


Livestock Evaluation

		
Maximum Number of Team Members	4	
Number of Team Members Scored	4	
Scantron	Livestock – Form #: 476-3	
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Individual Activities

1. Livestock classes: A maximum of eight classes (8) of four animals each will be placed using a computerized scorecard. Classes may be breeding or market animals from beef, swine, sheep or meat goat species. One class may include the use of production/performance data. (50 points/class)
2. Oral reasons: Two sets of oral reasons will be designated by the event superintendent at the beginning of the event. One set of reasons will be given on the production data class. Reasons will be given after all classes have been placed. Participants will be provided paper to take notes on each reason class for preparation. Use of notes during the reason presentation is strongly discouraged. (50 points/class)
3. Keep/cull classes: There will be one selection classes that may be beef, swine, sheep or meat goats; each made up of eight breeding animals. Participants will be required to select the four best animals from the eight, using visual appraisal and performance data. Performance data will be provided. Production/performance data (including EPD's) may be used in the keep/cull classes of beef, swine, sheep or meat goats. Performance criteria, when used, shall be based on current industry standards. (50 points/class)
4. Questions Class: Contestants will be required to answer five questions on one judging class (50 points).

RULES

1. Each class of livestock will consist of four individuals, except the Keep-Cull class which will consist of eight animals.
2. Every team must be prepared to judge every class or ring of livestock listed.
3. **Scantron sheets** and/or Placing cards will be supplied by the Animal and Veterinary Science personnel. The same scantron sheet/ placing card will be used for all livestock classes. See sample card.

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4. Coaches must prepare their teams to use the **Scantron Sheets**. From the time of entering the contest until all cards have been handed to the person in charge, there will be absolutely no communications among contestants, or between coaches and contestants.
5. Twelve minutes will be allowed for placing non-reason classes and fifteen minutes for placing of reason classes.
6. Contestants will be required to give oral reasons on two classes (worth 50 points each) and answer five questions on one class (worth 50 points). Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of two minutes per class to present his/her reasons. Cards will not be returned at oral reason presentation.
7. **Sheep** (Animals may or may not be handled, depending upon the availability of farm help to shear the animals.)

Sample Questions:

- Which breeding gilt in the class was a Duroc? (Answer = #3)
 - Which breeding gilt in the class had erect ears? (Answer = #2)
 - Which breeding gilt was lame? (Answer = #3)
8. Stock will be judged at the Livestock Farm. Scoring will be based on the Hormel Computing System with 50 points being a perfect score on a class placing or on a set or oral reasons. A perfect score for the Keep-Cull class is 50.
 9. After all classes have been placed, cards handed in, and reasons given, the judges in charge will give the placings and reasons for each class to contestants and coaches if time permits.
 10. Only those participating in the contest shall be permitted on the farm, unless his/her assistance is required to facilitate the contest, serve as a holder or group leader, or is in some way helping with the contest.

Keep-Cull Class (50 points)

SAMPLE INFORMATION

You will CULL 4 heifers - Place the numbers of the heifer you CULL on the judging card in any order you wish.

Ear Tag/ No	Brand	EPD's				
		DOB	BW	WW	YW	Milk
1	051	2/01/00	1.1	31	61	13
2	055	2/24/00	1.4	33	73	17
3	059	3/05/00	2.2	36	66	21
4	063	3/10/00	1.8	30	59	17
5	071	3/16/00	3.8	38	72	23
6	073	3/19/00	2.5	39	67	21
7	077	3/23/00	3.4	38	65	20
8	079	3/27/00	2.1	39	67	21
Breed Average			2.7	33	61	16

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Scenario: Evaluate these heifers as potential replacements for a purebred operation whose goal is to produce moderate framed, functional cattle that have a balance in EPD's. Bulls are sold annually in a bull sale that targets commercial producers. Feed and labor resources are moderate.

Tiebreakers

If ties occur, the following events will be used in order to determine award recipients:

1. Total of oral reasons.
2. Scores for the reasons class(es)
3. Total of keep/cull class(es).

