

Livestock Skillathon Contest

Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Phone # day of Show: _____

Age as of Sept. 1, 2024: _____ Email Address: _____

4H Club/FFA Chapter: _____ School: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

I have read and understand the rules for the Livestock Skillathon Contest. No exceptions will be made the day of the contest.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Please make sure all information is complete

Entry Fee: \$20 Make Checks payable to Comal 4H Council

Entries can be dropped off or mailed to:

Comal County Extension Office

Attn: Livestock Skillathon

325 Resource Drive

New Braunfels, TX 78132

Entry Deadline: January 6, 2025

Livestock Skillathon Contest

OBJECTIVE: The Livestock Skill-a-thon contest tests an FFA/4-H member's knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to gain and develop production livestock skills and life skills through a competitive environment.

Date: *Come and Go dates* – Tuesday, February 25th, Wednesday, February 26th, and Thursday, February 27th

Times: 5pm – 7pm

Location: Hospitality Area/Taxidermy Area

Registration: \$20.00 – see registration form

Participation: Contestants must be a current FFA and/or 4-H member.

Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to UIL rules) to compete on the day of the contest. Contestants will compete as individuals.

Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of September 1st of the current year. Age divisions for this contest are:

- Junior (3rd, 4th, & 5th grades)
- Intermediate (6th, 7th, & 8th grades)
- Senior (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades)

CONTEST METHOD OF CONDUCT

1. The contest will be divided into four areas: identification, judging (which consist of meat cuts, wool and/or hay classes), quizzes (quality assurance quiz, and industry quiz.). Contestants will be divided into groups and have time limits for each station area.
2. The contest will utilize a scantron form. #480-5b (Meat Skill-a-thon). Contestants will provide their own clipboard and several number 2 pencils. **Scantrons will be provided.**
3. While competing in the event, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials. Contestants will be allowed specific time limits to complete each individual class/station.
4. Contestants may use a blank steno pad, blank paper, and a calculator. The contestants may bring no books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material into the contest area. All electronic communication devices of any kind are prohibited. Contest officials reserve the right to check all contestant's notepads or clipboards to make sure they are blank just prior to the contest. Violators are subject to contest dismissal.
5. Contestants are not to pick up or touch any item that is being identified or evaluated in the individual competition classes, unless otherwise directed by contest officials. (The exception is wool classes)

6. Contestants are invited to review contest materials on the Comal County 4-H Website.

CONTEST CLASSES

The following is a list of common skill-a-thon classes. Please note that actual classes may deviate from this list in an effort to keep current with a rapidly changing livestock industry. All pictures, equipment items, retail meat cuts, feed samples, judging classes, and quizzes will be developed using resources provided by various sources.

Identification (Four Stations will be Selected)

1. **Livestock equipment Identification:** Identify the proper name for pieces of equipment used in livestock production.

2. **Livestock Breed Identification:** Identify from photographs or pictures livestock (beef cattle, swine, sheep and goat) breeds. Contestants must also match the breed with the most appropriate description supplied for each breed.

3. **Retail meat cut identification:** Identify beef, lamb, and pork retail cuts from the National 4-H Meat Judging Retail ID List. Contestants will identify the retail cut specie, primal cut, and retail cut name.

4. **Feed Sample Identification:** identify various samples of feeds and indicate their classification.

Judging (Three Classes will be Selected)

5. **Hay Judging class:** Rank a class of four hay samples with analysis information and answer questions about the classes.

6. **Wool Judging class:** Rank a class of four fleeces and answer questions about the class.

7. **Retail Meat Judging class:** Rank a class of four retail meat cuts (beef, pork, or lamb) and answer questions about the class

Quizzes

8. **Individual Quality Assurance exercise:** Demonstrate how to read a medicine label, calculate withdrawal times, complete a treatment record, and make responsible management decisions regarding quality assurance.

9. **Industry Quiz:** Complete a multiple choice quiz concerning the total livestock industry.

Awards:

1st through 5th place individual banners in each age division will be presented. If the need arises for a Tie Breaker, the Retail ID score will be used.

Contest Rules: We will follow the rules outlined in the Texas 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest.

Contest study materials and resources will be provided on the Comal County AgriLife website.