

## LIVESTOCK

### A. Suggestions for County and Area Events

1. Contact should be made by February 1 concerning location, livestock and officials for county and area events. The county Extension Educator should be the contact person regarding materials, site or location and officials to assist in conducting the event.
2. The supplies necessary for conducting a livestock judging event are judging cards, score sheets and a Hormel system for hand computing or a computer software/hardware system for scoring the judging classes. These materials should all be available through the County Extension office.
3. The secret to conducting an educational event of any kind is organization. Make sure that adequate personnel is available from both 4-H and Vo-Ag areas to conduct the event in an organized, systematic manner. It is very important to have placeable classes and officials that are capable of listening to reasons and scoring contestants according to their abilities displayed at the event. It is recommended that organizers read and understand publication 4-H 923 W, "How to Plan, Organize, and Administrate a Livestock, Dairy or Horse Judging Contest."

### B. State Contest

The following classes will be a part of the State event. The area chairpersons have discretionary control of appropriate classes for area events.

1. Nine to twelve classes of beef, Boer goats, sheep and swine are to be judged with oral reasons given on two classes of each species of livestock, except goats. 750 points.
  - a. Beef – 3 to 5 classes, including at least one class of market steers. Remaining classes will consist of yearling heifers and yearling bulls (if available) from breeds available in the area.
  - b. Boer goats – 1 class of Boer goat does
  - c. Swine - 3 or 4 classes, including at least one class of market hogs. Remaining classes will be breeding gilts or additional market hogs.
  - d. Sheep - 3 or 4 classes, including at least one class of market lambs (judged in a rack). Remaining classes will consist of ewe lambs, ram lambs, yearling ewes or additional market lambs.
2. Performance information will be provided on at least one breeding class per specie (except goats) and is to be considered when deciding placings. It is strongly recommended that the performance data be incorporated into the contestant's oral reasons, as justification of their placings.
3. Procedures:
  - a. The performance data sheets will be available to the contestants as they judge the performance classes.
  - b. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to place and take notes on each class.
  - c. Each contestant will be allowed two minutes to give oral reasons. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons.
  - d. Placing cards will be given to each contestant to record his/her placing of each class, including those for which reasons are required. Blank cards for note taking will be given to contestants in county and area events, but will not be furnished at the state event.
  - e. Cards that are left blank or marked with more than one placing will receive a zero score.

- f. The animals will be designated by number 1 - 2 - 3 - 4. Haltered or raked animals will be numbered 1 - 4 from left to right, as the contestants stand behind the animals.
4. Ties (based on the three highest contestants' scores that went into making the tie) will be broken by the following criteria for each division:
    - a. **Individual rank** - If two or more contestants have the same total points score, it will be broken by total reasons score.
    - b. **Team rank** - If two or more teams have a combined total points score that is the same, the tie will be broken by a combined total reasons score.
    - c. If still tied for either Individual and/or team rank, the contestant or team having the highest placing score in the class(es) with the lowest total cuts, will be listed first.
    - d. If still tied, the contestant or team with the highest total placing score (adding together the placing scores on reasons classes) on reasons classes, will be listed first.
    - e. If still tied, the contestant or team with the highest single class reason score will be listed first.
    - f. Ties for individuals and teams in the oral reasons category will be broken such that the contestant or team with the lower total placing score (adding together the placing scores on reasons classes) on reasons classes, will be listed first.

If all of the above fail, duplicate awards shall be given.

5. Special Awards:
 

Top Three Teams (4-H and FFA)	Each Species in FFA
Top Five Individuals (4-H and FFA)	Each Species plus Oral Reasons in 4-H

6. Reference
 

Teaching 4-H Oral Reasons, EM 4789, Washington State University, 1987. See last four pages of this 4-H/FFA Ag. Judging Handbook.

7. Supplemental/Optional Reference Items

- Nine Livestock Judging slide sets, printed sets of reasons and a Judging Manual are available through Vocational Education Productions. Call 1-800-235-4146 for details.
- Livestock Judging, Placement of Classes
  - Set 1 (SL1147) - 12 classes of beef, sheep & swine
  - Set 2 (SL1148) - 11 classes of beef, sheep & swine
  - Set 3 (SL1149) - 7 classes of beef
  - Set 4 (SL1150) - 9 classes of beef, sheep & swine
  - Set 5 (SL 1151) - 10 classes of beef, sheep & swine
  - Set 6 (SL 1152) - 15 classes of beef, sheep & swine
  - Set 7 (SL 1153) - 19 classes of dairy goats
  - Set 8 (SL1154) - 9 classes of beef, sheep & swine
  - Set 9 (SL1155) - 9 classes of beef, sheep & swine
- Nine Livestock Judging Videos are available through Creative Educational Video Call 1-800-922-9965 or Dr. Clint Rusk at 765/494-8427. Dr. Rusk has these tapes available to check out from his office.
 

Oral Reasons for Livestock Judging	CEV B10412B
Fundamental Livestock Judging	CEV B10401B
Judging Steers	CEV B20404B
Judging Heifers	CEV B20405B
Practice Cattle Judging	CEV B20415B
Swine Judging	CEV B60402B
Judging Breeding Swine	CEV B60403B
Judging Market Lambs	CEV B40407B
Judging Breeding Sheep	CEV B40408B