

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District IV County Extension Agents

**FROM:** Denita Young  
Extension Program Specialist  
4-H Youth Development

**SUBJECT:** 2024 DISTRICT IV 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

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**Event:** District IV Dairy Judging Contest

**Event Date:** Sunday, January 14, 2024  
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 (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8th grades)
- Senior (9<sup>th</sup> 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 6, 2023  
Closes: December 20, 2023

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

**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](mailto:djyoung@ag.tamu.edu).

## *Tentative Schedule*

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7:00 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 20, 2023**

**FWSSR Registration (serves as our State Contest) ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY AND BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 1, 2023**

***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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