



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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Little Switzerland FFA Chapter Wins 2005 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event

The 2005 Iowa FFA Dairy Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in West Union on Saturday, September 17, 2005. Nineteen teams and sixty-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 Little Switzerland FFA located in Waukon was named the Iowa Champion FFA Dairy Team. Team members included: Hannah Gesing, Jennifer Erb, Kate Kious, and Kati Nolting. Nate Gebel is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. The champion team will compete in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event during the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky this October. The champion team received a plaque sponsored through the National FFA Foundation by Associated Milk Producers Inc., of Arlington, IA, and WestfaliaSurge, Inc. The team will receive travel money to the national event sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Arlington, IA, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The Reserve Champion Team in Dairy Judging was the Benton Community FFA Chapter located in Van Horne. Team members include: Andy Voelker, Stone Stallman, Blake Schulte, and Brandon Johnson. Holly Kasperbauer is the Agriculture Education instructor and FFA advisor. They received a plaque sponsored by Stardell Farms Inc. of Fredericksburg, IA, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Jessica Tekippe from Manchester was the Champion Individual. Blake Schulte from Van Horne was the Reserve Champion Individual. They received plaques sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Arlington, IA, through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Several organizations sponsored awards through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Midwest Dairy Association sponsored rosettes for the top ten teams, members of the top ten teams, and top ten individuals. Lang's Dairy Equipment/Bou-Matic sponsored plaques for the high team and individuals in the following categories: Dairy Cattle Classes, Oral Reasons, Production Management Test, and Pedigree Evaluation (team only).

Judges for the event, both placement and linear, are Doug Brown from Colesburg, IA, Norm Voelker of Ryan, IA, and Jim Hammerand of Epworth, IA. Dean Weber of Rockwell, IA prepared the testing materials.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 2 Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- 3 North Fayette FFA, West Union
- 4 West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- 5 Decorah FFA, Decorah
- 6 Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
- 7 Postville FFA, Postville
- 8 Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 9 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- 10 Cascade FFA, Cascade

Top 10 Individuals

- Jessica Tekippe, West Delaware FFA, Manchester
Blake Schulte, Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
Hannah Gesing, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Kate Kious, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Jennifer Erb, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
Darren Kraus, Postville FFA, Postville
Anna Troester, Tri-Star FFA
Katie Steinlage, North Fayette FFA, West Union
Erin Hanson, Decorah FFA, Decorah
Jacob Krieg, Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Dairy Cow and Heifer Placing Classes

Team: Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Individual: Jessica Tekippe, West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Pedigree Evaluation

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Individual: Jessica Tekippe, West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Oral Reasons

Team: Decorah FFA, Decorah **Individual:** Jessica Tekippe, West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Dairy Production and Management Test

Team: Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Individual: Kate Kious, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Linear Evaluation

Team: Postville FFA, Postville

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (8)

Score Range (1513 to 1291)

- Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- Benton Community FFA, Van Horne
- North Fayette FFA, West Union
- West Delaware FFA, Manchester
- Decorah FFA, Decorah
- Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
- Postville FFA, Postville
- Starmont FFA, Arlington

Silver Teams (7)

Score Range (1273.5 to 1112)

- Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
- Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View
- Tri-Star FFA
- Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
- Riceville FFA, Riceville
- Akron-Westfield FFA, Akron

Bronze Teams (1)

Score Range (963 to 963)

- Fort Madison FFA, Fort Madison

Participation Teams (3)

Score Range (725 to 359.5)

- Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank
- Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
- Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

The following FFA Members served as show persons during the event and were ranked as follows:

Gold Awards (7)

- Daniel Martin, Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Ryan Gravel, Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Colin McDonnell, Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Matt Klein, Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Logan Hoefler, Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Nate Connolly, Anamosa FFA, Anamosa
- Heather Frondle, Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Silver Awards (4)

- Jessica McWilliams, Anamosa FFA, Anamosa
- Andrea Thomas, Anamosa FFA, Anamosa
- Chris Powers, Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Tyler Mausser, Cascade FFA, Cascade

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