



TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

October 10, 2024

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**2025 DISTRICT 9 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

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**Event Date:** Saturday, May 3, 2025

**Location:** Louis Pearce Pavilion  
555 George Bush Dr. W.  
College Station, TX 77840  
<https://aggiemap.tamu.edu/?bldg=1160>

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

\$25.00 Fee

Opens: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Closes: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$25 late fee per 4-H member (\$50.00 total)
- **Late Deadline April 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**
- **All entries in the 4-H Online system must be “complete” by April 14<sup>th</sup> by 11:59 p.m.**

**Auxiliary Aids or Special Accommodations:** If you require auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please include that information when registering for the event in 4-H Online in the appropriate box.

**Schedule: (subject to change)**

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7:15 am	Check-In (Front entrance – look for the D-9 Table)
7:30 am	Livestock in place
7:45 am	Official Placings
8:00 am	Contest Begins
3:30 pm	Awards Presentation (subject to change)

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## D9 4-H TAMU JUDGING CONTESTS

### *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 2025 Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook. If an inconsistency exists, the Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook 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/roundup\\_general\\_judging\\_contest\\_rules\\_2025.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_general_judging_contest_rules_2025.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 September 1, 2024, as follows:

Age Division	Grades	
Junior	3*, 4, or 5	<i>*Must be at least 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (as of September 1, 2024)</i>
Intermediate	6, 7, or 8	
Senior	9, 10, 11, or 12*	<i>*Must not be older than 18 years old (as of September 1, 2024)</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.

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### 7. Academic Eligibility

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.
- Contact your local county extension office for the process used by **YOUR** county

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/email, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

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

### 8. 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.

### 9. Reminder to call contestants, coaches, agents:

Individual contestants are responsible for providing accurate scoring information on each scan sheet including team number. Contest officials will not correct, enter or change scan sheet marks or errors. Individual scores will not be tabulated without the correct team number.

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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 (Species could change)	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**

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup\\_livestock\\_qualifying\\_2025.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_livestock_qualifying_2025.pdf)

**6. Awards**

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