

Dear 4-H Member

Welcome to the concept of judging, evaluation and decision making, using animals and animal products as tools. Your participation in the development of necessary life-skills and higher order thinking skills are traits that you will use for a lifetime, regardless of the career path you choose. This document contains:

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4-H ANIMAL/ANIMAL PRODUCTS JUDGING & EVALUATION, AGRI-KNOWLEDGE & HIPPOLPGY

OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop skills in observing differences and organizing thoughts
2. To develop expertise in logical reasoning, decision making and other higher order thinking skills
3. To develop confidence in defending decisions in either oral or written form
4. To function as part of a team
5. To develop sportsmanship
6. To promote and encourage the training of youth in animal agriculture
7. To develop character and leadership abilities necessary to become contributing members of society
8. To provide opportunities to observe agriculture and society in other regions of the state and country
9. To provide career enhancement opportunities
10. To strengthen and enhance leadership skills
11. To broaden the knowledge-base about animal use, products, care, equipment, breeds and feed ingredients
12. To understand the meaning of "Quality Assurance"

SOUTH ALABAMA DISTRICT 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST AUTAUGAVILLE
Thursday, June 28 Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert
Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK AGRI-KNOWLEDGE EVENT AUBURN UNIVERSITY
Thursday, July 5 Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert
Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST AUBURN UNIVERSITY
Friday, July 6 Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert
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STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST MONTGOMERY
Monday, July 9 Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert
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Cindy McCall, 334-844-1556 or cmccall@acesag.auburn.edu

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST MONTGOMERY
Monday, July 9 Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert
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ALABAMA NATIONAL FAIR, DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST MONTGOMERY
Monday, October 8 Pre-Registration Required by September 1 to Boyd Brady
Contact: Boyd Brady, 334-844-1562 or bbrady@acesag.auburn.edu

HORSE JUDGING

1. The Horse Judging Contest is part of the 2012 Alabama State 4-H Horse Show. Enrollment is by completing the "2012 HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM" or by completing the "2012 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM" and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2012.
2. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team.
3. This event will have a Junior and a Senior division for individuals and for teams (3 or 4 members). Seniors must be 14 years old prior to January 1 of the current 4-H year.
4. Only one team per county, per age group is permitted. There is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Horse Judging team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
5. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited. A contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
6. The contest will consist of both halter and performance classes. Oral reasons will be a part of the contest. Written notes, for oral reasons presentations, should be taken on all classes. Usage of notes or reading during Oral reasons presentations will be discriminated against and will receive a low score.
7. The First Place Senior team will represent Alabama at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships Horse Judging Contest, in Perry, GA, on Thursday, August 2, 2012.
8. When a county team comprised of a majority of the same team members wins the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest a second time, that team is required to compete in Eastern National 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Louisville, KY in November and all team members become ineligible to compete in future State 4-H Horse Judging Contests.
9. Winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized at the 2012 Alabama State 4-H Horse Show, Monday, July 9, 2012 at the Garrett Coliseum Complex in Montgomery.

HIPPOLOGY

1. The Hippology Contest is part of the 2012 Alabama State 4-H Horse Show. Enrollment is by completing the “2012 HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM” or by completing the “2012 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM” and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2012.
2. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team. Team scores will not be counted for individual’s scores.
3. This event will have a Junior and a Senior division for individuals and for teams (3 or 4 members). Seniors must be 14 years prior to January 1 of the current 4-H year.
4. Only one team per county, however, there is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Hippology team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
5. The Hippology Contest will consist of 4 Phases, namely, 3 Individual phases and 1 Team phase. The 3 Individual Phases are: Examination, Station, and Horse Judging. The Team Phase is competition whereby the county team works together to solve specific problems or address particular issues.
6. The judging classes will be the same classes for both the Hippology Contest and the Horse Judging Contest. For contestants in both Contests, the Judging Classes will be counted for both Contests.
7. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited, except in the team component of the event. A contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
8. Individuals, those not part of an official team, will not participate in the Team Problem-solving phase of the Contest.
9. The highest placing team will be eligible to compete at the 2012 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show Championships in Tunica, MS, on Wednesday, August 1, 2012.
10. Winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized at the 2012 Alabama State 4-H Horse Show, Monday, July 9, 2012 at the Garrett Coliseum Complex in Montgomery.

LIVESTOCK AGRI-KNOWLEDGE

1. Enrollment is by completing the “2012 LIVESTOCK JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM” and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2012.
2. If fewer than 3 teams are entered, by June 1, 2012, this contest will be canceled.
3. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team. Team scores will not be counted for individual’s scores.
4. Only one team per county, however there is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Livestock Agri-Knowledge team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
5. This Event is comprise of both individual competition and team competition, whereby the county team works together to solve exercises in: A) Quality Assurance; B) Livestock feed & performance information evaluation; C) feed tag knowledge; and D) breeding animal keep/cull or selection classes. The individual component will cover such areas as: A) Meat cut identification; B) livestock equipment identification and use; C) breed identification and country of origin; D) a 50 question quiz; E) a quality assurance exercise; F) judging of a class of meats and G) possibly judging a class of feedstuffs or wool.
6. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited, except in the team component of the event. A contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
7. Individuals, those not part of an official team, will not participate in the Team Problem-solving component of the Contest.
8. The only contest will be held during State 4-H Animal Science Events and is for Seniors only. Seniors must be 14 years old prior to January 1 of the current 4-H year.
9. The First Place team will be required to represent Alabama at the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY, on November 12, 2012.
10. All members of the First Place team that win the State 4-H Contest and/or represent Alabama at the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest are ineligible to compete in future State 4-H Livestock Agri-knowledge Events.
11. Winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized at the conclusion of the Contestt, Thursday, July 5, 2012 at Auburn University.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

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2. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team.
3. Only one team per county, per age group is permitted. There is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Livestock Judging team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
4. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited. The contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
5. There will be 2 District 4-H Livestock Judging Contests: North Alabama and South Alabama. The North District will include Lamar, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson, St Clair, Calhoun, Cleburne and all counties to the north. The South District will include Pickens, Hale, Bibb, Shelby, Talladega, Clay, Randolph and all counties to the south.
6. Both District 4-H Contests will have a Junior and a Senior division for individuals and for teams (3 or 4 members). Seniors must be 14 years old prior to January 1 of the current 4-H year. There is no elimination of Seniors (team or individuals) at the district competition.
7. The State 4-H Contest is for Seniors only. Counties must have qualified at the District Contest by having one or more 4-H members compete at the appropriate District Contest. At the State 4-H Contest, counties are limited to one team, however additional team members will be allowed to compete as individuals. When possible, scenarios and individual animal data will be provided, at all contests.
8. The District 4-H contests and State 4-H contest will be as similar as possible, with each contest having the possibility of beef, sheep, swine and /or meat goat classes. Oral reasons and questions will be a part of all contests.
9. The First Place team will be required to represent Alabama at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, KY, on November 13, 2012.
10. All members of the First Place team that win the State 4-H Contest and/or represent Alabama at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest are ineligible to compete in future District 4-H Livestock Judging contests or State 4-H Livestock Judging Events.
11. Winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized at the conclusion of the Contest, Friday, July 6, 2012 at Auburn University.

MEAT JUDGING

1. Enrollment is by completing the “2012 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM” and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2012.
2. If fewer than 3 teams are entered, by June 1, 2012, this contest will be canceled.
3. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team.
4. Only one team per county, per age group is permitted. There is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Meats Judging team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
5. There will be one District 4-H Contest. This contest will be for Juniors and will serve as a training for Seniors and agents/volunteers. Seniors must be 14 years old prior to January 1 of the current 4-H year. There will be no elimination of Seniors (teams or individuals) at the district competition.
6. The State 4-H Contest is for Seniors only.
7. The District 4-H and State 4-H Contests will be as similar as possible, with each contest having classes of beef and pork (carcasses, wholesale and retail cuts) to judge, and retail cuts of beef, pork and possibly lamb to identify.
8. Oral reasons will be part of both contests.
9. Procedures and protocols for Lambert/Powell Meats Laboratory:
 - Contestants & Officials will be provided:
 - Helmets and frocks
 - Contestants & Officials shall:
 - Practice good personal hygiene and grooming
 - Wear long pants and solid-toed footwear
 - Not wear any jewelry, watches, bracelets, earrings, etc (flat wedding band is OK)
 - Not have with any item in the mouth (food, toothpicks, tobacco, gum, etc)
10. The First Place Team will represent Alabama at the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest held at Kansas State University in October/November. The Second Place Team (if funding is available) will represent Alabama at the National Western 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest held in Denver, CO in January.
11. All members of the First Place team that win the State 4-H Contest and/or represent Alabama at the National 4-H Meats Judging contest are ineligible to compete in future State 4-H Meats Judging events.
12. Winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized at the conclusion of the Contest, Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at Auburn University.

2012 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM

The 4-H member(s) listed are enrolled in the (Circle One) Junior Senior
(Circle Appropriate Division) Agri-Knowledge Hippology
Horse Livestock Meats

Program in _____ County/Region.

Please indicate "Special Needs" of any participating 4-H member. _____

Name _____ (Circle One) M F

Address _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ (Circle One) M F

Address _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ (Circle One) M F

Address _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ (Circle One) M F

Address _____ Birthdate _____

I certify that these 4-H members are eligible for this 4-H animal science activity.

Signed: _____ Date _____
Extension Agent/4-H Volunteer Leader

Contact info: _____

Email: _____