



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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Maquoketa Valley FFA Wins 2004 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event

The 2004 Iowa FFA Dairy Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Dairy Classic in West Union on Saturday, September 18, 2004. twenty-two teams and seventy-three individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the chosen agricultural field.

The Maquoketa Valley FFA located in Delhi was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Team. Team members included: Kelly Freiburger, Mary Hoffman, and Zach Deutmeyer. Nathan Marting is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky this October. The champion team received a plaque sponsored through the National FFA Foundation by Associated Milk Producers, Inc. of Arlington, TX and Westfalia*Surge, Naperville, IL. The team will receive travel money to the national event sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Arlington, IA., and Midwest Dairy Association, Ankeny, IA., through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Judging was the Waukon FFA located in Waukon. Team members include: Logan Donahue, Danny Heffern, Kate Kious, and Aaron Palmer. Nate Gebel is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. They received a plaque sponsored by Stardell Farms Inc. of Fredericksburg, IA, through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Kelly Freiburger from Maquoketa Valley was the Champion Individual. Kaitlin Hanson from South Winneshiek was the Reserve Champion Individual. They received plaques sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Arlington, Ia, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Several organizations sponsored awards through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Midwest Dairy Association sponsored rosettes for the top ten teams, members of the top ten teams, and top ten individuals. Lang's Dairy Equipment/Bou-Matic sponsored trophies for the high team and individuals in the following categories: Dairy Cattle Classes, Oral Reasons, Production Management Test, and Pedigree Evaluation (team only).

Judges for the event, both placement and linear, are Jason Wessel, Greeley; Jess Rediske, Decorah; and Michael Kunde, Manchester. Dean Weber, Rockwell, prepared the testing materials.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
- 2 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 3 North Fayette FFA, West Union
- 4 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 5 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 6 South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar
- 7 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 8 Postville FFA, Postville
- 9 Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View
- 10 Cascade FFA, Cascade

Top 10 Individuals

- Kelly Freiburger, Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
Kaitlin Hanson
Aaron Palmer, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Michael Hudecek, Crestwood FFA, Cresco
Blake Schulte, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Rudy Koester, North Fayette FFA, West Union
Kate Kious, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Becky Steffens, North Fayette FFA, West Union
Justin Steffens, North Fayette FFA, West Union
Darren Kraus, Postville FFA, Postville

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Dairy Cow and Heifer Placing Classes

Team: North Fayette FFA, West Union **Individual:** Emily Hanson, Valley FFA, Elgin

Pedigree Evaluation

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi **Individual:** Emily Zumbach, Monticello FFA, Monticello

Oral Reasons

Team: Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi **Individual:** Aaron Palmer, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Dairy Production and Management Test

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon **Individual:** Aaron Palmer, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Linear Evaluation

Team: South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (1420.5 to 1335.5)

Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
North Fayette FFA, West Union
Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Monticello FFA, Monticello
South Winneshiek FFA, Calmar

Bronze Teams (2)

Score Range (1048 to 983)

Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
Fort Madison FFA, Fort Madison

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (1267 to 1142.5)

Decorah FFA, Decorah
Postville FFA, Postville
Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Fredericksburg-Sumner FFA, Fredricksburg
Tri-Star FFA
Riceville FFA, Riceville
West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Participation Teams (4)

Score Range (688.5 to 359.5)

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
Valley FFA, Elgin
Van Buren FFA, Keosauqua

The following FFA Members served as show persons during the event and were ranked as follows:

Gold Awards (9)

Colin McDonnell, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Nichole Mickel, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Lynae Mausser, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Josh McQuillen, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Dan Staner, Cascade FFA, Cascade
Ray Elkins, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
Kayla Smith, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

Matthew Lowe, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
Travis Dirks, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

The Iowa FFA Association has 234 local chapters with nearly 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 473,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's 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.

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