

October 2, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2025 District 12 4-H Meat Judging Contest

The 2025 District 12 4-H Meat Judging Contest will be held concurrently with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition’s (SALE) Meat Judging Contest. The event will be held on **Sunday, February 16, 2025** in San Antonio at the Colorado Boxed Beef Co. Registration will be held in Colorado Boxed Beef Co. 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. It is important to remember that the SALE Meat Judging Contest Rules will also apply. In addition to the recognition provided directly to contestants as part of the SALE event, those registered through the District 12 4-H Meat Judging Contest on 4-H Online will also be recognized separately.

Registration:

There will be a dual registration for participants in this contest to be included as part of the District competition. Contestants will have to pay two separate fees. **Entry requires completion of both listed below.**

- 1) District 12 Entry via 4-H Online – Each participant must be registered on 4-H Online. The registration period will be open from November 1, 2024 through December 1, 2024. Registration fees are to cover the cost of awards and recognition for District 12 contestants only. There will be a \$12 registration fee, per person, to cover District awards.

- 2) SALE Entry – Counties must complete entries required by San Antonio Livestock Exposition and submit along with other livestock show entries by the standard December 1st deadlines. Participants should consult with local county offices for local entry deadlines. Counties must follow SALE entry requirements to be considered “entered” in the contest. The standard SALE registration fee will also apply (\$40/team). **SALE requires a social security number at sign-in.** Keep in mind that SALE registration does not require names, only the number of teams entered. However, names must be reflected in 4-H Online registration.

Contest Details:

It is important that the SALE Premium List regarding the Meat Judging contest be reviewed thoroughly for a full list of classes and details (*Attachment A*). There will not be any reasons classes for any age division.

SALE offers only Senior and Junior divisions. As a result, Intermediates must register as a Junior for the purposes of their contest. However, team designation forms will allow us to determine which “Junior” teams are Intermediates and which are Juniors for the District 12 Contest.

REMINDER! For the District team designation only: Senior teams can only include Senior 4-H members. We cannot allow Juniors or Intermediates to be included on Senior Team Designation Forms due to State and National team rules.

The contest will be held in the Colorado Boxed Beef Co., 4231 Profit Dr #A San Antonio, TX 78219. Sign-in will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 7:45 a.m., with the contest beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m., so be prompt. Participants must check-in with San Antonio and the District 12 Superintendent prior to the contest starting.

Team Designation:

Teams will be designated for the SALE contest at sign-in. At that time, all District 12 teams must be recorded via D12 Team Designation Form **before** the contest begins and turned into the District 12 contest superintendent on-site. A form will be provided by the District superintendent.

What to Bring:

All contestants should bring the following to the contest:

- Clipboard
- Several sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers
- Blank paper for notetaking
- Social Security Number to put on SALE registration form (SALE requires this)

Reminder: **There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration. NO REFUNDS** will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for 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 allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.**

Included in this document are the following attachments:

- 2025 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Livestock Premium List – Meat Judging Contest (*Attachment A*)
- Team Designation Form (*Attachment B*)
- Event Map (*Attachment C*)

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

Sincerely,



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District 12

Attachment A

2025 COMPETITIVE EVENTS PREMIUM LIST**San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo**www.sarodeo.com**MEAT JUDGING CONTEST**

Superintendents: Dr. Mark Miller, Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Registration:	Sunday	February 16	7:00am	CBB*
Orientation:	Sunday	February 16	7:45am	CBB*
Contest:	Sunday	February 16	8:00am	CBB*

*Colorado Boxed Beef Co. 4231 Profit Dr. #A San Antonio, TX 78219

Based off the number of entries and contest space available SALE reserves the right to alter the contest schedule judging 4-H and FFA divisions at different times. If needed, participants will be notified via email and social media of the change prior to contest day.

1. **Divisions:** There will be one FFA division and one 4-H division.

2. **Coaches/Parents/Alternates/Spectators:** No one will be allowed in the Freeman Coliseum stands/bleachers while the Judging Contest is in progress.

3. **Classes:**

a. **4-H Division:** The following classes will be judged: Thirty retail cut identifications, including cookery method, six placing classes and two sets of questions.

b. **FFA Division:** The following classes will be judged: Six beef grading carcasses, 40 retail cut identifications including cookery method, six placing classes, two sets of questions and a written exam. The written exam will consist of 25, two-point questions. Questions will ONLY come from: a) Meat Evaluation Handbook DVD available from CEV b) Same Chapters will be used at Nationals.

Contestants will be allowed 10 minutes to judge each class with the structure below:

2 minutes – Back off the class

7 minutes – Close inspection

1 minute – back off the class, followed by backs to the class and rotating to the next.

Contestants will be notified one minute before the time is up. When final time is called, the contestants will hand their scorecards to the group leader immediately. Each group of contestants will change to another class as directed by the Coordinator.

4. **Scores:** The Hormel System will be used to score this contest. The use of standard deviation (a method of calculating consistency) will be used to break individual and team ties. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken.

5. **Materials:** Scantrons will be provided by the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. The office scantron will be #480-4. Students should know how to use scantrons and forms properly before coming to the contest. Each contestant is required to bring two #2 pencils and one clipboard.

6. **Frock/Hard Hats:** Contestants must bring their own white frocks, hard hats and hair nets to wear during the contest.

7. **Location:** Contest will be held off site at a location secured by San Antonio Show & Rodeo. The awards and/or orientation may be held at an outdoor side and the contestants should be dressed accordingly.

8. **Social Security Number Requirement:** Exhibitors/Contestants offered a scholarship must provide their Social Security Number to show management upon request in order to fully qualify for funding.

9. **Registration Forms:** Team registration forms are available [here](#). Coaches are encouraged to bring completed forms to the registration table the day of the respective contest in order to expedite registration.

10. **Scholarships:** Refer to the Junior Livestock Show Scholarship section of the 2025 Competitive Events Premium List.

Attachment B

2025 District 12 4-H Meat Judging Contest

Team Designation Form

This form must be completed, signed, and turned into the county Extension agent prior to the contest.

County _____ Coach's Name _____

This team will compete as a: **Junior** **Intermediate** **Senior**

Team Member Information

Use ID# provided in the registration packet for the respective 4-H member.

	<u>ID#</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____

I certify that the team listed above was determined and recorded on this form prior to the 4-H member competing in this event.

Printed Name

Signature (Coach/County Extension Agent)

Attachment C

2025 DISTRICT 12 4-H MEAT JUDGING CONTEST EVENT MAP Colorado Boxed Beef Co.



Turn Left out of the East Gate. Turn right onto Gembler Rd. Turn left onto Creekview Dr. Turn right onto Profit Dr. The warehouse is on the left at 4231 Profit Drive, Suite A.

