

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?

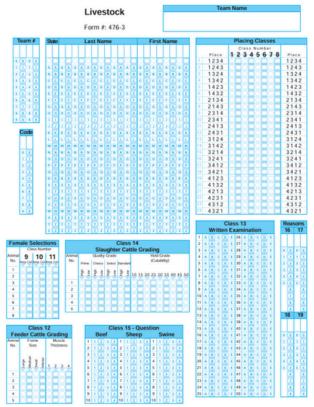
No, when competing in the Invitational Livestock Judging contest there is no opportunity to qualify for Nationals.

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:



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
- <u>Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons</u>
- <u>Using Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) & Scenarios in Livestock Judging Contests</u> by Chris Boleman
- Why Judging Beef Cattle is Important by Larry Boleman