



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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2004 Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event

The Mid-Prairie FFA Chapter from Wellman was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 28, 2004. Members of the first place team included: Jeff Bulechek, Danny Gent, Lindsey Schrock, Renee Schrock. Their Ag Education instructor is Elsa Schmidt. The North Linn FFA Chapter from Troy Mills was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Mark Betenbender, Andy Isaacson, Lauren Robinson and Joe Sperfslage. Their Ag Education instructor is Tom Murray. Renee Schrock, from the Mid-Prairie FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 40 chapters including 144 individuals 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 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.

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

Akey, Inc., Alharma, Merial, LTD, and Performance Awards Center., 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. Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored the Top Team plaques in the following areas: Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Oral Reasons. Iowa Veterinary Supply, 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 Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
- 2 North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
- 3 Earlham FFA, Earlham
- 4 Manning FFA, Manning
- 5 Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
- 6 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 7 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 8 Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 9 Red Oak FFA, Red Oak
- 10 Boone A&M FFA, Boone

Top 10 Individuals

- Renee Schrock, Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
- Andy Isaacson, North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
- Cole Burrack, Starmont FFA, Arlington
- Jake Gillespie, Reno Smith FFA, Villisca
- Jeff Dewitt, Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
- Joe Burmeister, LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
- Katie Rohe, Manning FFA, Manning
- Jacob Slusher, Earlham FFA, Earlham
- Joseph Sperfslage, North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
- Krista Sporrer, Manning FFA, Manning

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Beef Placing and Grading

Team: Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa **Individual:** Brandt Wilms, Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Swine Placing and Grading

Team: Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville **Individual:** Cody Moreland, Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

Sheep Placing and Grading

Team: North Linn FFA, Troy Mills **Individual:** Mark Betenbender, North Linn FFA, Troy Mills

Oral Reasons

Team: Muscatine FFA, Muscatine **Individual:** Travis Fuller, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (1479 to 1397)

Wellman

North Linn FFA, Troy Mills

Earlham FFA, Earlham

Manning FFA, Manning

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

Monticello FFA, Monticello

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Starmont FFA, Arlington

Red Oak FFA, Red Oak

Boone A&M FFA, Boone

Benton Community FFA, Van Horne

Bronze Teams (9)

Score Range (1297 to 1066)

Rockford FFA, Rockford

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View

Linn-Mar FFA, Marion

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Creston FFA, Creston

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Silver Teams (18)

Score Range (1380 to 1310)

Reno Smith FFA, Villisca

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

Albia FFA, Albia

Southeast Polk FFA, Runnells

Maple Valley FFA, Mapleton

Algona FFA, Algona

West Lyon FFA

St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Hampton Tall Corn FFA, Hampton

Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Adair-Casey FFA, Adair

North Fayette FFA, West Union

Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Charter Oak-Ute FFA, Charter Oak

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Participation Teams (2)

Score Range (852 to 385)

Olin FFA, Olin

Van Buren FFA, Keosauqua

The Iowa FFA Association has 236 local chapters with nearly 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 455,000 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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