

February 20, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: District 12 County Extension Agents**

**SUBJECT: 2024 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 11, 2024. 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.

**Changes for 2024!** Please take note of some important changes from previous years' events.

- We will be using the Universal Form -A 705A12 Scantrons for this contest. This is a change from the e-scorecards that have been used the last couple of years. No cellphones or tablets will be allowed at the contest!

**Registration**

Registration for this event will be through 4-H Online from **March 12<sup>th</sup> through the registration deadline of April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Registration should be completed by individual 4-H members. The registration fee will be \$20 per contestant. **There will be a late registration period from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 of \$45 per contestant.**

There is a **NO REFUND** policy with all 4-H Online events. Once the registration is submitted for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for this registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event.

**If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be approved until your balanced is paid.**

**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 7:45 A.M. - 9:15 A.M. with a mandatory orientation for all contestants at 9:30 A.M. The contest will begin immediately after orientation. **NEW! Team designations will be made on 4-H Online before the day of the event.** This will allow a smoother check-in for all participants. *Limited changes can be made to a team the day of the event.* Juniors and Intermediates may be on the same team but must participate in the



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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 scantrons. 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 (Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Hog, Breeding Ewes, Breeding Gilts, Breeding Heifers, Breeding 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-Breeding, 1-Market)
- Intermediates – 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 notetaking *\*Templates can be used, but writing is not allowed on them before the contest begins.*

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 A.M. – 5 P.M., or on 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.

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

Sincerely,



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