



## Livestock Skillathon Contest Memo

**Covid-19 Disclaimer:** This is the date and time we are planning to hold this contest. However, due to the ever-changing Covid-19 conditions, we reserve the right to make changes in the date/time/location if necessary. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we navigate these circumstances.

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022

Location: Farmersville Baptist Church – Farmersville, Texas

Contest: At the contestant's convenience anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**Registration.** Each participating member is required to register on 4-H Online and pay the district \$12.00 contest registration fee. Registration will begin on March 9, 2022 and close at midnight March 23, 2022. No late entries will be accepted.

**Participation.** Contestants must be active 4-H members enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development County program in District IV. Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to UIL rules) to compete on the day of the contest. A contestant may compete as an individual or as a member on a team.

**Age.** Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. Age divisions for this contest are:

- Junior (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Intermediate (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Senior (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Entries per County.** Each county may enter individuals per age division listed above.

**Suggested materials to bring for contest.** Clipboard, blank paper, and pencils. No calculators allowed.

**Awards.** 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place individual awards in each age division will be presented.

**Participants with Disabilities.** Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District Extension Office or Denita Young at [djyoung@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:djyoung@ag.tamu.edu) or note when registering on 4-H Online, at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.

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**Contest Rules.** District IV follows the rules set forth in the Texas 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest.

**Classes can consist of the following:**

### Identification:

- Livestock Equipment Identification
- Livestock Breed Identification
- Retail Meat Cut Identification
- Feed Sample Identification

### Judging

- Hay Judging Class
- Wool Judging Class
- Retail Meat Judging Class

### Quiz

- Quality Assurance Quiz
- Industry Quiz

### **Resources**

This list is just some of the potential resource information available. Please feel free to utilize other sources as you deem appropriate.

#### Swine Resources

- National Swine Registry Skill-a-thon Training <https://nationalswine.com/resources/resources-main.php>
- Texas A&M Swine Skill-a-thon study guide <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestockspecies/swine/skillathon/>
- Oklahoma State Swine Breeds - <http://afs.okstate.edu/breeds/swine>
- National Pork Board: <http://www.pork.org/youth-and-education/skillathon-quiz-bowl/>

#### Beef Resources

- Texas A&M Beef Skill-a-thon <https://beefskillathon.tamu.edu/>
- Iowa State Beef Skill-a-thon <https://www.ans.iastate.edu/beef-skillathon>

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- Oklahoma State Cattle Breeds - <http://afs.okstate.edu/breeds/cattle/>

### Sheep & Goat Resources

- Sheep and Goat programs – <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/sheep-goats/>
- Iowa State Sheep Skill-a-thon <https://www.ans.iastate.edu/sheep-skillathon>
- Oklahoma State Sheep Breeds - <http://afs.okstate.edu/breeds/sheep>
- Oklahoma State Goat Breeds - <http://afs.okstate.edu/breeds/goats>
- Maryland Small Ruminant Page - <https://www.sheepandgoat.com/skillathon>

### Meat Judging and Identification Resources

- <http://www.meatscience.org/students/meat-judging-program/meat-judging-resources/>
- <http://aggiemeat.tamu.edu/meat-identification-pictures/>
- <https://aggiemeat.tamu.edu/example-classes/>

### Equipment Identification

- Nasco - <https://www.enasco.com/>
- Valley Vet - <https://www.valleyvet.com>
- Sullivan's Supply - <https://www.sullivanssupply.com/>
- Weaver Livestock - <https://www.thewinnersbrand.com>

### Feed Sample Identification

- <https://quizlet.com/22837845/feed-stuff-identification-flash-cards/>
- <https://extension.msstate.edu/sites/default/files/publications/publications/P2834.pdf>
- [http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/400/400-011/400-011\\_pdf.pdf](http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/400/400-011/400-011_pdf.pdf)



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### Wool Judging

- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Judging-Wool-and-Mohair.pdf>

### Hay Judging

<https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/19/Hay%20Judging%20Resources.doc><https://extension.msstate.edu/sites/default/files/publications/publications/P2834.pdf>

- <https://cherokee.agrilife.org/4-h/hay-judging/>

### National Livestock Skill-a-Thon

- <http://www.livestockexpo.org/educationContests>

### Texas FFA Livestock Quiz Question Bank

- [https://www.texasffa.org/docs/2017-21%20Livestock\\_QBank\\_Export\\_Key\\_71269.pdf](https://www.texasffa.org/docs/2017-21%20Livestock_QBank_Export_Key_71269.pdf)

Contestants will use the Universal A scan sheet to record their placings. Please make sure they are familiar with the sheet prior to judging. An example of one can be viewed here:

<https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/705A-12.pdf>

**Contest Superintendents.** Questions regarding the District IV 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest can be directed to Cody Maxwell at [Cody.Maxwell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Cody.Maxwell@ag.tamu.edu).

### **COVID-19 NOTICE**

This program will follow any directives by the local/county health officials, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service policies, and State requirements in effect at the time of the event as it relates to COVID-19. Participation in this event **REQUIRES** any attendee to follow those procedures to attend the event. This **MAY** include wearing face coverings, social distancing, any other preventative measures mandated or required by this program.

***Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in helping us provide this contest opportunity for your child.***