

The University of Florida Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team recently competed in the 2014 AMSA Iowa State Intercollegiate Meats Judging Contest in Ames, Iowa. Our team finished 8th overall at the contest. Moreover, there were several key areas where these students excelled and continued to show improvement.

We in the meat science section are proud of these students and their accomplishments. We will continue to work hard and aspire to improve as we continue to represent the University of Florida at the highest level possible. High expectations have been set for these students this spring as they will compete at the AMSA Southeastern Intercollegiate Meats Judging Contest in April.

Those of us in the meat science section are very appreciative of the kind comments and encouragement given by all the faculty, staff and students within the Department of Animal Sciences. Special thanks go to Dr. Chad Carr, Mr. Larry Eubanks, Dr. Dwain Johnson, and Mr. Byron Davis and Mr. Tommy Estevez and their staff at the University Meat Laboratory for their special efforts in support of the judging program. Without their effort these programs would not be possible.

The University of Florida Intercollegiate Meats Judging Team finished 1st overall in the processed meats division and 5th overall in specifications. Brittany McDaniel posted a score of 447 points out of 500 points in total placings; and as a result, was the high individual in total placings for the entire contest. Sara Chapman, Katie Dougless, Morgan Johnson, and Eliana Thromann all excelled in other categories.

2014 University of Florida Meat Judging Team

Sara Chapman

Katie Douglass

Morgan Johnson

Brittany McDaniel

Eliana Thormann

Coach: Derek Griffing