



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:

Universal Form - A
705A-12
Team Name: _____

PLACING CLASSES

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

CHAPTER, COUNTY, CLUB NUMBER
CHAPTER: _____ COUNTY: _____ CLUB NUMBER: _____

TEAM
TEAM: _____

AGE DIVISION
 I Junior
 II Intermediate
 III Senior
 IV
 V

CONTINGENT NO.
CONTINGENT NO.: _____

LAST NAME _____ **FIRST NAME** _____

QUESTIONS / EXAM

AY BK	Q	W	AY BK	Q	W
1	01	02	26	01	02
2	03	04	27	01	02
3	05	06	28	01	02
4	07	08	29	01	02
5	09	10	30	01	02
6	11	12	31	01	02
7	13	14	32	01	02
8	15	16	33	01	02
9	17	18	34	01	02
10	19	20	35	01	02
11	21	22	36	01	02
12	23	24	37	01	02
13	25	26	38	01	02
14	27	28	39	01	02
15	29	30	40	01	02
16	31	32	41	01	02
17	33	34	42	01	02
18	35	36	43	01	02
19	37	38	44	01	02
20	39	40	45	01	02
21	41	42	46	01	02
22	43	44	47	01	02
23	45	46	48	01	02
24	47	48	49	01	02
25	49	50	50	01	02

REASONS CLASSES

	1	2	3	4
1	01	02	03	04
2	05	06	07	08
3	09	10	11	12
4	13	14	15	16
5	17	18	19	20
6	21	22	23	24
7	25	26	27	28
8	29	30	31	32
9	33	34	35	36
10	37	38	39	40
11	41	42	43	44
12	45	46	47	48
13	49	50	51	52
14	53	54	55	56
15	57	58	59	60
16	61	62	63	64
17	65	66	67	68
18	69	70	71	72
19	73	74	75	76
20	77	78	79	80
21	81	82	83	84
22	85	86	87	88
23	89	90	91	92
24	93	94	95	96
25	97	98	99	100

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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