



## **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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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **WEST LYON FFA CHAPTER AT INWOOD CLAIMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN AGRICULTURE MECHANICS**

The West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Ag Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on Thursday, June 8, 2006. Members of the first place West Lyon FFA team included: Nathan Antrim, Alvie Meyer, and Chet Mogler. Their Ag Education Instructors are Mr. Gary DeVries and Ms. Cathy Doorneweerd. The Sioux Center FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Dan Gradert, Taylor Klemme, Paul Kleyer, and Derick Schelling. Their Ag Education Instructor is Mr. Brian Oostenik. Paul Kleyer, from the Sioux Center FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including ninety-one individuals from twenty-three 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 Ag Mechanics. Activities included demonstration of skills and problem solving in ag machinery equipment, energy systems, structures, environmental and natural resources, and industry and marketing systems. A written examination and computer application activities were included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored a plaque for the Reserve Champion team, rosettes for the top ten teams and members of the top ten teams, as well as the top ten individuals. The Starline Corporation, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored plaques for the Champion and Reserve Champion Individuals Overall, as well as the Champion team and Reserve Champion

individual in each of the five career development event specialty areas: Machinery and Equipment Systems, Structural Systems, Industry/Marketing Systems, Environmental/Natural Resource Systems, and Energy Systems.

The Agricultural Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Tom Brumm and other faculty and staff with the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Department at ISU in Ames.

**Top 10 Teams Overall:**

1. Inwood
2. Sioux Center
3. Orange City
4. Cascade
5. Garner
6. Keota
7. Rockford
8. Lake View
9. Corydon
10. St. Ansgar

**Top 10 Individuals Overall:**

1. Paul Kleyer, Sioux Center
2. Nathan Antrim, Inwood
3. Andrew Legge, Garner
4. Chris Hosch, Cascade
5. Matt Turnis, Cascade
6. Alvie Meyer, Inwood
7. Brent Van Leeuwen, Orange City
8. Christopher Eddy, Wapello
9. Chet Mogler, Inwood
10. Carl Ott, Rockford

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

Structural Systems...

Team: Orange City

Individual: Taylor Hofmeyer, Orange City

Industry and Marketing Systems...

Team: Inwood

Individual: Chet Mogler, Inwood

Energy Systems...

Team: Lake View

Individual: Paul Kleyer, Sioux Center

Machinery Equip. Systems...

Team: Cascade

Individual: Chris Hosch, Cascade

Environmental/Natural Resources...

Team: Sioux Center

Individual: Carl Ott, Rockford

Written Exam...

Team: Lake View

Individual: Kurt Larsen, Lake View

Team Problem Solving...

Team: Sioux Center

**GOLD EMBLEM TEAMS:** (620-494)

Inwood  
Sioux Center  
Orange City  
Cascade  
Garner  
Keota  
Rockford  
Lake View  
Corydon  
St. Ansgar  
Charles City

**SILVER EMBLEM TEAMS:** (469-415)

Newton  
State Center  
West Union  
Wapello  
Sibley

**BRONZE EMBLEM TEAMS:** (384-341)

Chariton  
Bellevue  
Marengo  
Gilbert  
Riceville  
Alleman

**PARTICIPATION:** (These chapters do not have the required three or four member teams)

Rock Valley

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 490,000 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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