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## A. State Contest

1. There is no area qualifying event.
2. Divisions will be designated as Senior 4-H Reasons, Senior FFA Reasons, and Questions Divisions. Questions division will include grades 3-12 and 4-H & FFA. Refer to the State Ag Judging Committee Handbook for team designations. Awards will be presented at the state contest to all divisions.
3. The following classes will be a part of the State event: twelve classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine are to be judged with oral reasons given on six classes spread amongst the four species evaluated.
  - a. Beef – 3 to 5 classes, including at least one class of market steers. Remaining classes will consist of yearling heifers and yearling bulls (if available) from breeds available in the area.
  - b. Boer goats – 1-2 classes of Boer goats (could be breeding or market) Expect to give a set of reasons on Boer Goats.
  - c. Swine - 3 or 4 classes, including at least one class of market hogs. Remaining classes will be breeding hogs.
  - d. Sheep - 3 or 4 classes, including at least one class of market lambs (judged in a rack). Remaining classes will consist of ewe lambs, ram lambs, yearling ewes or additional market lambs.
4. Performance information will be provided on at least one breeding class per specie (except goats) and is to be considered when deciding placings. It is strongly recommended that the performance data be incorporated into the contestant's oral reasons, as justification of their placings.
5. **Procedures:**
  - a. All contestants are to enter the contest with a clean notebook and no notes or handouts other than what may be provided by the contest coordinator. The group leader is to take away from contestants any notes or handouts in their possession. The performance data sheets will be available to the contestants as they judge the performance classes.
  - b. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to place and take notes on each class.
  - c. Each contestant will be allowed two minutes to give oral reasons. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons.
  - d. The animals will be designated by number 1 - 2 - 3 - 4. Haltered or racked animals will be numbered 1 - 4 from left to right, as the contestants stand behind the animals.
  - e. Youth will fill out a scantron for their placings.
  - f. Fifty points will constitute a perfect score on a placing class and on a set of oral reasons.
  - g. Group Leaders. A group leader shall be in charge of each group to move the contestants, to assist in supervising the class, to see that the animals are properly exhibited, and to answer any questions, which may not pertain to the actual placing of the animals under consideration.
  - h. Students, volunteers and coaches will be selected as leadsmen for the contest.
  - i. **NO COACHES will be allowed in the reasons prep area and interact with youth upon the completion of judging classes. The only exception would be if there is an emergency.**
6. **Ties** (based on the three highest contestants' scores that went into making the tie) will be broken by the following criteria for each division:
  - a. **Individual rank** - If two or more contestants have the same total points score, it will be broken by total reasons score.

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- b. **Team rank** - If two or more teams have a combined total point score that is the same, the tie will be broken by a combined total reasons score.
  - c. If still tied for either Individual and/or team rank, the contestant or team having the highest placing score in the class(es) with the lowest total cuts, will be listed first.
  - d. If still tied, the contestant or team with the highest total placing score (adding together the placing scores on reasons classes) on reasons classes, will be listed first.
  - e. If still tied, the contestant or team with the highest single class reason score will be listed first.
  - f. Ties for individuals and teams in the oral reasons category will be broken such that the contestant or team with the lower total placing score (adding together the placing scores on reasons classes) on reasons classes, will be listed first.
- If all of the above fail, duplicate awards shall be given.

## 7. Awards:

- a) Top Ten Teams Overall (4-H and FFA)
- b) Top Ten Individuals Overall (4-H and FFA)
- c) Top 5 Teams in Each Species (4-H and FFA)
- d) Top 5 Individuals in Each Species (4-H and FFA)
- e) Top 5 Individuals in Oral Reasons (4-H and FFA)
- f) Top 5 Teams in Oral Reasons (4-H and FFA)
- g) Top 5 Individuals in Questions
- h) Top 5 Teams in Questions

## 8. References:

- a. [www.livestockjudging.com](http://www.livestockjudging.com)
- b. [www.judgingpro.com](http://www.judgingpro.com)
- c. <https://duval.agrilife.org/files/2011/07/livestock-judging-jeff-thayne.pdf>
- d. <https://www.showpig.com/EDUCATION/Livestock%20Judging%20Manual.pdf>
- e. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8PMz6vOY3UHRLjCHDIH2WCJLnfcGJFh9>
- f. <https://trinity.agrilife.org/files/2011/06/LivestockJudgingMan.pdf>
- g. <https://afs.ca.uky.edu/livestock/judging>

**\*\*State contest staff have the discretion to adjust contest classes and reasons based on scenarios or problems that may arise.**