

## 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 contestant information completed
- Printed copy of the electronic form with appropriate signatures
- \$7.50 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 Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.*

### **TENTATIVE STOCKMEN'S CONTEST SCHEDULE:**

*Registration: Friday, April 20 – 9:00-9:45 AM 4-H/FFA Stockmen's Contest*

*Contest Rules/Break into Groups: Friday, April 20 – 9:45 AM*

*Contest Begins: Friday, April 20 – 10:00 AM*

*Awards: Friday, April 20 – Approximately 4:00 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. 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>.**
  - a. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
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. Four-function 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. 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 POINTS .....750 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.

Senior teams (at least 3 members) will have one team problem; team members will work together for 30 minutes to complete this exercise. Possible score is 100 points, 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 retail 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 POINTS .....625 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.*