

## Junior Stockmen's Contest

Superintendent:  
**Dr. Bain Wilson**, Virginia Tech

*Entries due electronically by April 1*  
*Entries must be postmarked by April 4*

A complete entry for this contest must include the following:

- Submitted electronic form with all contestants information completed
- Printed copy of the electronic form with appropriate signatures
- \$5 entry fee per individual competing

**All entry information must be submitted electronically to:**  
**joi.saville@vt.edu**

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

*All entry forms and payments must be postmarked by Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Late entries will be charged a double entry fee up to April 10<sup>th</sup>; triple entry fees will be applied after April 10<sup>th</sup>.*

### TENTATIVE STOCKMEN'S CONTEST SCHEDULE:

*Registration: Friday, April 14 – 9:00-9:45 AM 4-H/FFA Stockmen's Contest*

*Contest Rules/Break into Groups: Friday, April 14 – 9:45 AM*

*Contest Begins: Friday, April 14 – 10:00 AM*

*Awards: Friday, April 14 – Approximately 3:00 PM*

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. An endorsement for youth participation should be completed by each team to verify the membership of each team member. 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 of the current year. Senior contestants will be those who are at least 14 years old by January 1 of the current year and have not had their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1 of the current year.
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. **Entries must be submitted electronically, printed off and mailed to: Virginia 4-H/FFA Stockmen's Contest, Joi Saville, 362 Litton Reaves Hall (0306), Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061. All entries must be submitted electronically by April 1<sup>st</sup> and postmarked by April 4<sup>th</sup>.**
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. 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. The contest will begin at 10:00 AM.
- 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. 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.
- 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/her 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 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  |

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS .....750 Points**

**As initiated in 2014:** 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 for one of the species in lieu of judging that class. 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; the class is worth 50 points and the questions are worth 25 points.

Senior teams (at least 3 members) will have one team problem; team members will work together to complete this exercise. Possible score is 100 points, to be included in team total score only.



**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

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS .....625 Points**

**As initiated in 2014 for JUNIORS:** 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 for one of the species in lieu of judging that class. . 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; the class is worth 50 points and the questions are worth 25 points.

**DETERMINATION OF RANKINGS**

- A. The overall individual ranking shall be determined by adding each contestant's scores for the 13 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, 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 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.*