

D8 4-H TAMU JUDGING CONTESTS

District Contest Information

- Events:** Livestock Judging Contest
Meat Judging & Identification Contest
- Event Date:** Saturday, April 23, 2022
- Entry Deadline:** All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.
Check with your County Extension Agent for county entry deadlines.
- 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.
 - \$50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours and up to the time of check-in on-site at an event
- 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.

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.

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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
3:30 pm	Awards Presentation (subject to change)

Brazos Expo Center
5827 Leonard Rd
Bryan, TX 77807

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>

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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, 2021 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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