

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Contest Description:	Teams of three (3) or four (4) 4-H members will judge at least seven (7) classes of livestock. Species of livestock include Beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for each class. Each contestant will be required to give three (3) sets of oral reasons.
Superintendent(s):	Tyler Braud
Award:	National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held during the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY.
Grade/Age Requirement(s):	Due to the contest being a qualifier for a national 4-H contest participants must be 14-18 years old as of January 1
Team or Individual Contest:	Individual
Number of Entries Per Parish:	A parish may enter one (1) to eight (8) for a judging contest.

Contest Rules:

1. Refer to Louisiana 4-H University General Rules and Guidelines for a complete set of event rules and guidelines. Explanation of team structure can be found on pages 8-9.
2. At least seven (7) classes of beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats will be judged. Classes may be market or breeding.
3. Each contestant will be required to give three (3) sets of oral reasons.
4. Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for each class.
5. At least one class will have performance data with a production scenario. Data sheets will be provided for all contestants.
6. An official Livestock Judging Contest Committee will place the classes and take reasons.
7. Top 4 scoring members of a parish will make up Team A, all other members will make up team B or if less than 3 youth, youth will compete individually.
8. In the event of a tie for the first-place team or high individual, the team or individual having the highest total points in reasons will be declared the winner.

Contest Resource(s):

- Louisiana 4-H Publication, *“Understanding the 4-H Judging Contest Process”*. 2022 Ed.