



DISTRICT 10
SPRING ROUNDUP

**LIVESTOCK
JUDGING**

April 15, 2024

Fredericksburg, TX

Livestock Judging

DATE: Monday, April 15, 2024

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.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RULES

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).
 - Contest may be broken into 2 rounds to accommodate a larger capacity of competitors.

2. **Livestock Judging Resources:**
 - [Texas 4-H Roundup Livestock Opportunities FAQ Sheet \(2nd Page\)](#)
 - [Texas A&M Animal Science Department Youth Projects Website](#)
 - [Texas Youth Livestock & Agriculture Resource Page](#)
 - [Judge 2 Win Online Platform](#)
 - [LivestockJudging.com](#)

3. **What to Bring:**
 - Clipboard or unmarked steno.
 - Two (2) sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers.
 - Scantrons will be provided for all participants at the judging contests.