Ohio State Fair 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Instructions

Contents of packet received at registration:
- Contestant number (on a white, sticky nametag), which must be always worn visibly on your shirt.
- One Scantron per contestant with their contestant number on the top, right corner.

Items you can have with you:
- Items in the packet you received at registration along with provided class scenarios and data.
- Pencils – #2 pencils for scantron sheets and taking notes.
- Pens – Must be blue or black ink; can be used to take notes.
- Notebook/paper – Plain paper/blank notebook may be used for writing reasons and/or to keep track of your class placings.
- *Clipboard – Needed to fill out the scantron sheet.*
- Face mask

Items you cannot have with you:
- Study materials and resources
- Cell phones or any other electronic devices
- Apparel (shirts, jackets, belt buckles, etc.) that distinguishes in any manner who you are or where you are from (i.e., individuals name, 4-H club, county, etc.)
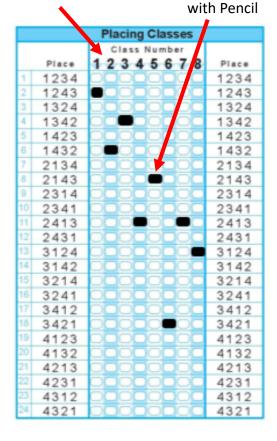
Contest instructions:
- JUNIORS – Place up to 8 classes, answer 3 sets of questions in front of animals, and give 1 sets of oral reasons.
- SENIORS – Place up to 8 classes, answer 1 set of blind questions, and give 4 sets of oral reasons.
- Do not start judging a class or continue to another class until instructed by an official.
- No talking. Violators may be removed from the contest. If you have a question, ask your group leader. Avoid standing or sitting next to teammates during the contest.
- Scantrons must be turned into your group leader when all questions are completed. Late scantrons will not be accepted and contestants will be disqualified. It is not the group leader's responsibility to make sure your scantron is completed correctly. If it is not, then you will receive a zero for the class scores.

Placing a class:
- You have 8 class placing columns on a scantron sheet. You may want to write which species corresponds with the class number in your notes.
- The columns containing numbers 1 through 24 are your placing options. Four animals in each pen will be numbered 1 through 4.
- Once you have placed the animals in order from top to bottom, clearly mark the placing with a dark circle on your scantron. Make sure only ONE placing is marked per column. If multiple answers are marked, it will be scored as a zero. See an example on the right.
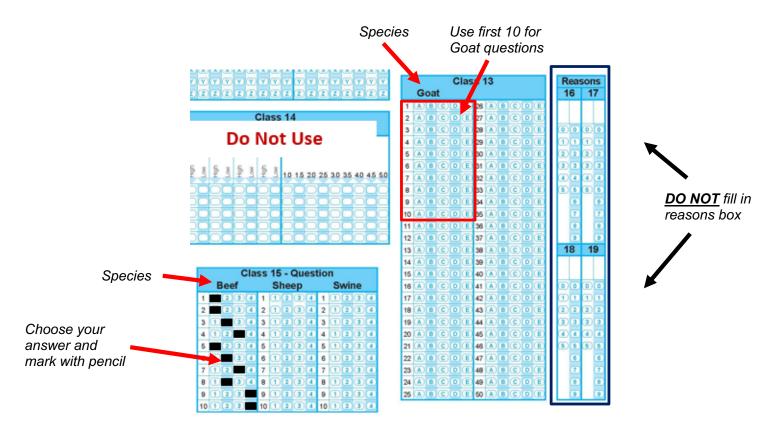
Choose Your Placing and Mark with Pencil

Class Number

- Turn Over –

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Species

Use first 10 for Goat questions

DO NOT fill in reasons box

Species

Choose your answer and mark with pencil

Class 14

Do Not Use

Class 15 - Question

Class 13 Goat

Reasons

Questions:
- Use a #2 PENCIL ONLY! Using a pen will result in a zero score.
- Fill in or darken ONE circle per line corresponding to each question.
- If you change your answer, be sure to fully erase your original choice. Not fully erasing your choice can lead to errors in scoring. Questions with multiple answers will be scored as incorrect.
- You will answer the questions while you are judging the class.
- You will answer either 5 or 10 questions on each species.
- For your answers:
    - Letter A/Number 1 corresponds to animal #1
    - Letter B/Number 2 corresponds to animal #2
    - Letter C/Number 3 corresponds to animal #3
    - Letter D/Number 4 corresponds to animal #4
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Oral reasons (SENIORS and JUNIORS):
- There are NO reasons cards in the packet. Take notes while you are judging the class about the animals to remember when preparing for your oral reasons.
- Write down how you placed the class. You will NOT get your scantron back to prepare for oral reasons.
- Reasons officials will have a score sheet with your contestant number on it. They only know who you are by that number/letter combination. **Wear your number on your shirt throughout the contest.**
- **DO NOT** fill in the Reasons box on the righthand column. See example above.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? ASK AN OFFICIAL OR GROUP LEADER.

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Example Scantron Sheet

Livestock

Form #: 476-3

Team Name
101 A

Team #

State

Last Name

First Name

Code

Placing Classes

Place	Class Number 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Place
1	1234	1234
2	1243	1243
3	1324	1324
4	1342	1342
5	1423	1423
6	1432	1432
7	2134	2134
8	2143	2143
9	2314	2314
10	2341	2341
11	2413	2413
12	2431	2431
13	3124	3124
14	3142	3142
15	3214	3214
16	3241	3241
17	3412	3412
18	3421	3421
19	4123	4123
20	4132	4132
21	4213	4213
22	4231	4231
23	4312	4312
24	4321	4321

Do Not Use

Class 14
Do Not Use

Class 13
Goat

Reasons 16 17 18 19

Do Not Use

Class 15 - Question
Beef Sheep Swine