



# Washington FFA Convention News



## **Washington FFA Crowns New State Winning Team in the MS Food Products and Processing Career Development Event**

**Pullman, WA;** The Connell FFA Chapter has been announced as the first ever state winning team for the MS Food Products and Processing Career Development Event (CDE).

This CDE is new to the Washington FFA Association and is designed to expose middle school members to components of FFA and CDE's within the Food Products & Processing pathway. The event should further encourage members to participate in similar events as they transition to high school members. This event includes triangle tests, aroma identification, meats evaluation, retail meat cuts identification, milk quality & products cheese identification, as well as milk quality & products identification. While the CDE is judged as a team event, some of these components serve as individual activities.

Addison Trainer of Connell was the state winning individual for this event. When asked what she learned from this CDE she said, "Along the way I learned that it's very easy to learn a lot of stuff."

Trainer attributes her success to her team and FFA advisors who helped her get to this point.

While this CDE is not currently recognized at the national level, it is our hope that these members continue growing and competing within the National FFA Organization. Similar events at the high school level include Food Science & Technology, Meats Evaluation & Technology, and Milk Quality & Products.

Other top competitors from the Connell FFA Chapter include Kenneth DeWeber (2nd), Isabel Bailie (3rd), Emmet Kniveton (4th), Kamryn Johnson (5th), Beaudi Shaeffer (6th), and Jaxsen Meacham (7th). Other individuals in the top ten include Avery Blank of Tekoa (8th), Grishma Mahatara of Bridgeport (9th), and Nolan Newberg of Pomeroy (10th).

Congratulations to all competitors and teams who competed in the MS Food Products and Processing Career Development Event. The Washington FFA Association is excited to see how this CDE continues to grow.

Learn more about the [MS Food Products and Processing Career Development Event](#).