

January 23, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2023 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The 2023 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the **Jim Wells County Fairgrounds - 3001 S Johnson St in Alice, Texas** on Thursday, April 13, 2023. The contest will be open to all three age divisions and follow the same guidelines outlined in the Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines as they relate to this contest, except as noted within this and related correspondence.

Again for 2023! Please take note of some important changes from previous years' events.

- This contest will take place during the week.
- The e-Scansheet scorecards will be used again during this contest, so it is recommended for all contestants to take a mobile device or tablet to enter placings. No specific apps are required other than a web browser.
- There will be "terminals/kiosks" available for any contestants who will not have devices available for them to use, but it is strongly recommended for all contestants to bring their own devices. A cellular signal or Wi-Fi capability (and the ability to know how to connect to the WiFi signal) will be necessary for the device.

Registration

Registration for this event will be through 4-H Online from **March 14th through the registration deadline of April 4th**. Registration should be completed by individual 4-H members. The registration fee will be \$20 per contestant.

Contest Details

The contest will be hosted in Alice at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds (see attached map) in the Livestock Barn. Check-in will begin at 7:45a.m.-9:15 a.m. with a mandatory orientation for all contestants at 9:30a.m., so be prompt. The contest will begin immediately after orientation. Team designations will be made on-site by coaches/volunteers on the day of the event using an



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online system and QR codes. Juniors and Intermediates may be on the same team but must participate in the Intermediate Division. Seniors must compete in this contest to be eligible for a state qualifying position. Only Seniors can be on a Senior team. Participants will be using the

e-Scansheet scorecard which will be provided through a QC code (URL). Any contestant that does not have a cellular/wifi device will have to enter their placings using a “terminal/kiosk” station that will be available. To reduce the number of contestants having to use the terminal/kiosk, it is strongly encouraged that every contestant has their own mobile device to use. Contest results will be available once results have been provided and validated.

Contest Format

Please note that the structure of this contest may change without notice based on availability of quality livestock and species to ensure a high-quality contest and experience. Below are details related to classes that may be part of the contest:

- 8 to 10 classes including both market and breeding classes (Mkt Steer, Mkt Lamb, Mkt Goat, Mkt Hog, Brdg Ewes, Brdg Gilts, Brdg Heifers, Brdg Bulls w/ EPDs). This may change without notice, but we will still make every effort to communicate classes closer to the event.
- Seniors – 2 sets of reasons (1-Brdg, 1-Mkt)
- Intermediates – ***New!*** **1 reasons class** and 1 set of questions (5 to 10).
- Juniors – **no reasons** but will have 1 set of questions (5).

What to Bring

All contestants should bring the following to the contest:

- Clipboard
- Several sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers
- Blank paper for note-taking
- Smartphone or tablet. Laptops not recommended.

Agent & Volunteer Support

There is an expectation that agents be available prior to and during the event to assist with a range of duties. Some agents (committee or others) will need to be available on Wednesday, April 12th from 8am-5pm, or at an alternate day/time, to prepare the facilities in advance of the contest. During the contest, agents will assist by keeping loose livestock moving and visible, serving as group leaders, scribes, or in other capacities. After the contest, some agents need to assist in disassembling pens, moving panels, loading livestock, and transporting livestock to the point of origin.

Volunteers may be needed to serve as group leaders, so please consider asking/encouraging a few of your leaders in advance to assist. We will confirm needs as soon before the contest as possible. We may only need 1 or 2 from participating counties. Please submit the names of volunteers that are willing to help by April 8, 2023 via online form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

Sincerely,

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