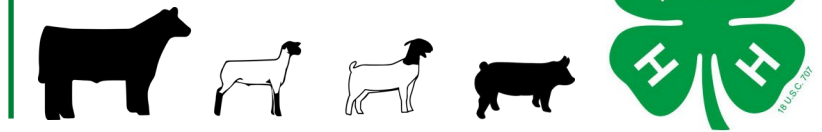


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ACTIVITY

The State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, August 10, 2020 via JudgingPro.com. **All teams and individuals must be registered via the 4-H Enrollment and Events System by their County Extension Agent by August 4, 2020. The fee for teams is \$75 and the fee for individuals is \$20.**

ELIGIBILITY

- The contest is open to Junior and Senior 4-H members.
 - Juniors must be 9-13 years old.
 - Junior members are youth aged 9-13 as of January 1.
 - Seniors must be 14-19 years old.
 - Senior members are youth who are 14 as of January 1 and who have NOT reached their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year. *Example: If a 4-H'er is 18 on January 1 and turns 19 on January 2, they are eligible to compete because they were 18 on January 1. If a 4-H'er turns 19 on December 31, they are ineligible to compete because they were 19 as of January 1.*
- For a county to be eligible for team competition, it must have at least three entries. A county may enter four individuals, but only the top three scores will count toward the winning team.
 - A county may only enter one junior and one senior team.
 - A county may enter an unlimited number of individuals.
- Individuals from counties that do not have a team will be placed on a mixed team, as geographically close as possible, in order for them to be eligible for team awards.

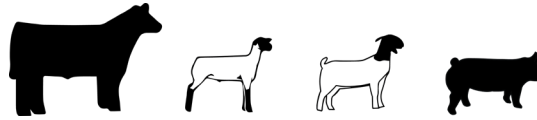
METHOD OF CONDUCT

1. Contestants should be prepared to place 12 classes of beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. (The final class number and selection will be based upon availability of suitable animals.)
2. Oral reasons will be required. Contestants in the Junior Division will give two sets of reasons. Contestants in the Senior Division will give three sets of reasons. Reasons

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must be recorded and uploaded to the Box link provided to county agents. Editing of videos is not allowed and grounds for immediate disqualification.

- Contestants should not use notes while delivering oral reasons.
3. One class will serve as a questions class. Both the Junior and Senior Division contestants will participate in the questions class. Contestants will be asked specific questions pertaining to one class designated by the contest officials.
 - Contestants should not to use notes while answering questions.
 4. At least one class will have a set of evaluation data and a production situation statement.
 5. Contestants shall not wear any clothing that will reveal what county they are from.
 6. Contestants are highly encouraged to wear khakis and a blazer. No T-shirts or hats are to be worn during the delivery of reasons.
 7. Electronic devices including computers, tablets, or cell phones for the sole purpose of conducting the contest are allowed.
 8. While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else. Contestants should exhibit the utmost integrity while participating in the contest.
 9. Contestants will be allowed to take notes during the contest.

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

A committee of judges shall place all classes, listen to oral reasons, and come up with questions. One judge will listen to one specific set of reasons for all contestants in that category (2 for juniors and 3 for seniors).

DETERMINATION OF RANKINGS

- Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect score for placing classes, reasons, and questions.
- Teams and individuals shall be ranked in order of total score (placings, reasons, and questions) for the classes comprising each species or award category. The team or individual having the highest score shall be declared the winner in each category of the contest.

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- In case of a tie in team or individual overall scores, ties will be broken in the following manner:
 1. Higher total reasons score
 2. Higher total questions score
 3. Lower total placing score in reasons class
- In the case of a tie in team or individual scores within species or category, ties will be broken in the following manner:
 1. Higher total reasons and/or questions score within species/category
 2. Higher total reasons score overall
 3. Higher total score overall
- In the case of a tie in team or individual reasons scores, ties will be broken in the following manner:
 1. Lower placing score in reasons classes
 2. Higher total overall score
- The scores tabulated via JudgingPro.com, reviewed by contest officials, and team coaches and have been made public via JudgingPro.com shall be final.

RESOURCES

For examples of past contest materials, please visit bitly.com/4hlivestock.

AWARDS

The following awards will be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions.

- 1st-5th Overall Team
- 1st-5th Overall High Point Individual
- 1st-3rd Place Cattle Team
- 1st-3rd Place Cattle Individual
- 1st-3rd Place Swine Team
- 1st-3rd Place Swine Individual
- 1st-3rd Place Sheep Team
- 1st-3rd Place Sheep Individual
- 1st-3rd Place Goat Team
- 1st-3rd Place Goat Individual
- 1st-3rd Place Reasons Team
- 1st-3rd Place Reasons Individual

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National trips for the Senior Division pending they are still being held:

- Overall 1st Place Team
 - National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky (stipend provided by Animal Science Department)
 - American Royal 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City, Missouri
 - AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Grand Island, Nebraska

- Overall 2nd Place Team
 - Western National Round Up 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Denver, Colorado
 - AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Grand Island, Nebraska

- Overall 3rd Place Team
 - AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Grand Island, Nebraska

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