

Livestock

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Bilbrey Family Event Center

Registration: 7:30 – 7:45 a.m.

Contest: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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General Information

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- Four contestants from each FFA chapter will be allowed to participate with **only** the highest 3 scores counting towards the total team score.
- A scantron form will be used for contestants to record all placings and keep/cull classes as well as oral reasons scoring. **Students must use only a no. 2 pencil to complete the scantron and must correctly bubble (not just write) all information on the scantron. Contest officials will NOT correct mismarked or unmarked scantrons. Any instance of a mis-bubble or a class that has not been bubbled will count as a zero.**
- Official dress is **not** required for this event; however, appropriate attire for working around livestock is required (i.e. closed-toed shoes).
- Contestants must bring a clipboard and a no. 2 pencil. Scantrons are the only equipment that will be provided to contestants.
- Contestants will **not** be allowed to wear caps or hats in the Livestock CDE.
- There will be a **zero tolerance** policy for talking. Any contestant caught talking to another contestant (on their team or not) will be disqualified from the contest.
- **No cell phones or electronic devices will be allowed during the contest. Any contestant caught using a cell phone or electronic device will be disqualified from the event.**

Sections/points for each section

- The Livestock CDE will be comprised of eight judging classes and three sets of oral reasons
 - o Class 1: Breeding gilts (performance data may be provided)
 - o Class 2: Market hogs
 - o Class 3: Breeding ewes (performance information may be provided)
 - o Class 4: Breeding does or market lambs
 - o Class 5: Breeding cattle (heifers or bulls; performance data may be provided)
 - o Class 6: Breeding cattle (heifers or bulls; performance data may be provided)
 - o Class 7: Breeding cattle (heifers or bulls; performance data may be provided)
 - o Class 8: Keep/cull selection class with performance information
- The above classes are subject to change based on availability and quality of livestock.
- Four animals will be used in each placing class (classes 1 – 7) to be ranked by contestants.
- Class 8 (keep/cull) will have eight animals (four of which should be **kept** and four to be **culled**). If a contestant does not properly bubble 4 keeps and 4 culs on their scantron, they will score a **zero** on that class.

- Contestants will give a set of oral reasons on **3** of the above classes (one of each species). These classes will be communicated to contestants the morning of the contest before they begin judging.
 - o If applicable, expected progeny differences (EPDs) and/or actual performance data may be made available on breeding classes. If contestants are asked to give oral reasons on a performance class, discussion should include the use of EPDs and how they relate to the provided scenario.
 - o Oral reasons will be limited to **2 minutes per set**. After 2 minutes have passed, the contestant will be stopped by the official.

Tiebreakers

- In the instance that two or more contestants tie on their placings score (score from classes 1 – 8), ties will be broken on their total reasons score.
- If two or more contestants tie on their placings score and the tie cannot be broken based on their total reasons score (i.e., the contestants tie in reasons as well) the tie will then be broken on their score on class 8 (keep/cull). In this instance, the contestant who scored higher on class 8 will win the tie.
- If a tie cannot be broken on total reasons or class 8, then the tie will be broken on cattle reasons score. Therefore, if two or more contestants are tied after total reasons and class 8, the contestant with the highest score in cattle reasons will win the tie.
- Following this, any further ties will not be broken and those contestants will be considered tied in the contest.