

TO: County Extension Agents - ANR, FCH, 4-H

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SUBJECT: **District 1 Livestock Judging Contest**

CONTEST DATE: **April 19, 2024**

LOCATION: **WTAMU Ag Science Complex - Bain Event Center  
600 WTAMU Drive**

REGISTRATION: **Registration March 11 – April 4 on 4-H Online Fee: \$15  
Late Registration April 8 – 11 Late Fee: \$50**

SCHEDULE: **Check in Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Contest Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Awards Presentation: 3:30 p.m. (tentative), WTAMU Bain Event Center**

Awards: **Team Awards – Classes, Reasons, & Overall  
Individual Awards – Classes, Reasons, & Overall**

Supplies Needed: **#2 pencils and a clipboard. Universal A scantron will be provided.**

### **Contest Format**

#### **Senior Division – Grades 9 to 12**

- Teams may consist of either three or four members.
- Other county 4-Hers not on a team may enter as individuals.
- Eight classes will be judged. It is likely one class will have performance data. Classes will consist of cattle, sheep, swine, and goats.
- Senior contestants will talk four sets of oral reasons. It is likely one of these sets will be with performance data.

#### **Intermediate Division – Grades 6 to 8**

- Teams may consist of either three or four members.
- Other county 4-Hers not on a team may enter as individuals.
- Intermediates will give two sets of oral reasons.
- Intermediate teams will judge eight classes (likely one with performance data). Classes will consist of cattle, sheep, swine and goats.
- Juniors who move up to an intermediate team will be expected to talk the two sets of reasons.



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**Junior Division** – Grades 3 to 5 (and minimum age of 8)

- Teams may consist of either three or four members with other non-team members from a county eligible to enter as individuals.
- Juniors will not give reasons.
- Eight Classes will be judged (likely one with performance data). Classes will consist of cattle, sheep, swine, and goats.

A pizza lunch will be provided for Seniors only. Junior and Intermediate Livestock Judges will need to make their own arrangements for lunch.

**State Qualifiers**

The top three Senior teams and/or individuals in the district contest will represent District 1 in the qualifying contest at Texas 4-H Roundup. It is possible that one, two, or all three entries could come from the same county. Counties may enter as many teams as they wish.

**Contest Guidelines, Resources & scantrons can be found at:**

This is a list of some resources available. Other information may be available online through other sources.

- Approach to Placing a Market Steer Class by Chris Skaggs & Chris Boleman
- Breeding Beef Cattle Judging Outline by Larry Boleman
- Breeding Swine Selection by Chris Skaggs & Chris Boleman
- Evaluating Market Steers from a Grading Standpoint by Chris Boleman
- Evaluating Market Swine by Chris Boleman
- Fundamentals of Evaluating Market Steers by Brandon Callis and Jake Franke
- Inspecting & Handling Sheep in Judging by Chris Skaggs & Chris Boleman
- Livestock Judging Contest Scoring Procedures by Chris Skaggs & Chris Boleman
- Presentation of Oral Reasons by Chris Boleman
- Proper Handling of Market Lambs by Jake Franke
- Reasons Terminology for Breeding Cattle by Chris Skaggs & Chris Boleman
- Reasons Terminology for Market Steers by Chris Skaggs & Chris Boleman
- Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons
- Using Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) & Scenarios in Livestock Judging Contests by Chris Boleman
- Why Judging Beef Cattle is Important by Larry Boleman
- <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/resources/>
- [Livestockjudging.com](http://livestockjudging.com)
- <http://judge2win.com/>
- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/livestock/>
- [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup\\_livestock\\_judging\\_faq.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_livestock_judging_faq.pdf)