



DISTRICT 10
SPRING ROUNDUP

**LIVESTOCK
JUDGING**

April 20, 2026

Fredericksburg, TX

Livestock Judging

DATE: Monday, April 20, 2026

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.
 - Contestants will not be allowed to complete their reasons back-to-back in order to leave the event early. All members giving reasons must stay for the entire duration of the contest or choose to forfeit their reasons score. No exceptions.

2. **Livestock Judging Resources:**
 - [Texas 4-H Roundup Qualifying Livestock Judging FAQ Sheet](#)
 - [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.