Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers

**Livestock Career Development Event**

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# General Information

* 1. **Team:** The event will include two divisions: (1) Livestock Judging - - Non-reasons; (2) Livestock Judging - - Reasons. Schools may only participate in one division of this contest. The reasons division will require team members to present reasons in Official FFA Dress and give oral reasons on three of the four species identified in Part B1 of these rules. Five (5) team members from each school will be permitted to judge. The three (3) individuals earning the highest total scores will constitute the competing team (a school may compete with three members). A school may enter less than three members, but then the member(s) will compete only as individuals. No substitution will be permitted in any division after judging has started and no extra students will be permitted to judge.
  2. **Placings/Scoring:** Official ring placings and reasons will be given at the Beef Barns immediately following completion of the event.
  3. **Scorecards:** The Scantron card used in the event will be posted on iavat.org

# Miscellaneous:

* + 1. Participants in the Livestock CDE must comply with all bio-security rules of the University of Illinois. Plastic boots and hand sanitation will be required of all participants (students, teachers, and helpers). The IAVAT will provide these items.
    2. Participants should have clipboards and #2 pencils for use during the CDE.
  1. **Additional Information:** Refer to the "General Rules" section for the current year for information concerning **Entry Fees, Registration,** and **Location** of the event.

# Preregistration is required for Reasons Division.

* + 1. Each agriculture teacher with either a participant or a team in the Reasons Livestock Career Development Event must pre-register their student(s) in advance of the announced deadline to the IAVAT office.

# Event Format

* 1. Judge four rings as follows.
     1. One ring of breeding or market hogs. (50 points)
     2. One ring of breeding or market beef animals. (50 points)
     3. One ring of breeding or market sheep. (50 points)
     4. One ring of meat-type market goats. (50 points)
  2. Evaluate three (3) keep-cull rings. Production records will be used and selection is based 50 percent on production and 50 percent on type.
     1. One ring of breeding swine. (50 points)
     2. One ring of breeding beef. (50 points)
     3. One ring of breeding sheep. (50 points)

**Scoring Note:** Keep-Cull classes consist of eight animals, from which the student must identify the four most desirable animals. If a student fails to select four animals or selects more than four animals they will receive zero points.

* 1. Grade one ring of five (5) animals each as follows:
     1. One ring of slaughter cattle on USDA quality grades and cutability (Yield Grading). (50 points)
     2. **Scoring Note #1 : Credit of four points is allowed for correct quality grade. Three points will be allowed for each 1/2 grade above or below the official grade. Two points are allowed for one full grade above or below the official grade, and the score is zero for more than one full grade above or below the official grade.**
     3. **Scoring Note #2: Credit of six points will be allowed for correct cutability rating. Four points will be allowed if an animal is graded 1/2 grade above or 1/2 grade below the correct yield grade. Two points will be allowed for each full grade above or below the correct yield grade, and the score will be zero for more than one full grade above or below the designated yield grade**
  2. Oral Reasons Presentation: Those teams registered for the Reasons Division shall present Oral Reasons on three of the four species identified in Part B1 of these rules. (For 2010 the species shall be beef, swine and sheep). Each reasons presentation shall have a maximum score of 50 points per set of reasons, making this section worth 150 points.
     1. Reasons shall be the final activity in the Reasons Division of the Livestock CDE.
     2. Reasons shall be presented in Official FFA Dress

# Suggested References

**ITCS University of Illinois**

MDS130a Expected Progeny Difference and Performance Data CD-ROM (revised)  
 J100a Judging Beef Cattle  
 J140a Judging Sheep  
 J160a Judging Swine  
 U1061 Using Livestock Production Records  
 U1019a Judging Livestock ADD   
 https://pubsplus.illinois.edu/U1019a.html

A catalog of instructional materials is available from ITCS Instructional Materials at <https://pubsplus.illinois.edu/>. To place an order please call 1-800-345-6087, fax your order to 217-333-3917, or email pubsplus@illinois.edu

# Other Publications

*Official United States Standards for Grades of Pork Carcasses*, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

*Career Development Events Handbook 2017-2021.* National FFA Organization, P.O. Box 68960, 6060 FFA Drive, Indianapolis, IN.46268-6060.

# Aid for ordering cards for sectional events:

No. of teams x No. of participants per team x No. of rings = No. of cards needed, i.e., 20 teams x 5 participants per team x 3 ring(s) = 300 cards needed.

My event: teams x participants per team x ring(s) = cards.