

PANHANDLE DISTRICT 1 4-H

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

FROM: Megan Eikner Contest Chair Tina Bryant District 4-H Specialist

Subject: **District 1 4-H Meats Judging Contest**

Contest Date: **March 28, 2025**

Location: **WTAMU Ag Science Complex – Room 101
600 WTAMU DR**

Registration: **February 10 – March 7 on 4-H Online Fee: \$15
Late Registration March 11 – 13 Late Fee: \$50**

Age Division: **Junior – grades 3, 4 and 5
Intermediates - Grades 6, 7 and 8
Senior- grades 9, 10, 11 and 12**

It is the responsibility of the agents to validate and correct placement of youth in age categories. Counties may move juniors up to intermediates, but intermediates can NOT be moved up to seniors or down to juniors.

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.

Supplies

Scantrons will be provided to all participants on the day of the contest. Contestants need to bring a #2 pencil and a clipboard.

Teams

There is no limit on the number of teams entered at the county level. The top three Senior teams and/or individuals will advance to state.

- Juniors will judge six placing classes only.
- Intermediates will judge six placing classes, 30 retail ID, answer questions on 2 classes and give reasons over 1 class.
- Seniors will judge six placing classes, 30 retail ID, and give reasons over 3 classes.

GENERAL CONDUCT OF CONTEST

- A. Contestants will move from exhibit to exhibit during the contest in four or more separate groups.
- B. If possible, no two members of the same team will be in the same group.
- C. Where possible, a Group Leader will be provided for each group of contestants whose duty shall be to enforce the rules of the contest and to keep the exhibits of the class on which his group is working in an orderly arrangement.
- D. Contestants will have 10 minutes to evaluate each class and identify each set of ten retail cuts. For each carcass and wholesale cut class, the contestant will have a 2-minute stand back time period at the beginning of the class and then a one-minute stand back time period at the end of each class. A one-minute warning will be given towards the end of the class time period.
- E. After all the classes have been evaluated each contestant will be given five minutes to review their scorecard to ensure that it has been filled out correctly. After this five-minute period scorecards will be picked up. Contestants should fill out their scorecards as they evaluate each class and as they identify each retail cut. There is not enough time to completely fill out their card during this five-minute review.
- F. Contestant will not be permitted to:
 - 1. Handle or touch cuts or lean cut surfaces under any condition
 - 2. Use any mechanical aid, such as a measuring device, light, etc.
 - 3. Talk to fellow contestants at any time during the contest
 - 4. Monopolize any one exhibit for any unreasonable length of time
 - 5. Separate themselves from the class on which their group is working
 - 6. In any way willfully obstruct the work of any other contestant.
- G. Team members and coaches will be given the official placings and reasons by the Judges after the contest is completed.

RESOURCES

Retail cuts and names shall be among those found in the Uniform Meat Identity Standards 2009 Edition

<https://agrillife.org/4hmeat/files/2018/01/Guide-To-ID-Meat-Cuts.pdf>

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension AggieMeat Site <https://meat.tamu.edu/aggie-meat-judging/>

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension 4H Meat Judging Site <https://agrillife.org/4hmeat/>

Texas A&M Site to Study Retail ID and Meat Judging Example Classes <https://agrillife.org/4hmeat/>

Nebraska Site to Study Retail ID <https://animalscience.unl.edu/meat-id>

Nebraska Site to Example Classes <https://animalscience.unl.edu/extension-outreach/meat-science/pase-and-cde-meats-contest/>

Official Meat Judging Collegiate Handbook – Has pictures with terminology and example questions

[https://meatscience.org/docs/default-source/student/meat-judging-program/intercollegiate-contest-materials/2020-officials-handbook-\(revised-november\).pdf?sfvrsn=cf2fa050_0](https://meatscience.org/docs/default-source/student/meat-judging-program/intercollegiate-contest-materials/2020-officials-handbook-(revised-november).pdf?sfvrsn=cf2fa050_0)

Questions relating to the contest should be directed to: Dan Hale Extension Meat Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, daniel.hale@ag.tamu.edu



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