



Multi-County Livestock Judging Contest Memo

Date: April 20, 2024

Location: Louis Pearce Pavilion
555 George Bush Dr. W
College Station, Texas 77840

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Schedule: 7:15 a.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. Livestock in Place
7:45 a.m. Official Placings
8:00 a.m. Contest Begins (Light snacks & water will be provided)
3:30 p.m. Awards Presentation (subject to change)

Description/Objectives:

- 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 teamwork
- To learn to make individual decisions and support them with oral statements



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Classes – Subject to Change

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

Reasons

- Seniors – 4 sets of reasons: 2 cattle, 1 sheep, 1 swine
- Intermediates – 2 sets of reasons: 1 market steer, 1 market sheep
- Junior – NO reasons

EPDs

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

Registration. Each participating member is required to register on 4-HOnline and pay the district \$25.00 contest registration fee. Registration will begin on **March 20, 2024 and close at midnight on April 3, 2024.** No late entries will be accepted.

Participation. Contestants must be active 4-H members enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development County program in District IV. Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to UIL rules) to compete on the day of the contest.

Age. Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of September 1st of the current 4-H year. Age divisions for this contest are:

- Junior (3rd, 4th, & 5th grades)
- Intermediate (6th, 7th, & 8th grades)
- Senior (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades)

ALL county packets must be picked up by the County Extension Agent, Coach, or other adult representative at one time. Once the information sheet is completed the county representative will return it to the check-in table.



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Members Per Team: Teams consist of 3 or 4 members of the same age. Junior members will be allowed to move up to compete in the intermediate age division in order to complete a team. Juniors nor Intermediates are not allowed to move up to the senior age division. Only the top 3 individual scores on a team will count toward the team total.

There is NO limit on the number of teams or individuals a county may enter. If the county has multiple teams, please denote team names on 4-H Online.

Awards: Rosettes will be awarded for 1st through 5th place for individuals and teams in each age category in each division (beef, lamb/goat, swine, and reasons).

ONLY the top 3 SENIOR teams and top 3 SENIOR individuals (if not part of a team) qualify for state.

Participants with Disabilities. Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District Extension Office **or Denita Young at djyoung@ag.tamu.edu** or note when registering on 4-H Online, at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.

Contest Chairman: Zach Davis – Zach.Davis@ag.tamu.edu

Contest Co-Chairman: Callie Zoeller - Callie.Zoeller@ag.tamu.edu

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



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