



TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

October 24, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: District 9 County Extension Agents

FROM: Eric Zimmerman
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SUBJECT: 2021 DISTRICT 9 4-H LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND SOIL JUDGING CONTESTS

Events: Livestock Judging Contest
Meat Judging & Identification Contest
Soil Judging Contest – **Invitational per state rules - No contest for 2021**

Event Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Entry Deadline: All entries will be completed on 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com>

Opens: Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Closes: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

County Approvals: County offices need to approve registrations in 4-H online by Thursday, April 1, 2021

Entry Fee: \$20 per member

Late Entries: Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$25 late fee per 4-H member (\$45.00 total)
- Late Deadline April 1st – April 4th

Auxiliary Aids or Special Accommodations: If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time entries are due in the 4-H Online System.

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D9 4-H TAMU JUDGING CONTESTS

Agent Assignments

Livestock Judging Contest

Committee:	John Grange Katie Pace Cassidy Meyer Allen Homann	Brandon Gregson Avery Martin Chadd Caperton Michelle Moss
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Registration/Tabulation Review:	John Grange Brandon Gregson
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Group Leaders:	Allen Homann Cassidy Meyer Chadd Caperton
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Listen to Intermediate Reasons:	Brandon Gregson Michelle Moss
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Reasons Scribes:	Avery Martin Cassidy Meyer Katie Pace
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Assist with lunch service:	John Grange Chadd Caperton
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Awards Presentation:	John Grange Brandon Gregson Livestock Ambassadors
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Bring PA System for Awards:	Cory Hundl
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Awards Purchasing:	D-9 Office
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Meat Judging & Identification Contest

Committee:	Waller Co. CEA AG/NR
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Contest Assistance:	Agents with teams will be responsible for assisting as needed with registration, tabulation, and awards.
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Soil Judging Contest – No Contest this year, a workshop is being planned.

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Schedule & Locations

Livestock Judging Contest

7:15 am	Registration
7:30 am	Livestock in place
7:45 am	Official Placings
8:00 am	Contest Begins
2:00 pm	Awards Presentation (subject to change)

Brazos County EXPO
5827 Leonard Rd
Bryan, Texas 77807

<https://www.brazoscountyexpo.com/p/other/contact-the-expo>

Meat Judging & Identification Contest

7:30 am	Registration
8:00 am	Contest Begins
1:00 pm	Awards Presentation (subject to change)

Rosenthal Meat Science & Technology Center
488 Olsen Blvd
College Station, TX

<http://aggiemap.tamu.edu/?Bldg=1505>

Soil Judging Contest (Invitational - Non-Qualifying to go to State)

7:45 am	Registration
7:45 am	Contest Begins
(2 hours after completion)	Awards Presentation

No Contest for 2021. A workshop is being planned.

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General Rules

1. Rules and Guidelines

All District contests will be conducted by the rules printed in the District 9 General Rules and Guidelines and in the 2021 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. If an inconsistency exists, the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide rules will always supersede District policies, rules, and guidelines. [Texas 4-H Judging Contest General Rules and Guidelines](#) can be found at the following link.

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/General Judging Contest Rules 2018.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/General_Judging_Contest_Rules_2018.pdf)

2. Membership

Participants must be a bona fide 4-H member, currently enrolled in their respective county program.

3. Age Divisions

There will be three (3) age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) in all contests.

Age divisions are determined by a participant’s grade as of August 31, 2020 as follows:

Age Division	Grades	
Junior	3*, 4, or 5	<i>*Must be at least 8 years old</i>
Intermediate	6, 7, or 8	
Senior	9, 10, 11, or 12*	<i>*Must not be older than 18 years old</i>

Only Senior aged members may advance to the state qualifying competition at Texas 4-H Roundup.

4. Participation/Entries

4-H members must be certified by the County Extension Agent to participate at any District 4-H event.

5. Team per county

There is no limit to the number of teams a county may enter in the district contest.

6. Members per team

These are team events; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

Note: A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to judge in the same age division, they will be considered a team entry.

All team members must be from the same county and within the same age division. Exception: Juniors may be moved up to an Intermediate team, if necessary (Within their county). However, Intermediates may NOT move up to a Senior team. NO individual may move down to a younger age division.

7. Academic Eligibility of Participants

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

- Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form”
- OR

- Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

*****Eligibility forms will be returned and remain in the county offices*****

8. Entry Fee

There is a \$20 entry fee per member per contest. All entries must be submitted through 4-H Connect by the entry due date.

9. Late Fees

Late entries will be permitted with an additional \$25 late fee per 4-H member that must be submitted on 4-H Connect by April 4th. (Total of \$45.00 per member)

10. Auxiliary Aids/Special Accommodations

If 4-H members that are participating in District 4-H events require auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please notify the District Office at the same time entries are due.

11. Qualifying for State

Only Senior 4-H members are eligible to advance to state. The top three teams and the top three individuals (if not part of one of the top three teams) will advance to state.

- Livestock and Meats Only
- Soils moved to an Invitational Contest starting in 2020

Reminder: We will be following the Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas A&M System rules and guidelines / protocols for conducting events and programs regarding COVID 19. At this time masks are required (Updates will be provided as the event date nears).

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Livestock Judging Contest Information

1. Objectives of the contest

- To increase knowledge of livestock evaluation and selection techniques
- To better understand breeding concepts and use of analytical tools such as EPDs
- To employ decision making skills
- To create a sense of teamwork
- To learn to make individual decisions and support them with oral statements

2. Classes *(Estimated. This could change.)*

- 2 Market Steer
- 1 Breeding Cattle
- 1 Goat
- 1 Market Lamb
- 1 Breeding Lamb
- 2 Market Swine

3. Reasons

Juniors	No reasons
Intermediates	2 sets: 1 market steer 1 market sheep
Seniors	4 sets: 2 cattle 1 sheep 1 swine

4. Estimated Progeny Differences (EPDs)

- Estimated Progeny Differences and a herd use description will be provided on the breeding cattle class.

5. Contest Resources

- <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Livestock-Judging-FAQ.pdf>

6. Awards

- The top ten (10) teams and the top ten (10) individuals in each age division will receive awards.

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Meat Judging & Identification Contest Information

1. Objectives of the contest

- Learn to Identify and evaluate meat cuts of Beef, Swine, and Sheep
- Learn to critically evaluate meat cuts and defend this evaluation with written reasons
- Learn to work as a team in accomplishing shared goals

2. Class Descriptions & Contest Guidelines:

- <http://agrilife.org/4hmeat/texas-4-h-meat-judging-rules-guidelines/> (check for updates)

3. Contestants will bring with them to the contest:

- Hard hat
- Frock
- Clipboard
- Pencils
- Wear Closed Toe shoes
- Dress Warmly

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Soil Judging Contest Information (Invitational – Non-Qualifying Contest to State)

1. Description of the contest

Contestants will judge four soil profiles with 20-minutes allowed for each and determine the soil characteristics of the profiles and make interpretations based on observation. Coaches are responsible for all transportation to and from contest site. Coaches are also required to assist in operation of the contest through the grading of score cards and serving as pit monitors.

2. Objectives of the contest

- To teach youth identify different soil types and understand their characteristics
- To give youth an appreciation for value of soil and its conservation
- To help youth understand how soil amendments change soil qualities
- To make youth aware of career opportunities related to soil

3. Each contestant is required to provide the following items for their use during the contest:

- water bottle for textural analysis
- tape measure
- clipboard
- multiple pencils
- appropriate knife or similar digging tool

4. Contest Resources

- Land Judging in Texas
 - <http://agrilife.org/d84h/files/2010/07/B-1103-color.pdf>
- Soil Judging Scorecard
 - <http://agrilife.org/d84h/files/2010/07/Soil-Judge-Scorecard.pdf>
- Texas 4-H Roundup General Info and Guidelines for Soil Judging – **PLEASE READ**
 - https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_contest_soil_judging_guidelines_2021.pdf

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