

**YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**  
**Superintendent - Iowa State University Livestock Judging Team**  
**Livestock Pavilion**

**SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, August 11**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Registration  
5:00 p.m. Judging Contest  
7:30 p.m. Livestock Judging Awards Program

**Entry Fee - \$40 per team; \$10 per individual (does not include Fair admission)**

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H and FFA General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Contest entry should be made day of contest. Payment in the form of cash or check is due at time of entry. Make checks payable to Iowa State Fair.
3. All contestants must be present at 4:50 p.m. for additional instructions, so that the contest can begin promptly at 5:00 p.m.
4. There will be a Junior and a Senior age division. Junior contestants are those who completed grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> during the 2023-2024 school year. Seniors are those contestants who completed grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> during the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Any youth who has completed a post-secondary course related to livestock and/or carcass evaluation is ineligible to compete in this contest. In addition, any 4-H member that has participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) competitive event of a similar nature and in the same subject matter is ineligible to compete in this contest.
6. Teams will consist of four members. The overall team score shall be determined by totaling the top three scores of the four team members. All contestants are eligible for individual awards. Counties can enter more than one team in both the Junior and Senior Divisions of the contest. Individuals from different counties can compete as a team provided permission is obtained from the contest superintendent prior to July 15 and provided that their county does not have sufficient numbers to enter a county team.
7. All electronic devices are prohibited. Please advise your contestants to remove these devices prior to the start of the contest. If a device is discovered during the contest, the contestant and their team will be disqualified.
8. Contestants may not leave once the contest has started unless permission is given by the contest superintendent.
9. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no talking or any other type of communication between contestants or coaches. If a contestant has a question once the contest begins, please direct that question to the assigned group leader or the contest superintendent.
10. Contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with their assigned group throughout the contest and the delivery of oral reasons.
11. The contest will be comprised of six (6) classes of livestock. Of these six classes, two will be beef, two will be swine, and two will be sheep. All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3-4.
12. Juniors will be asked a set of questions on two classes. Seniors will give oral reasons on two classes. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons.
13. Upon conclusion of judging each class, contestants will be asked to turn cards in to their group leader. Cards are to be turned in "face down". Any blank or double-marked cards will receive a zero.
14. Breeding cattle and steers will NOT be handled. All judging of non-reasons cattle classes will be done from a distance of 10-15 feet. Close inspection may be allowed. This will be determined after selection of the classes.
15. Breeding sheep may be judged loose in a pen or shown on halter, depending on the discretion of the superintendent. Market lambs may or may not be handled depending on the superintendent's discretion. If handling is allowed, contestants will stand in line and be allowed 15 seconds to handle each lamb individually. Lambs may not be rehandled at any time.
16. In case of ties, the highest award shall go to the individuals or teams as follows:
  - a. If tied for individual or team award, contestant or team having the highest oral reasons or questions score shall be listed first.
  - b. If contestants or teams are still tied from (a) above, the contestant or team with the most perfect scores per class shall be listed first.
17. Awards for this contest will be presented following the contest at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 11 in the Livestock Pavilion.

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING AWARDS**

Plaques will be presented to the first and second high scoring Junior and Senior individuals overall and the first and second high scoring Junior and Senior teams.

**IOWA STATE FAIR**  
**Fair Dates: August 8-18, 2024**  
**Youth Livestock Judging Contest Entry Form**  
 Bring form with you the day of contest.  
 Entries will be accepted Sunday, August 11 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day Phone (Area Code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  Junior  Senior

Office Use: Team # _____
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Team Members:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  Junior  Senior

Office Use: Team # _____
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Team Members:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals:

Office Use:	# _____
	# _____
	# _____
	# _____

- \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_  Junior  Senior
- \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_  Junior  Senior
- \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_  Junior  Senior
- \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_  Junior  Senior

**ENTRY FEES**

	<b>No. of Entries</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Team(s)	_____ @ \$40.00 each	\$ _____
Individual(s)	_____ @ \$10.00 each	\$ _____

**TOTAL REMITTANCE**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Form of payment:  Cash/Money Order  Check **Make checks payable to: Iowa State Fair**

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 Entry Department  
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