



DISTRICT 10  
SPRING ROUNDUP

**LIVESTOCK  
JUDGING**

April 19, 2023

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Fredericksburg, TX

# Livestock Judging

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**DATE:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023

**LOCATION:** Gillespie County Fairgrounds ([530 Fair Dr, Fredericksburg, TX 78624](#))

## SCHEDULE

9:00-9:45 a.m.	Livestock Judging Check-in Opens
9:45 a.m.	Contest Orientation Begins
10:00 a.m.	Contest Begins ( <i>Awards immediately following contest and tabulation</i> )

## ABOUT THIS CONTEST

The **4-H Livestock Judging Contest** is the visual appraisal of an animal's physical traits, including positive and negative features. The goal in judging livestock is to compare and contrast the four animals in a given class against one another, and then compare them to what is considered the "ideal" animal. Livestock Judging is a great way to learn decision making and public speaking and is an educational opportunity offered at the District/State level and most major stock shows.

## CONTEST TYPE

### District Qualifying:

1. Counties may enter an unlimited number of teams and up to 2 individuals in the District Livestock Judging contest in each age division.
2. The top 1st – 3rd place Senior age division Teams/Individuals will qualify to participate in Texas 4-H State Roundup Qualifying Livestock Judging Contest.
3. Texas 4-H State Roundup will also host an Invitational Livestock Judging Contest for Senior teams and individuals who are not competing in the Qualifying Livestock Judging Contest.

## CONTEST STRUCTURE

**Team & Individual:** Livestock Judging teams must be comprised of 3-4 youth in the same age division *\*unless they are a Junior contestant moving up to Intermediate Team*. This contest also allows individual competitors. \*Please note that only two individuals per age division will be allowed at District. If you have three individuals, they will be required to combine into a team to compete at District.

## VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH CONTEST:

The District Livestock Judging will need additional volunteers to help as group leaders. If a county has entries for this contest, agents will need to recruit and CONFIRM ONE volunteer who can serve in this role. Please sign up volunteers [HERE](#). **Volunteer quotas will be due by March 31, 2023.**

# LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RULES

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1. **General Rules:** The District 10 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will follow the format below for all age divisions:
  - Contestants will judge approximately (9) nine classes as the committee designates.
  - **Juniors** will have 10 questions on 2 different classes.
  - **Intermediates** will give reasons over 1 class & will have 10 questions covering 2 classes.
  - **Seniors** will give reasons on 4 classes.
  - No printed materials may be used as an aid during the contest.
  - Contestants will utilize Expected Progeny Differences (E.P.D.'s).
  
2. **Livestock Judging Resources:**
  - [Texas 4-H Roundup Livestock Opportunities FAQ Sheet](#) (2<sup>nd</sup> Page)
  - [Texas A&M Animal Science Department Youth Projects Website](#)
  - ["Inspecting & Handling Sheep"](#)
  - ["Breeding Swine Selection"](#)
  - ["Evaluating Market Swine"](#)
  - ["Fundamentals of Evaluating Market Steers"](#)
  
3. **What to Bring:**
  - Clipboard
  - Two (2) sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers.
  - Scantrons will be provided for all participants at the judging contests.