



## **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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### **2006 Iowa FFA Meats Career Development Event**

The Little Switzerland FFA Chapter from Waukon was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Meats Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on August 26, 2006. Members of the first place team included: Hannah Gesing, Seth Troendle, Brittany Heim and Rachel Myers. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Nate Gebel. The Wapello FFA Chapter from Wapello was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Brad Kerr, Derek Peterson, Abby Webb and Britney Yotter. Their Ag Education instructors are Mr. Irv Meier. Rachel Myers, from the Little Switzerland FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams from 23 chapters including 85 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 Roxanne Knock 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. 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 Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon
- 2 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 3 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 4 South O'Brien FFA, Paullina
- 5 Tri-Star FFA
- 6 Riceville FFA, Riceville
- 7 Southeast Polk FFA, Runnells
- 8 Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa
- 9 Starmont FFA, Arlington
- 10 West Delaware FFA, Manchester

### **Top 10 Individuals**

- Rachel Myers, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Derrick Peterson, Wapello FFA, Wapello  
Seth Troendle, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Jake McCleary, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Cheryl Smith, Tri-Star FFA  
Hannah Gesing, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon  
Bart Howard, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine  
Tandi Pauling, South O'Brien FFA, Paullina  
Ted Bechtum, Riceville FFA, Riceville  
Brad Kerr, Wapello FFA, Wapello

## Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

### **Placing Carcass Classes**

**Team:** Tri-Star FFA                      **Individual:** Travis Garlow, Tri-Star FFA

### **Placing Wholesale and Retail Cuts**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine                      **Individual:** Seth Troendle, Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

### **Beef Quality and Yield Grading**

**Team:** Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon                      **Individual:** Samantha Kanarr, North Fayette FFA, West Union

### **Retail Cut Identification**

**Team:** Muscatine FFA, Muscatine                      **Individual:** Jake McCleary, Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

### **Problem Solving Activity**

**Team:** Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon    **Individual:** Derrick Peterson, Wapello FFA, Wapello

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

#### **Gold Teams (9)**

Score Range (1621 to 1451)

Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

Wapello FFA, Wapello

Muscatine FFA, Muscatine

South O'Brien FFA, Paullina

Tri-Star FFA

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Southeast Polk FFA, Runnells

Maquoketa FFA, Maquoketa

Starmont FFA, Arlington

#### **Bronze Teams (6)**

Score Range (1137 to 973)

Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

Sioux Center FFA, Sioux Center

Anamosa FFA, Anamosa

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Manson-Northwest Webster FFA, Manson

Creston FFA, Creston

#### **Silver Teams (6)**

Score Range (1399 to 1266)

West Delaware FFA, Manchester

Cascade FFA, Cascade

Wall Lake View Auburn FFA, Lake View

Glenwood FFA, Glenwood

Belle Plaine FFA, Belle Plaine

North Fayette FFA, West Union

#### **Participation Teams (2)**

Score Range (713 to 397)

Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center

Newton FFA, Newton

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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