



Cooperative Extension Program

July 9, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Directors, County Extension Agents -Agriculture and 4-H, 4-H Program Leaders

FROM: Scott Horner, Extension Research Specialist - 4-H and Youth

SUBJECT: 2009 Texas State 4-H Goat Judging Contest and Goat Bowl

The Texas State 4-H Goat Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 1 starting at the Carden-Waller Cooperative Extension Building on the Prairie View A&M campus. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m., the contest at 9:00 a.m. and awards ceremony at approximately 2:00 p.m., following the completion of the Quiz Bowl event.

The contest will involve judging 8 or 9 classes of goats. The classes will be half dairy goats and half meat goats. If there are 9 classes available, the low score will be dropped to calculate final scores.

Oral reasons will be given by seniors on 2 groups, one senior and one junior doe class. The contestant may pick the classes that they prefer to give reasons on from dairy, meat or both types of goat, as long as they use one senior and one junior class. Reasons-eligible classes will be announced prior to the contest. There will be a written test at the start of the contest. The test will cover general knowledge necessary to correctly judge goats. This will include the parts of the goat, the judge's scorecards, the evaluation of defects, and general information about the different breeds. All material for the test comes from enclosed handouts on dairy and meat goat judging.

There will be 2 age divisions for the contestants: Junior (ages entering 3rd grade -13) and Senior (ages 14 through 18) as of August 31. We allow teams of three or four members. If there are 4 members on a team, the top three scores will be used to determine team rankings, while all four members will be eligible for individual and team awards. Counties may combine members to form a team if there are not three participants within that county. To make a complete team, a junior participant may move up to the senior division, but will be required to take the Senior level test and present oral reasons.

Animal classes will be judged in accordance with rules and guidelines established by their respective registration organizations.

A second event in the contest is the quiz bowl. There will be three members per team, and Junior and Senior divisions will be offered. We will have 2 panels set up this year, so we should be able to move through the Quiz Bowl efficiently. There is a list of questions available on the website, and questions derived from any other material listed on the same site are fair game.

There is no entry fee for this contest. Please use the enclosed registration form to pre-enter so that we will have an idea of lunch needs and to set brackets up for the Quiz Bowl. Quiz Bowl teams can be assembled the day of the contest if needed.

Enclosed is the registration form, contest rules and educational materials. If further information is desired, contact me at (936) 261-5087.

There will be a judging and oral reasons clinic from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31st at the International Goat Research Center in Prairie View.

**4-H GOAT JUDGING CONTEST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009
at**

**Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, TX**

2 Divisions - Jr (entering 3rd grade -13) and Senior (ages 14 to 19) as of August 31.
Award to top three individuals in each division.
Award to top three county teams in each division.
Award to top scores in each judging class in each division.

Eight or nine classes of goats to be scored.
Seniors will give oral reasons for two classes.
Written test covering general breed information, goat parts, evaluation of defects, and scorecards.

Judging and Oral Reasons workshop to be held at the International Goat Research Center on Friday, July 31st at 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

**4-H Goat Judging Contest
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**4-H GOAT JUDGING CONTEST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009**

Jr. _____ Sr. _____ Quiz Bowl _____

ENTRY FORM

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COUNTY: _____

4-H CLUB NAME: _____

CLUB LEADER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COACH/LEADER E-MAIL _____

NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS	AGE
_____	_____
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REGISTRATION TOTALS:

_____ **INDIVIDUALS** _____
OR _____ **TEAM ENTRY** _____
_____ **QUIZ BOWL** _____

**4-H Goat Judging Contest
c/o Scott Horner
P.O. Box 519, Mailstop #2008
Prairie View, TX 77446**

4-H GOAT JUDGING CONTEST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, July 31 5:00 p.m.

Judging and Oral Reasons Workshop
International Goat Research Center

Saturday, August 1

Check in and Registration (Cooperative Extension Bldg) . . . 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Superintendents meeting for coaches and contestants 8:45 a.m.

Written test 9:00a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Move to Goat Research Center for Animal Classes 9:45 a.m.

Judging portion of contest starts 10:00 a.m.
8-9 classes with up to 12 minutes per class, depending on number of
contestants. (Return to Extension Building for lunch upon completion of the
animal classes)

Judging portion of contest ends 12:00 p.m.

Lunch (Provided) 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Memorized oral reasons begin at 12:30 p.m.

Quiz Bowl 12:30 p.m. (Work around Sr reasons and lunch)

Awards Ceremony following completion of oral reasons and quiz bowl

4-H GOAT JUDGING CONTEST

RULES and REGULATIONS

TERMS and ENTRIES

1. This contest is held the first Saturday of August.
2. This contest is open to all Texas 4-H members entering 3rd grade to under 19 as of August 31.
3. Each county is invited to enter as many 4-H judging teams as possible. The team will consist of three or four members. If four members make a team, only the top three individual scores will be used to determine team scores and rankings. Counties may combine members to make a team. Teams will be listed prior to the start of the contest. All contestants are eligible for individual as well as team awards.
4. A fee of \$12.50 per individual or \$35.00 per team must accompany the entry form. For entries postmarked after the last Saturday of July or taken the morning of the contest, registration will increase by \$5.00 per person or team.
5. Entries will be mailed to the **4-H Goat Judging Contest, c/o Scott Horner, P.O. Box 519, Mailstop #2008, Prairie View, TX 77446**
6. Adult leaders and helpers will be recruited to help in the running of the contest.

ELIGIBILITY of CONTESTANTS

1. Each contestant must be a current Texas 4-H member.
2. Junior Division will consist of ages 3rd Grade -13 as of August 31.
3. Senior Division will consist of ages 14 to19 as of August 31.
4. To make a team, a junior contestant may be moved up into the senior division at the discretion of the coach. However, that junior will be scored against the other seniors and be expected to give oral reasons.

DUTIES of the SUPERINTENDENT

1. The superintendent of the contest will be in charge of the contest and conduct it in compliance with these rules. The superintendent has the authority of interpretation of the rules.

2. The superintendent will provide a sufficient number of assistants to conduct the contest and tabulate the results.
3. The superintendent will be responsible for pulling the cards of contestants that violate rules of the contest, or ejecting them entirely from the contest. All such decisions made by the superintendent are final.

DUTIES of the JUDGE

1. The judge will be a competent judge of goats, either certified by a breed association, or a well experienced breeder of goats.
2. The oral reasons judge(s) will be experienced at listening to and scoring reasons given as part of livestock judging events.
3. The official judge or panel of judges will make the placing at the same time as the contestants are placing the class. The head judge will file the official placing and cuts at the completion of the class.
4. The judges decisions regarding class placement and scores will be final when they are turned in to the scoring table.

RULES of CONDUCT

1. No contestant or coach (other than those appointed to assist with handling the goats) will be allowed near the holding area of the contest goats. This area will be well marked and any contestant found in this area will be disqualified. Except as provided, any coach found in this area will have their team(s) disqualified.
2. During the written test portion of the contest, and while goats are in the ring, there will be no talking among contestants or between contestants and coaches. Contestants found talking will have their placing cards taken and be given a 0 for the class. Any questions must be addressed to the ring steward or superintendent.
3. All contestants and coaches will report to the superintendents meeting at 8:45 a.m. Final instructions and the contestant order for oral reasons will be given at this time.
4. The superintendent will provide the contestant with necessary cards and forms for the contest. No contestant will be allowed to take any books, notes, or tablets into the ring or test area except those provided by the superintendent. Contestants are expected to provide their own pencils.
5. Designated cards with the contestant number and desired placing clearly marked will be turned in to the ring steward at the completion of each class.

CLASSES, ORAL REASONS and WRITTEN TEST

1. There will be eight classes of four goats each to be placed. If nine classes are offered, the lowest score for each individual will be dropped.
2. Two classes of dairy and two classes of meat goats will be selected as oral reasons classes for seniors. These classes will be announced at the superintendents meeting. Seniors will be required to give reasons on one senior and one junior goat class. They may mix dairy and meat goats if they choose, as long as reasons are given on a senior and junior class.
3. Animals will be designated by numbers on the person handling the goat. When walked and lined up, they will try to be kept in consecutive order. It is the contestant's responsibility to be sure that their placing conforms with the correct number on the goat.
4. Oral reasons classes will be given in the traditional contest manner. Contestants will take notes on the class, and at the completion of judging will be given a short break. At the end of the break, the first contestant will come into the reasons judge's area and recite reasons for their placing. Contestants will not be allowed to use their notes while reciting reasons.
5. The written test will be held at the start of the contest. The materials to be covered are included in this packet. The test will cover the dairy and meat goat scorecards, evaluation of defects, the parts of the goat, and general information about the different breeds of goats. There will be a different test for Junior and Senior contestants. The material covered will be the same, but the questions will be more difficult for Seniors.

DETERMINATION of PLACING

1. Ratings will be based on a possible score of 50 points for each class, 50 points for each set of oral reasons, and 50 points for the written test.
2. The final rank of each contestant in each age division will be determined by totaling the placing scores and written test scores, and the oral reasons scores for seniors.
3. Team scores will be determined by adding the final score of the top three team members.
4. In case of a tie in individual or team placing, ties will be broken in order of the following classes: written test scores; oral reasons scores; overall placing scores.
5. The superintendent's announcement of all individual and team placing scores will be final.

AWARDS

1. Awards will be presented to the top three overall individuals in each age division.
2. Awards will be presented to the top three teams in each age division.
3. Awards will be made to the top three written test scores in each division.
4. Awards will be made to the top three overall placing scores in each division.
5. Awards will be made to the top three oral reasons scores in the Senior division.
6. Awards will be made to the top scoring placing in each class for each division.

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**Prairie View A&M University
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International Goat Research Center**

SOME OF OUR AREA MOTELS

Hotels in Hempstead and Waller

Super Z (old)	(979) 826-2406	\$42.00	
Super 8 (newer)	(979) 826-4700	\$74.00	(pool)
Best Hempstead Inn (new)	(979) 826-4200	\$74.00	(pool)
America's Best Value Inn (new)	(936) 372-2227	\$74.00	(pool)

RV/Camping facilities

Jellystone Park	(979) 826-4111
Red Oak Ranch	(979) 826-6339

* Rates are based on 2 beds and 2 adults as of June 1, 2006.

The Prairie View-Hempstead-Waller area has many eating establishments, ranging from fast food to family dining. Most of these are located directly on Business 6 (old Hwy 290) or SH 290 for easy access.

If you are coming to the Friday night workshop, please remember that the campus security gates will be closed.

From Hwy 290, take the FM 1098 (Prairie View A&M) exit. Just before the flagpoles, turn left and follow 1098 around campus and past the cemetery. Turn right just beyond the cemetery, then left at the security gate. The IGRC is 1/2 mile down this road.

From I-45, take the FM 1488 (Hempstead) exit just south of Conroe. Follow this road to the FM 1098 /Prairie View sign. At this point, FM 1488 makes a sharp right and continues on to Hempstead. Go straight ahead onto FM 1098. Just before the 2nd cemetery, turn left towards the university. Turn left again at the security gate and follow this road to the IGRC.

If coming from the west on I-10, take the first Brookshire exit. Cross over the freeway and beyond the Shell station to the end of the road. Turn right at the "T", go to the stoplight. At the stoplight, turn left onto FM 359. Stay on FM 359 continue past the fairgrounds to Hwy 290. Turn right on 290 and follow the above instructions to get to the International Goat Research Center.

If you use a mapping program or GPS unit, the physical address of the IGRC is 35419 Cameron Road, Waller, TX.