

MEMO TO: County Extension Agents - Rolling Plains 3

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FROM:



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SUBJECT: Livestock Skill-a-Thon Contest

The District 3 4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thon will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Knox County Community Center in Knox City, Texas.

208 SE 3rd St Knox City, Texas

Registration will begin at 8:30

Lunch will be sponsored.

Entries will be on 4-H Online at a fee of \$15.00 per youth. Registration will be open from September 1 - December 5, 2022. Late registration will be December 6-12, 2022 for a late fee of \$25.00 PLUS the \$15.00 per youth.

After this time no more late registration will be accepted. You will NOT be able to register or pay the day of the contest for the District 4-H Contest.

There will be 3 age divisions with awards for each division:

Age Divisions are:

- **Juniors** must be least 8 and in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Intermediates** must be in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Seniors** must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade for the 2022-2023 school year.

➤ **Scantron used for this contest - Meat Skillathon Form #480-5b**



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D3 Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest Rules

I. **Goal**

- i. 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 and juniors 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. **Retail Meat ID:** (Seniors only) (Points vary on number of cuts available)
Contestant will be required to identify 8-10 retail cuts of meat according to kind of meat or specie - Beef, Pork, Lamb, wholesale cut from which it is taken, and name of the retail cut.
- I. **Hay Judging Class:** Rank a class of four samples of hay based upon a scenario.
- J. **Industry Quiz:** (Sr. & Int. only) Complete a 30-question multiple choice quiz concerning the total livestock industry. Resource will be the Texas FFA quiz bank.
- K. **Tie Breaker:** In the case of ties, the scores from the 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. The Livestock Skillathon Committee will resolve any emerging contest issues.

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.