



April 1, 2021

Dear Coach:

The state livestock judging contest will be held at Whitko Career Academy in Larwill on May 15, 2021. Registration will begin at Whitko at 8:30 AM-9:00 AM ET. Please come prepared to pay the \$23.00 registration fee per contestant, you will need to complete the registration link here <https://bit.ly/2QXVC97> . **All contestants must be pre-registered by May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.**

**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 in Round 2 of the Reasons Division at approximately 11:15 AM ET. Refer to the schedule for arrival times. All contestants and teams will compete against each other, there will not be separate FFA and 4-H divisions in this offering.

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

COVID- 19 and biosecurity measures are being taken and required. The following guidelines should be met:

- **Face coverings and social distancing will be required or everyone in attendance.**
- Anyone who will be out of the country 14 days ahead of the contest is asked **not to attend** the State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest this year.
- Coaches and contestants are asked to wear clothing and footwear that has **not been worn** at other animal facilities since being laundered or cleaned.
- Contestants and coaches are advised to launder their clothes and clean their footwear after attending the state livestock judging contest and before they return to any other livestock facility (including their own farms).

Best of luck to you and your team as you prepare for the state contest. I look forward to seeing you on May 15.  
Sincerely,

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cc: Matt Claeys