

MEMORANDUM

TO: District IV County Extension Agents

FROM: Denita Young
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4-H Youth Development

SUBJECT: 2023 DISTRICT IV 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

Event: District IV Dairy Judging Contest

Event Date: Sunday, January 15, 2023
Cattle Arena
Ft. Worth Stock Show
Ft. Worth, Texas

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.

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

- Junior/Intermediate (3rd through 8th grades)
- Senior (9th through 12th grades)

Entry Deadline: All entries for the **District Contest** will be completed on 4-H Online at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.
Opens: December 14, 2022
Closes: December 28, 2022

Please make sure each team member uses the exact same team name when registering in 4H Online.

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per member per event

Late Entries: Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours after the regular contest deadline.
- \$50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours and up to the time of check-in on-site at an event.

4-H Club Volunteers: Each 4-H Club must furnish at least one (1) adult leader per team to assist with the contest as needed. Leaders need to report to the Contest Superintendent by 7:15 a.m. for their assignment.

Rules: Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo
Livestock Premium List
<https://www.fwssr.com/p/livestock-shows/livestock-premium-list>

Auxiliary Aids or Special Accommodations: If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time entry materials are due to Denita Young at djyoung@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, Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, 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.

Tentative Schedule

7:15 a.m.	Registration – Cattle Arena
7:30 a.m.	Participant Orientation
Immediately Following Orientation	Contest to Begin
5:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation (subject to change) Stagecoach Room – Round Up Inn

Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Texas Open Junior Dairy Cattle 4-H and FFA Judging Contest

The Texas 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be during the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo in conjunction with the District IV Contest (see attached form).

District IV Contest Registration Closes in 4-H Online on December 28, 2022

FWSSR Registration (serves as our State Contest) ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY AND BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 1, 2022

You must register in both places if you plan on participating in both contests.

For Senior 4-H teams, this contest will serve as the national 4-H qualifying event. However, there will NOT be a separately scored contest or awards presented by Texas 4-H. The team and individual rankings will be based upon the Fort Worth contest. The same team structure a county designates for the Fort Worth contest will be the same structure used in determining 4-H team qualifications for nationals.

Any interested teams should plan to enter the Texas Open Junior Dairy Judging Contest for 4-H & FFA .

The highest placing Senior 4-H team at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Texas Open Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be given the opportunity to represent the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin in October.

The second highest placing Senior 4-H team at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Texas Open Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be given the opportunity to represent the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky in November.

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