MEMO TO: County Extension Agents – Rolling Plains 3

FROM: Miles Dabovich
       District Extension Administrator

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       Extension Program Specialist 4-H

SUBJECT: Livestock Skill-a-Thon Contest

The District 3 4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thon will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM in Munday Event Center. A Map is attached. There is no registration fee for this contest; however, donations are being accepted to offset costs that donations and sponsors do not cover.

Knox County will be selling meal tickets during registration. Tickets are $7. The lunch meal will include 2 slices of pizza, a drink, and a cookie. Please contact the Knox County office with an estimated number of lunch tickets by October 1st.

There will be 3 divisions with awards for each division:

AGE: The Livestock Skill-a-Thon is open to enrolled members between the ages of 8 years old and 3rd grade to grade 12.

Age Divisions are: Grades 3-5 (Junior); Grades 6-8 (Intermediate); Grades 9-12 (Senior).

Registration is due to the District office on or before October 1, 2015.

Let us know if you have any questions.
D3 Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest Rules

I. Goal

The 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon contest will provide opportunities for youth enrolled in 4-H to gain and develop production livestock skills, and life skills, by engaging them in a pleasant, yet competitive environment which focuses on the range of their knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.

II. Procedures

A. Livestock Equipment Identification: (100 points) Identify the proper name for twenty five pieces of equipment used in livestock production.

B. Livestock Breed Identification: (100 points) Identify from the photographs or pictures, twenty livestock (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) breeds.

C. Feedstuff Identification: (50 points) Identify ten feedstuffs by the proper name.

D. Meat Judging Class: (50 points) Rank a class of four similar retail cuts of meat.

E. Wool Judging Class: (50 points) Rank a class of four similar fleeces of wool.

F. Feed Tag Knowledge: (Intermediates only) (50 points) With a provided feed tag, read and analyze the information and answer 5 questions regarding the information.

G. Quality Assurance: (Seniors only) (50 points) With a provided medicine label, and livestock scenario, answer 10 questions regarding label use, withdrawal times, and proper injection location.

H. Tie Breaker: In the case of ties, the score from the questions on judging classes will be used to break the tie for juniors and intermediates, and the score from the 10 item retail I.D. will be used to break ties for the seniors.

(Possible points: 350 for Juniors, 400 for Intermediates, 400 for Seniors)

Total team scores will be determined by adding the highest three team members’ class totals.

(Possible total team score: 1,050 for Juniors & 1,200 for Intermediates and Seniors)

III. Rules and Regulations

A. Each county will be invited to enter two (2) teams of up to four (4) contestants in each age group.

B. Teams consist of three or four members. In teams in which there are four members, all will compete; but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals, but will be considered in making all individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate, and all members’ scores will count in determining individual and team awards.
IV. Awards

Individual and team awards will be given in all divisions:

- Top 5 teams overall
- Top 5 individuals overall
DISTRICT 3 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON CONTEST

October 14, 2015 9:00 A.M. Munday, Texas

NO REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE CONTEST, BUT DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED TO OFFSET CONTEST EXPENSES.

Registration is due to the District office on or before October 1, 2015.

PLEASE MAIL THIS ENTRY FORM TO:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Attn: Kay White / Skill-A-Thon
PO Box 2159
Vernon, TX 76385-2159

COUNTY:__________________________________________

ADDRESS:________________________________________

PHONE:__________________________________________

Please circle the age group for each team.

TEAM: Jr. Intermediate Sr.
TEAM 1: ____________________________ TEAM 2: ____________________________

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Munday Events Center
S Cedar Ave, Munday, TX 76371