

BEEF SKILL-A-THON CONTEST

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GUIDELINES

- The competition will be held from 3-4:30pm on Thursday, February 19th. 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.)