

JUDGING CONTESTS

DEPARTMENT JC

ENTRY DEADLINE

DEC. 1, 2008



GENERAL RULES

This show is subject to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo General Rules, the Junior Livestock Show Special Rules, and Special Rules listed in this section.

1. **Entry:** Complete one (1) Judging Contest Entry form. Designate the number of teams. Entry Fees should be made payable to San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

Entry Fees

<i>Contest</i>	<i>Team</i>
Consumer, Dairy, Livestock, Meat, Poultry, 4-H/FFA Wool	\$30
Horse	\$40
Horse Bowl	\$30
Wildlife Habitat	\$30

2. **Social Security Number Requirement:** All contestants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Social Security Numbers must be presented at registration on the day of the contest.
3. **Eligibility:** FFA ASTs & 4-H CEAs, may enter one (1) or more teams in the following contests: Dairy, Livestock, Meat, Poultry, 4-H/FFA Wool, Horse Bowl, Horse, and Consumer. FCCLA Advisors may enter one (1) or more teams in the Consumer Judging Contest. One (1) to four (4) members may constitute a team (not applicable in Horse Bowl). The three (3) high scores will determine the teams' score. Team members are eligible for individual awards (not applicable in Horse Bowl). All team members must be from the same FFA Chapter, County 4-H Club, or FCCLA Chapter. All team members must be in good standing with their organizations.
4. **Participation:** Only contestants officially entered in the contest may participate.
5. **Materials:** Contests requiring scantrons will be provided by the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Official Poultry Scantron Scoring Sheets (CDE # 478-3, Poultry) will be provided for Poultry Judging. Practice Scantron Sheets for Poultry Judging (CDE # 478-3, Poultry) can be downloaded from www.judgingcard.com. Students should know how to use scantrons and forms properly before coming to the contest. Each contestant is required to bring two #2 pencils and one clipboard.
6. **Disqualification:** While a contest is in progress, there will be no talking or unethical communication between contestants or audience. Violating this rule may cause the contestant and the team to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards. Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted in the judging area during the contest. All contestants must have their group identification clearly visible on their clothing.
7. **Results:** Results will be announced at the awards ceremony. Results are final and re-examination of scores will not be permitted. Results will be available at: www.judgingcard.com.
8. **Awards:** Awards will be presented at the location in which the contest is held or a location designated during the contest orientation.

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS: Dr. Connie Sheppard
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Saturday, February 7
Place JCAC
Registration 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Orientation 9:00 am
Contest following orientation

Purpose: To gain skills in making decisions based on facts. Gain knowledge in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations.

1. Divisions: The contest and teams will be divided into three (3) divisions:

Junior	Ages 8-10
Intermediate	Ages 11-13
Senior	Ages 14-19

Age as of August 31, the year preceding the show. Team will compete based on the age of the oldest member. Any junior or intermediate may register and compete on a senior team for a higher possible point total.

2. Classes: Contestants will judge six (6) classes selected from consumer products. EX: blue jeans, snack foods, sunscreens, shampoo, checking account, etc. Contestants will be allowed eight (8) minutes for judging each class.

Sub-Junior teams and individuals are not required to give reasons. One (1) class of reasons will be required for Juniors and two (2) classes of reasons for Seniors.

3. Scores: Scores will be based on placing only for Sub-Junior teams and individuals. Scores are based on placing plus one (1) reasons class for Juniors and two (2) reasons classes for Seniors. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken via designated tie-breakers.

4. Study Materials: All study materials for this contest are located at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>

Study Guides will be available after December 1, of the year preceding the show, at each county extension office and on the website listed.

5. Calculators: Calculators will be allowed.

DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS:
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Friday, February 6
Place Cattle Barn #2
Registration 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Orientation TBA
Contest 9:00 am

1. Divisions: All contestants will compete in one division.

2. Classes: Contestants will judge six classes of four animals each. There will be two sets of questions. Contestants will have twelve (12) minutes to observe class and complete cards.

3. Scores: Scores are based on placing of six classes plus questions. Contestants will be notified of the classes requiring questions before placing that class. Contestants will have seven minutes to study notes and five minutes to answer questions. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken.

4. Dairy Cattle: S.A.L.E. reserves the right to utilize Dairy Cattle entered in the Junior and/or Open Dairy Cattle Show for the Dairy Judging Contest.

HORSE BOWL CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS: Dr. Jeff Howard
Ken Johnson
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Friday, February 13
Place JCAC
Registration 8:00 am – 8:30 am
Orientation 8:30 am – 9:00 am
Contest 9:00 am

- 1. Divisions:** The contest is divided into two (2) divisions:

Junior Ages 8-13
Senior Ages 14-19

Age determined as of August 31, the year preceding the show. Teams will compete based on the age of the oldest member. Junior teams may compete as Senior teams provided they register as a Senior team. Teams consist of 3 or 4 members.

- 2. Study Materials:** Contest questions will be obtained from the information in the State Horse Bowl Revised Reference List. The list is available in the 4-H Horse Bowl Guide or at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/4H32031.pdf>
- 3. Procedures of Play:** Procedures of Play will follow the 4-H Horse Bowl Guide Procedures.
- 4. Reference Judges:** Reference Judges will rule jointly on the acceptability of any question or answer.
- 5. Protest:** A protest of a question or answer to a question may be made only by a team captain and then only at a time when a question is read or the answer given. The moderator and referee judge(s) consider the protest and their decision in all cases is final.

HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS: Dr. Sam Jackson
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Thursday, February 12
Place HB #2
Registration 7:30 am – 8:30 am
Orientation TBA
Contest 8:30 am

- 1. Divisions:** Contest is divided into two (2) divisions:

Junior Ages 8-13
Senior Ages 14-19

Age as of August 31, the year preceding the show. Team will compete based on the age of the oldest member. Any junior may register and compete on a senior team for a higher possible point total.

- 2. Classes:** Contestants will judge six (6) classes of four (4) horses each. Two (2) halter classes and four (4) performance classes. Performance classes to be selected from Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Riding, Reining, Trail, Hunter Hack and Hunt Seat Equitation. Contestants are allowed fifteen (15) minutes to place each class.

There will be three (3) questions classes for Seniors, one (1) halter and two (2) performance, each worth 25 points. There will be two (2) questions classes for Juniors, one (1) halter and one (1) performance, each worth 25 points. Questions classes will consist of five (5) questions each. The contestants will be notified of the reasons/questions class before placing that class.

- 3. Scores:** Scores are based on placing of the six (6) classes plus three (3) questions classes for Senior and two (2) questions classes for Juniors. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken via designated tie-breakers.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS: Dr. Chris Skaggs
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Sunday, February 22
Place Cattle Barn #2
Registration 8:00 am
Orientation TBA
Contest 9:00 am

1. Divisions: Contest is divided into two (2) divisions:

Junior Ages 8-13
Senior Ages 14-19

Age as of August 31, the year preceding the show. Team will compete based on the age of the oldest member. Any junior may register and compete on a senior team for a higher possible point total.

2. Classes: Contestants will judge eight (8) classes of four (4) animals each. The classes will be made up of animals representing the following species: Cattle, Sheep, and Swine. **Classes will not be handled.** Contestants will have twelve (12) minutes to observe and complete cards.

There will be two (2) questions classes, consisting of five (5) questions each, for Seniors and one (1) question class for Juniors. Contestants will be notified of the classes requiring questions before placing that class. Contestants will have five (5) minutes to study notes and five (5) minutes to answer questions.

3. Scores: Scores are based on placings of the eight (8) classes plus two (2) questions classes for Seniors and one (1) for Juniors. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken.

MEAT JUDGING CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS: Dr. Mark Miller
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Sunday, February 15
Place Excel Country Fresh Meats
Registration 7:00 am
Orientation 7:45 am
Contest 8:00 am

Excel Country Fresh Meats adjoining Crystal Cold Storage, 4231 Profit Street, San Antonio, TX.

1. Division: There will be one FFA division and one 4-H division.

2. Classes:

4-H Division - The following classes will be judged: Thirty (30) retail cut identifications, six (6) placing classes and two (2) sets of questions.

FFA Division – The following classes will be judged: Six beef grading carcasses, forty (40) retail cut identifications, six (6) placing classes, two (2) sets of questions and a written exam. The written exam will consist of twenty, two point questions. Questions will come from the American Meat Institute yellow pages, 4th Edition 1994/95 and may be ordered from Watt Publishing Co., Attn: Tammy Svihlik, 1225 S. Wesley Ave., Morris, IL 61054; 815/734-4171 ext. 270. The Unit for the exam will be: How to select and buy meat, storage of meat, and meat cookery. The Exam will be administered in rotation.

Contestants will be allowed ten minutes for judging each class. Contestants will be notified one minute before the time is up. When final time is called, the contestants will hand their score cards to the group leader immediately. Each group of contestants will change to another class as directed by the Coordinator.

3. Scores: The Hormel System will be used to score this contest. The use of standard deviation (a method of calculating consistency) will be used to break individual and team ties. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken.

4. Frocks/Hard Hats: Contestants must bring their own white frocks, hard hats and hair nets to wear during the contest.

POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS: Jason Lee
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Sunday, February 8
Place SB
Registration 8:00 am
Orientation TBA
Contest 9:00 am

1. **Divisions:** 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters will compete as one division. They will select, judge, and grade the same materials, take the same poultry examination, and compete for the same awards.
2. **Classes:** The classes of birds, eggs, market poultry, and poultry examination will be similar to those used in the Texas FFA Poultry Career Development Events (judging contest). The manual used in FFA is titled POULTRY SCIENCE MANUAL FOR NATIONAL FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS, 5th Ed. (#0418-5). It may be purchased from Instructional Materials Service (IMS), Texas A&M University, Box 2588-TAMUS, College Station, Texas 77843-2588; (979) 845-6601. This book is used in the Texas FFA Poultry Judging Contest. Slide sets showing essentials for grading eggs, grading carcasses and selecting and placing birds are available from IMS.

The contest classes are as follows: (Note: Classes 2 and 6 have been omitted from this contest.)

- Class 1: Eight 6 to 12 week old broiler breeder meat-type cockerels or pullets for broiler breeder selection (50 points, no reasons).
- Class 2 :Four (4) past production egg-type hens for placing (50 points, no reasons).
- Class 3: Ten (10) ready-to-cook broiler carcasses graded according to USDA grading standards (50 points, no reasons).
- Class 4: Four (4) turkey carcasses for placing (50 points, no reasons).
- Class 5: Ten (10) Chicken eggs for interior quality grading (50points, no reasons).
- Class 6: Ten (10) shell eggs for exterior quality grading (50 points, no reasons).
- Class 7: Evaluative criteria for class 8 (50 points, no reasons).
- Class 8: Ten (10) further – processed poultry meat products for evaluative criteria (50 points, no reasons).
- Class 9: Ten (10) poultry carcass parts for identification (50 points, no reasons).
- Class 10: Written Examination (100 points).

Each participant will have 12 minutes to complete each class. There will be a two-minute warning alerting the participant of the approaching end of the 12-minute period. The participants will have one minute to move from class to class.

3. **Scores:** All grading of carcasses and eggs, and placing of classes will be done by an official grader and judge. Using the official placings, basis of grading (cuts) will be based on the Hormel Computing Slide. Ties will be broken according to FFA rules for breaking ties (See Texas FFA Career Events Handbook #0419-S, Instructional Material Services, College Station, TX 77843-6601.)
4. **Handling:** All live animals, eggs and carcasses must be handled with the utmost care and respect, or the participant will be removed from the contest and disqualified. Rough handling of materials will result in disqualification from the contest.

WOOL JUDGING CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS: Dr. Brian May
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Saturday, February 14
Place JCAC
Registration 11:00 am
Orientation TBA
Contest noon

- 1. Divisions:** 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters will compete as one division.
- 2. Classes:** Contestants will judge four (4) wool classes and twenty (20) grading fleeces.
Contestants will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes on each class of fleeces to make their observations and to mark their placing and reasons. Contestants will be given thirty (30) minutes on each of the grading divisions of the wool.
- 3. Scores:** The contest will be graded and the scores will be totaled by contest officials. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken.
- 4. Scantron (CDE # 528-2, Wool)** will be provided for this contest.

WILDLIFE HABITAT CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS: Dr. Joe Dettling
Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Date Friday, February 20
Place National Shooting Complex
Registration 8:00 am – 8:45 a.m.
Orientation TBA
Contest 9:00 am

(Directions can be found at www.nationalshootingcomplex.com/direction.html)

1. Contest will be held off site at a location, which will be secured by the San Antonio livestock show. This will be an outdoor site and the contestants should be dressed accordingly.
2. Contest format will follow the Wildlife and Recreation Management Study Guide, Catalog order No. 4400, from Instructional Materials Service, Texas A&M University, 2588 TAMUS, College Station, Texas 77843-2588. Phone (979) 845-6601.
3. The plants used in Questions 1 & 2 at the SALE WRM CDE will be based on the plant information in the Wildlife and Recreation Management Study Guide from both the State WRM CDE and the Region II WRM CDE plant lists.
4. The SALE WRM CDE will be based on the 9 question areas, which are identified in the State FFA contest. The areas are as follows:
 - a. Wildlife Plant Identification;
 - b. Wildlife Plant Preference;
 - c. Wildlife Biological Facts;
 - d. Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Individual;
 - e. Wildlife and Habitat Management Practices;
 - f. Game Laws;
 - g. Safety;
 - h. Techniques; and
 - i. Compass and Pacing.
5. Contestants may only bring the approved items to the competition site. Each contestant will be allowed to bring the following items into the contest site:
 - a. Copy of the plant list if one is not provided;
 - b. #2 lead pencils;
 - c. Basic calculator (non programmable type);
 - d. Lensatic or base plate compass;
 - e. Clean, unmarked manila type folder;
 - f. One-gallon, sealable bag (when weather conditions make it necessary); and
 - g. Clipboard.
6. Contestants are not allowed to bring any of the items listed below to the contest site. If any contestant is found to be in possession of any of these items, the entire team will be disqualified and escorted from the contest. The items are:
 - a. Cell phones, pagers, or any communication device;
 - b. Any type of programmable calculator; and/or
 - c. Any printed or written materials other than a clean plant list.