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## NEWS RELEASE

The National FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE is a competitive event that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Activities included in the event are a written exam, a team event, demonstration of problem-solving skills, and hands-on performance activities. Areas of emphasis include environmental and natural resource systems, machinery and equipment systems, structural systems, energy systems and electrical systems. Each team in the event has competed with other chapters in their state for the privilege of participating in the national event.

The event, held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the National FFA Convention & Expo in which FFA members practice the lessons taught in agricultural education classes.

### **The National FFA Organization**

#### **National Event Winners - Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems 2012**

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#### **Top Placing Teams**

**1st Place-- Washington Patrick Swanson, Leif Small, Curtis Flake, and Ashley Rich, all of Stanwood FFA**

2nd Place-- Maryland Wyatt Farmer, Charles Kolb, Cody Stitely, and Hunter Krantz, all of Catoctin FFA

3rd Place-- Utah Chad Boore, Dillon Sorensen, Damian Otten, and Jared McAfee, all of Gunnison Valley FFA

4th Place-- Minnesota Eric Keppers, Nick Knettel, Jared Skroch, and Steven Skroch, all of Holdingford FFA

5th Place-- Wisconsin Ethan Ambort, Thomas Larson, Collin Leer, and Clay Fitzpatrick, all of Viroqua FFA

6th Place-- Missouri Sam Crader, Josh McKinley, James Farris, and Austin Cunningham, all of Columbia FFA

7th Place-- Illinois Kirk Steidinger, Silas Moser, Will Cagley, and Trevor Hartman, all of Prairie Central FFA

8th Place-- Pennsylvania Alex Canteley, Cody Rittenhouse, Caleb Hess, and Tyler Bauman, all of Penn Manor

9th Place-- Iowa Ryan Bissen, Jessie Gerdes, Matt Levan, and Ben Weis, all of Saint Ansgar FFA

10th Place-- Delaware Matt Ballweg, D.J. Cameron, Brandon Dries, and Josh Retzlaff, all of Woodbridge FFA

#### **Top Placing Individuals**

**1st Place-- Patrick Swanson of Stanwood FFA, WA**

2nd Place-- Charles Kolb of Catoctin FFA, MD

3rd Place-- Thomas Larson of Viroqua FFA, WI

4th Place-- Wyatt Farmer of Catoctin FFA, MD

5th Place-- Leif Small of Stanwood FFA, WA

6th Place-- Steven Skroch of Holdingford FFA, MN

7th Place-- Jared McAfee of Gunnison Valley FFA, UT

8th Place-- Matt Ballweg of Woodbridge FFA, DE

9th Place-- Chad Boore of Gunnison Valley FFA, UT

10th Place-- Jonas Decastro of Bristol County FFA, MA