



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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North Fayette FFA Wins 2006 Iowa FFA Dairy Foods and Milk Quality Career Development Event

The 2006 Iowa FFA Dairy Foods Career Development Event was held at West Union High School in West Union on Saturday, September 16, 2006. Twenty-two teams and seventy-five 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 North Fayette FFA Chapter located in West Union was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Foods Team. Team members included: Amy Schmitt, Samantha Kanarr, Emily Schmitt, and Emily Thoms. Brian Harper is the Agricultural Education instructor and FFA advisor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Foods Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Foods Judging was the Wapello FFA Chapter located in Wapello. Team members include Jeffrey Walker, Brittany Brown, Kelsey Gittings, and Kacie Gish. Irv Meier is the Agricultural Education instructor and FFA advisor.

The champion team received a plaque sponsored by Dairy Farmers of America through the National FFA Foundation. The team will receive travel money to the national event sponsored by Midwest Dairy Association, in Ankeny, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Several organizations sponsored awards through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Well's Dairy Inc., LeMars sponsored rosettes for the top ten teams, members of the top ten teams, and top ten individuals. Wapsie Valley Creamery, Inc., Independence, sponsored trophies for the high team and individuals in the following categories: Written Test, Analysis and Interpretation, Foods/Products/Imitations, Cheese Identification, and Milk Samples. Swiss Valley Farms Co., Davenport, sponsored a plaque for the reserve champion team and plaques for the top 2 individuals.

The career development activity was judged by Dr. Sam Beattie, Professor and Extension Food Scientist at Iowa State University in Ames. The event was hosted by the North Fayette FFA.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 North Fayette FFA, West Union
- 2 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 3 Riceville FFA, Riceville
- 4 Tri-Star FFA
- 5 West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- 6 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 7 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 8 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- 9 Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View
- 10 Starmont FFA, Arlington

Top 10 Individuals

- Amy Schmitt, North Fayette FFA, West Union
- Ted Bechtum, Riceville FFA, Riceville
- Jeffrey Walker, Wapello FFA, Wapello
- Samantha Kanarr, North Fayette FFA, West Union
- Emily Schmitt, North Fayette FFA, West Union
- Alyssa Cooper, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- Jacob Hunter, DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt
- Kyle Keehner, Tri-Star FFA
- Ann Green, Riceville FFA, Riceville
- Michelle Staner, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Written Test

Team: North Fayette FFA, West Union **Individual:** Emily Schmitt, North Fayette FFA, West Union

Analysis and Interpretation

Team: North Fayette FFA, West Union **Individual:** Ted Bechtum, Riceville FFA, Riceville

Real vs Imitation

Team: North Fayette FFA, West Union **Individual:** Amy Schmitt, North Fayette FFA, West Union

Cheese Identification

Team: Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View **Individual:** Ted Bechtum, Riceville FFA, Riceville

Milk Samples

Team: North Fayette FFA, West Union **Individual:** Jeffrey Walker, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (9)

Score Range (274 to 227)

North Fayette FFA, West Union
Wapello FFA, Wapello
Riceville FFA, Riceville
Tri-Star FFA
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (184 to 123)

Decorah FFA, Decorah
Crestwood FFA, Cresco
Rockwell-Sheffield FFA, Rockwell
Jesup FFA, Jesup
Twin Cedars FFA, Bussey
Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Silver Teams (4)

Score Range (209 to 203)

Starmont FFA, Arlington
DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt
Glenwood FFA, Glenwood
Gladbrook-Reinbeck FFA, Reinbeck

Participation Teams (3)

Score Range (117 to 48)

Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
Valley FFA, Elgin
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

The Iowa FFA Association has 228 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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