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News Release

LANSING FFA CHAPTER FFA WINS 2024 IOWA FFA MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS CDE

The 2024 Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was held at Manchester on Friday, September 13, 2024. Twenty-nine teams and 109 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of milk quality and dairy foods.

The Lansing FFA Chapter was named the Iowa Champion FFA Milk Quality & Products Team. Team members included: Dustin Stendel, Kyle Mauss, Parker Leppert, and Kaden Colsch. Mr. Ray Rankin is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Foods Judging was the Easton Valley FFA at Preston. Team members included: Alia Schmidt, Charlie Lane, Ella Burken, and Alia Holdgrafer. Mr. Steven Eskildsen and Ms. Alyssa Poll is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. Blair Scherf from Central Community FFA, Elkader was the Champion Individual. Ada Nelson from Ames FFA was the Reserve Champion Individual.

The Iowa FFA Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Milk Quality & Products samples were prepared by faculty and staff with the Iowa State University Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition in Ames.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Lansing FFA Chapter
- 2 Easton Valley FFA at Preston
- 3 Central Community FFA, Elkader
- 4 DeWitt Central FFA
- 5 Western Christian FFA, Hull
- 6 Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 7 Newton FFA, Newton
- 8 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 9 Ames FFA
- 10 Maquoketa Valley FFA

Top 10 Individuals

- Blair Scherf, Central Community FFA, Elkader
Ada Nelson, Ames FFA
Aiden Anderson, Central Plains FFA, Gowrie
Dustin Stendel, Lansing FFA Chapter
Alia Schmidt, Easton Valley FFA at Preston
Parker Leppert, Lansing FFA Chapter
Nathan Hauber, Newton FFA, Newton
Madelyn Connell, Postville FFA
Charlie Lane, Easton Valley FFA at Preston
Kalli Barber, DeWitt Central FFA

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Knowledge Exam and Problem Solving

Team: Lansing FFA Chapter

Individual: Wesley McElroy, Newton FFA, Newton

Milk Products

Team: Central Community FFA, Elkader

Individual: Ada Nelson, Ames FFA

Milk Quality

Team: Central Community FFA, Elkader

Individual: Blair Scherf, Central Community FFA, Elkader

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (378 to 334)

Lansing FFA Chapter

Easton Valley FFA at Preston

Central Community FFA, Elkader

DeWitt Central FFA

Western Christian FFA, Hull

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Newton FFA, Newton

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Ames FFA

Maquoketa Valley FFA

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (259 to 201)

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

La Porte-Dysart FFA, La Porte City

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

Marengo FFA, Marengo

Crestwood FFA, Cresco

Silver Teams (13)

Score Range (320 to 272)

Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg

North Cedar FFA, Clarence

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Belle Plaine FFA

Central Plains FFA, Gowrie

Belmond-Klemme FFA, Belmond

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Postville FFA

Riceville FFA, Riceville

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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 267 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.