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

**Raleigh, NC** – The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ participated in the 2022 North Carolina FFA 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 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 eight classes of animals including classes of breeding cattle, market cattle, breeding sheep, market lambs, market swine, breeding swine, and breeding goats. They must also defend the reasoning behind their evaluations to a panel of judges. Participants also complete a written test and work collaboratively in a team keep/cull activity. Completing these activities successfully requires a good understanding of both animal science and herd management skills.

The highest scoring team in the state event is eligible to compete in the National FFA event at the National FFA Convention in October 2023. 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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