



307 Livestock Judging Series Contest Hosting Information

Thank you for agreeing to host a 307 Livestock Judging Contest.
This series would not be possible without you!

Contest Requirements:

1. Classes – 6 classes minimum, if you would like to have more, that is great! Need to have at least 3 of the 4 species (cattle, swine, goats, sheep) represented. Specific classes, i.e. breeding heifers or market lambs, are not required.

2. Reasons/Questions - The oral reasons structure must follow the State 4-H guidelines:

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>Questions</u>
-Seniors (4 reasons) - Intermediates (2 reasons and 2 questions) - Juniors (option of 4 questions or 3 questions/1 reason)	- Notes can be used for questions. -The base starting score for reasons is a 25 . - 5 questions, each worth 5 points

County Level Responsibilities:

1. Dates – If the date for your contest has not been set yet, we would like to receive those dates by **April 1st** so a contests information can be distributed to 4-H youth across the state.

2. Facilities – Provide panels, class signs and any additional equipment needed to facilitate a contest.

3. Scoring – You will be responsible for the actual scoring of the contest.

4. Officials – Provide officials to help place classes and listen to reasons. A minimum of 4 officials will be needed (so there would be 4 total people to listen to reasons. It is up to each contest whether they want separate reasons takers for intermediates and juniors).

5. Volunteers – Ensure enough help to have group leaders, announcers, timers, and livestock handlers.

6. Registration Fees- Only cost of a provided meal can be charged to competitors. Contests are not meant to be fundraisers nor are fees to be used to offset costs for additional awards.

7. Additional Awards – This is not a requirement, but feel free to get as much local support and provide any additional awards! The more of this you can provide, the more people will want to come back to your contest. Feel free to add awards for species winners (beef, swine, sheep/goat) or team awards.

UW State 4-H Office Support:

1. Ribbons and banners - The State 4-H office will provide *307 Livestock Judging Series* ribbons for the top 10 individuals overall, in reasons and in placings for each age division along with overall award banners.

2. Advertising for contest – We will share information out to all UWE offices, include on the official 307 web site and the 307 LJ Contest Facebook page.

3. Thank-you – Four thank-you gifts (307 judging hats) will be provided to be given out at your discretion. (Our intent was for individuals that are helping: officials, reason takers, etc.)