



March 21, 2024

Dear Coach:

The state livestock judging contest will be held at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in Lafayette on May 18, 2024. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM-8:45 AM ET. Registration for the Questions division will begin at 12:30 ET.

Registration Details:

NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Coaches registering a 4-H team/individual must do so using their 4-H Online account.
<https://2024livestockCDE.4honline.com>

Coaches registering a FFA team/individual must do so using their FFA chapter account.
<https://inffa.org/connect/admin/registration/>

Any adult coaching both 4-H and FFA teams/individuals will need to use both online systems.

Please come prepared to pay the \$30.00 registration fee per contestant (reasons) and \$20.00 registration fee per contestant(questions). Checks should be made payable to Purdue University.

All contestants must be pre-registered by April 26th, no late registrations will be accepted!

Team Requirements are as follows:

******Team Breakdowns and Allowances - 2 per division per program** (No more than 2 FFA, 2 4-H, and 2 Questions). ***Membership and program will be verified at the local and state level (including verification of all coaches).*** FFA Advisors must have online waiver completed per participant. If you have questions on your team's specific eligibility, please send an email with your inquiry before submitting the registration. This will ensure all necessary parties are involved in the conversation. All teams will be verified by their state program lead this includes program, county and school verification of each youth. **Blank entries or naming of systems similar to Team Member 1, Team 2, Daffy Duck, Road Runner etc. will NOT be accepted or considered registered. You will be billed for the entry fee, unless you notify the State 4-H Office at least 7 days before the state contest that you team or individual will not be coming to the state contest. *****

A team will be allowed 1 substitution for the contest, per state Ag Judging Committee policy. The individual must meet the eligibility requirements or the substitution will not be permitted.

Reasons Division: We plan to include 12 classes in the contest, including Boer goat does, cattle, hogs and sheep. The plan is to have at least 1 market class of beef, sheep and swine. We will divide the contestants into 6 groups for 2 rotations, with 6 classes per round. The 6 reasons classes should include 1 market and 1 breeding class of beef, sheep and swine. There will also be 1 questions class with 10 questions worth 50 points in this division. If possible, performance data and scenario will be provided on at least 1 of the breeding classes of beef, sheep and swine. Market classes will be judged without weights being provided. The market lambs will be judged in a rack so contestants can handle them for condition differences. The underlines on the gilts will be judged as is for placing purposes and the differences should be discussed in the contestant's oral reasons. Black fiber will be disregarded for placing the sheep classes and mouths on the breeding sheep will be considered sound. Structural differences will be judged as is unless announced otherwise before judging.

Question Division: 6 placing classes(300 points), 3 sets of question(150 points). This division will begin with registration at 12:30 ET. Refer to the schedule for arrival logistics. All contestants and teams will compete against each other, there will not be separate FFA and 4-H divisions in this offering. **Again, verification of Indiana 4-H or Indiana FFA member will be completed.**

This contest will use scantrons, it is the responsibility of each contestant to know how to navigate the document.

Best of luck to you and your team as you prepare for the state contest. I look forward to seeing you on May 18.

Sincerely,

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cc: Amanda Mullins – Assistant Director of Indiana FFA Career and Leadership Development

***Example of Team Naming**

Benton Central School- Would be allowed to have the following teams 2 Benton Central FFA, 2 Benton Central 4-H, and 2 Benton Central Questions.

In the event Benton County 4-H has a 4-H Livestock Judging Team, they be would allowed 2 4-H teams and 2 Questions Teams. All teams will be verified with the county Extension Educator.

Please refer to the **State Ag Judging Committee Handbook** for eligibility breakdown.