



DISTRICT 10
SPRING ROUNDUP

MEAT JUDGING

April 10, 2024

San Angelo, TX

Meat Judging

DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

LOCATION: ASU Meats Lab - [7945 Grape Creek Rd. San Angelo, Texas](#)

SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. (Tentative) Meat Judging Check-in Opens
10:00 a.m. Contest Begins
NOON Lunch (Provided by ASU) for Contestants & Coaches
Juniors & Intermediates expected to conclude contest around NOON.
Seniors expected to conclude contest after lunch to give reasons.
Awards (*immediately following conclusion of the contest*)

ABOUT THIS CONTEST

The **4-H Meat Judging Contest** helps members learn how to identify various cuts of meats and determine the quality. Members will discover science-based information about meat, be able to judge the quality and retail value of meat. In this contest, students are given a set of meat that they must evaluate and score. After they have made their decision of which cut of meat is the best, they will write a set of oral reasons. It is a competitive environment to test their knowledge of the subject of meat science.

CONTEST TYPE

District Qualifying:

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

CONTEST STRUCTURE

Team & Individual: Meat 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 in order to compete at District.

CONTEST RULES

1. **General Rules:** The District 10 4-H Meat Judging Contest will follow the Texas 4-H rules for all age divisions. State resources are linked below:
 - [Texas 4-H Meat Judging Rules & Guidelines](#)
 - Additional Resources: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/meat-science/>
2. **What to Bring:**
 - Clipboard
 - Several sharpened pencils with good erasers
 - Blank paper for taking notes on classes
 - Scantrons ([#480-4 Meats](#)) will be provided by the District 10 4-H program. Students should know how to use scantrons properly before coming to the contest.
3. **Resources:** Study materials/resources for this contest are located at:
<https://agrillife.org/4hmeat/academics/meat-science/4h/resources/>
 - Retail cuts and names shall be among those found in the [Uniform Meat Identity Standards 2009 Edition](#)
 - Nebraska Site to Study Retail ID <https://animalscience.unl.edu/meat-id>
 - Nebraska Site to Example Classes <https://animalscience.unl.edu/pase-and-cde-meats-contest>
 - [Official Meat Judging Collegiate Handbook](#) – Has pictures with terminology and example questions.