

Livestock Judging

STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING

State 4-H livestock judging contests are held to promote interest in livestock evaluation and selection and to give 4-H members opportunities to display or improve their judging skills. The major state livestock judging contests are: State Fair of Oklahoma (Oklahoma City), Tulsa State Fair, State Qualifying Livestock Judging Contest at OSU to select teams to participate in out-of-state events.

Objectives

To enhance the total 4-H Animal Science Education Program in Oklahoma by providing:

- An opportunity for 4-H members to put into practice skills learned in selecting animals for their desirable traits.
- An incentive for 4-H members' participation in the livestock program now offered.
- An opportunity for 4-H members to learn desirable leadership, citizenship, communication and decision-making skills.
- An opportunity for 4-H members to measure their achievement of certain skills.
- An opportunity for the public to learn about 4-H.

OUT-OF-STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Oklahoma 4-H participates in the following out-of-state livestock judging events: American Royal - Kansas City, MO; National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest - Louisville, KY; National Western Stock Show - Denver, Co.

Team Selection to Represent Oklahoma

Team selection will be determined at an official statewide qualification judging event under the supervision of the appropriate subject matter specialist and the state 4-H office. Division I will be for teams that wish to compete for trips to Louisville, Kansas City, and Denver. Division II will be for teams that wish to compete for trips to Kansas City and Denver only. Coaches must submit a list of names of team members and competition division to the contest chairman before judging cards are issued. The first place team in Division I will compete at Louisville. All remaining teams in both Division I and II will then be ranked on team score. The first place team (if eligible) will have its choice of the Kansas City or Denver trip. The second place team (if eligible) will be awarded the remaining trip.

Qualifications

- Each county may enter two (2) teams but all team members must meet age and membership requirements for out-of-state judging trips.
- Members who have competed at Louisville are not eligible to compete in subsequent 4-H livestock judging contest as members of a team. They can compete in contests which have an individual category.
- Members who have judged at Denver are not eligible to return to Denver in the 4-H Division.
- Members who have judged at Kansas City are not eligible to return to Kansas City in the 4-H Division.

Limitations

- The team or members of a team which represents Oklahoma at Louisville is ineligible to participate in national, state, and district livestock judging events as a team. Individuals may compete in contests with an individual category.