10. LIVESTOCK JUDGING

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A. PURPOSE – Members evaluate beef cattle, sheep, goats, and swine on physical characteristics and records for market and breeding usage. Members give oral reasons explaining their placing of certain classes and answer questions on other classes.

B. OBJECTIVES
1) Contest - Placing of six or more classes with two classes per species, one being breeding and one market, dependent on available animals.
2) Six to Eight classes of livestock, four animals each, will be placed using a generic judging card. The classes will be: breeding sheep, market sheep or lambs, breeding swine, market swine, market beef, a minimum of one other beef class, and at least one goat class. The classes may be shown loose or by handlers.
3) Three sets of oral reasons will be designated by the Contest Superintendent at the start of the contest. Reasons will be given after all classes have been placed.
4) Performance data will be used for some classes. Data will be provided at the start of the contest.
5) Questions will be asked on three of the classes.
6) All contestants may, as a team, work on a livestock management problem and/or general knowledge test on livestock. The test will be based on current issues in the beef, swine, goats, or sheep industry. This will be a team event and points will only be added to the team total. Identification of animal related materials may be included.
7) Data may be added or deleted as technology changes. When new criteria are adopted, the Program Specialist - will forward the information to all.

C. ELIGIBILITY
1) Career Development Event will consist of two levels of competition
   • Junior Level, grades 6 – 8
   • Senior Level, grades 9 – 12
2) Junior Competition available in this area.

D. EVENT RULES
1) A team may consist of four members with all four scores creating the team score.
2) Junior contest will run simultaneously, but junior competitors will not give reasons. Juniors are not eligible for National FFA and will be judged separately.
3) Contestants will bring:
   • A clipboard that is free of marking or notes
   • Blank sheets of paper
   • Two pencils/pens
4) Contestants will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for each class.
5) All results are final.

E. ATTIRE – Full official dress or state/chapter FFA t-shirt required.

F. LOCATION – Youth Arena (formerly known as Pioneer Horseshoe Bldg.), Tuesday, August 28, 7:30 a.m.