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**FFA Chapter Participates in State FFA Livestock Evaluation Event**

**Raleigh, NC** – The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FFA chapter participated in the 2022 North Carolina FFA Junior Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event on December 1, 2022 in Raleigh, North Carolina. This event is sponsored by the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association and the Wilkes Community College Animal Science Department. Team members include Team members include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Their FFA Advisor is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

At the state event, participants are scored based on how well they apply livestock evaluation skills learned in the classroom. Each team evaluates six classes of animals including one class each of breeding cattle, market cattle, breeding sheep, market sheep or lambs, market swine, and breeding swine. They must also defend the reasoning behind their evaluations to a panel of judges. Completing these activities successfully requires a good understanding of both animal science and herd management skills.

This division encourages younger FFA Members in grades 6-10 to compete against their peers while learning more about the senior division event. The top three teams and high scoring individual will be recognized during the North Carolina FFA State Convention in Raleigh on June 27-29, 2023.

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