



## **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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### **WAPELLO FFA CHAPTER CLAIMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN NURSERY/LANDSCAPE EVENT**

The Wapello FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event held at Des Moines Area Community College on the Ankeny Campus on Thursday, June 15, 2006. Members of the first place Wapello FFA team included: Annie Arnold, Bailey Yotter, John Hinkle, and Paul Hinkle. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Irv Meier. The Muscatine FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Taylor Hendrix, Max Peterson, Lane Mathis, and Bart Howard. Their Ag Education instructors are Mr. Dave Tometich and Mr. Dave Fowler.

Bart Howard, from the Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams including fifty-two individuals from fifteen 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 Nursery/Landscape. The event consisted of a general knowledge exam, landscape drawing, problem solving, plant identification, plant judging, plant disorder identification, and situation assessment and solution. The Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Neil VanVeen and Tim Doud and staff with the Agriculture Department at Des Moines Area Community College.

Arysta LifeScience North America, FMC Corporation, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and STIHL, Inc., through the National FFA Foundation sponsored the Champion Team plaque. The Wapello FFA Chapter, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the plaque for the Reserve Champion Team, Champion and Reserve Champion Individual plaques, rosettes for the Top Ten teams and individuals, the Top Team and Individual plaques in the following specialty areas: General Knowledge Exam, Landscape Drawing, Problem Solving, Identification, Judging, Plant Disorders, and Assessment and Solution.

#### **Top 10 Teams**

- 1 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 2 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 3 Linn-Mar FFA, Marion
- 4 Denison FFA, Denison
- 5 Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton
- 6 Cascade FFA, Cascade
- 7 Boone A & M FFA, Boone
- 8 Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View
- 9 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 10 Rockford FFA, Rockford

#### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Bart Howard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
John Hinkle, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Paul Hinkle, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Annie Arnold, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Spencer Jordan, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion  
Taylor Hendrix, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Bailey Yotter, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Alec Munier, Linn-Mar FFA, Marion  
Max Peterson, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Daniel Baker, Boone A & M FFA, Boone

**Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:  
General Knowledge Examination...**

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Individual: Daniel Baker, Boone A & M FFA, Boone

**Landscape Drawing...**

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Individual: Paul Hinkle, Wapello FFA, Wapello

**Problem Solving...**

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Individual: Bart Howard, Muscatine FFA Muscatine

**Identification of Plant Material...**

Team: Wapello FFA, Wapello

Individual: Bart Howard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

**Plant Selection...**

Team: Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Individual: Jake Heck, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

**Plant Disorder...**

Team: Wapello FFA, Wapello

Individual: John Hinkle, Wapello FFA, Wapello

**Assessment and Solution...**

Team: Wapello FFA, Wapello

Individual: Paul Hinkle, Wapello FFA, Wapello

**Gold Teams**

Score Range (1658 to 1466)

Wapello  
Muscatine  
Marion  
Denison

**Silver Teams**

Score Range (1403 to 1217)

Mapleton  
Cascade  
Boone  
Lake View  
Maquoketa

**Bronze Teams**

Score Range (1147 to 986)

Rockford  
Rockwell City  
Graettinger

**Participation Teams**

Score Range (795 to 310)

Anamosa  
Fort Madison  
Story City

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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