

Dear 4-H Member

Welcome to the concept of judging, evaluation and decision making, using animals and animal products as tools. Your participation in the development of necessary life-skills and higher order thinking skills are traits that you will use for a lifetime, regardless of the career path you choose. This document contains:

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4-H ANIMAL/ANIMAL PRODUCTS JUDGING & EVALUATION, AGRI-KNOWLEDGE & HIPPOLPGY

OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop skills in observing differences and organizing thoughts
2. To develop expertise in logical reasoning, decision making and other higher order thinking skills
3. To develop confidence in defending decisions in either oral or written form
4. To function as part of a team
5. To develop sportsmanship
6. To promote and encourage the training of youth in animal agriculture
7. To develop character and leadership abilities necessary to become contributing members of society
8. To provide opportunities to observe agriculture and society in other regions of the state and country
9. To provide career enhancement opportunities
10. To strengthen and enhance leadership skills
11. To broaden the knowledge-base about animal use, products, care, equipment, breeds and feed ingredients
12. To understand the meaning of "Quality Assurance"

JUDGING CAMP

UGA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

ATHENS, GA

June 10-12

Contact: Jary Douglas at jaryd@uga.edu

Or 706-583-8921 or 417-291-3678

2008 CONTESTS

AU BLOCK & BRIDLE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Saturday, April 26

Pre-Registration Required by April 22

Contact: Cody Horton at hortoym@auburn.edu

Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

Subject to cancellation if entries are not received by April 22, 2008!!

STATE FFA LIVESTOCK CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, June 3

Contact: Van Smith, 205-755-1629 or 205-755-6166 or vsmith@autaugacountyschool.org

Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

SOUTH ALABAMA 4-H/FFA MARKET HOG SHOW JUDGING CONTEST

DOTHAN

Monday, June 9

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

STATE-WIDE DISTRICT 4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, June 17

Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

NORTH ALABAMA DISTRICT 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

HORTON

Thursday, June 19

Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

SOUTH ALABAMA DISTRICT 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

AUTAUGAVILLE

Thursday, June 26

Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

MONTGOMERY

Monday, July 7

Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

Cindy McCall, 334-844-1556 or cmccall@acesag.auburn.edu

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

MONTGOMERY

Monday, July 7

Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

Cindy McCall, 334-844-1556 or cmccall@acesag.auburn.edu

STATE 4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

CANCELLED IN 2008

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK AGRI-KNOWLEDGE EVENT

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Thursday, July 17

Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Friday, July 18

Pre-Registration Required by June 1 to Bob Ebert

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

ALABAMA NATIONAL FAIR, DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

MONTGOMERY

Monday, October 6

Pre-Registration Required by September 1 to Boyd Brady

Contact: Boyd Brady, 334-844-1562 or bbrady@acesag.auburn.edu

ALABAMA 4-H/FFA MARKET HOG SHOW JUDGING CONTEST

MONTGOMERY

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Contact: Bob Ebert, 334-844-1563 or ebertra@auburn.edu

DAIRY JUDGING

1. Open to bona-fide Alabama 4-H or FFA members who are enrolled in the Dairy Judging Program. Enrollment is by completing the “2008 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM” and recording it in the office of Boyd Brady, 109C Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: bradybo@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1562; fax: 334-844-1519 by March 1, 2008.
2. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team.
3. Only one team per county, per age group is permitted. There is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site.
4. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited. A contestant should not wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
5. There will be one State-wide Contest, with three divisions, ie, Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H and FFA. Seniors must be 14 years old before January 1 of the current year.
6. The First Place Senior 4-H Team will be required to represent Alabama at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI, in September/October. Depending on funding, the second place team will represent Alabama at the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY in November. Depending on funding, the third placing team may represent Alabama at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis, TN in September.
7. All members of the First Place 4-H Team that win the State 4-H Contest and/or represent Alabama at the World Dairy Expo are ineligible to compete in future State 4-H Congress Dairy Judging events.
8. This FFA event includes a 50 question quiz along with the typical Judging contest!

HORSE JUDGING

1. Competition is open to active members of a chartered Alabama 4-H Club. Members must be nine (9) years old before January 1, 2008 and cannot be nineteen (19) years old before January 1, 2008. Alabama 4-H Clubs are chartered by the State 4-H Office. Chartered 4-H clubs have regularly scheduled, planned, experiential educational meetings, which are age appropriate and increase knowledge and life-skills acquisition with respect to the broad range of 4-H projects.
2. The Horse Judging Contest is part of the 2008 Alabama State 4-H Horse Show. Enrollment is by completing the "2008 HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM" or by completing the "2008 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM" and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2008.
3. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team.
4. This event will have a Junior and a Senior division for individuals and for teams (3 or 4 members). Seniors must be 14 years old and born in 1993 or earlier.
5. Only one team per county, per age group is permitted. There is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Horse Judging team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
6. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited. A contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
7. The contest will consist of both halter and performance classes. Oral reasons will be a part of the contest. Written notes, for oral reasons presentations, should be taken on all classes.
8. The First Place Senior team will represent Alabama at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships Horse Judging Contest, in Lexington, VA, on Thursday, July 31, 2008.
9. When a county team comprised of a majority of the same team members wins the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest a second time, that team is required to compete in Eastern National 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Louisville, KY in November and all team members become ineligible to compete in future State 4-H Horse Judging Contests.
10. Winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized at the 2008 Alabama State 4-H Horse Show, Monday, July 7, 2008 at the Garrett Coliseum Complex in Montgomery.

HIPPOLOGY

1. Competition is open to active members of a chartered Alabama 4-H Club. Members must be nine (9) years old before January 1, 2008 and cannot be nineteen (19) years old before January 1, 2008. Alabama 4-H Clubs are chartered by the State 4-H Office. Chartered 4-H clubs have regularly scheduled, planned, experiential educational meetings, which are age appropriate and increase knowledge and life-skills acquisition with respect to the broad range of 4-H projects.
2. The Hippology Contest is part of the 2008 Alabama State 4-H Horse Show. Enrollment is by completing the "2008 HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM" or by completing the "2008 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM" and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2008.
3. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team. Team scores will not be counted for individual's scores.
4. This event will have a Junior and a Senior division for individuals and for teams (3 or 4 members). Seniors must be 14 years and born in 1993 or earlier.
5. Only one team per county, however, there is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Hippology team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
6. The Hippology Contest will consist of 4 Phases, namely, 3 Individual phases and 1 Team phase. The 3 Individual Phases are: Examination, Station, and Horse Judging. The Team Phase is competition whereby the county team works together to solve specific problems or address particular issues.
7. The judging classes will be the same classes for both the Hippology Contest and the Horse Judging Contest. For contestants in both Contests, the Judging Classes will be counted for both Contests.
8. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited, except in the team component of the event. A contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
9. Individuals, those not part of an official team, will not participate in the Team Problem-solving component of the Contest.
10. The highest placing team will be eligible to compete at the 2008 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show Championships in Lexington VA, on Wednesday, July 30, 2008.
11. Winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized at the 2008 Alabama State 4-H Horse Show, Monday, July 7, 2008 at the Garrett Coliseum Complex in Montgomery.

LIVESTOCK AGRI-KNOWLEDGE

1. Competition is open to active members of a chartered Alabama 4-H Club. Members must be nine (9) years old before January 1, 2008 and cannot be nineteen (19) years old before January 1, 2008. Alabama 4-H Clubs are chartered by the State 4-H Office. Chartered 4-H clubs have regularly scheduled, planned, experiential educational meetings, which are age appropriate and increase knowledge and life-skills acquisition with respect to the broad range of 4-H projects.
2. Enrollment is by completing the "2008 LIVESTOCK JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM" and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2008.
3. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team. Team scores will not be counted for individual's scores.
4. Only one team per county, however there is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Livestock Agri-Knowledge team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
5. This Event is comprise of both individual competition and team competition, whereby the county team works together to solve exercises in: A) Quality Assurance; B) Livestock feed & performance information evaluation; C) feed tag knowledge; and D) breeding animal keep/cull or selection classes. The individual component will cover such areas as: A) Meat cut identification; B) livestock equipment identification and use; C) breed identification and country of origin; D) a 50 question quiz; E) a quality assurance exercise; F) judging of a class of meats and G) possibly judging a class of feedstuffs or wool.
6. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited, except in the team component of the event. A contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
7. Individuals, those not part of an official team, will not participate in the Team Problem-solving component of the Contest.
8. The only contest will be held during State 4-H Animal Science Events and is for Seniors only. Seniors must be 14 years old and born in 1993 or earlier.
9. The First Place team will be required to represent Alabama at the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY, in November 10, 2008.
10. All members of the First Place team that win the State 4-H Contest and/or represent Alabama at the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest are ineligible to compete in future State 4-H Livestock Agri-knowledge Events.
11. The State 4-H Event winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized after the Alabama State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Friday, July 18, 2008 at Auburn University.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

1. Competition is open to active members of a chartered Alabama 4-H Club. Members must be nine (9) years old before January 1, 2008 and cannot be nineteen (19) years old before January 1, 2008. Alabama 4-H Clubs are chartered by the State 4-H Office. Chartered 4-H clubs have regularly scheduled, planned, experiential educational meetings, which are age appropriate and increase knowledge and life-skills acquisition with respect to the broad range of 4-H projects.
2. Enrollment is by completing the "2008 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM" and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2008.
3. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team.
4. Only one team per county, per age group is permitted. There is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Livestock Judging team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
5. Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited. The contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. All forms of tobacco use are prohibited. Personal communication devices are prohibited.
6. There will be 2 District 4-H Livestock Judging Contests: North Alabama and South Alabama. The North District will include Pickens, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson, St Clair, Calhoun, Cleburne and all counties to the north. The South District will include Sumter, Greene, Hale, Bibb, Shelby, Talladega, Clay, Randolph and all counties to the south.
7. Both District 4-H Contests will have a Junior and a Senior division for individuals and for teams (3 or 4 members). Seniors must be 14 years old and born in 1993 or earlier. There is no elimination of Seniors (team or individuals) at the district competition.
8. The State 4-H Contest is for Seniors only. Counties must have qualified at the District Contest by having one or more 4-H members compete at the appropriate District Contest. At the State 4-H Contest, counties are limited to one team, however additional team members will be allowed to compete as individuals. When possible, scenarios and individual animal data will be provided, at all contests.
9. The District 4-H contests and State 4-H contest will be as similar as possible, with each contest having the possibility of beef, sheep, swine and /or meat goat classes. Oral reasons and questions will be a part of all contests.
10. The First Place team will be required to represent Alabama at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, KY, on November 11, 2008.
11. All members of the First Place team that win the State 4-H Contest and/or represent Alabama at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest are ineligible to compete in future District 4-H Livestock Judging contests or State 4-H Congress Livestock Judging Events.
12. The State 4-H Contest winning individuals and teams will be announced and recognized at the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Friday, July 18, 2008 at Auburn University.

MEAT JUDGING

1. Competition is open to active members of a chartered Alabama 4-H Club. Members must be nine (9) years old before January 1, 2008 and cannot be nineteen (19) years old before January 1, 2008. Alabama 4-H Clubs are chartered by the State 4-H Office. Chartered 4-H clubs have regularly scheduled, planned, experiential educational meetings, which are age appropriate and increase knowledge and life-skills acquisition with respect to the broad range of 4-H projects.
2. Enrollment is by completing the “2008 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM” and recording it in the office of Bob Ebert, 111B Upchurch Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5625; email: ebertra@auburn.edu; phone: 334-844-1563; fax: 334-844-1519 by June 1, 2008.
3. Competition is for individuals and for teams that shall consist of a minimum of 3 members. Teams are encouraged to have 4 members, with the lowest score being dropped, the 3 highest scoring (overall score) team members will serve as the official team.
4. Only one team per county, per age group is permitted. There is no limit to the number of individuals from a county that can participate. Team members SHALL be designated at final registration of competitors at the contest site. If a county has two or more distinct 4-H clubs, each having a separate and distinct Meats Judging team, then the county may have a team representing each separate and distinct club.
5. There will be one District 4-H Contest. This contest will be for Juniors and will serve as a training for Seniors and agents/volunteers. Seniors must be 14 years old and born in 1993 or earlier. There will be no elimination of Seniors (teams or individuals) at the district competition.
6. CANCELLED for 2008!!!!The State 4-H Contest is for Seniors only.
7. The District 4-H and State 4-H Contests will be as similar as possible, with each contest having classes of beef and pork (carcasses, wholesale and retail cuts) to judge, and retail cuts of beef, pork and possibly lamb to identify.
8. Oral reasons and questions will be part of both contests.
9. Procedures and protocols for Lambert/Powell Meats Laboratory:
 - Contestants & Officials will be provided:
 - Hairnets and frocks
 - Contestants & Officials shall:
 - Practice good personal hygiene and grooming
 - Wear long pants and solid-toed footwear
 - Not wear any jewelry, watches, bracelets, earrings, etc (flat wedding band is OK)
 - Not have with any item in the mouth (food, toothpicks, tobacco, gum, etc)
10. The First Place Team will represent Alabama at the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest held at Kansas State University in October/November. The Second Place Team (if funding is available) will represent Alabama at the National Western 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest held in Denver, CO in January 2008.
11. All members of the First Place team that win the State 4-H Contest and/or represent Alabama at the National 4-H Meats Judging contest are ineligible to compete in future State 4-H Congress Meats Judging events.

2008 JUDGING/AGRI-KNOWLEDGE ENROLLMENT FORM

The 4-H member(s) listed are enrolled in the (Circle One) Junior Senior
(Circle Appropriate Division) Agri-Knowledge Hippology
Dairy Horse Livestock Meats

Judging Program in _____ County/Region.

Please indicate "Special Needs" of any participating 4-H member. _____

Name _____ (Circle One) M F

Address _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ (Circle One) M F

Address _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ (Circle One) M F

Address _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ (Circle One) M F

Address _____ Birthdate _____

I certify that these 4-H members are eligible for this 4-H animal science activity.

Signed: _____ Date _____
Extension Agent/4-H Volunteer Leader

Contact info: _____

Email: _____

2008 Alabama State 4-H Animal Science State Contests

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

Top 3 Individuals—Beef

1. Josh Melson, Morgan Co
2. Reba Hicks, Houston Co
3. Jose Gardner, Morgan Co

Top 3 Individuals—Sheep

1. Josh Melson, Morgan Co
2. Neely Pearson, Pickens Co
3. Reba Hicks, Houston Co

Top 3 Individuals—Swine

1. Brad Baker, Houston Co
2. Josh Melson, Morgan Co
3. Hunter Garnett, Morgan Co

Top 3 Individuals—Reasons

1. Reba Hicks, Houston Co
2. Josh Melson, Morgan Co
3. Jose Gardner, Morgan Co

Top 5 Individuals—Total Contest

1. Josh Melson, Morgan Co
2. Reba Hicks, Houston Co
3. Hunter Garnett, Morgan Co
4. Matt Walker, Morgan Co
5. Melissa Palmer, Walker Co

Top 3 Teams----Beef

1. Morgan Co
2. Walker Co
3. Coffee Co

Top 3 Teams---Sheep

1. Morgan Co
2. Walker Co
3. Pickens Co

Top 3 Teams---Swine

1. Morgan Co
2. Houston Co
3. Walker Co

Top 3 Teams---Reasons

1. Morgan Co
2. Houston Co
3. Walker Co

Top Teams---Total Contest

1. Morgan Co
2. Houston Co
3. Walker Co
4. Pickens Co
5. Coffee Co
6. Lauderdale Co

4-H MEATS JUDGING & EVALUATION CONTEST RESULTS

Top 3 Individuals—Meat Identification

1. Kara Clark, Houston Co
2. Brad Baker, Houston Co
3. Reba Hicks, Houston Co

Top 3 Individuals—Judging & Reasons

1. Kara Clark, Houston Co
2. Reba Hicks, Houston Co
3. Claire Bailey, Coffee Co

Top 5 Individuals—Total Contest

1. Kara Clark, Houston Co
2. Brad Baker, Houston Co
3. Reba Hicks, Houston Co
4. Claire Bailey, Coffee Co
5. Kara Whatley, Houston Co

Top Teams—Total Contest

1. Houston Co

4-H LIVESTOCK AGRI-KNOWLEDGE EVENT RESULTS CANCELLED