

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

FROM: Leonard Haynes Contest Superintendent Tina Bryant District 4-H Specialist

SUBJECT: **District 1 Livestock Judging Contest**

CONTEST DATE: **May 2, 2025**

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

REGISTRATION: **March 10 – April 9 on 4-H Online Fee: \$15  
Late Registration April 14 – 16 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**

### Accommodations

- Requests for accommodations must be submitted to the District Office from the County Office at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
- This request must be accompanied by official documentation in one of the following options for why the request is being submitted:
  - A) Official doctor's note from a licensed medical professional
  - B) School documentation and/or evaluation from a public institution
  - C) Official evaluation from a licensed professional therapist and/or diagnostician
- Note: The documentation and request are required within the appropriate timeline outlined for the event in order for the accommodation to be considered but does not guarantee that the requested accommodation can be made.
- The request will be reviewed by the district office (and when necessary, in consultation with the state office).
- Request and documentation will be kept confidential within the appropriate county/district staff and event administrators.

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



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**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 have the option to sign up to give reasons at check in.
- Intermediate teams will judge eight classes (likely one with performance data). Classes will consist of cattle, sheep, swine and goats.
- Intermediates may NOT move up to Senior division.

#### **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 have the opportunity to sign up for reasons at check in.
- Eight Classes will be judged (likely one with performance data). Classes will consist of cattle, sheep, swine, and goats.
- Juniors may move up to Intermediate division.

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)