

MEAT JUDGING & IDENTIFICATION

Students are given a set of meat that they must evaluate and score. After they have made their decision of which cut of meat is the best, they will write a set of oral reasons. It is a competitive environment to test their knowledge of the subject of meat science.

Entry: Enter on 4-H Connect **individually** and county teams will be formed of three to four members of the same 4-H age division. Mixed aged teams of Junior and Intermediate ARE permitted if the county does not have enough members to complete a full team. These teams will compete in the Intermediate age division. In addition, youth may compete individually if their county does not fill a team. Senior teams may only be comprised of senior age division youth.

Location

Rosenthal Meat Science Center
488 Olsen Blvd
College Station, Texas 77843

Tentative Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in
- 8:00 a.m. Contest Begins
- 1:00 p.m. Awards Presentation – location to be announced.

Equipment

- All equipment is subject to review by the contest superintendent or assistants and subject to disqualification if determined they provide an unfair advantage to the contestant.
- Each contestant will need to bring the following items to contest:
 - Hard hat
 - Frock
 - Wear closed toe shoes
 - Dress warmly
 - Clipboard
 - #2 pencil(s)

DISTRICT 5 4-H
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Judge the quality and retail value of meat

APRIL 25, 2020 | TAMU CAMPUS
ROSENTHAL MEAT SCIENCE CENTER
488 OLSEN BLVD
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77843

Register on 4-H Connect \$10
March 16 - April 1
texas.4honline.com

Late Registration \$25
April 3 - 5
4-H members 3rd - 12th grades

District Rules D54h.tamu.edu


Contact your local County Extension office for more information

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Electronic Devices

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- Contestants will not be allowed to carry electronic devices into the contest while judging, except those devices required for medical reasons (ie blood sugar monitors/apps). This includes cell phones, tablets and other devices capable of transmitting information (ie Apple Watch or other smartphone style watch devices).
 - If a contestant is caught with a cell phone or other electronic device, the contestant and their team may be disqualified.

Communication

- The contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with the assigned group throughout the contest.
- While the contest is in progress, there shall be no communication between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except by the Superintendent or assistants.
- If a contestant is caught communicating with other contestants, the contestants and their teams may be disqualified.

Group Assignment Label

- Group assignment label must be placed on upper portion of shirt, visible always.
- Do not place label on pants, clipboard, etc.
- If a contestant is found outside of his/her properly assigned group, the contestant and their team may be disqualified.

Contest Area

- Contestants will remain outside of the contest area until judging classes are in place and they are asked to enter the area.
- Coaches, agents, and parents are not allowed into the judging area once the contest begins, unless allowed by the contest Superintendent.
- Following the contest, coaches, agents, and parents may be permitted into the area for officials and allowed time to review the classes with contestants, if time permits.

Contest

- Contestants should face away from the judging class until instructed by the contest coordinator or group leader that they may turn and face the judging class. If a contestant does not cooperate with this rule, the contestant may be disqualified.
- Once time has been called and judging on all classes has been completed, contestants must immediately turn in their scan sheet / judging card to their Group Leader. Any contestant failing to turn in their scantron immediately following the end of the contest, will result in no score.
- In the event of a tie, please refer to specific contest rules for the method of determining the winner.
- See the following link for specific guidelines on this contest <https://agrilife.org/4hmeat/texas-4-h-meat-judging-rules-guidelines/>