

TEXAS 4-H & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents with Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Teams
Coaches of Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Team entries
Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Participants

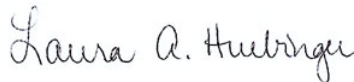
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SUBJECT: 2014 TEXAS 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST INFORMATION

The Texas 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will once again be held in conjunction with the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Dairy Judging Contest. It is scheduled for **Sunday, January 19, 2014** at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Cattle Arena.

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo has offered their support and will host us by providing a quality, educational judging experience for each of our 4-H members. To help each of our County Extension Agents, coaches, and participants prepare for the contest, please review the attached contest guidelines and schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Texas 4-H Office through the events e-mail at 4hevents@ag.tamu.edu. We are looking forward to seeing each of you on January 19th in Fort Worth! Good luck to each of your 4-H members!

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TEXAS 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

Guidelines & Procedures

1. **Texas 4-H Senior Contest.** This contest will be open to Senior Texas 4-H members. There will not be a qualifying contest required at the District level. The contest will be on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. There will not be a state-level contest for Juniors or Intermediates. However, they are welcome to participate in the Fort Worth and/or possible District-level contests.

2. **Fort Worth 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest.** The Texas 4-H Senior Dairy Judging Contest will be held concurrently with the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest. See the information below related to registration and entry process. Additional contest information can be found in the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Premium List at http://www.fwssr.com/?page_id=84.

3. **Contest Registration & Entry Process.** In order to be able to participate in the Texas 4-H Contest, all teams must register through **BOTH** Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo **AND** through 4-H Connect.
 - a. There will be no onsite registration.
 - b. Teams will only be allowed to register. No individuals may judge.
 - c. The team entered in the Fort Worth contest will be the same team entered in the Texas 4-H contest.
 - d. **Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Registration**
 - Fort Worth Entry Forms and Entry Fees must be postmarked by **December 1, 2013**.
 - There will be a \$60 registration fee per team payable to Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show. This fee covers a box lunch for each contestants.
 - Every county that enters must also submit the name of a volunteer or agent that will be willing and able to serve as a group leader or cattle handler.
 - Entry forms can be found at: http://www.fwssr.com/?page_id=880 and are also attached to these rules for your convenience.
 - e. **4-H Connect Registration**
 - Each contestant must individually register on 4-H Connect between **November 4, 2013 and January 3, 2014**.
 - There will be a \$10 registration fee per contestant to participate in the Texas 4-H contest.
 - When entering in 4-H Connect, you will enter the team name as it appears on your Fort Worth Entry Form.

4. **Team Information.**
 - a. Each county may enter up to three (3) teams in the Senior age division for the Texas 4-H contest.
 - b. Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo allows one team per age division per club, for as many clubs as you have in the county. When entering teams with the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, **use a unique CLUB name for each team**, not county name.

FOR EXAMPLE:

If the Clover County 4-H Program has three teams it wants to enter:

YES, enter your teams this way:

- ✓ Dairy 4-H Club
- ✓ Green Country 4-H Club
- ✓ Working Hard 4-H Club

DO NOT enter your teams this way:

- ✗ Clover County 4-H Team A
- ✗ Clover County 4-H Team B
- ✗ Clover County 4-H Team C



- c. A team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of four (4) members. Individuals will not be allowed to judge.
 - d. Fort Worth will ask you to submit contestant names and birthdates the morning of the contest.
 - e. Team scores will be determined by the combined score of the three (3) highest scoring individual team members. The contestant with the lowest score will be designated as alternate, but will still be eligible to receive individual awards.
5. **Adult Assistance.** Every team that enters the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo contest will need to furnish at least one (1) adult leader or County Extension Agent to assist with the contest as needed. Adult assistants should report to the Superintendent by 7:15 a.m. for assignment.
6. **Contest location and schedule.**
 - a. The contest will be held at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth.
 - b. Registration and judging will take place in the Cattle Arena. (Between Barn I & Barn II)
 - c. All teams and adult leader assistants should report to the Cattle Arena by 7:15 am on Sunday, January 19, 2014.
 - d. The complimentary Awards Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm in the Stagecoach Room of the Round Up Inn. Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo results will be presented first and the Texas 4-H results (and any District 4-H contest results) will be presented immediately following.
7. **Number of classes.** Contestants will judge ten (10) classes of four (4) animals each. Cattle will be on a halter. Cattle will not be handled.
8. **Time per class.** Contestants will have fifteen (15) minutes per class. Contestants will be notified two (2) minutes before time is up in each class.
9. **Reasons.**
 - a. For the Texas 4-H contest, contestants will present oral reasons on four (4) classes. Two (2) sets of reasons will be presented for the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo contest. Two (2) additional sets will be given for the Texas 4-H contest.
 - b. Contestants will be notified of the classes requiring reasons before placing that class.
 - c. Each set of reasons should be no longer than two (2) minutes.
 - d. Immediately after the judging classes are concluded, contestants will be seated by their group leaders to begin preparation for oral reasons.
10. **Scoring.**
 - a. The contest will be scored using Universal Form A scan sheets. An example of the scan sheet can be found at the following link: <https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/705A-12.pdf>
 - b. Scan sheets will be provided by the contest; contestants do not need to bring their own. Each placing class will be worth 50 points and each set of oral reasons will be worth 50 points.
 - c. A team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of four (4) members. The lowest scoring individual of a 4-member team will be declared the alternate. Alternates are eligible for individual awards.
 - d. Ties will be broken on highest reason score.
11. **Recognition at Texas 4-H Roundup.** The three high point teams and individuals from the senior 4-H contest will be allowed to attend Texas 4-H Roundup and be recognized at the Wednesday night General Assembly. Participants will be responsible for the Texas 4-H Roundup registration fee and process, as well as any other costs.

12. ***Qualifying for National Competition.***

- a. The first place team at the Texas 4-H contest will be given the opportunity to represent the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin in October.
- b. The second place team at the Texas 4-H contest will be given the opportunity to represent the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky in November.
- c. Please inquire with the Texas 4-H & Youth Development office to determine if funds are available to assist with travel expenses to the national contest. Be aware that the cost of travel will be the responsibility of the county and/or individual 4-H members.
- d. See the current year's Texas 4-H Roundup Guide and the specific national contest guidelines for additional rules.