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CASPER FFA CHAPTER WINS STATE FFA AGRONOMY CHAMPIONSHIP



2014 Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event State Champion Team – Lander FFA

Pictured in photo left to right are Tyler Hathaway, Joshlyn Kastenschmid, Jack Hampton, Connor Coughenour and Casper FFA Advisor Brock Burch.

CHEYENNE— The Casper FFA Chapter was named Wyoming's top chapter in the 2014 Agronomy Career Development Event on April 10, 2014, at the Wyoming FFA State Convention in Cheyenne.

The Agronomy competition is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Participants' knowledge of agronomic sciences was tested through several levels of competition including developing solutions for problematic scenarios; identification of seeds, insects, soil and crops; and other management practices.

Team members were Joshlyn Kastenschmid, Tyler Hathaway, Connor Coughenour and Jack Hampton. The team was coached by Casper FFA Advisor Brock Burch. Kastenschmid finished as the second high individual in the competition. Casper FFA also finished as the high team in the soils and agronomy test portion of the competition.

“I enjoy plants, wildlife, and being outdoors. It really peaks my interest,” said Hampton of the competition.

This event, held at the University of Wyoming, is one of many educational activities at the state FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes. UW’s Doug Zalesky, Wendy Cecil, Larry Munn and Scott Schell served as the CDE superintendents.

Other results of the Agronomy CDE were:

HIGH TEAM PLANT AND SEED IDENTIFICATION	Buffalo FFA
HIGH TEAM COMMERCIAL GRADING/ENTOMOLOGY	Torrington/Lingle FFA
HIGH TEAM SOILS	Casper FFA
HIGH TEAM AGRONOMY TEST	Casper FFA
THIRD HIGH INDIVIDUAL AGRONOMY	Jaycie Arndt, Buffalo FFA
SECOND HIGH INDIVIDUAL AGRONOMY	Joslyn Kastenschmidt, Casper FFA
HIGH INDIVIDUAL OVERALL	Jordan Skovgard, Buffalo FFA
SIXTH HIGH TEAM	Gillette FFA
FIFTH HIGH TEAM	Powell-Shoshone FFA
FOURTH HIGH TEAM	Chief Washakie FFA
THIRD HIGH TEAM	Buffalo FFA
SECOND HIGH TEAM	Torrington/Lingle FFA
CHAMPION TEAM AGRONOMY	Casper FFA

The Casper team now looks forward to representing Wyoming at the national competition, to be held at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., in October. They received a \$1,000 travel stipend from

the UW College of Agriculture. Other Agronomy awards were sponsored by Joe and Grace Godfrey of Worland.

The Wyoming FFA Association is part of the National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America. This youth organization has more than half a million student members nationwide, and more than 2,000 in 50 chapters in Wyoming. 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.

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