



## Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest Memo

Date: Friday, April 11, 2025

Location: Farmersville Baptist Church  
124 S. Washington Street  
Farmersville, Texas 75442

Contest: At the contestant's convenience anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**Registration.** Each participating member is required to register on 4-HOnline and pay the district \$15.00 contest registration fee. Registration will begin on **March 5, 2025 and close at midnight March 19, 2025. 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 unlimited individuals per age division listed above. This is not a state qualifying contest.

**Contest Format.** Participants will answer questions using a multiple-choice answer sheet that will be provided.

**Suggested materials to bring for contest.** Clipboard, blank paper, pencils, and calculator. The contestants may not bring books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material into the contest area.

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

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**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.

**Contest Rules.** District IV follows the rules outlined in the Texas 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest.

**Classes may 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.

Texas 4-H Roundup Contest Guide

[General Rules and Information | Project Page](#)

**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/>

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- 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>
- 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.sullivansupply.com/>
- Weaver Livestock - <https://www.thewinnersbrand.com>

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### 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)

### 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)

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

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