



4-H Meats Judging Contest

Description of Rules and Eligibility

As with any 4-H competition, rules are designed to provide guidelines for the contest, and to encourage the accomplishment of objectives. These rules are periodically reviewed, and your suggestions as a person interested in the total development of youth are always welcome. The following rules apply to the Iowa State 4-H Meats Judging Contest.

Entries

1. Team entry must be made to the State 4-H office by a deadline established by the State 4-H Office and communicated through the County Office.
2. Teams may consist of three to four contestants, the three point totals from the highest scoring contestants from a county will comprise the team score. Counties may enter more than one team.
3. Contestants must have been bonafide archive 4-H members in the county in which they represent at this state contest during the calendar year of the contest.
4. This contest is for teams only. Team members in the state contest must be enrolled in at least the eighth grade as of January 1 in the contest year and must not have graduated from high school prior to January 1 of the contest year.
5. Contestants must have completed 2 years of 4-H work prior to the contest. A contestant may not compete in more than three State Meats Judging Contests. A contestant who has participated in the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest as part of the American Royal in Kansas is not eligible to participate in this contest.
6. Change substitutions in entries may be made during contest day registration.
7. Eligible contestant must not have worked with or viewed livestock at the Iowa State University Animal Science farms from July 1 until the date of the contest. Violation of this rule constitutes automatic disqualification of the 4-H member and possible disqualification of the county team at the discretion of the superintendent.
8. Twelve to fifteen minutes will be allowed for participants to work on each class.
9. Contestants shall only be allowed to take clean writing paper into the contests for note taking.
10. While the contest is in progress there shall be no communication among the contestants, or between the contestants and anyone else except as directed by the superintendent or his/her representative. Also, all contestants shall remain with their assigned groups and will not leave the contest area for lunch or any other reason.
11. The high scoring team wins the right to represent Iowa in the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest at the American Royal in Kansas.
12. Violation of any of the above rules and procedures will be grounds for disqualification of the individual or team. Interpretation of these rules is at the sole discretion of the superintendent, and the superintendent may impose additional rulings as necessary for smooth contest operation and/or improved youth development potential. Entry of a team by a county implies complete acceptance of the rules and guidelines of the contest by all connected with the county program including coaches, contestants, and extension staff.

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