

Junior Stockmen's Contest

Superintendents:

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Entries due electronically by April 8

Entries must be postmarked by April 10

A complete entry for this contest must include the following:

- Submitted electronic form with all contestant information completed
- Printed copy of the electronic form **with appropriate signatures**
- \$8.00 entry fee per individual competing

All entry information must be submitted electronically to:
carterke@vt.edu

Entries Must Be Mailed to: Virginia 4-H/FFA Stockmen's Contest, Katherine Carter, 362 Litton Reaves Hall (0306), Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061 and must be postmarked by April 10.

All entry forms and payments must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 10th.

TENTATIVE STOCKMEN'S CONTEST SCHEDULE:

Registration: Thursday, April 18 – 9:00-9:45 AM 4-H/FFA Stockmen's Contest – Sheep Barn

Contest Rules/Break into Groups: Thursday, April 18 – 9:45 AM – Sheep Barn

Awards: Thursday, April 18 – Approximately 3:00 PM – Sheep Barn

Lunch is will be available on the grounds, after the conclusion of the contest. Breakfast may also be obtained on the grounds prior to the contest.

CONTEST RULES:

1. **Students are not eligible if they have competed in the National 4-H Skillathon Contest.**
2. 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 individual scores will make up the team total (this applies to overall score as well as category awards).
3. **Contestants must be an enrolled member of the 4-H County/Unit or FFA team on which they compete.** 4-H Enrollment and eligibility will be verified. State 4-H rules pertaining to contestant eligibility and team participation apply to this contest.
4. Junior contestants will be those who are 13 years old or younger by January 1, 2019. Senior contestants will be those who are at least 14 years old by January 1, 2019 and have not had their 19th birthday before January 1, 2019. This rule aligns with National 4-H Skillathon requirements.
5. Youth are ineligible to compete at this contest if they have completed a collegiate level animal science course or are enrolled in a collegiate level animal science course.
6. **Substitutions will only be allowed between teams within the same division, and must be a youth that was pre-entered and enrollment verified. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
7. **Entries must be submitted electronically, printed off and mailed to: Virginia 4-H/FFA Stockmen's Contest, Katherine Carter, 362 Litton Reaves Hall (0306), Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061. All entries must be submitted electronically by April 8th and postmarked by April 10th.**
 - a. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
8. The Superintendents 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. They shall have the authority for the interpretation of the rules.



CONDUCT OF CONTEST

- 1) Registration begins at 9:00 AM for all contestants. All contestants and coaches will report to the holding area at 9:45 AM for final instructions and to begin the contest.
- 2) The Superintendents will supply contestants with contest materials and forms. No contestant will be allowed to take any books, notes, or pamphlets into the ring. **Please bring one clipboard per contestant to the contest.** *Four-function calculators will be allowed for use during the Senior Team Problem activity, ONLY. At no other time should contestants be using calculators, cell phones, or other devices.*
- 3) **Senior contestants will record ALL of their answers on the Scantron form.** Juniors will use a Scantron form to record their Quiz answers. A Number 2 pencil **is required** to complete this form. Please make sure each contestant has a Number 2 pencil for the contest.
- 4) Junior contestants will use conventional contest cards/resources for the remainder of the contest.
- 5) While the contest is in session there SHALL BE NO COMMUNICATION among contestants and anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his/her assistants. Contestants may not use Cell Phones or other types of electronic communication while the contest is in progress. Violators will be penalized by receiving zeros for all contest components.

INDIVIDUAL CLASSES FOR SENIORS

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| 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 Use of 10 pieces of livestock equipment..... | 50 points |
| 4. Identification of 10 breeds of beef cattle, sheep, hogs and meat goats..... | 50 points |
| 5. Identification of 10 feeds. | 50 points |
| 6. Identification of Use of 10 feeds..... | 50 points |
| 7. Identification of 10 retail cuts of meat. | 50 points |
| 8. Class of retail cuts. | 50 points |
| 9. Questions on retail cuts..... | 25 points |
| 10. Class of keep/cull <u>or</u> judging class of breeding animals..... | 50 points |
| 11. Judging or Scenario Class of animals..... | 50 points |
| 12. Questions on Judging or Scenario Class..... | 25 points |
| 13. Judging class of four animals..... | 50 points |
| 14. Questions on Judging Class | 25 points |
| 15. Judging of a class of hay. | 50 points |
| 16. Questions on class of hay | 25 points |

INDIVIDUAL TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS750 Points

The contest will include five questions each for the hay and meats judging classes; they will be worth 25 points each. The contest may also feature a Keep/Cull class in lieu of a judging class of 4 animals. In addition, one of the animal judging class may be a scenario class (no live animals, just placing animals based upon performance data and a given scenario) with 5 questions regarding the 4 animals and their performance data.



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NEW FOR 2019: In an effort to more accurately align with the National 4-H Skillathon competition, an additional team activity has been added to the Senior division of the contest.

Senior teams (at least 3 members) will have **TWO** team problems, one of which will be a Quality Assurance activity; team members will work together for 30 minutes to complete each exercise. Possible score is 100 points per problem/activity, to be included in team total score only.



INDIVIDUAL CLASSES FOR JUNIORS

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, hogs and meat goats..... 50 points
4. Identification of 10 feeds. 50 points
5. Identification of 10 retail cuts of meat. 50 points
6. Class of retail cuts. 50 points
7. Questions on retails cuts..... 25 points
8. Class of keep/cull or judging class of breeding animals..... 50 points
9. Judging or Scenario Class of animals..... 50 points
10. Questions on Judging or Scenario Class..... 25 points
11. Judging class of four animals..... 50 points
12. Questions on Judging Class 25 points
13. Judging of a class of hay. 50 points

INDIVIDUAL TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS625 Points

The contest will include five questions on the meats judging class; it will be worth 25 points. The contest may also feature a Keep/Cull class in lieu of a judging class of 4 animals. In addition, one of the animal judging class may be a scenario class (no live animals, just placing animals based upon performance data and a given scenario) with 5 questions regarding the 4 animals and their performance data.

DETERMINATION OF RANKINGS

- A. The overall individual ranking shall be determined by adding each contestant's scores for all classes.
- B. 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.
- C. In case of a tie for individual or team awards, ties will be broken in favor of the team or 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 first tiebreaker will be the team problem.

The highest-ranking senior team competing as a 4-H team will be invited to represent Virginia in the National 4-H Skillathon Contest in Louisville, Kentucky in November.