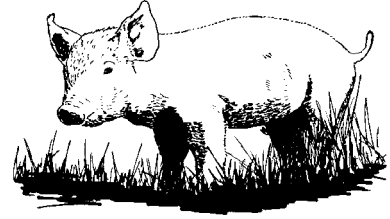


## GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

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### Purposes:

This event is designed:

1. To support the county 4-H livestock program.
2. To broaden the 4-H interaction experiences of youth and adults from across the Commonwealth.
3. To challenge 4-H'ers skills and knowledge in livestock selection.
4. To recognize 4-H'ers demonstrated abilities in livestock selection.
5. To better acquaint 4-H'ers with the faculty, services, and facilities of The Pennsylvania State University.

### Objectives:

1. To provide youth with the opportunity to be trained in accurate observation, the decision making process (24 potential decisions in each class), and to be offered training in public speaking.
2. To give exposure to Penn State through this contest as a potential recruitment tool for the College of Agricultural Sciences.
3. To give youth an appreciation for high quality livestock.
4. To select a team to represent Pennsylvania at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.

### Eligibility:

There are two divisions of competition in this contest: junior and senior. Both divisions are conducted simultaneously in competition, but both are scored and placed separately within their own divisions. The junior division is conducted primarily as a training ground for eventual senior division participation, or to allow counties with no seniors to participate in the competition.

#### Junior Division:

1. Participants must be at least 13 years of age and must not have passed their 16th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Team members or individuals must be currently enrolled in a 4-H livestock or meat animal project. Horse and Pony members are not eligible, unless they are also enrolled in a meat animal project.
3. Junior contestants must not have participated in the State Senior Livestock Judging Contest.

#### **4. Each county may enter a maximum of 8 contestants as follows:**

- a) Two (2) teams consisting of four (4) people, and up to 2 individuals, OR
- b) Two (2) team consisting of three (3) people, and up to 2 individuals, OR
- c) Two (2) individuals, OR
- d) One (1) individual

#### Senior Division:

1. Participants must be at least 13 years of age and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.

2. Team members or individuals must be currently enrolled in a 4-H livestock or meat animal project. Horse and Pony members are not eligible, unless they are also enrolled in a meat animal project.
3. Four-H members who have participated as a contestant or as an alternate in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest are not eligible to participate.

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**Contest Organization and Content:**

Junior Division:

1. Three classes each of beef cattle and swine and two classes of sheep will be judged. A combination of market and breeding classes will be used. Performance data will be provided for some classes. Fifty (50) points per class is possible.
2. The eight classes will be judged in two rounds of four classes each.
3. Following the completion of all judging, contestants will be given five (5) (10) minutes to study notes pertaining to one questions class, then will be asked ten questions about the class. Following another five minute study period, contestants will answer ten questions about a second class. Answers to questions will be worth three points each.
4. After questions have been answered, contestants will have time to study their notes, then present one set of oral reasons worth fifty (50) points. Use of notes will not be permitted while reasons are being presented.

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4. Oral reasons will be given on four classes. Use of notes will not be permitted while reasons are being presented. Reasons will be given on one class each of beef cattle, sheep and swine and a breeding class of either beef, sheep, or swine which has performance data available. Fifty (50) points for each set of reasons is possible. Criteria for judging reasons are accuracy, terminology, and method of delivery. There is no formal score card for judging reasons.

**Scoring:**

Scoring will be determined as follows:

1. A team score is defined as the total of the three highest scoring individuals from a team of three or four individuals.
2. An individual score is defined as the total of all scores from each part of the contest.


Junior Division Potential Score:

Judging (8 classes @ 50 points each).....	400 points
Questions (2 classes of 10 questions @ 3 pts. each).....	60 points
Oral Reasons (1 class @ 50 pts) .....	<u>50 points</u>
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUAL SCORE.....</b>	<b>510 POINTS</b>
<b>TOTAL TEAM SCORE.....</b>	<b>1530 POINTS</b>

Senior Division Potential Score:

Judging (8 classes @ 50 points each).....	400 points
Questions (2 classes of 10 questions @ 3 pts. each).....	60 points
Oral Reasons (4 sets @ 50 points each).....	<u>200 points</u>
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUAL SCORE.....</b>	<b>660 POINTS</b>
<b>TOTAL TEAM SCORE.....</b>	<b>1980 POINTS</b>

The following judging card will be used for placing livestock classes.

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**Awards:**

1. The members of the high scoring team in each division will be awarded plaques.
2. The high scoring individual in each division will be awarded a plaque.
3. The top team and top individual will be announced at the Penn State 4-H Achievement Day Awards Assembly .
4. Team ribbons will be awarded to a maximum of ten (10) teams per division.
5. Merit ribbons will be awarded to all participants in each division (33 percent blue, 33 percent red, 33 percent white).

**Opportunities:**

The winning team in the senior division will be eligible to represent Pennsylvania at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Louisville, Kentucky; Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts; Eastern National Livestock Exposition, Timonium, Maryland; and the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (provided that all members meet the contest rules).

Counties representing team members eligible to attend out-of-state contests will work with appropriate specialists involved to make travel arrangements.

NOTE: Contestants must have passed his or her 14th birthday and not have passed his or her 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year to participate in national competition. You may want to consider this in selection of team members. A 1st place team with any members not meeting this eligibility requirement will not be allowed to compete in this opportunity.

**References:**

Pennsylvania 4-H Livestock Judging Guide  
Individual 4-H project books related to beef cattle, sheep, and swine  
Instructional materials list in The Pennsylvania State University Audio-Visual Catalog