4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING
CONTEST

Superintendents:
Kelly Bruns, North Platte, NE
Cody Sloan, Cameron, MO

This contest will be held in conjunction with the
FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Thursday, October 27, 7:00 a.m., Hale Arena

Entry Fee: $125 per team – must accompany entry

Entry Deadline: September 20, 2016

RULES
1. The contest is open to four 4-H members from the same state. The team representing each state must be a County Team or a local extension unit that is selected by the State 4-H Leader to represent the state. State leaders may request an entry form from courtneyr@americanroyal.com.
2. Team entries must be certified as a County Team or a local extension unit by the State 4-H Club Leader and sent to the American Royal Livestock Show, Attn: LVS-JDG, 1701 American Royal Court, Kansas City, MO 64102. Entries must be postmarked by September 20, 2016.
3. Team members shall have passed their fourteenth birthday and shall not have passed their nineteenth birthday on January 1, 2016.
4. 4-H members who have previously participated in a 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the American Royal or who have participated in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at Louisville are not eligible. Teams that will judge at the 4-H National Contest 2016 are not eligible.
5. Club members who are currently, or who have been in the past, members of university, college, junior college or technical school livestock judging teams are not eligible to compete in this contest.
6. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any judging contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the American Royal, the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA and/or breed association(s).
7. Club members who have completed more than one semester or quarter of academic or vocational training beyond high school or have completed a post-secondary course related to visual livestock and/or carcass evaluation are not eligible to compete in this contest.
8. The contest will consist of any or all of the following placings classes: breeding cattle, market steers, breeding sheep, market lambs, breeding hogs, market hogs, breeding goats, and market goats. Oral reasons will also be given by contestants.
9. No team members, alternates, coaches or individuals accompanying the team will be allowed on the American Royal Grounds prior to 7:00 a.m., October 27. Exceptions to this rule will be made for team members who are exhibitors, in which case special permission must be secured from the Livestock Manager.
10. In the contest the three high scoring contestants from each state will be considered the official team of their respective states; however the contestant with the low score will remain eligible for awards.
11. No contestant shall wear any article of clothing, pins or badges that will in any way reveal the identity of the state he/she represents. Most teams wear blazers and slacks.
12. No electronic devices (phones, tablets, computers, etc.) will be allowed during the contest.
13. A meeting for coaches will be held Wednesday evening, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS. This meeting will be brief and will not include dinner.
14. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Event on Thursday, October 27 at 3:30 p.m. at the Wagstaff Sale Pavilion at the American Royal Complex.
15. Up to 7 people per team may attend the Awards Event at no charge. Additional guests may attend at a charge of $10 each, payable at the coaches’ meeting.

Headquarters Hotel
The Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS (913.342.7900) will serve as the Headquarters Hotel. The hotel is just minutes from the American Royal. Please call as early as possible because hotel rooms are limited.
FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING
CONTEST

Superintendents:
Kelly Bruns, North Platte, NE
Cody Sloan, Cameron, MO

This contest will be held in conjunction with the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Thursday, October 27, 7:00 a.m., Hale Arena

Entry Fee: $125 per team – must accompany entry

Entry Deadline: September 20, 2016

RULES

16. The contest is open to four FFA members from a state. The team representing each state must place in the top 5 at a state FFA Livestock Judging Contest and be selected by the State FFA Office to represent the state. State leaders may request an entry form from karriem@americanroyal.com.

17. Team entries must be certified by the State FFA Office and sent to the American Royal Livestock Show, Attn: LVS-JDG, 1701 American Royal Court, Kansas City, MO 64102. Entries must be postmarked by September 20, 2016.

18. Team members shall have passed their fourteenth birthday and shall not have passed their nineteenth birthday on January 1, 2016.

19. FFA members who have previously participated in an FFA Livestock Judging Contest at the American Royal or who have participated in the National FFA Livestock Judging Contest are not eligible. Teams that will judge at the National Contest in 2016 are not eligible.

20. Members who are currently or who have been in the past members of university, college, junior college or technical school livestock judging teams are not eligible to compete in this contest.

21. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any judging contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA and/or breed association(s).

22. Chapter members who have completed more than one semester or quarter of academic or vocational training beyond high school or have completed a post-secondary course related to visual livestock and/or carcass evaluation are not eligible to compete in this contest.

23. This contest will consist of any or all of the following placings classes: breeding cattle, market steers, breeding sheep, market lambs, breeding hogs, market hogs, breeding goats, and market goats. Oral reasons will also be given by contestants.

24. No team members, alternates, coaches or individuals accompanying the team will be allowed on the American Royal Grounds prior to 7:00 a.m., October 27. Exceptions to this rule will be made for team members who are exhibitors, in which case special permission must be secured from the Livestock Manager.

25. In the contest the three high scoring contestants from each state will be considered the official team of their respective states; however the contestant with the low score will remain eligible for awards.

26. No contestant shall wear any article of clothing, pins or badges that will in any way reveal the identity of the state he/she represents. Most teams wear blazers and slacks.

27. No electronic devices (phones, tablets, computers, etc.) will be allowed during the contest.

28. A meeting for coaches will be held Wednesday evening, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS. This meeting will be brief and will not include dinner.

29. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Event on Thursday, October 27 at 3:30 p.m. at the Wagstaff Sale Pavilion at the American Royal Complex.

30. Up to 7 people may attend the Awards Event at no charge. Additional guests may attend at a charge of $10 each, payable at the coaches’ meeting.

Headquarters Hotel

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JUNIOR COLLEGE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendent:
Kelly Bruns, North Platte, NE
Cody Sloan, Cameron, MO

Entry Deadline: September 20, 2016
Entry Fee: $200 per team

The annual American Royal Junior College Livestock Judging Contest will be held at 7:00 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2016. The contestants and coaches will meet in Wagstaff Theatre at 6:30 a.m., Friday, October 28.

A coaches’ meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 27 at the Wagstaff Sale Pavilion at the American Royal Complex. This meeting will be brief and will not include dinner. Coaches who do not attend the meeting and have entered teams in the contest must notify either the contest superintendent or the American Royal Livestock Office, (816) 569-4054 by 5:00 p.m., October 27 of their intent to either participate or withdraw. Failure to do so will result in disqualifications from this contest and future contests.

A noon luncheon will be sponsored for contestants the day of the contest. Junior and Senior colleges will judge together; oral reasons sessions will be conducted separately. The awards breakfast will be held jointly.

RULES

31. Any Junior (2-year program) college is eligible to send a team to this contest. Only one team from a college may enter the contest.

32. “Junior College” is defined as any type two-year agriculture program (community college or vo-tech college).

33. An application for entry must be signed by team coach and accompanied by the entry fee. In the event that more teams wish to participate than can be accommodated, entries will be accepted in the order in which applications for entry accompanied by entry fees are received.

34. Application for entry should be mailed to the American Royal Livestock Show, Attn: LVS-JDG, 1701 American Royal Court, Kansas City, MO 64102. Entries must be postmarked by September 20, 2016.

35. Each team will consist of five members. All five scores will be used to determine the team total.

36. Coaches will designate their team members at the coaches’ meeting.

37. No team members, alternates, coaches or individuals accompanying the team will be allowed on the American Royal Grounds prior to 6:30 a.m., October 28. Exceptions to this rule will be made for team members who are exhibitors, in which case special permission must be secured from the Livestock Manager.

38. Contestants entering this contest will not be eligible to enter subsequent Junior College Livestock Judging Contests at the American Royal, but may be eligible in a future year to enter the American Royal Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest for four-year colleges.

39. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any judging contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA and/or breed association(s).

40. Contestants judging in the 4-H or FFA Livestock Judging Contest are not eligible to compete in this contest.

41. Eligibility of contestants:
   a. All team members must be majoring or minoring in Agriculture.
   b. All team members must be enrolled in the school they are representing as full-time students, carrying 12 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours.
   c. To be eligible, a student must not have completed five semesters of college credit or cannot have completed 66 semester hours of college credit or equivalent in quarter hours and cannot be enrolled in the sixth semester of college credit.
   d. A student has a 12 month continuous eligibility from the date of his first official contest.
   e. Each student must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 on a 4.0 system or equivalent.
   f. Each livestock judging coach and his institution will be held responsible for seeing that all of their respective contestants qualify under contest eligibility rules.
   g. The specific eligibility of a contestant will be determined by the Junior College Coaches Association Constitution.

42. The superintendent of the contest and the management of the American Royal reserve the right to rule on any question of eligibility not covered in the preceding rules.

43. Each class will consist of four animals to be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4.
44. Twelve classes of livestock will be judged. These placings classes will consist of any or all of the following: breeding cattle, market steers, breeding sheep, market lambs, breeding hogs, market hogs, breeding goats, and market goats. The number of classes per species will be determined by the contest superintendent.

45. One or more classes utilizing performance data may be included in the contest. One of these may be a reasons class.

46. On each class of livestock, 15 minutes will be allowed the contestants to make their observations, record their placings, and take notes to assist them in remembering the class when they appear before the judge to present oral reasons.

47. Contestants will be told two minutes before time is up. When final time is called the contestants will hand their score cards to the group leader immediately.

48. Each group of contestants will change to another class as directed by the superintendent.

49. Eight sets of oral reasons will also be given by contestants. The number of oral reasons per species will be determined by the contest superintendent. Reasons will be given on classes that will be decided by the judges and the contest superintendent.

50. No contestant shall wear any uniform, college colors, belt buckle or insignia, which would identify the college represented, nor shall contestant in any way signify to the judge his/her own identity.

51. Stop watches and alternates may be used in the reasons session.

52. There will be no conferring between contestants or anyone else while the contest is in progress except as directed by the superintendent or his representatives.

53. No electronic devices (phones, tablets, computers, etc) will be allowed during the contest.

54. Any coach or contestant who violates any of the rules of this contest will be barred from competing in future contests and his team will be disqualified.

55. Ties will be broken by a method determined by show management and superintendent. No duplicate awards will be given. Results when announced will be official and final.

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**Headquarters Hotel**

The Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS (913.342.7900) will serve as the Headquarters Hotel. The hotel is just minutes from the American Royal. Please call as early as possible because hotel rooms are limited.

**Contestants’ Luncheon**

The Hilton Garden Inn will provide lunch for the contestants on Friday, October 30 at the hotel.

**Contestants’ Breakfast**

Appropriate awards, trophies and prizes will be presented to winners at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kansas City, KS.
INTERCOLLEGIATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendents:
Kelly Bruns, North Platte, NE
Cody Sloan, Cameron, MO

Entry Deadline: September 20, 2016

Entry Fee: $200 per team

The American Royal Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest for four-year colleges will be held at 7:00 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2016. Contestants and coaches will meet in Wagstaff Theatre at 6:30 a.m. for registration. Contestants from junior and senior colleges will judge together; oral reasons sessions will be held separately. No student or faculty member of a college judging team shall be on the grounds of the American Royal before 6:30 a.m. Friday, October 28.

A coaches’ meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 27 in the Wagstaff Sale Pavilion at the American Royal Complex. This meeting will be brief and will not include dinner.

56. Entries – All teams must be entered on or before September 20, 2016. Entries should be sent to the American Royal Livestock Show, Attn: LVS-JDG, 1701 American Royal Court, Kansas City, MO 64102. The entries should include all judging team candidates that the coach expects to bring to Kansas City. Final team selection should be given to the contest tabulator following the coaches’ meeting on October 27.

A fee of $200 per team must accompany entry form.

No college shall be represented by more than five persons that shall constitute a team. Any agricultural college undergraduate student representing his/her institution who has never had a part in a previous American Royal Livestock Judging Contest for four-year colleges may compete, providing he/she is in attendance as a regularly enrolled student in the institution he/she represents, has taken one full year’s work sometime prior to the year the contest is held, and has not at any time served in the capacity of animal husbandry instructor in any agricultural college. Entry is open to recognized institutions offering a well-rounded curriculum in the animal sciences and a B.S. degree in agriculture.

57. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any judging contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA and/or breed association(s).

58. No team members, alternates, coaches or individuals accompanying the team will be allowed on the American Royal Grounds prior to 6:30 a.m., October 28. Exceptions to this rule will be made for team members who are exhibitors, in which case special permission must be secured from the Livestock Manager.

59. Twelve classes of livestock will be judged. These placings classes will consist of any or all of the following: breeding cattle, market steers, breeding sheep, market lambs, breeding hogs, market hogs, breeding goats, and market goats. The number of classes per species will be determined by the contest superintendent.

60. Eight sets of oral reasons will also be given by contestants. The number of oral reasons per species will be determined by the contest superintendent. Reasons will be given on classes that will be decided by the judges and the contest superintendent.

61. One or more classes utilizing performance data may be included in the contest. One of these may be a reasons class.

62. The final scores will be based on 50 points on each placing and 50 points on each set of oral reasons.

63. The contestants will be given 15 minutes to place each class and two minutes for each set of oral reasons.

64. Handling of breeding classes will not be permitted.

65. No communications devices (phones, tablets, computers, etc) will be allowed during the contest.

66. Ties will be broken by a method determined by show management and superintendent. No duplicate awards will be given. Results when announced will be official and final.

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Contestants’ Breakfast
Appropriate awards, trophies and prizes will be presented to winners at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kansas City, KS.
NATIONAL 4-H MEAT JUDGING & IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

Superintendents:
Rachel Smith, Champaign, IL
David Schafer, Manhattan, KS

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Registration Fee: $100
Entry Deadline: September 21, 2016

In cooperation with the American Meat Science Association.

For Information, visit www.meatscience.org or contact Rachel Smith at rsmith@meatscience.org.

ENTRY – Entry shall be made by the state club leaders to: 4-H Meat Contest, American Meat Science Assn., 201 W Springfield Ave, Room 1202, Champaign, IL 61820, no later than September 21, 2016. Entry and contest information may be found at www.meatjudging.org.

TIME AND PLACE – 6:45 a.m., Kansas State University Meat Lab in Weber Hall (intersection of N. Manhattan Ave. and Claflin Road) in Manhattan, KS (www.k-state.edu).

ELIGIBILITY – This contest is open to a team of four 4-H members from a state to be selected by the State 4-H Leader. The three high scoring members of a team shall constitute the official team for the contest, the fourth ranking automatically being the alternate. The four members, including alternate, shall not be eligible to participate in future National 4-H Meat Identification and Judging Contests. All members, including alternates, shall meet the eligibility requirements found in the “Policies and Guidelines for National 4-H Competitive Events”. Specifically, contestants:
- Must be 14-18 years old as of January 1 in the year they compete.
- Must be a 4-H member during the year they compete.
- Must not have participated in official post secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) competitive events of a similar nature in the same subject matter area, nor be a member of a post secondary team undergoing training in preparation for such event.

Each participating state shall certify its own contestants and adjudge their eligibility in accordance with these rules and regulations.

A registration fee of $100 per team will be charged to offset a part of contest costs.

No contestant will be eligible to compete in any judging contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA and/or breed association(s).

DIVISIONS

The contest shall be divided into two divisions – meat identification and meat judging. There will be three sets of oral reasons.

IDENTIFICATION – A total of 30 retail meat cuts (beef, pork and lamb; fresh processed or variety) shall be identified as to: (a) species; (b) primal cut; (c) retail cut; (d) type of cut; and (e) cookery. A maximum individual score of 300 is possible on identification. There shall be a 24-minute time limit for the identification division.

JUDGING – Contestants shall place the following judging classes: two retail classes, two beef classes, carcasses and/or wholesale cuts, two pork classes, carcasses and/or wholesale cuts. Twelve minutes to be allowed to place each class of four items. A maximum of 450 points possible.

REASONS – There will be three reasons classes selected from beef, pork and retail classes. Each contestant will give three sets of oral reasons. The reasons classes will be chosen by the judges and announced to the contestants at the start of the contest. The contestant may not use notes while giving reasons, but will be provided reason cards to take notes during the contest to study before being called upon to recite. A set of reasons should be given the judges in the order the contestant placed the class. Included in the reasons should be both criticism and grants for placing each class.

Selection and securing of contest facilities, product and contest personnel shall be by the Contest Superintendent.

AWARDS BREAKFAST

An Awards Breakfast for contestants will be held Wednesday, October 19, beginning at 8 a.m. at the American Royal, 1701 American Royal Court, Kansas City, MO.
The Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest sponsored by the American Meat Science Association will be held at 6:00 a.m., October 16 at Nebraska Beef, Omaha, NE. For entry information, contact Rachel Smith, American Meat Science Association, 201 W Springfield Ave, Room 1202, Champaign, IL 61820 or rsmith@meatscience.org. Entry information is available at www.meatjudging.org.

An Awards dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 16 at the Scott Conference Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

1. This contest includes Senior-Division and A-Division teams.

2. A team shall consist of four students. No college shall be represented by more than one team.

3. Alternates will be allowed to judge in an Alternates Contest. However, they will lose their eligibility for this contest in the future.

4. A contestant must be an undergraduate student who is a regularly enrolled student at the institution he/she represents. It is further required that the contestant has at no time served as an instructor in any college, university, or secondary school.

5. Teams will judge or grade thirteen classes as follows:
   - Two classes of beef carcasses
   - Two classes of wholesale beef cuts
   - Two classes of pork carcasses
   - Two classes of fresh pork cuts
   - Two classes of lamb carcasses
   - One class of 15 beef carcasses for quality grading.
   - One class of 15 beef carcasses for yield grading.
   - One class of 10 specification cuts (Senior Division).

6. Each carcass in the quality grading class must be graded as high, average, or low within one of the following U.S. grades: Prime, Choice, Select (high or low only), Standard, Commercial or Utility. Each carcass in the yield grading class must be graded to the nearest tenth within one of the five yield grades. The beef grading classes and the specifications as officially recognized by the USDA.

7. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any judging contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA and/or breed association(s).
83rd AMERICAN ROYAL
COLLEGIATE CROPS CONTEST

Superintendent:
Kevin J. Donnelly, Department of
Agronomy, Kansas State University,
Manhattan, KS

The contest will be at 8:00a.m., Tuesday, November 22 at National Grain Center, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, 10383 N Ambassador Dr, Kansas City, MO 64153.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

6. Institutions entitled to send competing teams: agricultural colleges and schools of similar rank and purpose in the United States and internationally.

7. Eligibility of students: Three regular members selected from undergraduate students of good standing shall represent an institution. Up to three alternates may accompany the team if desired. A contestant may compete another year provided he/she was not a member of a team placing third or higher in either entire contest (Kansas City or Chicago) and as an individual did not place fifth or higher in either entire contest (Kansas City or Chicago). Students must be registered in at least 12 semester hours of college work or the equivalent in quarter or term hours and be in good academic standing.

8. The contest will be divided into three divisions: (a) grain grading (8 samples); (b) seed analysis (10 samples); and (c) identification (200 samples).

9. All other rules are to coincide with the “2016 Official Rules and Regulations” manual published by the Collegiate Crops Contest Committee. A committee of coaches and the Superintendent are responsible for organizing the logistics of the contest.

The American Royal will provide trophies, plaques and/or ribbons to award winners and cash awards to high teams as listed:

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