



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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2005 Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event

The Starmont FFA Chapter from Arlington was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 27, 2005. Members of the first place team included: Tracy Yelden, Stacy Sullivan, Brittany Keppler and Lori Johanns. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Dennis Miller. The Muscatine FFA Chapter from Muscatine was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Luke Goddard, Jason Pardie, Jake McCleary and Bart Howard. Their Ag Education instructors are Mr. David Tometich and Mr. David Fowler. Tracy Yelden, from the Starmont FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 28 chapters including 102 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 Brian Lindley and other faculty and staff with the Meat Science Department at Iowa State University.

Cargill Meat Solutions, Hormel Foods Corporation/Jennie-O Turkey Store, Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation, Premium Standard Farms and Tyson Foods, Inc, 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. Townsend Engineering Company, 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 Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 2 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 3 South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- 4 Denison FFA, Denison
- 5 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 6 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 7 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- 8 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 9 Tri-Star FFA
- 10 Riceville FFA Riceville

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Tracy Yelden, Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 2 Luke Goddard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 3 Charles Corcoran, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- 4 Brittany Keppler, Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 5 Nicholas Riessen, Denison FFA, Denison
- 6 Stacy Sullivan, Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 7 Cody Vogt, Denison FFA, Denison
- 8 Jake McCleary, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 9 Shayla Troendle, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 10 Bart Howard Muscatine FFA Muscatine

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Placing Carcass Classes

Team: Tri-Star FFA **Individual:** Shayla Troendle, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Team: Starmont FFA, Arlington **Individual:** Charles Corcoran, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Beef Quality and Yield Grading

Team: Starmont FFA, Arlington **Individual:** Charles Corcoran, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Retail Cut Identification

Team: South O'Brien FFA, Paullina **Individual:** Luke Goddard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

Problem Solving Activity

Team: Starmont FFA, Arlington **Individual:** Tracy Yelden, Starmont FFA, Arlington

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (9)

Score Range (1579 to 1381)

- Starmont FFA, Arlington
- Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- Denison FFA, Denison
- Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
- Wapello FFA, Wapello
- Tri-Star FFA

Bronze Teams (6)

Score Range (1080 to 849)

- Van Buren FFA, Keosauqua
- Anamosa FFA, Anamosa
- Belle Plaine FFA, Belle Plaine
- New Hampton FFA, New Hampton
- Algona FFA, Algona
- Creston FFA, Creston

Silver Teams (12)

Score Range (1358 to 1133)

- Riceville FFA, Riceville
- Earlham FFA, Earlham
- Cascade FFA, Cascade
- Maquoketa Valley FFA, Delhi
- Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View
- Nashua-Plainfield FFA, Nashua
- North Fayette FFA, West Union
- Southeast Polk FFA, Runnells
- Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
- Rockwell City-Lytton FFA, Rockwell City
- St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- Laurens-Marathon Tall Corn FFA, Laurens

Participation Teams (1)

Score Range (370 to 370)

- Hubbard-Radcliffe, Hubbard

The Iowa FFA Association has 232 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 488,000 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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