

# LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendent:	Quinlan Western	989-827-8279	
Registration	Thursday, August 8th 2:30 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Judging	Thursday, August 8th 3 p.m.	Livestock Arena	

**Learning Objective:** Livestock judging is a process of evaluating, selecting, and placing various livestock species by comparing the merits of one animal against the merits of other potential project animals. In 4-H, livestock judging contests are held to help youth acquire a better knowledge of livestock and to develop skills in selecting quality animals.

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- The contest will consist of one class each of beef cattle, sheep, swine, and a livestock management skills test of 25 questions. Each class will be composed of four animals selected and provided by the livestock judging superintendent and corresponding species superintendents. The livestock management skills test may include identifying common tools, breeds of livestock, feedstuffs, or other items used in the livestock industry.
- Scores will be based on a possible of 50 points for each placing class and 50 points for the management class. With four classes to be placed and one set of questions, there would be a possible score of 200 points per contestant. In case of a tie, the highest award shall go the individual scoring highest in the management class; if a tie still exists, the individual with the most perfect scores per class shall be listed first.
- Contestants will be divided into five equal-sized groups prior to the start of the contest and must remain with the assigned group throughout the contest. Contestants will be given 8 minutes to place each class. Each group will be supervised by an adult leader, who shall collect his/her group's placing cards when time is called on each class. A packet of these cards will be distributed to each contestant during contest registration.
- Market cattle and swine will not be handled. If the market lambs are handled, contestants will stand in line and will be allowed time to handle each lamb individually.
- The official placings and cuts will be presented by the contest officials at the conclusion of the contest. Answers to the management portion of the contest will also be given at this time.
- The results of the contest will be announced on Saturday preceding the announcement of the sweepstakes showmanship winner.

Class:	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Senior Livestock Judging	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion Banner
1001	Intermediate Livestock Judging	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion Banner
1002	Junior Livestock Judging	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion Banner