LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Livestock Judging is a great way to learn decision making and public speaking and is at most major stock shows. Animals to be judged include cattle, goats, lambs and swine.

Entry: Enter on 4-H Connect individually and county teams will be formed of three to four members of the same 4-H age division. Mixed aged teams of Junior and Intermediate ARE permitted if the county does not have enough members to complete a full team. These teams will compete in the Intermediate age division. In addition, youth may compete individually if their county does not fill a team. Senior teams may only be comprised of senior age division youth.

Location

Louis Pearce Pavilion 555 George Bush Dr W College Station, Texas 77843

Tentative Schedule

7:15 a.m.

Registration/Check-in Livestock in-place 7:30 a.m. 7:45 a.m. Official Placings **Contest Begins** 8:00 a.m.

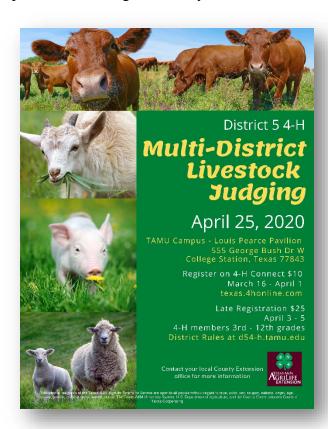
2:00 p.m. Awards Presentation – location to be announced.

Classes

- 2 market steer
- 1 breeding cattle
- 1 goat
- 1 market lamb
- 1 breeding lamb
- 2 market swine

Reasons

Junior No reasons **Intermediate** 1 market steer 1 market sheep Senior 2 cattle 1 sheep 1 swine



EPDs (Estimated Progeny Differences)

• EPDs and a herd use description will be provided on the breeding cattle class.

Equipment

- All equipment is subject to review by the contest superintendent or assistants and subject to disqualification if determined they provide an unfair advantage to the contestant.
- Each contestant will need to bring the following items to contest:
 - o Clipboard
 - o #2 pencil(s)

Electronic Devices



- Contestants will not be allowed to carry electronic devices into the contest while judging, except those devices required for medical reasons (ie blood sugar monitors/apps). This includes cell phones, tablets and other devices capable of transmitting information (ie Apple Watch or other smartphone style watch devices).
- If a contestant is caught with a cell phone or other electronic device, the contestant and their team may be disqualified.

Communication

- The contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with the assigned group throughout the contest.
- While the contest is in progress, there shall be no communication between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except by the Superintendent or assistants.
- If a contestant is caught communicating with other contestants, the contestants and their teams may be disqualified.

Group Assignment Label

- Group assignment label must be placed on upper portion of shirt, visible always.
- Do not place label on pants, clipboard, etc.
- If a contestant is found outside of his/her properly assigned group, the contestant and their team may be disqualified.

Contest Area

- Contestants will remain outside of the contest area until judging classes are in place and they are asked to enter the area.
- Coaches, agents, and parents are not allowed into the judging area once the contest begins, unless allowed by the contest Superintendent.
- Following the contest, coaches, agents, and parents may be permitted into the area for officials and allowed time to review the classes with contestants, if time permits.

Contest

- Contestants should face away from the judging class until instructed by the contest coordinator or group leader that they may turn and face the judging class. If a contestant does not cooperate with this rule, the contestant may be disqualified.
- Once time has been called and judging on all classes has been completed, contestants must immediately turn in their scan sheet / judging card to their Group Leader. Any contestant failing to turn in their scantron immediately following the end of the contest, will result in no score.

- In the event of a tie, please refer to specific contest rules for the method of determining the winner.
- See the following link for specific guidelines on this contest http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Livestock-Judging-FAQ.pdf