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News Release

COLUMBUS FFA CHAPTER WINS 2024 STATE FFA LIVESTOCK CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Columbus FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on August 24, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Drew Totemeier, Cole Storm, Madeleine Howell, and Cade Storm. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Kortney Orr. They will represent Iowa at the National Livestock competitions later this year. The Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Colton Harken, Sam Janssen, Tommy Janssen, and Kellen Reints. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Jamie Pudenz. Kyle Deppe, DeWitt Central FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: placing breeding and market classes of beef, swine, sheep and goats; keep/cull and oral reasons classes; and a general knowledge test. There were 168 members participating from 47 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support from the Iowa State University Block and Bridle Club and Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Partners. The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Will Taylor and other faculty and staff with 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 Columbus FFA Chapter
- 2 Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at
- 3 Grinnell FFA Chapter
- 4 DeWitt Central FFA Chapter
- 5 Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne
- 6 West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester
- 7 Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda
- 8 Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston
- 9 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 10 Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Top 10 Individuals

- Kyle Deppe, DeWitt Central FFA Chapter
Madeleine Howell, Columbus FFA Chapter
Cole Storm, Columbus FFA Chapter
Tommy Janssen, Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at
Sam Janssen, Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg
Drew Totemeier, Columbus FFA Chapter
Houston Holdgrafer, Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston
William Kroneman, Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne
Cooper Eschen, West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester
William Hoopes, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Beef Placing**Team:** Columbus FFA Chapter**Individual:** Aden Wolfe, Grinnell FFA Chapter**Swine Placing****Team:** Columbus FFA Chapter**Individual:** Kyle Deppe, DeWitt Central FFA Chapter**Sheep Placing****Team:** Keota FFA Chapter**Individual:** Charlotte Sieren, Mid-Prairie FFA Chapter at Wellman**Goat Placing****Team:** Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi**Individual:** Kyle Deppe, DeWitt Central FFA Chapter**Oral Reasons****Team:** Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at Parkersburg**Individual:** Jillian Hanson, La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City**Knowledge Exam****Team:** Columbus FFA Chapter**Individual:** Cole Storm, Columbus FFA Chapter**Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.****Gold Teams (16)**Score Range (1849 to 1705)

Columbus FFA Chapter

Aplington-Parkersburg FFA Chapter at

Grinnell FFA Chapter

DeWitt Central FFA Chapter

Benton Community FFA Chapter at Van Horne

West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Mid-Prairie FFA Chapter at Wellman

Earlham FFA Chapter

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Keota FFA Chapter

Mount Pleasant FFA Chapter

Bronze Teams (9)Score Range (1516 to 567)

GTRA FFA Chapter at Graettinger

Northwood FFA Chapter

Roland-Story FFA Chapter at Story City

Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

New Hampton FFA Chapter

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

La Porte-Dysart FFA Chapter at LaPorte City

Independence FFA Chapter

Sumner Fredericksburg FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (22)Score Range (1682 to 1557)

Center Point-Urbana FFA Chapter

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi

East Sac FFA Chapter

Bellevue FFA Chapter

Atlantic FFA Chapter

Central Plains FFA Chapter at Gowrie

Mount Ayr FFA Chapter

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Crooked Creek FFA Chapter at Winfield

Clarksville FFA Chapter

Hawkeye FFA Chapter at West Bend

LeMars FFA Chapter

Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Griswold FFA Chapter

East Union FFA Chapter at Afton

Ridge View FFA Chapter

Riverside FFA Chapter at Oakland

Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,000 student members as part of 264 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.