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2022 State 4-H Livestock Judging & Skill-A-Thon

Contestant Packet



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Registration deadline: Sept. 9, 2022

South Dakota State University Animal Science Arena, Brookings, SD

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The 2022 South Dakota State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and Livestock Skill-A-Thon entry deadline is Sept. 9 at 11:59 p.m.

Registration

The registration fee is \$10 per youth per contest. Registration for the South Dakota State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and Livestock Skill-A-Thon should be completed in Fair Entry.

A video and help sheet can be found on extension.sdstate.edu that will assist you with the registration process.

Video URL: <https://youtu.be/v5kND0WaSxg>

Help Sheet: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4honline-fairentry>

Livestock Judging and Skill-a-Thon teams will be registered by your county's 4-H Youth Program Advisor. Please inform your County Office of your online registration to ensure you are included on a county team. All entry fees must be postmarked by Sept. 9, to the State 4-H Office. Individual payments are acceptable. Individuals not registered by Sept. 9, will not be allowed to compete. No team changes will be allowed after Sept. 15.

Each county may enter unlimited teams per age division. County teams consist of three and no more than four members. The three members with the highest total scores will make up the team county total. The contestant with the lowest score is eligible for individual awards.

If a county does not have enough members to fill a team within an age division, those one or two individuals are still eligible to judge and compete for individual awards.

If a county does not have enough members to fill a team, a county may join with another county to make a joint-county team.

****SENIORS ONLY**** Any senior who has judged at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, in Louisville, Kentucky is eligible to enter as an individual from his/her county and eligible to compete for future State 4-H individual awards. However, a youth that has competed at this event as a team is no longer eligible to be on a team. This does not apply to Denver or Kansas City past participants.

It is the responsibility of the SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor or county coaches to verify team and individual entries are accurate during contest registration.

Contestants and Eligibility

Contestants must be a bona-fide South Dakota 4-H member approved by their respective county 4-H Youth Program Advisors.

It is preferred that the eligibility of teams competing in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and Skill-A- Thon be determined through a County-level 4-H selection process. It is recommended that written selection procedures are made available to all interested parties and participants.

Age Divisions

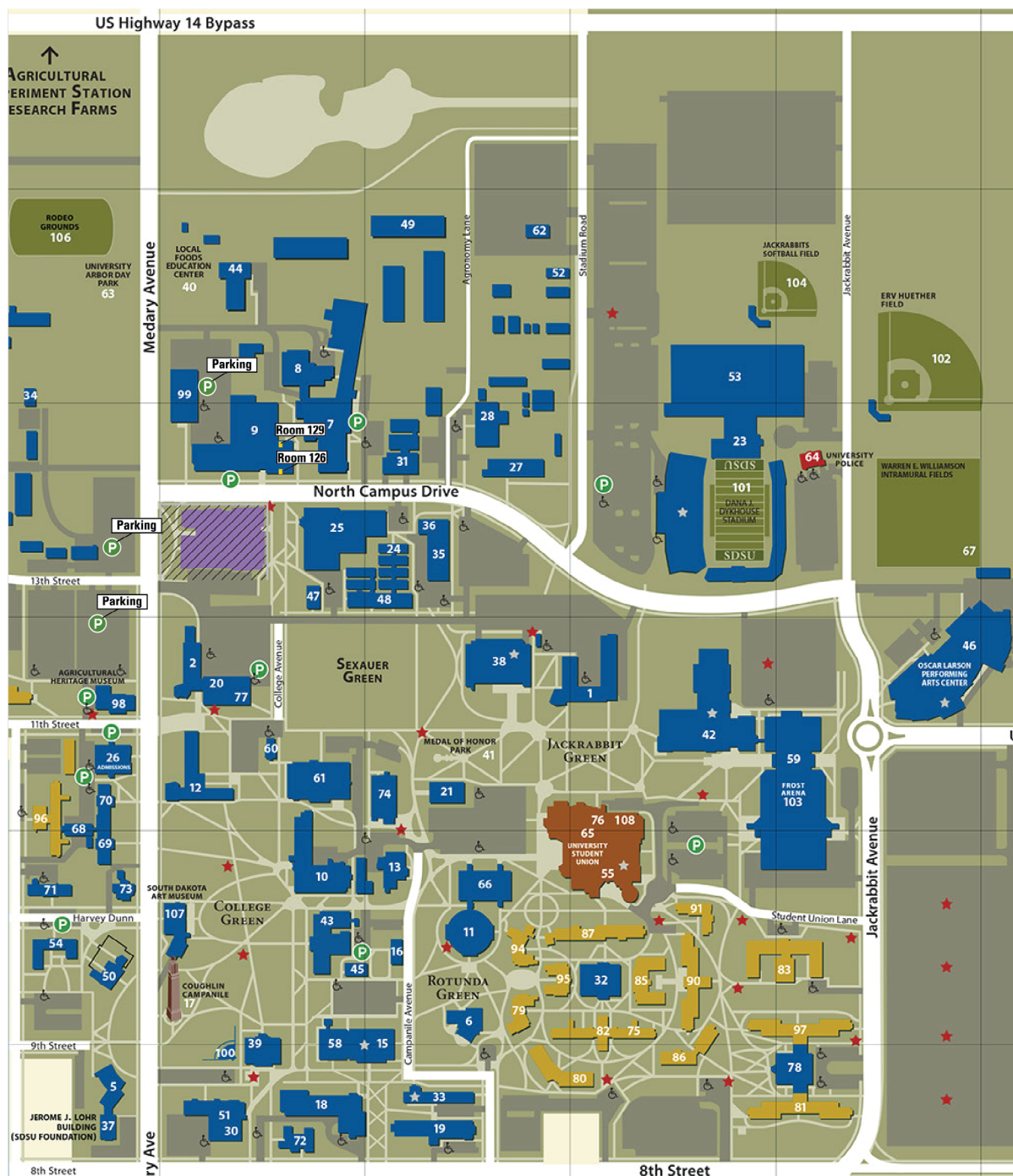
Age Divisions for the South Dakota 4-H program:

- Beginner: Age 8, 9 or 10 on or before Jan. 1 of the current 4-H year

- Junior: Age 11, 12 or 13 on or before Jan. 1 of the current 4-H year
- Senior: Age 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 on or before Jan. 1 of the current 4-H year and not have turned 19 on or before Jan. 1 of the current year.

Contestants must not have participated in or enrolled in official post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) competitive judging events, including judging courses, within animal science.

The SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program should be accessible to the wide diversity of youth who live in our state, regardless of their backgrounds and characteristics – including physical, mental or emotional abilities or limitations. Please make requests for any necessary accommodations for youth participating in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest to the South Dakota State 4-H Office prior to Sept. 1. See the guidelines for Accommodation of Children with Disabilities within this document.



Method of Conduct

- Contestants, parents and coaches are to avoid the Animal Science Arena, the morning of the contest, prior to the contest start, unless involved in the operation of the contest. In addition, contestants, parents, coaches and volunteers must conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship and act as positive role models.
- Youth participating in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and/or Skill-A-Thon will be required to respect others' property and privacy rights, apply rules of safety to individuals, groups and property as well as accept personal responsibility for their behavior.
- Illegal behaviors including: the possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs and tobacco products, stolen goods, weapons and fireworks, sexual, physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Law enforcement may be called and illegal behaviors may result in citations or arrest. Consequences may include removal from participation in the event; restitution or repayment of damages; sanctions and/or participation in future local, state, regional or national 4-H events; loss of status as a 4-H member in good standing, etc.
- Contestants should wear neat, clean, suitable clothing to uphold the image of the 4-H organization. No contestant shall wear any clothing, pins or badges that will in any way reveal his/her identity or the county that he/she represents. No hats are to be worn during the contest. Closed-toed shoes must be worn during the contest.
- All electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, pagers, PDAs, calculators, etc.) are prohibited. Contestants are advised to remove these devices prior to the start of the contest. If a competing contestant's phone should ring or if he/she is discovered using such electronic devices during the contest, the contestant and his/her team will be disqualified.
- Contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with their assigned group throughout the contest. While the contest is in progress, there is no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by the Contest Superintendent or his/her representative. Offending contestants may be disqualified.
- The Senior contest will be comprised of eight classes of livestock.
 - These classes (depending on availability) will consist of any combination of Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Market Hog, Breeding Hog, Market Goat or Breeding Meat Goat. All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3-4. At least one breeding class from each species will have performance data and a scenario included. However, contest administrators and officials will strive to include performance information and scenarios for all breeding classes, if possible.
 - Contestants will present oral reasons on four classes. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons.
- The Junior contest will be comprised of eight classes of livestock.
 - These classes (depending on availability) will consist of any combination of Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Market Hog, Breeding Hog, Market Goat or Breeding Meat Goat. All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3-4. Contest administrators and officials will strive to include performance information and scenarios on all breeding classes, if possible.
 - Contestants will present oral reasons on two classes. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons.
- The Beginner contest will be comprised of four classes of livestock.
 - These classes (depending on availability) will consist of any combination of Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Market Hog, Breeding Hog, Market Goat or Breeding Meat Goat. All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3-4.
 - Questions will be asked on one class. Contestants are not permitted to use notes while completing questions.
 - A Parts Identification Quiz will be given. It will consist of any body part identification of Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep or Swine.
- Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons for those classes indicated as oral reason classes.

- Contestants will be allowed 10-12 minutes per class to make their observations, take notes and mark placing cards.
- Breeding Cattle and Market Beef may not be handled. All judging of non-reasons cattle classes will be done from a distance of 10-15 feet. Close inspections may be allowed. This will be determined after selection of classes.
- Breeding sheep and goats will not be handled as they will be loose in a pen. When handling Market Sheep or Meat Goats, contestants will stand in line and will be given 15 seconds to handle each lamb or goat individually. Lambs or goats may not be re-handled at any time.

Determination of Ratings

- Fifty points shall constitute a perfect mark for placing classes, answering questions and presenting oral reasons.
 - If tied for overall individual or team awards, the contestant or team having the highest total reasons (for beginners, questions score used) score shall be listed first.
 - If tied for total reasons score, the contestant or team having the lowest total placing score on reasons classes shall be listed first.
 - If tied for a species award, the contestant or team having the highest reasons total reasons score on the species shall be listed first.
 - » If still tied, the contestant or team having the highest total reasons score overall shall be listed first.
- The officials' placing and class critique will be given immediately following the conclusion of the contest once all placing and reasons cards have been submitted to the scoring committee.
- Official results will be tabulated and reviewed by an assigned committee prior to public announcement.

Contest Schedule

Friday, Sept. 16

5:00-5:45 p.m.	Livestock Skill-A-Thon Registration
5:45-6 p.m.	Skill-A-Thon Orientation
6 p.m.	ALL Participants Begin Skill-A-Thon*

*All skill-a-thon participants must be present at the start of the Skill-A-Thon (6 p.m.) to compete. Contestants will be on a rotation schedule through the Skill-A-Thon stations.

5-8 p.m.	Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest
6-8 p.m.	Practice Livestock Judging

Saturday, Sept. 17

9-9:30 a.m.	All Participant Judging Registration (Animal Science Complex)
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Junior and Senior Orientation
9:45 a.m.	All Ages Begin Contest in Respective Locations (oral reasons following completion of the judging contest)
9:45 a.m.	Beginner Livestock Judging (SDSU Cow/Calf Unit)
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Lunch

Awards

- Top 5 contestants and teams in each age division (Beginner, Junior and Senior) will be recognized for Overall Individual and Team awards.
- Top five Junior and Senior contestants and teams will be recognized for Oral Reasons, Beef Judging, Sheep/Goat Judging and Swine Judging.
- The first place senior Livestock Judging team will be given the opportunity to compete at the National Livestock Judging Competition at Louisville, KY. The next four highest individuals will form a team to compete at Western National Roundup in Denver, CO.
- The first place senior Skillathon team will be given the opportunity to compete at the National Skillathon Competition at Louisville, KY. The next four highest individuals will form a team to compete at Western National Roundup in Denver, CO in the Livestock Quiz Bowl contest.

- Funding for these teams is made possible by the Livestock Industry Trust Fund each year depending on their contribution.
- Awards will be given during after the conclusion of the contests and class critiques. Location will be in or near animal science arena based on weather and other factors.
- 4-H youth in South Dakota are not eligible to compete in more than one national livestock judging contest in the qualifying year.
- In the event of national trips being canceled the winning team will be allowed to compete to earn a national trip the following year.

National 4-H Competitive Event Eligibility

- Contestants must be at least 14 years of age as of January 1 of the current year and must not have reached their 19th birthday as of Jan. 1 of the 4-H program year in which the national 4-H competitive event is held.
- All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the national 4-H competitive event is held.
- The contestant(s) or team(s) of contestants must be certified as the official state entry by the State 4-H Office or by a person designated by the State 4-H Office. The individual(s) or team(s) may be selected by any procedure the State 4-H Office deems appropriate. Individual team members must be a minimum of 14-years-old at the time of the qualifying event.
- Contestants, their county 4-H Youth Program Advisor and the State 4-H Leader must certify as follows on the application form: This contestant has not participated in post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the national 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the national 4-H competition.

NOTE: Violation of the above will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognition that has been won in the national 4-H competitive event.