Ag Product ID Invitational
Contest Memo

Date: Friday, April 10, 2026

Location: Grayson College
                                            6101 Grayson Drive
                                            Denison, Texas 75020

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 4, 2026 and close at midnight on March 18, 2026. 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 1st of the current 4-H year. Age divisions for this contest are:
- Junior (3rd, 4th, & 5th grades)
- Intermediate (6th, 7th, & 8th grades)
- Senior (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades)

Academic Eligibility. According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed "eligible" to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend.
All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

•   Complete a "Declaration of Eligibility Form"
          OR
•   Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a
          specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.
•   Contact your local county extension office for the process used by YOUR county.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter/email, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

Eligibility forms will be returned to and remain in the county offices

Entries per County. Each county may enter unlimited individuals per age division listed above. This is not a state-qualifying contest.

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

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

The contest is modeled after the 4-H Agriculture Identification Contest. The Ag Product ID Resource Guide is available on the Texas 4-H Food and Nutrition Webpage to assist in preparation for the contest.

A combination of real products and pictures of agricultural products grown in Texas will be displayed for the purpose of identification. Participants identify the products displayed and answer one or more multiple-choice questions about the product. There will be no communication between participants during the contest. Any communication during the contest must be directed to a contest official. Violation of this rule can result in removal from the contest. Ties will be broken by methods as determined by the judges. Decisions of this independent panel of judges will be final. The judges reserve the right to disqualify any participant whose parents or other representatives interfere with the flow of the competition.

Contest Procedures. As each student enters the contest area, he or she will be given a clipboard and pencil to use. Products will be arranged on tables with numbers and questions in front of each. Participants will stand in front of a different number to rotate around the tables. Students will be allowed 1 minute per item to write the requested information and will then be asked to move to the next number. When students have rotated through each of the 25 products, they will turn in worksheets, clipboards, and pencils and will be free to leave the contest area. Winners will be announced at the close of the contest on Friday.

Awards. 1st through 5th place individuals 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 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 set forth in the Texas 4-H Ag Product ID Invitational Contest Guide.

Resources.

Resource Guide | Guide by Guide Section | Project Pages

Contest Superintendents. Questions regarding the District IV 4-H Ag Product ID Contest should be directed to Tamra McGaughy at tdmcgaughy@ag.tamu.edu or Jaci Eaves at jaci.eaves@ag.tamu.edu.