

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 Thursday, December 5, 2024 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 13, 2024. Late registration will be November 14-21, 2024, 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 2024-2025 school year.
- **Intermediates** must be in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Seniors** must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year.

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



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D3 Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest Rules

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.

All age groups will do all the procedures.

Procedures

- 1) Livestock Equipment Identification: (50 points) Identify the proper name for ten pieces of equipment used in livestock production.
- 2) Livestock Breed Identification: (50 points) Identify from the photographs or pictures of ten livestock (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) breeds.
- 3) Feedstuff Identification: (50 points) Identify ten feedstuffs by the proper name.
- 4) Meat Judging Class: (50 points) Rank a class of four similar retail cuts of meat.
- 5) Wool Judging Class: (50 points) Rank a class of four similar fleeces of wool.
- 6) Feed Tag Knowledge: (50 points) With a provided feed tag, read and analyze the information and answer 5 questions regarding the information.
- 7) Quality Assurance: (50 points) With a provided medicine label, and livestock scenario, answer 5 questions regarding label use, withdrawal times, and proper injection location.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Hay Judging Class: (50 points) Rank a class of four samples of hay based upon a scenario.
- 10) Industry Quiz: (50 points) Complete a 25-question multiple choice quiz concerning the total livestock industry. Resource will be the Texas FFA quiz bank and industry in general.

Tie Breaker. In the case of ties, the scores from the retail meat ID and judging classes will be used to break the tie. The Livestock Skillathon Committee will resolve any emerging contest issues.

Rules and Regulations

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.

Scantrons will be provided. Bring clipboards and pencils. No cell phones allowed during the contest.

Rules and Regulations

Teams

Awards

Individual and team awards will be given in all divisions.

Agent Responsibilities

Registration / Check In: Charlie Martin, Jessie Shortes, Justin Gilliam

Timer: Michael Bowman

Tabulation: Kayla Neill, Karly West

Group Leaders: Brandon Cave, Cory Whitaker, Justin Hansard, Paige McSpadden, Taylor Chapa, Toby Oliver, Savannah Williams

- All available agents please be on standby

Meat Identification				
ID #	Species	Primal	Retail	Cookery
1	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
2	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
3	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
4	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
5	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
6	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
7	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
8	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
9	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P
10	B P L	A B C D E F G H I J	A B C D E F G H I J	D M D/P

Breed Identification	
Breed	Description
1 A B C D E	1 A B C D E
2 A B C D E	2 A B C D E
3 A B C D E	3 A B C D E
4 A B C D E	4 A B C D E
5 A B C D E	5 A B C D E
6 A B C D E	6 A B C D E
7 A B C D E	7 A B C D E
8 A B C D E	8 A B C D E
9 A B C D E	9 A B C D E
10 A B C D E	10 A B C D E

Equipment Identification	
Equipment	Use
1 A B C D E F G H I J	1 A B C D E F G H I J
2 A B C D E F G H I J	2 A B C D E F G H I J
3 A B C D E F G H I J	3 A B C D E F G H I J
4 A B C D E F G H I J	4 A B C D E F G H I J
5 A B C D E F G H I J	5 A B C D E F G H I J
6 A B C D E F G H I J	6 A B C D E F G H I J
7 A B C D E F G H I J	7 A B C D E F G H I J
8 A B C D E F G H I J	8 A B C D E F G H I J
9 A B C D E F G H I J	9 A B C D E F G H I J
10 A B C D E F G H I J	10 A B C D E F G H I J

Feed Identification	
Feed	Class.
1 A B C D E F G H I J	1 A B C
2 A B C D E F G H I J	2 A B C
3 A B C D E F G H I J	3 A B C
4 A B C D E F G H I J	4 A B C
5 A B C D E F G H I J	5 A B C
6 A B C D E F G H I J	6 A B C
7 A B C D E F G H I J	7 A B C
8 A B C D E F G H I J	8 A B C
9 A B C D E F G H I J	9 A B C
10 A B C D E F G H I J	10 A B C