

Southeastern Regional Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Location: Virginia

NEW THIS CONTEST WILL ROTATE ANNUALLY.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY

Each state is invited to enter three 4-H and three FFA Livestock judging team of three members. A team may also enter an alternate. When the alternate judges, the three members with the highest total scores will make up the state total. The contestant with the lowest score is eligible for individual awards. The team members will be selected in a manner determined by the State 4-H or FFA Program Leader. **NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. (ACCEPTED ENTRIES ARE DEEMED SUBMITTED WHEN ALL REQUIRED ENTRY MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE HAVING ALL COMPLETED INFORMATION)**

An entry fee of \$150.00 must be paid.

Each state that enters a team is responsible for medical/accident insurance for all members of their team while traveling to and from the Southeastern Regional and during the Contest and other events associated with the contest.

CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Contestants must be bona fide 4-H or FFA members approved by the Program Leaders of their respective states.
2. Each contestant must have passed his or her 13th birthday and cannot have passed his or her 19th birthday by January 1st of the current year.

METHOD OF CONDUCT

(Any amendment to the "Method of Conduct" section sent to State Leaders and/or their delegated contacts by July 1, 2023, will be in effect for the 2023 contest.)

1. All contestants and coaches will report to the facility where they will receive final instructions regarding the remainder of the contest.
2. No contestant shall wear any clothing, pins, or badges that will in any way reveal his/ her identity or the state that he/she represents. The contest will be held inside so dress accordingly. No hats are to be worn during the contest.
3. All electronic communication devices of any kind are prohibited. Please advise your contestants to remove these devices prior to the start of the contest. If a contestant's phone

should ring, or if they are discovered using such electronic devices during the contest, the contestant and their team may be disqualified.

4. Contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with their assigned group throughout the contest and the delivery of oral reasons. While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by the Superintendent or his/her representative. Offending contestants may be disqualified.

5. The contest will be comprised of a minimum of 10 classes of livestock.

Of these classes, beef, swine, sheep, and meat goats will be represented. Sheep Breeds for class consideration shall also include hair type sheep. All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3- 4. We will strive to have one breeding class from each species with performance data and a scenario included.

6. Reasons will be given on four classes (two beef, one swine, and one sheep). Questions will be asked on three classes. One swine (breeding or market); one sheep or meat goat (breeding or market); one beef (breeding or market) that will comprise the question classes. A beef breeding class with performance records will automatically be an oral reasons class.

7. Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons on each class.

8. Contestants will be allowed twelve (12) minutes to place each non-reasons class.

9. Contestants will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes on each reasons class, to make their observations, take notes, and fill-out their placing card.

10. Once time has been called and judging on a class has been completed, contestants must immediately turn in their cards to their Group Leader. Any contestant failing to turn in their card either by the time the Ring Clerk picks up the Group's cards from the Group Leader or the group has rotated to the next class shall receive a zero as a placing score for that class.

11. Breeding cattle and steers will NOT be handled. All judging of non-reasons cattle classes will be done from a distance of 10-15 feet. Close inspection may be allowed. This will be determined after selection of the classes.

12. Breeding sheep and goats will not be handled since they will be judged loose in a pen. When handling market lambs and meat goat wethers, contestants will stand in line and will be allowed 15 seconds to handle each lamb or goat individually. Lambs and goats will not be rehandled at any time. 15.

SUPERINTENDENT

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that all rules and regulations of the contest are followed. He/she shall determine the answers to all questions which may arise in connection with the interpretation of the rules governing the contest.

2. The superintendent shall have assistant superintendents and helpers to assist with contest management.
3. The Superintendent will not serve as an official judge nor listen to oral reasons.
4. The Superintendent shall take charge of all records and shall have all scores tabulated and totaled.
5. All decisions by the Superintendent, Chair and/or Contest Management Committee shall be deemed final and shall not be further challenged.

CONTEST HELP

Any handlers, clerks, assistants and attendants, etc. shall be under the direction of the Superintendent. They shall carry out all assignments in an orderly manner; and no contest help shall confer with a contestant, contest committee or contest official Judges unless directed by the Superintendent.

DETERMINATION OF RATINGS

1. Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect mark for placing classes and 50 points a perfect mark on oral reasons.
2. Highest total score overall wins.
 - a. If there is a tie then the highest total reasons score breaks the tie.
 - b. If still tied then the lower placings in reasons classes wins.
 - c. If still tied then the highest total questions score wins.
3. Highest reasons score wins.
 - a. If there is a tie then the lower placings classes wins.
 - b. If there is still a tie the highest total overall score wins
4. Highest score within the species wins.
 - a. If there is a tie then the highest total reasons score within the specie wins.
 - b. If still tied then the highest total reason score overall wins.
 - c. If still tied then the highest total score overall wins.
5. Team alternates are eligible for individual awards.

JUDGES

1. A committee of judges shall place all classes and listen to oral reasons. If the number of teams entered indicates that additional judges are necessary to expedite the process of listening to oral reasons, the Superintendent shall have the authority to appoint such judges.

2. The judges shall place the classes while the contestants are working in the area. The judges shall mark their placings on placing cards, indicate the cuts to be made and file that card with the referee judge.

3. Contestants will NOT be offered their placing card as they appear before an official judge to give their oral reasons. When a contestant has finished giving oral reasons on a class, the judge will place the official reasons score on a master sheet that will be used for tabulation.

**CONTESTANTS AND TEAMS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE
CONTEST FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ENTRY MATERIALS due by October 6th

[ENTRY FORM](#)