



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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SIOUX CENTER FFA CHAPTER CLAIMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN AGRICULTURE MECHANICS

The Sioux Center FFA Chapter 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 7, 2007. Members of the first place Sioux Center FFA team included: Paul Kleyer, Dan Gradert, Bradley Den Herder and Jacob Moret. Their Ag Education Instructor is Mr. Brian Oostenink. The Riceville FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jason Koenigs, Zach Byrnes, Geoff Gronwoldt, and Michael Johnson. Their Ag Education Instructor is Mr. Jim Green. 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-seven 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. Sioux Center
2. Riceville
3. West Liberty
4. Inwood
5. Orange City
6. Cascade
7. Osage
8. Guthrie Center
9. Paullina
10. Waukon

Top 10 Individuals Overall:

1. Paul Kleyer, Sioux Center
2. Jason Koenigs, Riceville
3. James Salemink, West Liberty
4. Joseph Klaes, Osage
5. Dan Gradert, Sioux Center
6. Chris Hosch, Cascade
7. David Ceveringaa, Orange City
8. Ross Mogler, Inwood
9. Geoff Gronwoldt, Riceville
10. Matt Cline, Guthrie Center

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Structural Systems...

Team: Sioux Center Individual: Dan Gradert, Sioux Center

Industry and Marketing Systems...

Team: Orange City Individual: Joseph Klaes, Osage

Energy Systems...

Team: Orange City Individual: Paul Kleyer, Sioux Center

Machinery Equip. Systems...

Team: Sioux Center Individual: Paul Kleyer, Sioux Center

Environmental/Natural Resources...

Team: Inwood Individual: Brent Hoogendoorn, Inwood

Written Exam...

Team: Riceville Individual: Jason Koenigs, Riceville

Team Problem Solving...

Team: Riceville

GOLD EMBLEM TEAMS: (570-450.5)

Sioux Center
Riceville
West Liberty
Inwood
Orange City
Cascade
Osage
Guthrie Center
Paullina
Waukon

SILVER EMBLEM TEAMS: (439-387)

Charles City
Alleman
Marengo
Keota
State Center
Lake View
Elgin
Anamosa
East Marshall
Maquoketa
Tama
Rockwell

BRONZE EMBLEM TEAMS: (319.5)

Rock Valley

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

Sioux Central
Wapallo
Manson
Williamsburg

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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