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The National FFA Organization National Event Winners-- Dairy Cattle Evaluation 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana-- Winners of the National FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) were announced Friday at the annual awards luncheon. The event was held in conjunction with the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. James Ertl of Minnesota served as superintendent of the event.

The top three individuals and the national winning team members received scholarships to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice. The scholarships and the dairy cattle evaluation event are sponsored by the National FFA Foundation.

The team from Prairie Central HS-FFA in Fairbury, Illinois placed first in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event at the 82nd National FFA Convention. The team members were Trent Kilgus, Samantha Ropp, Lyle Schaffer and Micah Zehr and were coached by Darren Ropp. The Illinois team placed first in competition against 42 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Illinois	Trent Kilgus, Samantha Ropp, Lyle Schaffer, and Micah Zehr, all of Prairie Central HS-FFA
2nd Place--California	Sam Cheda, Mandy Brazil, Kelli Carstensen, and Ralph Cunningham, all of Petaluma HS FFA
3rd Place--Minnesota	Angela Sellner, Laura Rosenhammer, Christopher Seifert, and Shawn Suess, all of Sleepy Eye HS-FFA
4th Place--Pennsylvania	Jennifer Aument, Carolyn Lawrence,

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	Matthew Aument, and Brad Gerhart, all of Solanco HS FFA
5th Place--Maryland	Carissa Doody, Cathleen Doody, Hannah Hood, and Morgan Meisenheimer, all of Linganore HS
6th Place--New Mexico	Fallon Scanlan, Erin Scanlan, Garrett Foote, and Morgan Pinnell, all of Texico HS-FFA
7th Place--Wisconsin	Jacob Agnew, Tanner Bradley, Seth Elsner, and Nolan Wilharm, all of Fort Atkinson HS FFA
8th Place--North Dakota	Kenny Bahm, Michael Bahm, Brandi Boehm, and Jake Keller, all of Mandan High School - FFA
9th Place--Iowa	Patricia Melcher, Amanda Meder, Morgan Miller, and Lars Sivesind, all of Waukon HS
10th Place--Nebraska	Cory Peters, Devin Heusinkvelt, Ian Schuster, and Grant Schrick, all of Norris

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Trent Kilgus of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL
- 2nd Place-- Samantha Ropp of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL
- 3rd Place-- Laura Rosenhammer of Sleepy Eye HS-FFA, MN
- 4th Place-- Carissa Doody of Linganore HS, MD
- 5th Place-- Mandy Brazil of Petaluma HS FFA, CA
- 6th Place-- Jennifer Aument of Solanco HS FFA, PA
- 7th Place-- Angela Sellner of Sleepy Eye HS-FFA, MN
- 8th Place-- Sam Cheda of Petaluma HS FFA, CA
- 9th Place-- Kelli Carstensen of Petaluma HS FFA, CA
- 10th Place-- April Moon of Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Petaluma HS FFA, CA

Norris, NE

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Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT
Franklin Co HS FFA, GA
Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL
Waukon HS, IA
Linganore HS, MD
Sleepy Eye HS-FFA, MN

Texico HS-FFA, NM
Mandan High School - FFA, ND
Tillamook HS FFA, OR
Solanco HS FFA, PA
Jefferson HS FFA, WV
Fort Atkinson HS FFA, WI

Silver Emblem Teams

Buckeye Union HS FFA, AZ
Trenton Sr FFA, FL
Meridian HS-FFA, ID
Rushville HS FFA, IN
Hillsboro HS-FFA, KS
Cumberland Co HS-FFA, KY
Buffalo HS-FFA, MO
Alvirne HS FFA, NH
Argyle Central HS-FFA, NY

Norwayne HS FFA, OH
Oklahoma Union FFA, OK
Exeter West Greenwich HS FFA, RI
Deubrook HS FFA, SD
Mart HS FFA, TX
Wayne HS FFA, UT
Spotswood Sr HS FFA, VA
Elma HS FFA, WA

Bronze Emblem Teams

Arab HS FFA, AL
Gurdon HS FFA, AR
Wiggins HS FFA, CO
Caesar Rodney HS FFA, DE
Springfield HS FFA, LA
Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA

Fremont HS FFA, MI
Newton Co Vo Tech Center FFA, MS
Warren Hills Reg, HS- FFA, NJ
Wake Forest-Rolesville, NC
Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Jefferson Co HS FFA, TN

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Mandy Brazil of Petaluma HS FFA, CA

William Maske of Newton Co Vo Tech Center
FFA, MS

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Kelli Carstensen of Petaluma HS FFA, CA	Cory Peters of Norris, NE
Sam Cheda of Petaluma HS FFA, CA	Grant Schrick of Norris, NE
Ralph Cunningham of Petaluma HS FFA, CA	Ian Schuster of Norris, NE
Alex Steinbach of Wiggins HS FFA, CO	Garrett Foote of Texico HS-FFA, NM
April Moon of Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT	Morgan Pinnell of Texico HS-FFA, NM
Matthew Langford of Trenton Sr FFA, FL	Fallon Scanlan of Texico HS-FFA, NM
Taylor Langford of Trenton Sr FFA, FL	Ronald Springer of Argyle Central HS-FFA, NY
LeAnna Bond of Franklin Co HS FFA, GA	Kenny Bahm of Mandan High School - FFA, ND
Justin Cochran of Franklin Co HS FFA, GA	Michael Bahm of Mandan High School - FFA, ND
Jason Neal of Franklin Co HS FFA, GA	Brandi Boehm of Mandan High School - FFA, ND
Shawn Gayner of Meridian HS-FFA, ID	Ryan Billman of Norwayne HS FFA, OH
Trent Kilgus of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL	Mariah Fjarlie of Tillamook HS FFA, OR
Samantha Ropp of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL	Kristen Kaste of Tillamook HS FFA, OR
Lyle Schaffer of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL	Jennifer Aument of Solanco HS FFA, PA
Micah Zehr of Prairie Central HS-FFA, IL	Matthew Aument of Solanco HS FFA, PA
Eric Wagner of Rushville HS FFA, IN	Carolyn Lawrence of Solanco HS FFA, PA
Doug Wicker of Rushville HS FFA, IN	Jessica Hoppe of Exeter West Greenwich HS FFA, RI
Amanda Meder of Waukon HS, IA	Shelby Lunden of Deubrook HS FFA, SD
Patricia Melcher of Waukon HS, IA	Jason Larsen of Wayne HS FFA, UT
Morgan Miller of Waukon HS, IA	Megan Berry of Spotswood Sr HS FFA, VA
Darren Mueller of Hillsboro HS-FFA, KS	Esther Smith of Spotswood Sr HS FFA, VA
Keaton Williams of Cumberland Co HS-FFA, KY	Mackenzie Cox of Elma HS FFA, WA
Carissa Doody of Linganore HS, MD	Preston Berkeley of Jefferson HS FFA, WV
Cathleen Doody of Linganore HS, MD	Morgan Henderson of Jefferson HS FFA, WV
Morgan Meisenheimer of Linganore HS, MD	Tanner Bradley of Fort Atkinson HS FFA, WI
Laura Rosenhammer of Sleepy Eye HS-FFA, MN	Seth Elsner of Fort Atkinson HS FFA, WI
Christopher Seifert of Sleepy Eye HS-FFA, MN	Nolan Wilharm of Fort Atkinson HS FFA, WI

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Angela Sellner of Sleepy Eye HS-FFA, MN

Silver Emblem Individuals

Tim Hendrix of Arab HS FFA, AL

Anthony Liddle of Argyle Central HS-FFA, NY

Seth de la Pena of Buckeye Union HS FFA, AZ

Brock Liddle of Argyle Central HS-FFA, NY

Sarah Edwards of Buckeye Union HS FFA, AZ

Brandon Trinkle of Argyle Central HS-FFA, NY

Wolfgang Langendorf of Buckeye Union HS FFA, AZ

Mollie Daniel of Wake Forest-Rolesville, NC

Haley Harris of Gurdon HS FFA, AR

Kevin Oliver of Wake Forest-Rolesville, NC

Chance Robinson of Wiggins HS FFA, CO

Jake Keller of Mandan High School - FFA, ND

Brett Caisse of Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT

Lydia Hartzler of Norwayne HS FFA, OH

Kelly Pestey of Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT

Nicole Steiner of Norwayne HS FFA, OH

Max Wolf of Lyman Memorial HS Lebanon Reg, CT

Julia Zollinger of Norwayne HS FFA, OH

Cailynn Fedorkowicz of Caesar Rodney HS FFA, DE

Rebecca Gagan of Oklahoma Union FFA, OK

Julie Harrison of Trenton Sr FFA, FL

Dylan Hammons of Oklahoma Union FFA, OK

Sara Duncan of Franklin Co HS FFA, GA

Rumor Weil of Oklahoma Union FFA, OK

Jacob Jackson of Meridian HS-FFA, ID

Kendra Downing of Tillamook HS FFA, OR

Emily Johnson of Meridian HS-FFA, ID

Ashlynn Leuthold of Tillamook HS FFA, OR

Justin Ruhl of Meridian HS-FFA, ID

Brad Gerhart of Solanco HS FFA, PA

Laura Hoeing of Rushville HS FFA, IN

Alex LaPrise of Exeter West Greenwich HS FFA, RI

Kaylee Marlatt of Rushville HS FFA, IN

Bethany Wright of Exeter West Greenwich HS FFA, RI

Aaron Klassen of Hillsboro HS-FFA, KS

Kristy Durham of Abbeville HS FFA, SC

Andy Klassen of Hillsboro HS-FFA, KS

Jacob Englin of Deubrook HS FFA, SD

Emily Glidewell of Cumberland Co HS-FFA, KY

Brandon Johnson of Deubrook HS FFA, SD

Aaron Graves of Cumberland Co HS-FFA, KY	E.G. Manley of Jefferson Co HS FFA, TN
Luke King of Cumberland Co HS-FFA, KY	Kaitlyn Maples of Jefferson Co HS FFA, TN
Eleanor Kamrath of Springfield HS FFA, LA	Jacque Vaughn of Jefferson Co HS FFA, TN
Whitney Paille of Springfield HS FFA, LA	Preston Baize of Mart HS FFA, TX
Virginia Stevenson of Springfield HS FFA, LA	Sarah Curry of Mart HS FFA, TX
Hannah Hood of Linganore HS, MD	Derrick Dieterich of Mart HS FFA, TX
Catherine Robinson of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA	Brady Kaufmann of Mart HS FFA, TX
Caitlin Pell of Fremont HS FFA, MI	Nelson Cook of Wayne HS FFA, UT
Shawn Suess of Sleepy Eye HS-FFA, MN	Kamrynn Stringham of Wayne HS FFA, UT
Brandi Palmer of Newton Co Vo Tech Center FFA, MS	Zack Taylor of Wayne HS FFA, UT
Nathan Brown of Buffalo HS-FFA, MO	Samantha Campbell of Spotswood Sr HS FFA, VA
Katie Gronniger of Buffalo HS-FFA, MO	Phillip Wood of Spotswood Sr HS FFA, VA
Brandon Jackson of Buffalo HS-FFA, MO	Kristin Daniels of Elma HS FFA, WA
Devin Heusinkvelt of Norris, NE	Vanessa Rutherford of Elma HS FFA, WA
Kate Ciarletta of Alvirne HS FFA, NH	Johanna Swalander of Elma HS FFA, WA
Diane Wells of Alvirne HS FFA, NH	Kelsey Fry of Jefferson HS FFA, WV
Molly Wilson of Alvirne HS FFA, NH	Katharine Wolf of Jefferson HS FFA, WV
Jenny Allen of Warren Hills Reg, HS- FFA, NJ	Jacob Agnew of Fort Atkinson HS FFA, WI
Stephanie Tarlowe of Warren Hills Reg, HS- FFA, NJ	

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Blake Helton of Arab HS FFA, AL	Lauren Rizzitano of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA
Colton Helton of Arab HS FFA, AL	Calvin Crowley of Fremont HS FFA, MI
Jacob Rodenberry of Arab HS FFA, AL	Joe Kotecki of Fremont HS FFA, MI
Kori King of Buckeye Union HS FFA, AZ	Ryan Silvernail of Fremont HS FFA, MI
Wes Boulden of Gurdon HS FFA, AR	Colby Little of Newton Co Vo Tech Center FFA, MS

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Kayla Sanford of Gurdon HS FFA, AR	William Spencer of Newton Co Vo Tech Center FFA, MS
Cody Robinson of Wiggins HS FFA, CO	Kathleen Clancy of Alvirne HS FFA, NH
Brianna Fedorkowicz of Caesar Rodney HS FFA, DE	Lindsey Nordstrom of Warren Hills Reg, HS-FFA, NJ
Megan McCarthy of Caesar Rodney HS FFA, DE	Erin Scanlan of Texico HS-FFA, NM
Caitlin Prince of Caesar Rodney HS FFA, DE	Tyler Hill of Wake Forest-Rolesville, NC
Casey Jury of Trenton Sr FFA, FL	Helen Gagan of Oklahoma Union FFA, OK
Lars Sivesind of Waukon HS, IA	Ronnie Cann of Abbeville HS FFA, SC
John Hein of Hillsboro HS-FFA, KS	Devan Herron of Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Jennifer Sanchez of Springfield HS FFA, LA	Kaitlin Smith of Abbeville HS FFA, SC
Kaitlyn Benjamin of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA	Joshua Lunden of Deubrook HS FFA, SD
Tanya Poulos of Norfolk Co Ag Sch FFA, MA	Andrew Barding of Jefferson Co HS FFA, TN

The National FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and manage quality dairy cattle. Event components include six classes of dairy cattle, linear classification of five Holstein cows, a sire selection and dairy management exercise and placing of four dairy animal pedigrees. Each team competed at local and state levels to earn the privilege of representing their home state at the national FFA convention.

The event, held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members demonstrate their ability to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members - all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture - as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career

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success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U. S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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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