

# 2025 DISTRICT 5 MEAT JUDGING & IDENTIFICATION

Students are given a set of meat that they must evaluate and score. After they have made their decision of which cut of meat is the best, they will write a set of oral reasons. It is a competitive environment to test their knowledge of the subject of meat science.

### Date

Saturday, March 22, 2025



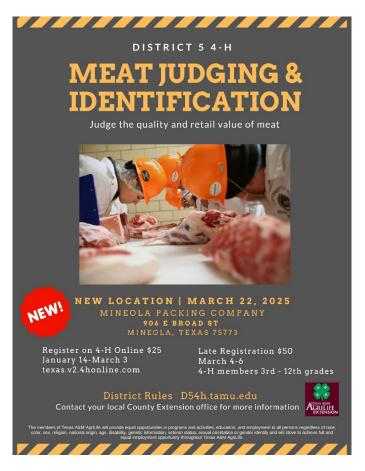
### Location

Mineola Packing Company 906 E. Broad Street Mineola, Texas 75773

# **Entry**

Enter on 4HOnline **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.
- Enter individually on 4HOnline beginning **January 14, 2025** at https://texas.4honline.com
- Fee \$25 per contestant
- Late Entry Fee \$50 per contestant



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### **District Deadlines**

- Registration on 4HOnline, entry materials emailed and county approval by March 3, 2025
- Late entry March 4-6, 2025 (late fees apply)

# **Entry Divisions** (grade by August 31, 2024)

Junior Grades 3, 4, and 5
Intermediate Grades 6, 7, and 8
Senior Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

# **Special Accommodations**

• Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the competition or note such needs when registering on 4HOnline.

# **Tentative Schedule**

• 8:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in

• 9:00 a.m. Contest Begins

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

# **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:
  - Hard hat
  - o Frock
  - Wear closed toe shoes
  - Dress warmly
  - 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 (i.e. blood sugar monitors/apps). This includes cell phones, tablets and other devices capable of transmitting information (i.e. 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 <a href="https://agrilife.org/4hmeat/texas-4-h-meat-judging-rules-guidelines/">https://agrilife.org/4hmeat/texas-4-h-meat-judging-rules-guidelines/</a>

### **Awards**

- Presentation of awards will be held following tabulation of results.
- $1^{st} 3^{rd}$  places will be presented a rosette and a prize to be determined by committee.
- High point individuals in each age division will be recognized with a prize to be determined by committee.
- Entry via 4HOnline gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and/or photograph as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.

# **Qualifying for State Roundup**

- The top three Senior age division teams (grades 9-12) will advance to state.
- The Texas 4-H Roundup contestant paperwork is available online at <a href="https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/">https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/</a>