

# Meat Identification & Judging

## Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for youth to develop their skills in meat identification and cookery methods of meat cuts.
- To provide a culminating activity for a county meat science program.
- To select a team to represent Cherokee County

## County Level

Cherokee County 4-H holds a meet judging contest in February. It consistof identifying 30 different meat cuts, some are actual cuts and some are photographs.

## State Level

This is a statewide contest held at OSU-Meat Processing facilities in the Food Technology Center in April. The selection of a team to represent Oklahoma at the national contest is made at this time. The National 4-H Meat Identification and Judging contest is held in Kansas City, MO in November. The second place team can represent Oklahoma at the National Western Stock Show 4-H Meats and Judging Contest at Denver in January at their own expense.

## Who Can Participate

- The contest will consist of junior and senior division
- Juniors must be 9-13 years of age as of January 1 in the year enrolling.
- Senior members must be 14 years of age as of January 1 in the year enrolling.
- Only senior teams (all members at least 14 years of age as of January 1) will be eligible for out-of-state trips.
- Each county may enter a total of 12 contestants (individuals and/or teams) including a maximum of 2 senior teams (3 or 4 members)
- Mixing juniors and seniors to form a team is not permitted.

## Eligibility

The team or members of the first place team representing Oklahoma at the Kansas City contest is ineligible to participate in future national, state, and district meat judging contests as a team. Individuals can compete in state and district event if there is an individual category.