



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 Meats Career Development Event

The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 25, 2007. Members of the first place team included: Brenden McCleary, Heather Robb, Mitchell Longtin and Matt Donald. Their Ag Education instructors are Mr. David Tometich and Mr. David Fowler. The Southeast Polk FFA Chapter from Pleasant Hill was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kevin Anderson, Vivian Bernau, Jessica Curry and Jason Scholbrock. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Matt Eddy. Brenden McCleary, from the Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 23 chapters including 83 individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Meats Evaluation. Activities included: placing carcass classes of beef, pork, and lamb; placing classes of wholesale and retail meat cuts; quality and yield grading beef carcasses; identifying retail meat cuts, and a problem solving activity.

The Meats Evaluation Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Jonathan Campbell and other faculty and staff with the Meat Science Department at Iowa State University.

Cargill Meat Solutions, Hormel Foods Corporation, Kraft Foods, Inc. - Oscar Mayer Division, and Premium Standard Farms, through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque. Omaha Steaks, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the plaques for the Reserve Champion Team, Champion Individual, the Reserve Champion Individual, Top Individual Problem Solving and the Top Problem Solving Team. Stork Townsend, Inc., Des Moines, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Team plaques in the following areas: Carcass Classes, Retail/Wholesale Cuts, Beef Quality/Yield Grading, and Retail Cut Identification. Webster City Custom Meats, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Individual plaques in the following areas: Carcass Classes, Retail/Wholesale Cuts, Beef Quality/Yield Grading, and Retail Cut Identification. 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 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 2 Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
- 3 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 4 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 5 Earlham FFA, Earlham
- 6 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- 7 Tri-Star FFA
- 8 Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 9 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 10 South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Top 10 Individuals

- Brenden McCleary, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Annie Arnold, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Mitchell Longtin, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Jason Scholbrock, Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Caleb Opperman, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Vivian Bernau, Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Jessica Curry, Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Jacob Moellers, Starmont FFA, Arlington
Morgan Mahoney, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Matt Donald, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Individual: Trevor Hunt, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: North Fayette FFA, West Union

Individual: Mary Sandhagen, North Fayette FFA, West Union

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Individual: Kyle Turnis, Cascade FFA, Cascade

Retail Cut Identification

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Individual: Mitchell Longtin, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Problem Solving Activity

Team: Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill

Individual: Brenden McCleary, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (7)

Score Range (1533 to 1390)

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Wapello FFA, Wapello
Earlham FFA, Earlham
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
Tri-Star FFA

Bronze Teams (5)

Score Range (1098 to 955)

Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr
New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
Westwood FFA, Sloan
Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
Creston FFA, Creston

Silver Teams (10)

Score Range (1375 to 1125)

Starmont FFA, Arlington
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
Cascade FFA, Cascade
North Fayette FFA, West Union
East Sac FFA, Lake View
Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Belle Plaine FFA, Belle Plaine
Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Participation Teams (1)

Score Range (799 to 799)

Manning FFA, Manning

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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