



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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2008 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

80th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event was held at Hilton Coliseum, Ames, on Monday, April 14, 2008. Eleven chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event.

The first place chapter for the event was the Columbus FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructor is Ms. Katie Lewis. The second place chapter for the event was the North Linn FFA Chapter at Troy Mills. Their agriculture education instructor is Mr. Tom Murray.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored this year's event.

The Iowa FFA Association has 230 local chapters with over 12,000 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science,

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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.

Listed below are the results for the Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Event.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Bret Carlson, Austin Conaway, Brandon Harris, Jordan Lyon, Elyssa McFarland, and Javier Rendon	Columbus Junction	Gold
2	Griffin Humphreys, Brian McEvoy, Kimberly Moorman, Jennie Siddell, Matt Supple, and Melissa Prier	Troy Mills	Gold
3	William Farrell, Nick McClimon, Brady McNeil, Anna Mangan, Karen Whitman, and Chelsea Grant	DeWitt	Gold
	Britney Bengford, Deidre Gaul, Dan Riley, Tyler Klein, Calvin Schwery, and Sean Sorensen	Harlan	Silver
	Kate Hansen, Holly Johnson, Alecia Kruse, Morgan Mccarty, Jordyn Noll, and Abigail Roghair	Everly	Silver
	Trever Birchmier, Amanda Coughenour, Jackie Coughenour, Ryan Plunkett, Jamie Hudson, and Kate Huntrods	Maxwell	Silver
	Andrew Davis, Makayla Frisbie, Keaton Lundquist, Ashley West, Andrew Pool, and Amy Waddingham	Orient	Silver
	David Hermstad, Chris Sievers, Lindsay Kestner, Cody Archer, and Ross Woodford	Sioux Rapids	Silver
	David Knight, Phillip Griffieon, Wes Rockwood, Austin Hodges, Chelsey Durby, and Liz Dirx	Alleman	Bronze
	Alex Montagne, Samantha Boge, Derek Koebrick, Holly Dight, Jacie Garden, and Lanie Klinkel	Charles City	Bronze
	Mackynzi Brandt, Alyssa Meyer, Austin Niewoehner, Nathan O'Neill, Nicole Wurzer, and Jacob Reynolds	Sumner	Bronze

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