

MEMO TO: County Extension Agents - Rolling Plains 3

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SUBJECT: Livestock Skill-a-Thon Contest

The District 3 4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thon will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM at the Young County Arena in Graham, Texas.

120 Barclay Blvd. Graham, Texas

Registration will begin at 9:00

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 – November 14, 2023. Late registration will be November 15-22, 2023 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 2023-2024 school year.
- **Intermediates** must be in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Seniors** must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade for the 2023-2024 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.

New in 2023 – All age groups will do all the procedures.

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: (50 points) With a provided feed tag, read and analyze the information and answer 5 questions regarding the information.
- G. Quality Assurance: (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: (50 points) Identify beef, lamb, and pork retail cuts from the National 4-H Meat Judging Retail ID List. Contestants will identify the retail cut specie, primal cut, and retail cut name.
- I. Hay Judging Class: Rank a class of four samples of hay based upon a scenario.
- J. Industry Quiz: 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.

Rules and Regulations

- A. 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.