



# Invitational Livestock Judging

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Must Qualify at District?**

No, to compete in the Invitational Livestock Judging contest you do not have to qualify at the District level.

### **What is the Age Division?**

To compete in any contest at the State level you must be a Senior 4-H Member.

### **# of Classes Judged?**

In the Invitational Livestock Judging contest there is 4 judging classes: beef, swine, sheep & goat.

### **Keep/Cull Classes?**

Yes, for the Invitational Livestock Judging contest there will be 2 keep/cull classes.

### **Oral Reasons?**

No, oral reasons will not be given in the Invitational contest.

### **Will there be questions over judging classes?**

Yes, there will be questions classes at the Invitational Livestock Judging Contest.

### **Will there be a quiz (Production & Quality Counts)?**

Yes, there will be a quiz consisting of questions over production & quality counts.

### **Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) Used in Breeding Classes?**

Yes, there will be EPDs at the Invitational Livestock Judging contest.

### **Team Judging?**

Yes, you may have a team of 3-4 members compete at the Invitational Livestock Judging Contest.

## Individual Judging?

Yes, individuals may compete in the Invitational Livestock Judging Contest.

## How to register?

To register go to **4HOnline - Texas 4-H Roundup Event**.

## National Contest Opportunity?

No, when competing in the Invitational Livestock Judging contest there is no opportunity to qualify for Nationals.

**NOTE:** Those individuals qualifying to participate in the state level Livestock Judging Contest **MAY NOT** participate in the Invitational Livestock Judging Contest.

**TIES IN JUDGING CONTESTS:** Ties in all judging contests will be broken by oral reason scores where applicable. If oral reasons are not applicable, the contest superintendent will announce the tie breaking class(es) or procedure prior to the beginning of the contest.

## Scantron Used?

For the Invitational Livestock Judging Contest, Form #476-3 will be used. See below for an example:

**Livestock**  
Form #: 476-3

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team #	State	Last Name	First Name	Placing Classes									
				CLASS NUMBER									
				Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Place
1				1234									1234
2				1243									1243
3				1324									1324
4				1342									1342
5				1423									1423
6				1432									1432
7				2134									2134
8				2143									2143
9				2314									2314
10				2341									2341
11				2413									2413
12				2431									2431
13				3124									3124
14				3142									3142
15				3214									3214
16				3241									3241
17				3412									3412
18				3421									3421
19				4123									4123
20				4132									4132
21				4213									4213
22				4231									4231
23				4312									4312
24				4321									4321

  

Animal No.	Class Number	Quality Grade	Yield Grade (Carcass)
1	9	5	1
2	10	2	2
3	11	1	1
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

  

Animal No.	Frame	Size	Muscle Thickness
1	2	3	4
2			
3			
4			
5			

  

Animal No.	Beef	Sheep	Swine
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10

  

Animal No.	Written Examination	Reasons
1	A	16
2	C	17
3	A	
4	C	
5	A	
6	C	
7	A	
8	C	
9	A	
10	C	
11	A	
12	C	
13	A	
14	C	
15	A	
16	C	
17	A	
18	C	
19	A	
20	C	
21	A	
22	C	
23	A	
24	C	
25	A	

# YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING RESOURCES:

Linked below are some of the resources available for this contest. Other information may be available through other resources.

- **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