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## **News Release**

# **Grinnell FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology CDE**

AMES, Iowa--The Grinnell FFA Chapter from Grinnell was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held at Iowa State University, Ames on April 14, 2025. Members of the first place team included: Alyssa Peterson, Lauren Loudon, and Maggie Dayton. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Ashley Wolfe. The Midland FFA Chapter from Wyoming was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jayson Ruley, Bryce Leeper, Carter Willms, and Sophia Hunter. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Jamie Christiansen. Maggie Dayton, Grinnell FFA, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 61 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 Biotechnology. The 237 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including a general knowledge exam and an identification activity. The team members also collaborated in a team activity relating to biotechnology principles.

The Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Darling Ingredients through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Leah Sandall of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Andrea Rouse of Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC).

### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Grinnell FFA
- 2 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 3 Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 4 Albia FFA Chapter, Albia
- 5 Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
- 6 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 7 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 8 Waterloo FFA
- 9 Clear Creek Amana
- 10 MFL MarMac FFA, Monona

### **Top 10 Individuals**

Maggie Dayton, Grinnell FFA  
Alyssa Peterson, Grinnell FFA  
Kylie Carter, Albia FFA Chapter, Albia  
Carter Willms, Midland FFA, Wyoming  
Jayson Ruley, Midland FFA, Wyoming  
Lauren Loudon, Grinnell FFA  
Kaylie Davis, Louisa-Muscatine FFA  
Kenzie Koedam, West Lyon FFA, Inwood  
Charlotte Sieren, Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman  
Miley Ossian, Louisa-Muscatine FFA

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

### **Team Practicum**

**Team:** Grinnell FFA

### **General Knowledge Examination**

**Team:** Louisa-Muscatine FFA

**Individual:** Ethan Gibbs, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

### **Identification**

**Team:** Louisa-Muscatine FFA

**Individual:** Aliya Graber, WACO FFA

#### **Gold Teams (15)**

Score Range (837.5 to 619)

Grinnell FFA

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Albia FFA Chapter, Albia

Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman

West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Waterloo FFA

Clear Creek Amana

MFL MarMac FFA, Monona

Dike-New Hartford FFA

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

North Butler FFA, Greene

Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

#### **Bronze Teams (20)**

Score Range (451 to 299.5)

Spencer FFA, Spencer

South O'Brien FFA

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Alburnett FFA, Alburnett

Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes

Seymour FFA

Charles City FFA, Charles City

West Fork FFA

Moulton-Udell FFA, Moulton

North Scott Jr. High FFA at Eldridge

Pella FFA, Pella

Central Springs

Greene County FFA, Jefferson

Ballard FFA, Huxley

Belle Plaine FFA

HLV, Victor

East Sac FFA, Lake View

South Central Calhoun FFA, Lake City

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

#### **Silver Teams (26)**

Score Range (598 to 461.5)

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

OABCIG

Independence FFA, Independence

Calamus-Wheatland FFA, Wheatland

East Buchanan FFA at Winthrop

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

Hinton FFA Chapter

Hillcrest Academy FFA, Kalona

Dunkerton FFA

Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Monticello FFA

Le Mars FFA Chapter, Le Mars

Marshalltown FFA

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

WACO FFA

MMCRU FFA

Keokuk FFA

Davis County FFA, Bloomfield

Sioux Central FFA at Sioux Rapids

Winterset FFA, Winterset

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Maquoketa Valley FFA

Osage FFA, Osage

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## About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more 20,300 student members as part of 270 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 and on social media.