4-H / FFA / YLPA
LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendent: Tara Kalb, Duval County Extension Office

Barn Superintendents: Shelly Terrell and Joshua Rivers

Contest Date: Saturday, November 7th, 2026

Registration & Check-in: 8:30 a.m.

Contest: Livestock Judging Contest - 9:00 a.m.

Location: Covered Arena

Registration

Pre-registration is not required. All teams will be registered on the day of the contest. Team coaches should register the whole team at one time and collect the required material for all youth. Youth members should bring their own pencils and clipboards.

At the conclusion of each contest, the **contest supervisor** will ask for the winners' names, addresses, and other pertinent information so that the awards can be distributed. This completed record will be given to the Livestock Secretary.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 4-H, FFA and YLPA contestants will be separated.

2. Livestock Judging Teams shall consist of three (3) or four (4) bona fide 4-H Club, FFA Chapter Members or YLPA Members. The three highest scores from a four person team will be used in competition.

3. Only Senior participants will be asked to give 1 class of oral reasons. Intermediates will participate in a questions class that will consist of 10-15 questions and will take the place of the oral reasons class for these age groups. Contest Judge has the right to change oral reason class.

4. Awards will be given in 4-H and YLPA to Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Teams and in FFA to Junior and Senior Teams.

5. Cloverbuds are welcome to judge for practice and their award will be a participation ribbon.

6. Coaches and parents are not allowed to make contact with participants during the contest.

7. Use of cell phones or talking by the contestants during the contest is strictly forbidden.

8. Contestants will be given 15 minutes for reason classes / questions classes and 12 minutes for non-reason/questions classes.

9. Animals may not be handled by contestants during the contest.

10. After each class, the judging cards will be collected and the contest official will give the placing and reasons on class.

11. On the reason /questions class the judge will announce the placings and give reasons and or answers, after all contestants have finished giving reasons or have turned in questions cards.

12. This is not a Modified Danish System contest.

ELIGIBILITY

- Junior Team members will be ages 8-10 as of September 1st of the current year.
- Intermediate Team will be ages 11-13 as of September 1st of the current year. FFA participants in the Junior Division will be Middle School students.
- Senior Team Members will be ages 14-18 as of September 1st of the current year and FFA members in the Senior Division will be Senior High students.
- 4-H Junior, Intermediate and Senior Division Contests will be separated.
- YLPA Junior, Intermediate and Senior Division Contests will be separated.
- Members are not allowed to move up in divisions. They must compete in their appropriate age category.
- Individuals not on a team may still judge as an individual, but will not be eligible for team awards unless they are placed on a team.
- A team may participate with 3 members, if needed. The top 3 scores will count for the team score.

- Team members should wear appropriate 4-H, FFA or YLPA attire.

AWARDS

Team

1st Place …. Rosettes
2nd Place…..Rosettes
3rd Place…..Rosettes

Individual Awards

1st Place…..$20.00, Rosette
2nd Place…..$15.00, Rosette
3rd Place…..$10.00, Rosette

PARKING: Please park in Exhibitor Parking only during judging contests. Youth will be required to show their 4-H/ FFA/YLPA membership cards to enter the fair.

Photography Release

Photographs will be taken during these events and the images will be used to help promote the fair and educate the public about our different programs and competitions.

I authorize the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child if under 18) for use in research, educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair.

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