

BEEF JUDGING CONTEST

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GUIDELINES

- The competition will begin at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 19th. Youth must be checked in by 9:30am.
- Contestants should be prepared to place 6-8 classes of beef cattle. Sex, type, and breed composition will vary. Final class number and selection will be based on availability of high-quality animals.
- Multiple classes will have performance data and scenarios.
- One class will serve as a questions class for the Intermediate and Senior Divisions. Contestants are not allowed to use notes while answering questions.
- Participants in the Senior Division will be required to give three (3) sets of oral reasons.
- Participants in the Intermediate Division will be required to give two (2) sets of oral reasons.
- Participants in the Junior Division are only scored on their placings of the classes.
- Contestants will be provided with a blank Scantron ([Livestock Form #: 476-3](#)).
- Contestants should bring their own pencils, clipboards, and blank paper or blank stenos. Additional blank paper will be available at check-in.
- All electronic devices are prohibited without prior approval from contest administration. Conferring between contestants during the contest is also prohibited. Violation of these rules will result in disqualification.
- Only contest officials and volunteers assigned to the contest will be allowed on the arena floor during the livestock judging contest. Classes may be reviewed after the contest is complete.
- A committee of judges shall place all classes, listen to oral reasons, and come up with questions. One judge will listen to one specific set of reasons for all contestants in that category (2 for intermediates and 3 for seniors).

DETERMINATION OF RANKINGS

- Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect score for placing classes, reasons, and questions.
- Individuals shall be ranked in order of total score (placings, reasons, and questions) for the classes comprising each award category. Individual having the highest score shall be declared the winner in each category of the contest.

- In case of a tie in individual overall scores, ties will be broken on the following manner:
 1. Higher total reasons score
 2. Lower total placing score in reasons class
 3. Higher total questions score
 4. Higher score in the most difficult class (as determined by contest officials)
- The scores tabulated via the scantron machine, reviewed by contest officials, and submitted to Judging Card shall be final once they have been publicly announced.