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## Crowder Aggies Compete at National Judging Competition

**Neosho, MO** - To promote the furtherance of education in the field of agriculture, the Crowder College Ag Department participated in the annual North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Judging Competition hosted by Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, Missouri, on April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The event consisted of various competitions to prepare college students, including knowledge, presentation, and judging contests.

Testing student’s knowledge and encouraging education in their chosen field is the main focus of the NACTA event. Challenging competition met these students as they honed their knowledge in the fields of agronomy, dairy cattle judging, livestock judging, livestock management, and quiz bowl. Crowder College Aggies certainly used their acquired knowledge to the best of their abilities in the events in which they participated. The Crowder College Crops Judging Team received 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation, with Zach Aldrich, Neosho, Missouri, leading the team with a 4<sup>th</sup> place effort. The honor of 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in the National Dairy Judging Competition was awarded to Crowder’s team, and the Livestock Management Team performed with outstanding aptitude, as well. The competitors from Crowder College represented their school well as they demonstrated their skills and knowledge, performing at the national level.

Crops Team	Livestock Judging Team	Livestock Management Team	Quiz Bowl Team	Dairy Cattle Judging Team – 5 <sup>th</sup> place team
Maddie Garren, Neosho, MO	Jade Morgan, Lamar, MO	Drew Henbest, Cassville, MO	Drew Henbest, Cassville, MO	Staci Garvin, Anderson, Mo
4 <sup>th</sup> place - Zach Aldrich, Neosho, MO	Drew Henbest, Cassville, MO	Victoria Giebler, Neosho, MO	Victoria Giebler, Neosho, MO	Kylie Ehlers, Anderson, MO
Megan Jones, Neosho, MO	Victoria Giebler, Neosho, MO		Kylie Ehlers, Anderson, MO	Kay-Lynn Lippold, Butler, MO
Davis Benedict, Buffalo, MO	Samantha Burnett, Joplin, MO		Davis Benedict, Buffalo, MO	Mekahlia Jones, West Plains, MO

Crowder College has been educating students for 50 years. The Crowder Ag Department offers a variety of degrees, including: an Associates of Arts Degree, transferrable to a four year institution, in General Agriculture; Associate of Applied Science degrees in Livestock Production, Agronomy, Horticulture, and Marketing and Management; and an Associates of Science Degree in Veterinary Technology. For more information contact Jorge Zapata at 417-455-5496 or [jzapata@crowder.edu](mailto:jzapata@crowder.edu).



Dairy team. Members include (l-r): Staci Garvin, Mekahlia Jones, Kylie Ehlers, and Kay-Lynn Lippold.