

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

February 4, 2020

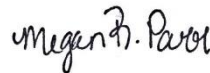
MEMORANDUM

TO: District 8 County Extension Agents

FROM: Donald W. Kelm
District Extension Administrator



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4-H Youth Development



SUBJECT: 2020 DISTRICT 8 4-H LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND SOIL JUDGING CONTESTS

Events: Livestock Judging Contest
Meat Judging & Identification Contest
Soil Judging Contest

Event Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Entry Deadline: All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.
Opens: Monday, March 16, 2020
Closes: Friday, April 3, 2020

County Approvals: County offices need to approve registrations on 4-H Connect by Monday, April 6, 2020

Entry Fee: \$10 per member per event

Late Entries: Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours after the regular contest deadline.
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Auxiliary Aids or Special Accommodations: If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time entry materials are due.

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Agent Assignments

Livestock Judging Contest

Committee:	Mark Arnold* Shane McLellan* Ed Schneider Erin Davis Robert Ferguson	Whitney Grantham David Groschke Jerod Meurer Brady Timmons Floyd Ingram
Registration/Tabulation Review:	Mark Arnold Shane McLellan	
Group Leaders:	Brady Timmons Whitney Grantham	
Listen to Intermediate Reasons:	Ed Schneider Jerod Meurer	
Reasons Scribes:	Robert Ferguson Erin Davis	
Assist with snack service:	David Groschke Lonnie Jenschke Floyd Ingram	
Awards Presentation:	Shane McLellan Mark Arnold	
Bring PA System for Awards:	David Groschke	
Awards Purchasing:	This contest has chosen to get its own awards. All awards will be provided by this committee.	

Meat Judging & Identification Contest

Committee:	Bruce Boyd* TJ Cummings Karly West
Contest Assistance:	Agents with teams will be responsible for assisting as needed with registration, tabulation, and awards.
Awards Purchasing:	This contest has chosen to get its own awards. All awards will be provided by this committee.

Soil Judging Contest

Committee:	Pasquale Swaner*
Contest Assistance:	Agents with teams will be responsible for assisting as needed with registration, tabulation, and awards.

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Schedule & Locations

Livestock Judging Contest

7:15 am	Registration
7:30 am	Livestock in place
7:45 am	Official Placings
8:00 am	Contest Begins
2:00 pm	Awards Presentation (subject to change)

Louis Pearce Pavilion
 555 George Bush Dr W
 College Station, TX
<http://aggiemap.tamu.edu/?Bldg=1160>

Meat Judging & Identification Contest

7:30 am	Registration
8:00 am	Contest Begins
1:00 pm	Awards Presentation (subject to change)

Rosenthal Meat Science & Technology Center
 488 Olsen Blvd
 College Station, TX
<http://aggiemap.tamu.edu/?Bldg=1505>

Soil Judging Contest

7:45 am	Registration
7:45 am	Contest Begins
(2 hours after completion)	Awards Presentation

O.D. Butler Jr. Animal Science Complex (ASTREC)
 7771 Raymond Stotzer Pw
 College Station, TX
<http://aggiemap.tamu.edu/?Bldg=4002>

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General Rules

1. Rules and Guidelines

All District contests will be conducted by the rules printed in the District 8 General Rules and Guidelines and in the 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. If an inconsistency exists, the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide rules will always supersede District policies, rules, and guidelines. All contests listed in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide will be included in District Contest, provided there are sufficient entries.

2. Membership

Participants must be a bona fide 4-H member, currently enrolled in their respective county program.

3. Age Divisions

There will be three (3) age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) in all contests.

Age divisions are determined by a participant’s grade as of August 31, 2019 as follows:

Age Division	Grades	
Junior	3*, 4, or 5	<i>*Must be at least 8 years old</i>
Intermediate	6, 7, or 8	
Senior	9, 10, 11, or 12*	<i>*Must not be older than 18 years old</i>

Only Senior aged members may advance to the state qualifying competition at Texas 4-H Roundup.

4. Participation/Entries

4-H members must be certified by the County Extension Agent to participate at any District 4-H event.

5. Team per county

There is no limit to the number of teams a county may enter in the district contest.

6. Members per team

These are team events; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

Note: A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

All team members must be from the same county and within the same age division. Exception: Juniors may be moved up to an Intermediate team, if necessary. However, Intermediates may NOT move up to a Senior team. NO individual may move down to a younger age division.

7. Academic Eligibility of Participants

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

- Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form”
- OR

- Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

8. Entry Fee

There is a \$10 entry fee per member per contest. All entries must be submitted through 4-H Connect by the entry due date.

9. Late Fees

Late entries will be permitted with an additional \$20 late fee per 4-H member 60 hours after the regular contest deadline. \$50 late fee per member after 60 hours and up to the time of the check-in on-site at the event.

10. Auxiliary Aids/Special Accommodations

If 4-H members that are participating in District 4-H events require auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please notify the District Office at the time entry materials are due.

11. Qualifying for State

Only Senior 4-H members are eligible to advance to state. The top three teams and the top three individuals (if not part of one of the top three teams) will advance to state.

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Livestock Judging Contest Information

1. Objectives of the contest

- To increase knowledge of livestock evaluation and selection techniques
- To better understand breeding concepts and use of analytical tools such as EPDs
- To employ decision making skills
- To create a sense of team work
- To learn to make individual decisions and support them with oral statements

2. Classes *(Estimated. This could change.)*

- 2 Market Steer
- 1 Breeding Cattle
- 1 Goat
- 1 Market Lamb
- 1 Breeding Lamb
- 2 Market Swine

3. Reasons

Juniors	No reasons
Intermediates	2 sets: <i>(classes to be determined)</i>
Seniors	4 sets: <i>(classes to be determined)</i>

4. Estimated Progeny Differences (EPDs)

- Estimated Progeny Differences and a herd use description will be provided on the breeding cattle class.

5. Contest Resources

- <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Livestock-Judging-FAQ.pdf>

6. Awards

- The top three (3) teams and the top five (5) individuals in each age division in each contest will receive awards. Additional awards may be presented depending upon donor support.

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Meat Judging & Identification Contest Information

1. Objectives of the contest

- Learn to Identify and evaluate meat cuts of Beef, Swine, and Sheep
- Learn to critically evaluate meat cuts and defend this evaluation with written reasons
- Learn to work as a team in accomplishing shared goals

2. Class Descriptions & Contest Guidelines:

- <http://agriflife.org/4hmeat/texas-4-h-meat-judging-rules-guidelines/>

3. Contestants will bring with them to the contest:

- Hard hat
- Frock
- Clipboard
- Pencils

4. Awards

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Soil Judging Contest Information

1. Description of the contest

Contestants will judge four soil profiles with 20-minutes allowed for each and determine the soil characteristics of the profiles and make interpretations based on observation. Coaches are responsible for all transportation to and from contest site. Coaches are also required to assist in operation of the contest through the grading of score cards and serving as pit monitors.

2. Objectives of the contest

- To teach youth identify different soil types and understand their characteristics
- To give youth an appreciation for value of soil and its conservation
- To help youth understand how soil amendments change soil qualities
- To make youth aware of career opportunities related to soil

3. Each contestant is required to provide the following items for their use during the contest:

- water bottle for textural analysis
- tape measure
- clipboard
- multiple pencils
- appropriate knife or similar digging tool

4. Contest Resources

- Land Judging in Texas
 - <http://agrilife.org/d84h/files/2010/07/B-1103-color.pdf>
- Soil Judging Scorecard
 - <http://agrilife.org/d84h/files/2010/07/Soil-Judge-Scorecard.pdf>
- Texas 4-H Roundup General Info and Guidelines for Soil Judging – *To be updated in Feb. 2020*
 - http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/stateroundup_2019_soil_judging_guidelines.pdf

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