

# BEEF SKILL-A-THON CONTEST

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## GUIDELINES

- The competition will be held from 3-4:30pm on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Youth may start the contest until the end of the allotted window. Those starting at the end of the time frame will be allowed ample time to complete the stations.
- Youth participating in other contests will be accommodated as best as contest officials can to allow participation in multiple events.
- **Youth should expect 30 to 60 minutes for youth to complete all stations.**
- While completing the skill-a-thon contest, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone outside of the contest.
- The only permitted materials will be a clipboard and pencils. The contestants are not allowed to use books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material during the contest. Pencils and clipboards will be available for use.
- This contest will utilize Scantron sheets for scoring. The Scantron for this contest will be the [Virginia Livestock Skillathon Form #705D-S](#).
- Tie Breakers will be used in the following order: Quiz, Breed ID, and Feed ID.

## COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The following is a list of stations contestants in each division must complete. All stations will exclusively feature beef cattle content.

### JUNIOR DIVISION

- **Breed Identification** – Identify from photographs 5 breeds.
- **Equipment Identification** – Identify the proper name for 5 pieces of equipment.
- **Feed Identification** – Identify the proper name for 5 samples of feedstuffs.
- **Anatomy** – Identify 5 external anatomical structures.
- **Quiz** – Complete a 10-question multiple choice quiz.

## INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

- **Breed Identification** – Identify from photographs 10 breeds.
- **Equipment Identification** – Identify the proper name for 10 pieces of equipment.
- **Feed Identification** – Identify the proper name for 10 samples of feedstuffs.
- **Anatomy** – Identify 10 external anatomical structures.
- **Quiz** – Complete a 20-question multiple choice quiz.
- **Judging Class** – Place one class of hay or meat product.
- **Practicum** – Youth will complete one station featuring demonstration of a beef cattle related skill. (Examples may include but are not limited to: ear tagging, tattooing, medicine label calculations, record keeping, etc.)

## SENIOR DIVISION

- **Breed Identification** – Identify from photographs 10 breeds and match the breed with the most appropriate description supplied for each breed.
- **Equipment Identification** – Identify the proper name for 20 pieces of equipment.
- **Feed Identification** – Identify 10 common feeds and answer 5 questions about feeding them.
- **Anatomy** – Identify 20 anatomical structures. May include external anatomy, internal (skeletal or body system) anatomy, or beef retail cut identification.
- **Quiz** – Complete a 30-question multiple choice quiz.
- **Judging Class** – Place one class of hay or meat product.
- **Practicums** – Youth will complete three stations featuring demonstration of a beef cattle related skill. (Examples may include but are not limited to: ear tagging, tattooing, hay sampling, facility design, record keeping, giving vaccines, pregnancy palpation, etc.)