

**STATE 4-H and FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing**

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Pick up Judging Packets - 8:00 a.m.

Contest Begins - 9:00 a.m.

Contest will conclude at approximately 3:00 p.m.

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The rules and entry forms for this contest may be found on the Animal Science Youth Program web site: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/>

In the Livestock Judging Contest, participants can enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision making skills. This contest will include both individual and team competition.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 3, 2008

Entries must be postmarked by July 3, 2008. No late registrations will be accepted. One on one substitutions only will be allowed on contest day. **Entries sent in without entry fees will not be accepted.**

AGE ELIGIBILITY for 4-H DIVISION

1. For the 4-H contest, there will be two age divisions. Junior division will be for those contestants that are from 9 to 13 years of age and the senior division will be for those contestants that are from 14 to 18 years of age. Age is computed as of **January 1** of the current year. (NOTE: The reason for the maximum age limit of 18 is to coincide with the age requirements of the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, KY.)

AGE ELIGIBILITY for FFA DIVISION

1. For the FFA division, there will be two divisions which will include Middle School (grades 7 & 8) and High School (grades 9, 10, 11, and 12).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

1. Any 4-H member who has completed a post-secondary course related to livestock and/or carcass evaluation is ineligible to compete in this contest. In addition, any 4-H member that has participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive event of a similar nature and in the same subject matter is ineligible to compete in this contest.
2. Any 4-H member who has previously competed in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest may compete in this contest as an individual, but may not be a member of a county team.
3. The top senior division 4-H team and/or individuals may have the opportunity to represent Michigan in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. To be eligible to participate in the National Contest, a contestant must have competed in the oral reasons division of this contest.

REQUIREMENTS

1. All members of a 4-H team must be from the same county. All members of a FFA team must be from the same chapter. Each team can be made up of three or four members. When four are entered, the three team members with the highest scores will make up the team total.
2. Contestants in the senior 4-H division and the high school FFA division will give oral reasons. Contestants in the junior 4-H division and the junior high FFA division may compete in either the oral reasons division or the questions division. All members of a team must compete in either the oral reasons division or the questions division.
3. No contestant shall wear any clothing, pins, badges, etc. that will in any way reveal his/her identity, county, or chapter that he/she represents.
4. One class will be designated as a questions class for **all** contestants. For those contestants that compete in the questions division, four (4) sets of questions will be asked. For those contestants that compete in the oral reasons division, one (1) set of questions will be asked and three (3) sets of oral reasons will be given.
5. Any person, even though not competing on a team, is eligible to compete as an individual. All team members and those competing as individuals are eligible for individual awards.
6. The **entry fee will be \$12.00 per contestant** and must be paid when the entry is made. **Lunch will be provided** to the contestants.
7. After June 1, 2008 contestants or coaches will not be permitted to use any livestock at the MSU Livestock Farms for practice judging sessions.
8. If a contestant is a member of a team, please indicate on the entry form the name of the coach, 4-H leader, FFA Advisor, and/or county Extension staff person that will be determining the individuals that will comprise the team. Please refer to the individual and team entry form that is part of this packet.
9. If contestants are eligible and wish to compete for awards in the 4-H **and** FFA divisions, the appropriate entries **must** be made in **both** divisions by the entry deadline on July 3, 2008 and designated on the entry form.

PROCEDURES

1. Each contestant will be assigned a number and given judging cards and pencil. Contestants may use a clipboard and notepaper of their choice, but cannot take bulletins, booklets or other material to the contest.
2. Contestants may not leave once the contest has started unless permission is given by the contest chairperson.
3. Six classes of four individuals each will make up the contest. There will be two classes of beef cattle, two classes of sheep, and two classes of swine. Both market and breeding animals may be judged.
4. The contest will also include oral reasons or questions on one class each of beef, sheep and swine. One additional class will be designated as a questions class for all contestants. These classes will be designated at the start of the contest. Two minutes per set of reasons will be allowed to give oral reasons to the official judge. Contestants in the questions division will be asked ten questions on the designated classes. Oral reasons will be given and the questions will be asked after all classes have been judged. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons or answering questions.
5. At least one breeding animal class with performance records will be an oral reasons or questions class.
6. Contestants will be divided into several equal-sized groups prior to the start of the contest and must remain with the assigned group throughout the contest, including oral reasons. Contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class. Each group will be supervised by an adult leader, who shall collect his/her group's placing cards when time is called on each class. A packet of these cards will be distributed to each contestant during contest registration.

7. Breeding cattle will not be handled. Breeding sheep will not be handled since they will be judged loose in a pen. If the market lambs are handled, contestants will stand in line and will be allowed 15 seconds to handle each lamb individually.
8. **While the contest is in progress, there shall be no talking or any other type of communication between contestants or coaches.** If a contestant has a question once the contest begins, please direct that question to the assigned group leader or the contest chairperson.
9. Violation of any of the rules will result in the disqualification of the contestant/s.
10. The official placings and cuts will be presented by the contest officials when the contest is concluded.
11. The results of the contest will be available at a time announced the day of the contest.

RATINGS

1. Scores will be based on a possible of 50 points for each placing class and 50 points for each oral reasons or questions class. With six classes to be placed and four sets of reasons and/or questions, there would be a possible score of 500 points per contestant and 1500 points per team.
2. In case of ties, the highest award shall go to the individuals or teams as follows:
 - a. If tied for individual or team award, contestant or team having the highest oral reasons or questions score shall be listed first.
 - b. If contestants or teams are still tied from (a) above, the contestant or team with the most perfect scores per class shall be listed first.

AWARDS

1. Awards for the 4-H division will be presented to the high scoring Junior and Senior individuals overall and oral reasons and the high scoring Junior and Senior teams. Travel scholarships will be available to those 4-H individuals that represent Michigan in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Sponsors for these awards are Michigan State University Dept. of Animal Science and the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

2008 MICHIGAN 4-H / FFA Livestock Judging Contest Individual Entry Form

CONTESTANTS & COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO THE RULES

Entry forms with **incorrect, incomplete or illegible** information will not be accepted.

Every individual that will be judging must complete this form.

Entries sent in without entry fees will not be accepted. No late entries will be accepted.

Entries must be postmarked by July 3, 2008.

Please feel free to reproduce this form if additional copies are needed

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Contestant Name:	Birth date	Phone	
Address:	City	State	Zip code
	County/Chapter		

Please mark the appropriate lines:

Participating in: 4-H Contest _____ FFA Contest _____ Both Contests _____

Participating as a: Individual _____ or Team member _____

Junior _____ or Senior _____

Oral Reasons _____ or Questions* _____

(*All participants in **4-H Senior division** and **FFA Senior division** must give oral reasons)

If you are participating as a team member please complete the section below.

Coach Name/County Staff : _____

Address: _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Additional team members: (Each team member must complete an individual contest entry form)

1. Name _____

2. Name _____

3. Name _____

Please note: The team coach and/or county staff must complete the **team summary sheet** and return it to the address listed by July 3, 2008.

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per person (includes lunch). Please makes check payable to **Michigan State University**.

Send entry form and fees to:

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.
Livestock Judging Contest
Dept. of Animal Science
1287 Anthony Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824**

Team Summary Sheet
2008 MICHIGAN 4-H / FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Please complete one form for each county/chapter team

County/Chapter _____

4-H Division _____ FFA Division _____ Both Divisions _____

Junior Team _____ Senior Team _____

Orals Reasons _____ Questions* _____

(*All participants in **4-H Senior division** and **FFA Senior division** must give oral reasons)

Coach/Coordinating County Staff person: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Please list all team members:

1. Name _____
2. Name _____
3. Name _____
4. Name _____

It is the responsibility of coach and/or coordinating county staff person to insure that each member has completed and submitted an individual 4-H / FFA Livestock Judging Contest entry form.

Please send this completed team summary sheet by July 3, 2008 to:

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Volunteers to help with the contest are greatly appreciated. Please list names of volunteers below:

Name: _____ Name: _____