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The National FFA Organization National Event Winners-- Poultry Evaluation 2009

Indianapolis, Indiana-- Winners of the National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) were announced on Friday at the annual awards banquet. The event was held in conjunction with the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Jason Emmert of Illinois served as superintendent of this year's 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 poultry evaluation event are sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. of Springdale, Arkansas; the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association of Tucker, Georgia and the National FFA Foundation.

The team from Bret Harte HS FFA in Altaville, California placed first in the National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event at the 82nd National FFA Convention. The team members were Clay Kruse, Amie French, Trevor Airola and Breanna Roque and were coached by Roy Beck. The California team placed first in competition against 37 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--California

Clay Kruse, Amie French, Trevor Airola,
and Breanna Roque, all of Bret Harte HS
FFA

2nd Place--Texas

Kelsey Doege, Jake Pieniazek, Kyle
Thomas, and Chase Vasbinder, all of East
Central FFA

3rd Place--Arkansas

Ryan Napier, Cassy Ramsey, Ellie
Morales, and Amanda Cox, all of Lincoln
HS FFA

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4th Place--Missouri	Matt Jeffers, Sarah Ray, Heidi Davis, and Nathan Mooneyham, all of Paris FFA
5th Place--Wyoming	Kaitlynn Glover, Asher Markworth, Danielle Mason, and Kaycee Vollmar, all of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA
6th Place--New Mexico	Shay Anderson, Kayley Pelfrey, Rustin Harris, and Mitchell Harrison, all of Texico HS-FFA
7th Place--Kansas	Megan Boone, Tyler Tesar, and Eric Noel, all of Prairie View HS-FFA
8th Place--Ohio	Mariah Gibbons, Michelle Funk, Michael Schuck, and Tecca Zimmerman, all of Hillsdale HS FFA
9th Place--North Carolina	Brandy Cleveland, Angela Harvell, Samantha Talley, and Kayla Cascio, all of West Stanly HS FFA
10th Place--Indiana	Jessica Piotter, Dara Nash, Ethan Manning, and Spencer Murphy, all of North Miami HS-FFA

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Cassy Ramsey of Lincoln HS FFA, AR
- 2nd Place-- Amanda Cox of Lincoln HS FFA, AR
- 3rd Place-- Jake Pieniasek of East Central FFA, TX
- 4th Place-- Heidi Davis of Paris FFA, MO
- 5th Place-- Breanna Roque of Bret Harte HS FFA, CA
- 6th Place-- Clay Kruse of Bret Harte HS FFA, CA
- 7th Place-- Spencer Murphy of North Miami HS-FFA, IN
- 8th Place-- Kyle Thomas of East Central FFA, TX
- 9th Place-- Ryan Napier of Lincoln HS FFA, AR
- 10th Place-- Kelsey Doege of East Central FFA, TX

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Lincoln HS FFA, AR

Paris FFA, MO

Bret Harte HS FFA, CA
Banks Co HS FFA, GA
North Miami HS-FFA, IN
Prairie View HS-FFA, KS
Medford HS FFA, MN

Texico HS-FFA, NM
West Stanly HS FFA, NC
Hillsdale HS FFA, OH
East Central FFA, TX
Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY

Silver Emblem Teams

Killingly HS FFA, CT
Baker Co Sr FFA, FL
Shelbyville HS-FFA, IL
Edmonson Co HS-FFA, KY
Linganore HS, MD
Laker HS FFA, MI
Carthage HS FFA, MS
Watts HS FFA, OK

North Clackamas FFA, OR
Garden Spot HS FFA, PA
Wasatch HS FFA, UT
Floyd Co HS FFA, VA
Elma HS FFA, WA
Cameron FFA, WV
Oconomowoc HS FFA, WI

Bronze Emblem Teams

Arab HS FFA, AL
Duncan HS FFA, AZ
Christiana HS FFA, DE
South O'Brien HS FFA, IA
Springfield HS FFA, LA
Verdigre HS FFA, NE

Wells FFA, NV
Allentown HS FFA, NJ
Schoharie Central HS FFA, NY
Gilbert HS FFA, SC
Ben W Hooper VOC Sch Cocke Co, TN

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Amanda Cox of Lincoln HS FFA, AR
Ellie Morales of Lincoln HS FFA, AR
Ryan Napier of Lincoln HS FFA, AR
Cassy Ramsey of Lincoln HS FFA, AR

Shay Anderson of Texico HS-FFA, NM
Rustin Harris of Texico HS-FFA, NM
Mitchell Harrison of Texico HS-FFA, NM
Kayley Pelfrey of Texico HS-FFA, NM

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Trevor Airola of Bret Harte HS FFA, CA	Brandy Cleveland of West Stanly HS FFA, NC
Amie French of Bret Harte HS FFA, CA	Samantha Talley of West Stanly HS FFA, NC
Clay Kruse of Bret Harte HS FFA, CA	Michelle Funk of Hillsdale HS FFA, OH
Breanna Roque of Bret Harte HS FFA, CA	Mariah Gibbons of Hillsdale HS FFA, OH
Matthew Cantrell of Baker Co Sr FFA, FL	Michael Schuck of Hillsdale HS FFA, OH
Caitlin Brown of Banks Co HS FFA, GA	Tecca Zimmerman of Hillsdale HS FFA, OH
Koltan Pendley of Banks Co HS FFA, GA	Lance Stanislaus of Watts HS FFA, OK
Gus Fandrich of Shelbyville HS-FFA, IL	Charlie Himes of Garden Spot HS FFA, PA
Ethan Manning of North Miami HS-FFA, IN	Kelsey Doege of East Central FFA, TX
Spencer Murphy of North Miami HS-FFA, IN	Jake Pieniazek of East Central FFA, TX
Megan Boone of Prairie View HS-FFA, KS	Kyle Thomas of East Central FFA, TX
Eric Noel of Prairie View HS-FFA, KS	Chase Vasbinder of East Central FFA, TX
Zach Keller of Medford HS FFA, MN	Matthew Cox of Floyd Co HS FFA, VA
Heidi Davis of Paris FFA, MO	Paul Blake of Cameron FFA, WV
Matt Jeffers of Paris FFA, MO	Asher Markworth of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY
Nathan Mooneyham of Paris FFA, MO	Danielle Mason of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY
Sarah Ray of Paris FFA, MO	Kaycee Vollmar of Natrona Co HS Casper FFA, WY

Silver Emblem Individuals

Brad Stone of Arab HS FFA, AL	Andrew Tucker of Carthage HS FFA, MS
Steven Bigelow of Duncan HS FFA, AZ	Emma Ballard of Wells FFA, NV
Chantelle Lalumiere of Killingly HS FFA, CT	Morgan Lubbe of Allentown HS FFA, NJ
Michelle Wood of Killingly HS FFA, CT	Kayla Cascio of West Stanly HS FFA, NC
Elizabeth Gross of Christiana HS FFA, DE	Angela Harvell of West Stanly HS FFA, NC
Chelsea Crews of Baker Co Sr FFA, FL	Lacie Davis of Watts HS FFA, OK
Austin Gibson of Baker Co Sr FFA, FL	Leslie Davis of Watts HS FFA, OK
Timmy Gibson of Baker Co Sr FFA, FL	Kaytlyn Hammons of Watts HS FFA, OK
Daniel Anderson of Banks Co HS FFA, GA	Jake Huckins of North Clackamas FFA, OR
Jessica Black of Shelbyville HS-FFA, IL	Hannah Schnackenberg of North Clackamas FFA, OR
Mandy Stirrett of Shelbyville HS-FFA, IL	Cortney Martin of Garden Spot HS FFA, PA

Jessica Ptotter of North Miami HS-FFA, IN
Tyler Tesar of Prairie View HS-FFA, KS
Paul Cooke of Edmonson Co HS-FFA, KY
Lydia Renfro of Edmonson Co HS-FFA, KY
Zachary Vincent of Edmonson Co HS-FFA, KY
Hillary Clark of Springfield HS FFA, LA
Krystal German of Linganore HS, MD
Travis Moxley of Linganore HS, MD
Jonathan Stevens of Linganore HS, MD
Samantha Engelhardt of Laker HS FFA, MI
Bret Foltz of Laker HS FFA, MI
Barbara Leipprandt of Laker HS FFA, MI
Carmen Zwemmer of Laker HS FFA, MI
Brad Keller of Medford HS FFA, MN
Lauren Larson of Medford HS FFA, MN
Justin Blair of Carthage HS FFA, MS
Alisha Jones of Carthage HS FFA, MS

Jonathan Martin of Garden Spot HS FFA, PA
Janelle Weaver of Garden Spot HS FFA, PA
Joseph Crim of Gilbert HS FFA, SC
Reta Miller of Gilbert HS FFA, SC
Jessica Mullins of Ben W Hooper VOC Sch
Cocke Co, TN
Chris Hortin of Wasatch HS FFA, UT
Audrey Raby of Wasatch HS FFA, UT
Kendra Lester of Floyd Co HS FFA, VA
Reynaldo Ayala of Elma HS FFA, WA
Matt Hinderlie of Elma HS FFA, WA
Ella Pittsley of Elma HS FFA, WA
Logan Zepp of Elma HS FFA, WA
Aaron Allman of Cameron FFA, WV
Amanda Schwartz of Oconomowoc HS FFA,
WI
Becky Sielaff of Oconomowoc HS FFA, WI
Kaitlynn Glover of Natrona Co HS Casper
FFA, WY

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Megan Boyles of Arab HS FFA, AL
Hannah Alex Chappel of Arab HS FFA, AL
Jordan Creel of Arab HS FFA, AL
David Colgan of Duncan HS FFA, AZ
Shelby Kennedy of Duncan HS FFA, AZ
Sarah Bodo of Killingly HS FFA, CT
Katherine Hermonot of Killingly HS FFA, CT
Toni Kress of Christiana HS FFA, DE
Gage Taylor-McDowell of Christiana HS
FFA, DE
Brittany Wilson of Banks Co HS FFA, GA

Shane Hines of Verdigre HS FFA, NE
Blaine Stoural of Verdigre HS FFA, NE
Rowdy Hutchison of Wells FFA, NV
Melora Weeks of Wells FFA, NV
Nichole Ondy of Allentown HS FFA, NJ
Luke Vrabel of Allentown HS FFA, NJ
Dan Wolek of Allentown HS FFA, NJ
Charly Bender of Schoharie Central HS FFA,
NY
Damian Loucks of Schoharie Central HS FFA,
NY
Garrett Marbot of Schoharie Central HS FFA,
NY

Kaylee Agney of Shelbyville HS-FFA, IL	Cora Woods of Schoharie Central HS FFA, NY
Dara Nash of North Miami HS-FFA, IN	Alicia Matton of North Clackamas FFA, OR
Craig DeBoer of South O'Brien HS FFA, IA	Katherine Miersma of North Clackamas FFA, OR
Colton Ebel of South O'Brien HS FFA, IA	Jesse Blount of Gilbert HS FFA, SC
Michael Hofmeyer of South O'Brien HS FFA, IA	Austin Drafts of Gilbert HS FFA, SC
Emily Vincent of Edmonson Co HS-FFA, KY	Courtney Presnell of Ben W Hooper VOC Sch Cocks Co, TN
Summer Barnum of Springfield HS FFA, LA	Stephanie Spurgeon of Ben W Hooper VOC Sch Cocks Co, TN
Elizabeth O'Neal of Springfield HS FFA, LA	Sammie Carlson of Wasatch HS FFA, UT
Daniel Sykes of Springfield HS FFA, LA	Ryan Park of Wasatch HS FFA, UT
Jennifer Buckley of Linganore HS, MD	Travis Nester of Floyd Co HS FFA, VA
Katie Larson of Medford HS FFA, MN	Ashley Cain of Cameron FFA, WV
Mattie Brooks of Carthage HS FFA, MS	Brittany Turkley of Cameron FFA, WV
Angela Boggs of Verdigre HS FFA, NE	Carly Siewert of Oconomowoc HS FFA, WI
Vincent Filip of Verdigre HS FFA, NE	Brooke Williams of Oconomowoc HS FFA, WI

The National Poultry Evaluation CDE is a competitive activity that tests the participant's ability to select top quality poultry and poultry products needed for successful production and marketing. Event participants must complete a written exam on poultry management, evaluate classes of live birds for eggs and meat production, evaluate quality of eggs, and evaluate and identify parts and products. Each team competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

This event, held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national convention in which FFA members 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

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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 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.

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