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CASPER FFA WINS MEATS EVALUATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



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

Meats Evaluation is a competitive activity that tests students' skills and competencies in evaluating and identifying meat carcasses and products. Event components include beef carcass evaluation; identification of wholesale and retail cuts of beef, lamb, and pork; and quality and yield grading of beef carcasses.

Team members were Kaylen Lewis, Trey Campbell, Wilson Stewart and Kree Gates. The team was coached by advisor Brock Burch. Lewis finished as the second high individual in the competition. Campbell, Stewart and Gates finished in the top twenty individuals, out of more than 135 students.

This event, held at the University of Wyoming’s Animal Science Meat Lab, is one of many educational activities at the state FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes. Kelcey Christensen served as the competition’s superintendent.

“This competition helps FFA members develop the ability to evaluate meat products and better understand how to better meet customer needs optimize economic returns on livestock,” says Stacy Broda, State FFA Advisor. “Learning how to identify cuts of beef, pork or lamb and evaluate what they are seeing makes these students not only better agriculturalists, but also better consumers. “

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 will receive travel sponsorship from Wyoming Custom Meats to attend the national event. Other Meat Evaluation awards were sponsored by Snowy Range FFA and the Paul & Danielle Kunkel family.

High Plains FFA finished as reserve champions, and will represent Wyoming at the National Western Stock Show competition in 2015, sponsored by Steve and Jackie Palm and John and Stacy Broda. Team members were Josiah Masie, Joshua Berry, Colton Lake and Emily Robinette.

Other results were as follows:

THIRD HIGH INDIVIDUAL	Josiah Masie, High Plains
SECOND HIGH INDIVIDUAL	Kaylen Lewis, Casper FFA
HIGH INDIVIDUAL MEAT EVALUATION	Hank Osborne, Riverton FFA
SIXTH HIGH TEAM	Burns FFA
FIFTH HIGH TEAM	Lander FFA
FOURTH HIGH TEAM	Riverton FFA
THIRD HIGH TEAM	Torrington/Lingle FFA
SECOND HIGH TEAM	High Plains FFA
CHAMPION TEAM MEAT EVALUATION	Casper FFA

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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