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News Release

MUSCATINE FFA CHAPTER WINS 2024 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 24, 2024. Members of the first place team included: Cheyenne Mosier, Jack Zorich, Saxby Stein, and Madyson Wyatt. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Sam Paul, Mr. Dave Tometich, Ms. Ashley Wiebe, Mrs. Alexa Coobs, and Ms. Dailyn Garrett. The South O'Brien FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: John Puhrmann, Austin Negus, Ethan Schwarz, and William Stout. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. Jack Zorich, Muscatine 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 67 members participating from 19 chapters.

The Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support by Iowa Pork Producers Association and Smithfield Foods. The Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Terry Houser 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 Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston
- 5 North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
- 6 Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter
- 7 Riceville FFA Chapter
- 8 MFL MarMac FFA Chapter at Monona
- 9 Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda
- 10 Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

Top 10 Individuals

- Jack Zorich, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Saxby Stein, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Austin Negus, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Ethan Schwarz, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Izabella Klein, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- Kelsie Thompson, Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston
- William Stout, South O'Brien FFA Chapter
- Cheyenne Mosier, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- Gabriella Oteri, Sioux Center FFA Chapter
- Delanie Roland, Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Individual: Izabella Klein, Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: Riceville FFA Chapter

Individual: Tyler Sprung, Riceville FFA Chapter

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Izabella Klein, Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Individual: Ethan Schwarz, South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Problem Solving Activity

Team: Muscatine FFA Chapter

Individual: Jack Zorich, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (5)

Score Range (1703 to 1448)

Muscatine FFA Chapter

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Sioux Center FFA Chapter

Easton Valley FFA Chapter at Preston

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (1167 to 440)

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Carroll Area FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Van Meter FFA Chapter

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (1395 to 1201)

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Riceville FFA Chapter

MFL MarMac FFA Chapter at Monona

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Westwood FFA Chapter at Sloan

North Scott Jr. High FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Independence FFA Chapter

Grundy Center FFA Chapter

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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.