

Clayton County ISU Extension & Outreach Media Packet for 8/20/26

Aug 27 4:30PM	Iowa Master Woodland Stewardship Program	Elkader, IA
Aug 30 2:00PM	4-H Citizenship Tri-County Meeting	Elkader, IA
Sep 1` 5:00PM	Beef Quality Assurance	Guttenberg, IA
Sep 1` 7:00PM	Post Fair Meeting	Elkader, IA
Sep 3 4:30PM	Iowa Master Woodland Stewardship Program	Elkader, IA
Sep 9 7:30PM	Clayton County Extension Council Meeting	Elkader, IA

CLAYTON COUNTY FAIR AUCTION TOTALS \$344,753

Clayton County 4-H and FFA members sold a total of \$344,753.40 worth of livestock at the county fair auction on Monday, August 10. The sale was under the direction of auctioneers, Jerry Maker, Strawberry Point, Mike Monroe, Postville and Calb Kruse, Dyersville. Representatives from Luana Savings Bank helped clerk the sale. Free destination hauling was provided by Ryan Rose, Turner Brothers Trucking, and Edgewood Locker.

The top three buyers were Allen Real Estate Company, Monona; Silveredge Co-op, Edgewood; and CJ Monya and Sons, Elkader.

The average price of 61 head of market beef was \$2.98 per pound. Marshall Thompson, Monona had the top selling animal at \$3.50 per pound to CJ Monya & Sons, Elkader.

83 head of swine sold for an average price of \$2.31 per pound. The top selling pigs were sold by Jack Meyer, Monona for \$6.75 per pound to Wikner Custom Pumping, Monona and Ethan Zuercher, Titan Machinery, Waverly.

31 head of sheep averaged \$3.68 per pound. William Goedken, Guttenberg sold the top selling lamb to SilverEdge Coop, Edgewood for \$5.00 per pound.

27 meat goats averaged \$4.53 per pound. Maverick Bentien, Monona sold the top two meat goats for \$6.50 per pound to Boehm Ag, Wadena.

In addition to the beef, hogs, goats, and lambs, the exhibitors also sold meat rabbits and poultry at the county fair auction. The top selling rabbit lot was \$500 sold by Colleen Romig, Edgewood to Jim Romig, Edgewood. The top poultry lot was sold by Crystal Goodrich, St. Olaf for \$800 to Travis Priem, New Vienna.

2026 auction buyers included:

Allen Real Estate Company, Monona
Andy Bentien, Monona
Beth Bries, Guttenberg
Birdnow Chevrolet, Monona
Bloomington Livestock, Bloomington, WI
Bodensteiner Implement, Elkader
Boehm Ag, Wadena
Bond's Tax Service, Wadena
Brandon Stannard, Elkader
Brian Kann, Channel Seed, Guttenberg
Citizen's State Bank, Monticello
CJ Moyna & Sons, Elkader

Clayton County 4-H Foundation, Elkader
Community Savings Bank, Edgewood
Daryl Henkes, Monona
DJ Keehner Farms, Monona
Echard Farms, Farmersburg
Edgewood Livestock Commission, Edgewood
Edgewood Locker, Edgewood
Edgy Meg's, Edgewood
Evan Claycamp, Guttenberg
Farmer's Savings Bank, Colesburg
Final Electric, Edgewood
Four Scoops & More, Colesburg
FreedomBank, Elkader
Gary Hatcher, Gutenberg
Gaul Ag Services, Strawberry Point
Harold Schilling, Colesburg
Jim Romig, Edgewood
Joe Shirbroun - Pioneer Seed, Farmersburg
Kendrick Forest Products, Edgewood
Larry Gaul, Strawberry Point
Lil' Bit Of Country, Strawberry Point
Luana Savings Bank, Luana
Mark Short Concrete, Greeley
Meuser Lumber, Guttenberg
Meyer Collision & Service Center, Guttenberg
Michael Denning, McGregor
Mike Donlon, Elkader
Mulgrew Oil & Propane, Dubuque
Nancy Appleton, Greeley
Nicks Family Grocery, Winthrop
Oberbroeckling Enterprises, Garnavillo
Peoples State Bank, Guttenberg
Postville Livestock Commission, Postville
Progressive Structures LLC, Luxemburg
R & K Enterprises, Strawberry Point
Randy Lenth, St. Olaf
Reicksview Farms, Lawler
Richard Bente, Postville
Silver Edge Co-op, Edgewood
Smith Insurance LLC, Lamont
St. Croix Hospice, St. Olaf
Steve Gray, Elkader
T & K Cahoon Inc, Monona
T-A Cattle Covers, Garnavillo
The Sweet Spot, Edgewood
Tim Walz, Elkader

Titan Machinery, Waverly
Tom Smith, Manchester
Tony Schlee, Elgin
Tony Schwarck, Riceville
Travis Priem, New Vienna
Wikner Custom Pumping, Monona
Zuercher Trucking, Postville

For more information on 4-H & Youth programs, contact Clayton County ISU Extension office at 563-245-1451.

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spent months preparing for the competition, competing for cash prizes and the opportunity to represent Iowa at the Regional Crop Scouting Competition on Sept. 12 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. There, Iowa teams will compete against youth teams from Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kentucky and Indiana.

Iowa State University faculty and staff, along with industry professionals, served as judges at eight field stations focused on corn and soybean crop management. Topics included insects, weeds, diseases, abiotic injury, pesticide use and sprayer calibration, cover crops, crop growth stages and modern scouting tools. At each station, participants completed hands-on tasks and answered questions related to crop management. Judges not only evaluated teams' knowledge but also took time to engage with participants and answer questions.

The competition is designed to strengthen youth understanding of pest identification, IPM principles and crop production while highlighting the wide range of career opportunities available in agriculture. Through hands-on learning experiences, participants gain practical knowledge about the importance of IPM and its role in improving economic outcomes while reducing unintended environmental impacts. In addition to the competition, youth enjoyed lunch and learned about educational opportunities available through the Iowa State University Department of Agronomy.

"It's a super fun experience, and you learn a lot," said a team member from the Kelley Green Agronomy Team of Mitchell County, a first-time participant. "It's great to connect with different people in the community and the agronomy field, especially if that's something you're interested in as a future career."

"I think it is very educational and a lot of fun," said another participant. "At each station, the judges and leaders are eager to ask questions, see what you know and teach you something new."

The Clayton County GDUs earned first-place honors in this year's competition, followed by the Clayton County Crop Doctors in second place. Washington County Team #1, led by Clara Tapken and Clint Whetstine, placed third, while the Clayton County Tarspotters finished fourth.

Clayton County teams were coached by Joe and Suzanne Shirbroun, Karlee and Cole Deitchler, Cassidy Penrod and Robert Schilling. The top four teams received cash prizes for their accomplishments, and the top two teams from Clayton County will advance to the regional competition.

"We are in our 16th year now, and I love seeing participants come back year after year," said Maya Hayslett, crop science youth education specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach and coordinator of the Iowa Youth Crop Scouting

Competition. “I’ve even seen former competitors return as team coaches. This is a group of people who love learning, and it is a joy to watch them grow.”

Awards, lunch and other event support were made possible through sponsorships from Corteva Agriscience, Iowa 4-H Foundation, Bayer, Syngenta, Nutrien, Farm Credit Services of America, Wyffels Hybrids, the Iowa Independent Crop Consultants Association, the Iowa Soybean Research Center, the Crop Protection Network and Environmental Tillage Systems.

For more information about the Iowa Youth Crop Scouting Competition, visit the [ISU Integrated Pest Management website](#) or contact Maya Hayslett at hayslett@iastate.edu.

Shareable Photos

- [Crop-Scouting-Station.jpg](#): Ava Amstutz and Chloe Tharp from the Davis County Crop Scouting Team identify insects during the Iowa Youth Crop Scouting Competition.
- [Clayton County First Place Team.jpg](#): The GDUs of Clayton County, first-place team: (left to right) Karlee Deitchler (Coach), Cora Keehner, Brooke Donlon, Haylee Hillers and Tyler Hoeger.
- [Clayton County Second Place.jpg](#): The Crop Doctors of Clayton County, 2026 Iowa Crop Scouting Competition second-place team: (left to right) Robert Schilling, Owen Walz, Garrett Burns, Caleb Zuercher and Henry Reimer.
- [Washington-County-CSC-Team.jpg](#): Washington County #1 third-place team: (left to right) Clint Whetstine (coach), Stella Janecek, Tate Bombei, Allie Whetstine, Presley Hora and Blake Sheetz.
- [Clayton County Fourth Place.jpg](#): The Tarspotters' fourth-place team: (left to right) Tyce Zittergruen, Breckon Holst, Wyatt Parker, Derek Deitchler and Cassidy Koehn (coach).

Additional Stories Published Online

The following news releases have been published on the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach website.

Marshalltown Workshop Helps Local Officials Understand Renewable Energy Siting and Permitting

Published: August 18, 2026

City and county staff, elected officials and economic development professionals can learn about local planning and permitting considerations associated with utility-scale renewable energy projects during a Sept. 24 workshop in Marshalltown.

Iowa State To Offer QGIS and Tableau Public Workshops Sept. 23-24

Published: August 18, 2026

Planners, analysts, community leaders and other data users can learn how to turn local information into maps and visualizations during two hands-on workshops Sept. 23-24.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Releases New Resource to Navigate the Economics of Biorenewable Feedstocks

Published: August 17, 2026

As global demand for bio-based products continues to rise, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's Ag Decision Maker has released a new resource to help Iowa producers evaluate their role in this emerging market.

R Workshop Offers Practical Introduction to Data Exploration and Visualization

Published: August 17, 2026

Community development professionals, nonprofit staff, public-sector employees, researchers and students can learn to use data to better understand communities during a hands-on R workshop on Sept. 22 in Ames.

Virtual Workshops Help Iowa Leaders Improve Meetings and Community Engagement

Published: August 17, 2026

Local leaders and public-serving professionals can strengthen their ability to lead productive meetings and involve more people in community decisions through two virtual workshops offered Sept. 15.

Online Course Provides Skills for Enhancing Local Food Systems

Published: August 13, 2026

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Food Systems Team is accepting registrations for Virtual Local Food Leader 101. The online course will run from Sept. 30 to Dec. 16

Harvest Time in the Home Vegetable Garden

Published: August 13, 2026

As August progresses and gardens across Iowa reach their peak, home gardeners face an important task: harvesting vegetables at the right stage of maturity, says Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Fall Field Day To Be Held at Iowa State University Southeast Research Farm Sept. 10

Published: August 12, 2026

Farmers, ag retailers, crop advisors and conservation professionals can explore current Iowa State University research at the upcoming Fall Field Day at the Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm on Sept. 10.

Iowa Cancer Consortium Supports Caregiver Education for Families Affected by Cancer

Published: August 12, 2026

Thanks to funding from the Iowa Cancer Consortium, caregivers of Iowa cancer survivors may participate in Powerful Tools for Caregivers at no cost. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers the program.

Northeast Iowa Research Farm Marks 50 Years of Producer-Focused Agricultural Research

Published: August 12, 2026

The Iowa State University Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an open house on Sept. 10, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Vendor and Sponsor Opportunities Available for 2026 Iowa State University Local Food Festival

Published: August 11, 2026

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Farm, Food and Enterprise Development invites local farm and food businesses and community and student organizations to participate in the ISU Local Food Festival.

Wapello County Pasture Walk To Be Held Sept. 9

Published: August 11, 2026

Beef and forage producers interested in strengthening their fall management plans are invited to a Sept. 9 pasture walk hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Late Season Hail Damage: How to Salvage the Situation

Published: August 11, 2026

This past weekend, a severe hailstorm ravaged parts of eastern Iowa, destroying what was expected to be a record-contending corn crop. Garland Dahlke, research scientist with ISU Extension and Outreach, discusses how to salvage it for feeding livestock.

New Northwest Iowa Beef Specialist Brings Experience and Enthusiasm

Published: August 11, 2026

Lauryn Smidt is based in the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Sioux County office in Orange City and looks forward to working with producers and the beef community.

Upcoming Combine University Workshops to Help Farmers Optimize Harvest Performance and Data Accuracy

Published: August 7, 2026

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Digital Ag Innovation Lab at Iowa State will offer Combine University on three dates.

What's Next When Employment Stops?

Published: August 7, 2026

The recent fire at the Agri Star Meat and Poultry processing plant in Postville forced the entire plant to shut down. When unexpectedly unemployed, it is important to focus on what you can control, like your spending choices or efforts to increase your income, says Jeannette Mukayisire, a health and human sciences educator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

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