, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Bryce Fedders, Unity Christian FFA  
Will Deutmeyer, Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Ronald Riemenschneider, East Union FFA, Afton  
Ethan Gibbs, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Braden Schmidt, Alta-Aurelia FFA  
Corwin McDonald, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Aidan Jenkins, St. Ansgar FFA  
Johnathan Marti, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

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

### **Structural Systems**

**Team:** St. Ansgar FFA      **Individual:** Brock Soppe, North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union

### **Machinery & Equipment Systems**

**Team:** St. Ansgar FFA      **Individual:** Timothy Kapler, Crestwood FFA, Cresco

### **Environmental & Natural Resource Systems**

**Team:** Unity Christian FFA      **Individual:** Ronald Riemenschneider, East Union FFA, Afton

### **Electrical Systems**

**Team:** Unity Christian FFA      **Individual:** Bryce Fedders, Unity Christian FFA

### **Metals and Welding Systems**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine      **Individual:** Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

### **General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** Unity Christian FFA      **Individual:** Cade Volesky, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

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

### **Gold Teams (11)**

Score Range (438 to 375)

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Unity Christian FFA  
Benton Community FFA, Van Horne  
Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville  
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
St. Ansgar FFA  
South O'Brien FFA  
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth  
Pella FFA, Pella  
Crestwood FFA, Cresco

### **Silver Teams (10)**

Score Range (367 to 315)

Gilbert FFA  
Iowa River FFA, Garner  
MVAO FFA  
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton  
Central Springs  
East Union FFA, Afton  
Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA  
Bison FFA, Buffalo Center  
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis  
GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin

### **Bronze Teams (10)**

Score Range (304 to 89)

Westwood FFA, Sloan  
Boone A&M FFA, Boone  
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union  
Alta-Aurelia FFA  
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

Lynnville-Sully FFA  
South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City  
Independence FFA, Independence  
North Polk FFA, Alleman  
Monticello FFA

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## **About Iowa FFA Association**

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 20,000 student members as part of 263 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.