



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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2007 Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event

The Iowa River FFA Chapter from Garner was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 25, 2007. Members of the first place team included: Kyle Grieman, Morgan Grieman, Courtney Jass and Brittany Weaver. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Bob Baumgard. The Earlham FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Logan Slusher, Emily Hansen, Harrison Frey, and Joe Ory. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. LeRoy Corder. Kyle Grieman from the Iowa River FFA Chapter from Garner, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event provides an opportunity for FFA members to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Livestock Evaluation. Activities included: Placing breeding and market classes of Beef, Swine, and Sheep; Grading classes of Beef, Swine, and Sheep; and Oral Reasons classes. There were 146 members participating from 40 chapters.

The Livestock Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Jeff Thane and other faculty and staff with the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University.

Alpharma, Boehringer Ingelheim, and Merial, through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque. United Suppliers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the plaque for the Reserve Champion Team, Champion Individual plaque, and the Reserve Champion Individual plaque. BI Vetmedica, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Team plaques in the following areas: Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Oral Reasons. IVESCO, LLC, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Individual plaques in the following areas: Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Oral Reasons. The Iowa State Fair, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored a Cash Award for Travel to the National FFA Career Development Event for the Champion Team and a Cash Award for National Western Contest Registration for the Reserve Champion Team. The Iowa State Fair also sponsored a Champion Team trophy and ribbons for the 10 high scoring individuals and 10 high scoring teams.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Iowa River FFA, Garner
- 2 Earlham FFA, Earlham
- 3 DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt
- 4 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 5 Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center
- 6 West Lyon FFA
- 7 Wilton FFA, Wilton
- 8 West Marshall FFA, State Center
- 9 Reno Smith FFA, Villisca
- 10 IKM-Manning FFA, Manning

Top 10 Individuals

- Kyle Grieman, Iowa River FFA, Garner
Brittany Weaver, Iowa River FFA, Garner
Matthew Pemberton, Washington FFA, Washington
Kaylee Keppy, Wilton FFA, Wilton
Jon Sweeney, Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Willie Weis, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Stuart McCulloh, DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt
Daniel Hemesath, West Marshall FFA, State Center
Brad McDonald, West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Heather Kitzman, Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Beef Placing and Grading

Team: Iowa River FFA, Garner **Individual:** Matthew Pemberton, Washington FFA, Washington

Swine Placing and Grading

Team: West Lyon FFA **Individual:** Mandy Mills, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Sheep Placing and Grading

Team: Iowa River FFA, Garner **Individual:** Brittany Weaver, Iowa River FFA, Garner

Oral Reasons

Team: Iowa River FFA, Garner **Individual:** Jon Sweeney, Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (1538 to 1392)

Garner
Earlham FFA, Earlham
DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center
West Lyon FFA
Wilton FFA, Wilton
West Marshall FFA, State Center
Reno Smith FFA, Villisca
IKM-Manning FFA, Manning

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (1183 to 1093)

Midland FFA, Wyoming
Central Trail of Leon FFA, Leon
AGWSR FFA, Ackley
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Algona FFA, Algona
East Sac FFA, Lake View

Silver Teams (20)

Score Range (1349 to 1216)

Akron-Westfield FFA, Akron
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Emmetsburg FFA, Emmetsburg
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Nashua-Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Adair-Casey FFA, Adair
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
Keota FFA, Keota
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
Washington FFA, Washington
Red Oak FFA, Red Oak
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center
Riceville FFA, Riceville
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
Aplington-Parkersburg FFA, Parkersburg
Starmont FFA, Arlington

Participation Teams (4)

Score Range (956 to 363)

Creston FFA, Creston
Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
North Fayette FFA, West Union

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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