

AG PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION



This contest provides youth the ability to further their knowledge and skills when evaluating agricultural products grown in Texas.

Entry

- Enter as an individual and/or a team of 3 to 4 members.
- Teams are made up of individuals in the same age division (Junior, Intermediate or Senior).

County Entries

- There is no limit in the number of entries per county.

Contest

- This contest is a come and go event with small groups permitted into the contest room every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour (afternoon of Day 2). The last group that will be permitted to participate in the contest may begin no later than 30 minutes before the contest day ending time.
- Contestants will receive orientation before entering the contest and will be provided a scantron form, pencil, and clipboard to respond to questions.
- Twenty (20) Texas agricultural products from categories such as protein, fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains, and fibers are selected. These selected products are exhibited at separate stations. Contestants choose the correct identification of each product from four possible answers.
- Following the product identification, each station has one multiple-choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions can be general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e., Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutrition content, region of production) or specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e., cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety).
- Only registered contestants, committee members and judges are permitted in the judging room.
- Contestants may not leave once the contest has started unless permission is given by the contest superintendent. Contestants should not separate themselves from the class on which their group is working. Contestants should not in any way willfully obstruct the work of another contestant.
- While the contest is in progress, there shall be no talking or any other type of communication between contestants. If a contestant has a question once the contest begins, please direct that question to the assigned group leader or the contest superintendent.

Time Limits

- Contestants are given 30 seconds at each station to answer both questions on their scantron.

Scoring

- Contestants will receive five (5) points for each product that is correctly identified and five (5) points for each question that is correctly answered. However, for points to be awarded on questions pertaining directly to the product displayed, the product must be correctly identified. Points will be awarded for correct answers to questions general to the industry regardless of the product being correctly identified. A total of 200 points is possible for each individual. Team scores can reach 600 points (three high scores counted).
- Five (5) stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. Teams with the highest cumulative scores at these five stations will win any ties.
- Scantrons will be scored at the close of the contest and placings will be tabulated and will be announced during the Awards Ceremony on Day 2.

Study Guide and Resources

- You will find a list of resources and study guide to download on the 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/agproductidguide.pdf>