

J.H. Shepperd State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
North Dakota Winter Show - Valley City, North Dakota
Saturday, March 8, 2008

Counties may enter any number of 4-H members in each of the following divisions. All participants are eligible for individual awards. The high three individual scores determine the team score.

1. **Senior Division:** Members who were age 13* to 18 on September 1, 2007.
2. **Junior Division:** Members who were age 8 to 13* on September 1, 2007.

* 13 year old members may judge in either division, but must follow national rules if a member of team advancing to a national contest. If a 13 year old member has one of the top three scores of the first place senior 4-H team, but is not 14 until after January 1, 2008, he/she is not eligible for the national contest and is not eligible for future state 4-H contests.

General Rules

1. Contestants must be enrolled as 4-H members in the county they represent.
2. Members of past first place state 4-H Livestock Judging teams (senior division) **or** members having judged in a national 4-H livestock judging contest (Eastern National Contest in Louisville or Western National Contest in Denver) are not eligible.
3. Two or three counties may combine to make a team provided that none of the counties have more than two contestants in the division they are entered.
4. Each age division is considered a separate contest.

Contest Operation

4. Registration will be from 7:30 to start of contest at 8:00 a.m.
5. Classes selected are subject to the availability of livestock.
 - a. Six classes, two each of beef, sheep, and swine, will be in the state 4-H contest. Performance data will be provided on some of the classes.
 - b. Three sets of oral reasons will be given, one each for beef, sheep, and swine.
6. Twelve minutes will be provided for classes without reasons and fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for each class with reasons. If a mixture or reasons classes and non-reasons classes are in the ring at the same time, all classes will be fifteen minutes long.
7. Two minutes are allowed for oral reasons. Contestants should not have paper, cards or notes to assist while giving reasons.
8. Participants in the 4-H divisions wear official dress. The 4-H Dress Code is: 4-H members must be dressed neatly and wear a solid white, yellow, gray, or green shirt with 4-H emblem on front. The clover may be imprinted, screened, or attached with an adhesive (if clovers are pinned to the shirt, use multiple pins and place pins discreetly underneath the chevron). Failure to comply will result in the deduction of 25 points from the individual score or team score. 4-H members are asked to stay in official dress until completion of awards.
9. Parents and coaches will be needed to volunteer for various jobs to conduct the contest such as routing of contestants, squad leaders, hall monitors, etc. Only adults with specific jobs are permitted in the arena during the contest.

Awards

1. Official reasons will be given at 2:00 p.m. at Vangstad Auditorium, Valley City State University. The awards will follow.
2. Senior and junior division participants are eligible for the following awards:
 - a. Individual ribbons for approximately the top 50% of contestants
 - b. Ribbons for the three high individuals in each species and reasons
 - c. The high individual in the senior division contest will receive the Mel Kirkeide Memorial Award. A similar award will be presented to the high individual in the junior division.

Awards continued...

3. Teams are eligible for the following awards.
 - a. Team awards will be presented to the three members and alternate of teams placing 1-5.
 - b. The 3 high teams in each species will be announced (no ribbons will be awarded)
4. Senior division winners are also eligible for these additional awards:
 - a. The first place senior division team (top four scores) is eligible to represent North Dakota at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. The North Dakota 4-H Foundation will provide \$500 towards the expenses of this trip. The second place senior division team is eligible to represent North Dakota at the Western 4-H Roundup Livestock Judging Contest in Denver, Colorado. The North Dakota 4-H Foundation will provide \$400 towards the expenses of this trip.

In order to represent North Dakota 4-H and judge in a national contest, participants must judge in this state contest.

Additional rules affecting eligibility for national contest participation may be obtained by contacting the Center for 4-H Youth Development.

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Please circle appropriate division for participants on this page. Duplicate this form as needed.

Senior Division

Junior Division

DO NOT MAIL -- Bring form with you and hand in at contest registration time.

_____ County(s)

1. Multi-county teams must register together on this form. (Remember multi-county teams may not have more than two members from any one county.)
2. The high three scores will make the team score. You do not need to specify team members.

	Name	Age	Hometown
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____

I hereby certify that these are enrolled 4-H members, are in dress code, and are eligible to participate in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.

County Extension Agent

Date

Coach(s) Name(s)

Date