

Junior Stockmen's Contest



Superintendents:

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Entries due by Sept. 15

Students must have a \$5 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fair grounds unless they are already at the Fair for another competition. Purchase these directly from the State Fair

2008 Official Schedule STATE FAIR CATTLE COMPLEX SHOW RING

Registration: Friday, Oct.3, 10 a.m.
Contest Begins: Friday, Oct. 3, Noon
Awards: Friday, Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m.

<http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/livestock/index.html>

Contest Rules

1. Students are not eligible if they have competed in the National 4-H Skillathon Contest. However, those members will be allowed to participate in the Stockman's Contest for the purpose of the Premier Sheep Exhibitor program only. See the Youth Sheep Competition Guide for entry information. They will be ineligible for awards in the Stockmens Contest.
2. Each County 4-H or Agriculture Department is invited to enter a maximum of 8 senior and 8 junior contestants. Competition will be held for individuals and for teams consisting of 3 or 4 members. When four members compose a team, the three members with the highest overall individual scores will make up the team total. Individuals competing in this contest as part of the Youth Sheep Premier Exhibitor program only will be in addition to the maximum stated here.
3. Contestants must be entered and certified by their County Extension Agent or Agricultural Instructor prior to the entry deadline.
4. Contestants must be an enrolled member of the 4-H County or FFA team on which they compete.
5. Junior contestants will be those who are 13 years old or younger by Sept. 1 of the current year. Senior contestants will be those who are 14-19 years old by Sept. 1 of the current year.
6. **Entries Must Be Mailed to: Dr. Mark Wahlberg, APSC-0306, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061 and postmarked by Sept. 15.** Entries to include number of contestants in each age division and the coach's name and mailing address. No late entries will be accepted. Use the entry form available at the 4H Livestock website. Site address is <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/livestock/index.html>
7. The Superintendent of the contest, in cooperation with the contest committee, will be in charge of the contest and conduct it in compliance with these rules and regulations. He shall have the authority for the interpretation of the rules.
8. Contestants, coaches, and chaperones must have a ticket for admission to the Fair. These may be competition tickets or exhibitor passes. Competition tickets may be purchased directly from the Fair.

Conduct of Contest

1. Registration begins at 10 am. All contestants and coaches will report to the arena at 11:45 a.m. for final instructions. The contest will begin at noon.
2. The Superintendent will supply contestants with placing cards and any other necessary forms. No contestant will be allowed to take any books, notes, or pamphlets into the ring. Clipboards are allowed. Calculators will be allowed for use during the Senior Team Problem activity.
3. A Scantron form will be used to record the contestants' answers to the quiz. A Number 2 pencil is required to complete this form. Scantrons may be used for other contest components as well.
4. While the contest is in session there SHALL BE NO COMMUNICATION among contestants and anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his assistants. Cell Phones, PDA's, or other types of electronic communication may not be used by contestants while the contest is in progress. Violators will be penalized by having one or more scores disallowed.

Classes

1. Written test with 25 questions concerning total livestock industry. 100 points
2. Identification of 10 pieces of livestock equipment. 50 points
3. Identification of 10 breeds of beef cattle, sheep, and hogs. 50 points
4. Identification of 10 feeds. 50 points
5. Identification of 10 retail cuts of meat. 50 points
6. Five 10 point questions about a class of hogs. 25 points
7. Five 10 point questions about a class of beef cattle. 25 points
8. Five 10 point questions about a class of sheep. 25 points
9. Class of retail cuts. 50 points
10. Class of four cattle. 50 points
11. Class of four hogs. 50 points
12. Class of four sheep. 50 points
13. Judging of a class of hay. 50 points

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS.....625 Points

Senior teams (at least 3 members) will have one additional exercise. Team members will work together to complete this exercise. Details and an example will be mailed to coaches in advance of the contest. Possible score is 100 points, to be included in team total only.

Determination of Ratings

1. The overall individual ranking shall be determined by adding each contestant's scores for the 13 classes.
 2. For Junior teams the team total will be the total for the three team members with the highest individual scores. For Senior teams the team total will be the same as for Junior, plus the points awarded in the team exercise.
 3. In case of a tie for individual or team awards, ranking will be determined by the team (individual) with the highest score in Class 1. If still tied, Class 2 will be used and so on until broken. For Senior Teams only, the second level tie breaker will be the team exercise.
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AWARDS

The State Fair of Virginia will provide premiums and ribbons for the high scoring teams (4 ribbons per team) and individuals according to the following schedule.

TEAMS			INDIVIDUALS		
Placing	Senior	Junior	Placing	Senior	Junior
1	\$100	\$50	1	\$50	\$25
2	90	45	2	45	20
3	80	40	3	40	15
4	70	35	4	35	10
5	60	30	5	30	5
6	50	25	6	25	5
7	40	20	7	20	5
8	30	15	8	15	5
9	20	10	9	10	5
10	10	5	10	5	5

All contestants will receive a participation ribbon.

State Fair Scholarship Program

Contestants will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program. **Please see the State Fair website, www.statefairva.org, for more information regarding the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program and eligibility requirements for other available scholarships.** Scholarships will be awarded to individuals in the following divisions:

Place	1st	2nd	3rd
Sr. Division	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Jr. Division	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00