

## Market Judge Selection Committee

### **Purpose:**

The Market Judge Selection Committee is established to ensure the fair, transparent, and consistent selection of qualified judges for the Jackson County Fair Large Animal Market Shows. This process will help maintain integrity, minimize conflicts of interest, and reflect the input of the Jackson County Large Animal Association membership.

### **Oversight & Scope**

- The Committee shall have primary oversight to select and recommend judges for Beef Cattle, Swine, and Sheep market shows.
- Recommendations will be presented to the Jackson County 4-H office in the form of a ranked short list of 3–4 judges per species.
- The 4-H office will receive the final recommendations and will honor the committee's ranked selections unless:
  - A conflict of interest or eligibility concern arises after the committee's vote.
  - A selected judge declines or is unavailable.
  - The 4-H office will notify the committee and request an alternative option if all choices fall under the above.

### **Duties & Responsibilities**

1. **Develop Criteria:** Establish minimum qualifications for judges (e.g., livestock evaluation experience, judging certifications, background in youth livestock).
2. **Solicit Nominations:** Gather names of potential judges through open calls to association members, past judge lists, industry networks, and national registries.
3. **Evaluate Conflicts of Interest:** Screen potential judges for personal, professional, or financial connections with Jackson County 4-H members, families, or volunteers.
4. **Rank Candidates:** Discuss and vote to produce a ranked list of 3–4 judges per species (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice).
5. **Submit Recommendations:** Provide the finalized ranked list to the 4-H office for scheduling and agreements by November Livestock Association Meeting.
6. **Maintain Confidentiality:** Committee discussions, evaluations, and votes will remain confidential. Only final recommendations will be shared publicly.
  - a. Final Judge Selections will be announced at soon as they are secured.