

# **Qualifying Livestock Judging**

# Frequently Asked Questions

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

Yes, you must compete at the district-level contest in order to compete in the Qualifying Livestock Judging at Texas 4-H Roundup.

#### 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 State Qualifying Livestock Judging contest 3 beef classes, 2 sheep classes, 2 swine, and 1 goat class will be judged for a total of 8 classes.

#### Keep/Cull Classes?

No, for the qualifying contest there are no keep/cull classes.

#### **Oral Reasons?**

Yes, when competing at the state qualifying livestock judging it will be asked to give 4 sets of oral reasons. Classes that reasons may be spoke on will be announced on the day of the contest.

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

No, there will not be a questions class for the Qualifying Livestock Judging contest.

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

No, there will be no quiz for the Qualifying Livestock Judging contest.

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

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

### Team Judging?

Yes, the top 3 teams from each district will be eligible to compete in the Qualifying Livestock Judging contest at the State Level. (Teams are composed of 3-4 members)

#### **Individual Judging?**

No, individuals cannot compete in Qualifying Livestock Judging unless they are a Top 3 High Point Individual at the District level and are not a part of a Qualifying Team.

#### How to register?

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

#### **National Contest Opportunity?**

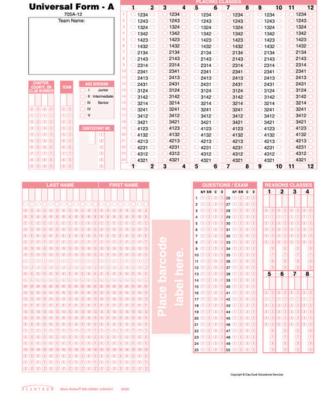
Yes, the teams (1st-6th) will have an opportunity to judge at the National Level \*See Roundup Guide for Details

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 Qualifying Livestock Judging, the Universal Form-A (705A-12) scantron 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