

February 1, 2017

MEMO TO: County Extension Agents – Rolling Plains 3

SUBJECT: DISTRICT 3 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
Wilbarger County Exhibit Building
Thursday April 20th 2017
Agent Contact: Seth Hall

The District 3 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Thursday, April 20th, 2017 in Vernon at the Wilbarger County Covered Events Center. Check-In/Registration will begin at 8:00am @ Exhibit Building and Judging will begin at 9:30am @ Events Center.

AGE DIVISIONS

The Livestock Judging Contest is open to enrolled members between the ages of 8 years old and 3rd grade to grade 12.

- Grades 3-5 (Junior)
- Grades 6-8 (Intermediate)
- Grades 9-12 (Senior)

ENTRIES

4-H Registration will be completed online using 4-H connect. Online registration will begin March 27th, 2017 and will close April 7th, 2017 for a registration fee of \$15.00 per person. **No late registration may be accepted. Everyone will register on 4-H Connect as an individual. Teams will be designated the morning of contest at check-in. *You will NOT be able to register or pay the day of the contest for the District 4-H Contest.***

When 4-H'ers enter, they may pay by credit card or county check. Credit cards speed up the process to almost instantly. Counties sending checks must include a copy of registration receipt. **Fees must be received by the State 4-H office by the contest date.** You will mail your county check along with transmittal to:

Texas 4-H CONNECT
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
1470 William D. Fitch Parkway
College Station, TX 77845

LUNCH

Wilbarger County Adult Leaders will be selling meal tickets during registration. Tickets are \$10. The lunch meal will include Chicken Shack Tenders, fries, biscuit, a drink, and a cookie. **Please contact the Wilbarger County office with an estimated number of lunch tickets a week prior to contest.**

ORAL REASONS / CLASSES

Juniors will give one (1) set of oral reasons.

Intermediates will give two (2) sets of oral reasons.

Seniors will give four (4) sets of oral reasons. Reasons classes will be determined day of contest. Contestants will be notified of the classes that reasons will be taken in.

Any number of teams may enter the contest. The top three (3) senior teams will advance to State Roundup Qualifying Contest. Therefore, all members of each team must be decided upon before the contest and maintained throughout the contest. If an advancing team cannot attend State Roundup, then the CEA must contact the District Office before registration closes so that alternate teams may be contacted. **See State 4-H Roundup Rules for team member substitutions.**

Teams can consist of three (3) or four (4) members. Junior age division youth may be moved up to judge in Intermediate division. Youth may not move up to Senior age division. Youth must only judge up and not down. Individuals must judge in their appropriate age division.

Youth Individuals may also enter. Teams with four members will have low score dropped. Individual scores can be counted for individual awards. The three (3) high point senior individuals will advance to State Roundup if not already on a first thru third place team.

Eight classes will be judged consisting of breeding and market for each species to include beef, sheep, goat, and swine. Note, all classes will be presented as to availability of quality animals. Ties will be broken based on high reasons scores on individual and teams. For a secondary tie breaker, contest official will designate class(s) to break ties before judging begins.

Expected Progeny Differences (EPD=s) will be part of the contest.

JUDGING PROCESS

Contestants will have ten (10) minutes to judge each class. First three (3) minutes will be for viewing. Next three minutes will be for handling or close inspection. The remainder of time (4 minutes) will be used for visual inspection and marking your scantron. Participants will be able to communicate with group leader to move animals around in appropriate classes.

CHECK-IN

On Thursday April 20th, check-in will begin at 8:00 am at the Wilbarger County Exhibit Building. Once counties designate teams at registration, coaches will be given scantrons and team numbers. Teams must neatly and completely fill out Scantron to ensure it is read correctly in tabulation.

CONTEST INFORMATION

There will be a “reasons” lunch break between judging of animals and giving oral reasons. Project leaders, parents and coaches are not allowed in the judging area. If your youth will need a snack during this time, it is recommended that they bring items with them or purchase lunch tickets during registration. The awards will begin promptly after results are tabulated.

Please contact the District 3 office at 940/552-9941 if you have any questions or concerns. Or visit our website at <http://d34-h.tamu.edu/> or scan the QR code using your smartphone.



Sincerely,
Kelli Lehman
Kelli Lehman
Extension Program Specialist 4-H

Rolling Plains District 3
2016 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
April 20, 2017 – Wilbarger County Covered Events Center – Vernon, TX

Agent Assignments

OVERALL SITE COORDINATORS – Langdon Reagan/Seth Hall

Contest Coordinator – Seth Hall

Registration –

Juniors - Michael Bowman and Charlie Martin

Intermediate - David Graf and Jerry Coplen

Senior – Justin Gilliam and Amanda Necessary

Lunch Tickets - Wilbarger County

Group Leaders -

Ryan Martin	Justin Givens	Thomas Boyle
Zeb Petty	Todd Vineyard	Josh Kouns
Justin Hansard	Jason Westbrook	Bill Holcombe
Chrissy Karrer	Scott Mauney	Justin Rogers
Cody Myers	Justin Gilliam	Brandon Cave

All Ag and 4-H Agents are to be on hand to fill in where needed even if not assigned. Recruit volunteers as needed.

CLASSES & CONTEST INFORMATION

8 Livestock Classes in: Beef Goat
 Sheep Swine

Reasons Classes: 3 Senior Division
 2 Intermediate Division
 1 Junior Division

Tabulation:

Jay Kingston and **Kayla Neill** will serve in tabulation. No one will be allowed in tabulation unless previously assigned.

*Animals need to be in place by 7:00 am and
Committee members need to be present to facilitate class coordination.*

Registration committee needs to be in place by 7:30 am.

Committee and others assigned: Please hold April 19th for contest setup.

Vernon Hotel/Motel List
Members of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce

Days Inn
3110 Frontage Road Hwy 287
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-9982

A&A RV Park
6169 Hwy 287 Business East
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-6530

Green Tree Inn
3029 Morton Street (off 287)
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-5421

Rocking AA@ RV Park
3725 Harrison
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-2821

Holiday Inn Express
700 Hillcrest Drive
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-0200

Budget Host Inn
715 Wilbarger
Vernon, TX 76384
940/552-2531

La Fonda Motel
1004 Wilbarger
Vernon, TX 76384
940/553-1533

Hampton Inn
4131 Western Trail Drive
Vernon, TX 76384
940-552-2100

Pecan Grove Bed & Breakfast
1904 Houston Street
Vernon, TX 76384
940/553-3827
940/838-8622