



2025

Cowley County 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Coaches and Advisors:

Welcome to the 2025 Inaugural Cowley County 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest! We are grateful for your participation in this educational and high-caliber event and are excited to provide another opportunity for youth to showcase their skills. We will have access to quality livestock and are bringing Butler Community College to officiate the contest and listen to youth reasons. Our goal is not only to give students the chance to demonstrate their livestock evaluation abilities, but also to help them prepare for future competitions.

When: Wednesday; October 1, 2025

Where: Cowley County Fairgrounds

1105 W 9th Ave

Winfield, KS 67156

Please enter from 160 HWY on the north side of the fairgrounds.

Food and hotel options in Winfield and Arkansas City.

Time: Registration will be from 7 – 8 a.m. in the 4-H food stand building. Final instructions at 8:15 a.m. Contest starts at 8:30 a.m.

Entries: Due by Monday, September 29. Late Entries due will be accepted at check in.

Entries can be made via the google forms link that should accompany this information.

<https://forms.gle/4W4BH4Ew1nus92p6A>

Cost: \$15 per contestant, regardless of if they are in reasons or nonreasons. Late entry fee will be \$30 per contestant. Lunch will be provided to reasons contestants only. Please make checks payable

to Cowley County 4-H – due by the morning of the contest. *Any team not paid by the morning of the contest will be ineligible for awards.

Classes: 8-12 classes will be judged. The species represented will be beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats with a mixture of breeding and market classes. Performance data and/or scenarios may be used on any of the breeding classes. The best classes will be used for reasons regardless of species. Contestants will be given 12 minutes per class.

Dress Code: Youth contestants can wear casual clothes; but are expected to not wear hats, and need to wear closed-toed shoes, jeans, nice shirts, etc. Contestants should not wear clothing or accessories that say where they are from.

Divisions and Scoring: There will be 3 divisions for giving reasons – Senior, Intermediate & Junior. Ages are determined by their age as of January 1, 2025. Senior contestants (14-18) will give 3 sets of reasons. Intermediate contestants (10-13) will give 2 sets of reasons. Junior contestants (7-9) will give 1 set of reasons and 1 set of questions. Contestants are allowed to move up an age division, but not down. For example, a 13 year old can move up to the Sr. division to fill a team or compete as an individual. For non-reasons contestants, all contestants will judge together. Students 12th grade and younger not wanting to give reasons will judge in the non-reasons division.

Teams can have up to 4 people per team, with the top 3 scores counting towards the overall team score. Each school or county may bring an unlimited number of contestants and teams, HOWEVER in the non-reasons division, the total number of contestants will be capped at 150 in this division on a first entered/first served basis! Once all scantrons are collected non-reasons participants will be excused from the contest.

We welcome teams and individuals from any state to come and participate.

Results: Scantron will be utilized in hopes to have results promptly at the conclusion of reasons and posted on judgingcard.com. At the conclusion of reasons classes will be talked, and results/awards presented. We are excited to offer quality prizes to award your participants hard work and success!

Expectations: We expect there to be no talking amongst contestants during any portion of the contest, and no contestants are permitted to be on an electronic devices of any kind. All contestants will receive one warning before being broken into groups on contest morning. Any contestant caught talking to anyone other than asking their group leader a question, or on an electronic device will have their scantron pulled and will be removed from the contest. Reasons contestants will not be permitted to talk to their teammates or other contestants at any point until after reasons are finished. If any contestant is caught talking during reasons or is on an electronic device, they will be

removed from the contest. It is the responsibility of the coaches/advisors to relay the seriousness of the no-talking and no-electronics rules. This is a strict rule and will be fully enforced. Contestants will be removed from the contest if they are talking or on an electronic device; no questions asked.

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I look forward to your participation in this event. Please contact me with any questions @ 620-218-1816 or slag11@ksu.edu

Sincerely,

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