



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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DENISON FFA CHAPTER CLAIMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOIL JUDGING EVENT

The Denison FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soil Judging Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on Tuesday, June 14, 2005. Members of the first place Denison FFA team included: Denise Boettger, Zach Kloewer, Josh Lanholdt, and Jamie Reetz. Their Ag Education instructor is Mr. Randall Koolman. The Southeast Polk FFA Chapter from Runnells was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Jack Geelan, Sara Schany, Jared Schmidt, and Scott Smith. Their Ag Education instructor is Jerry Strand. Josh Lanholdt, from the Denison FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. FFA teams including 104 individuals from twenty six 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 soils. Activities included judging of four soil pits, plus a written test on soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification, and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Suitability of Soils for Nonagricultural uses. The top five teams qualify to represent Iowa in the 56th National Land and Range Judging Contest in May 2006 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Iowa Corn Promotion board, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored plaques for the Champion team, Reserve Champion team, Champion Individual, Reserve Champion Individual, Top soil Pit Team and Individual, the Top Written Test Team and Individual. The Iowa Corn promotion Board also sponsored rosettes for the Top 10 teams, members of the Top 10 teams, Top 10 Individuals, the digging of the soil pits, scoring coordinator's expenses, and answer sheets. The Professional Soil Classifiers of Iowa, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored travel money for the Top 5 teams to participate in the National Land and Range Judging Contest.

The 2005 Iowa Soil Judging Career Development Event was coordinated by Dr. Jerry Miller, Iowa State university Professor of Agronomy and Mr. Virgil Schmitt, ISU Extension Field Specialist.

Top 10 Teams Overall:

1. Denison
2. Emmetsburg
3. South O'Brien
4. Orient
5. Montezuma
6. Earlham
7. Bloomfield
8. Baxter
9. Graettinger
10. Wapello

Top 10 Individuals Overall:

1. Josh Lanholdt, Denison
2. Zach Kloewer, Denison
3. Denise Boettger, Denison
4. Harrison Frey, Earlham
5. Jack Geelan, Emmetsburg
6. PJ Mahaffey, Montezuma
7. Jared Schmidt, Emmetsburg
8. Tony Sikora, Paullina
9. Matt Mensings, Orient
10. Charles Corcoran, Paullina

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Soil Pits

Team: Denison

Individual: Josh Lanholdt, Denison

Written Test

Team: Denison

Individual: Denise Boettger, Denison

GOLD EMBLEM TEAMS: 10 Chapters

Montezuma
Earlham
Orient
Paullina
Davis County
Baxter
Emmetsburg
Denison
Graettinger
Wapello

SILVER EMBLEM TEAMS: 10 Chapters

Goose Lake
Inwood
Williamsburg
Knoxville
Lake View
Riceville
Pella
Waukon
Gowrie
Adair

BRONZE EMBLEM TEAMS: 6 Chapters

Algona
Iowa Falls
Charter Oak
Harlan
Rockwell
New Hampton

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 486,000 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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