

## D8 4-H TAMU JUDGING CONTESTS

### *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.

**COVID Protocols**

All participants, volunteers, and extension personnel should follow all recommended COVID-19 protocols as set forth by the State of Texas, the county, and Texas A&M AgriLife. This includes, but is not limited to, face coverings, social distancing, etc.