

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents with Texas 4-H Dairy Judging
Teams Coaches of Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Team entries
Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Participants

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SUBJECT: 2024 TEXAS 4-H DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST INFORMATION

The Texas 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be during the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. For Senior 4-H teams, this contest will serve as the national 4-H qualifying event. **However, there will NOT be a separately scored contest or awards presented by Texas 4-H.** The team and individual rankings will be based upon the Fort Worth contest. The same team structure a county designates for the Fort Worth contest will be the same structure used in determining 4-H team qualifications for nationals.

Any interested teams should plan to enter the Texas Open Junior Dairy Judging Contest for 4-H & FFA Members Contest at Fort Worth by the appropriate deadline of the FWSSR. The contest is scheduled for **Sunday, January 14, 2024.**

The highest placing Senior 4-H team at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Texas Open Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be given the opportunity to represent the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin in October.

The second highest placing Senior 4-H team at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Texas Open Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be given the opportunity to represent the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky in November.

Only these two teams will be identified immediately following the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo results.

Be aware that the national contest registration process and fees as well as cost of travel will be the responsibility of the county and/or individual 4-H members that qualify.

In order for the teams to be eligible for the national 4-H contest, all team members must be enrolled on 4HOnline with an "Active" membership profile **PRIOR** to the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Texas Open Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. **However, they will NOT need to register in an event on 4HOnline in order to participate in the Fort Worth Contest.**



See the information in the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Premium List related to registration and entry process. Additional contest information can be found in the premium book as well. This information is available at the following link: <https://www.fwssr.com/p/livestock-shows/livestock-premium-list>

See the 2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide and the specific national contest guidelines and for additional rules.

NATIONAL CONTEST ADVANCEMENT

NOTE: The contest you qualify for should be the contest you attend. There will be no switching of contest among placings. Also, should a team forfeit and not accept a national contest opportunity; this will not alter the team that attends. For example, 1st place Livestock Judging decides to not attend NAILE, the 2nd place team will not move up into that contest slot. Texas would just not have a team attending NAILE that year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Texas 4-H Office through the events e-mail at icbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

Good luck to each of your 4-H members in Fort Worth on January 14, 2024!