Livestock Evaluation

Event Rules

All members participating in this Career Development Event must meet the eligibility requirements and adhere to the rules of the Kentucky FFA Association as outlined in the Rules Governing FFA Activities document.

Number of members on a team: Four (All four scores will count toward the total team score.)

Official Dress Appropriate: No

Regional Event: None

State Event: Kentucky State Fair

In order to participate in the Livestock Evaluation CDE, a school must have previously participated in a judging contest at a university field day or Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) Livestock Expo.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment provided by student:

- Clipboard
- #2 Pencil

PLACING CLASSES (350 POINTS)

Participants will place seven (7) classes of livestock with four animals per class based on type. The classes will be based on availability of stock. Possible classes are Breeding Cattle, Slaughter Cattle, Breeding Swine, Market Swine, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, and Market/Breeding Goats.

Performance data will be provided for the breeding cattle class.

Twelve minutes will be allowed for evaluation of the classes.

All answers for this component will be placed on the scantron form provided to each participant. An example is provided.

FEEDER CATTLE GRADING (50 POINTS)

Participants will grade one class of five feeder cattle for frame size and muscle thickness using the Official USDA Feeder Cattle Grades.

All answers for this component will be placed on the scantron form provided to each participant. An example is provided.

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KEEP/CULL (50 POINTS)

Participants will be provided with EPD data for a class of eight bulls. Participants will determine whether to keep or cull each bull for which data is provided. Determinations will be marked on the provided score sheet.

REASONS (100 POINTS)

Participants will be provided two copies of a reasons note card to be used at their discretion.

Participants will give oral reasons on one class of cattle as designated by the event official and either one class or sheep or swine. Oral reasons are limited to no more than 2 minutes per student.

Participants will have one rotation (12 minutes) to prepare their reasons.

Scoring

Possible score for each participant is 550 points, with a possible team score of 2,200 points.

Teams will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final team score.

Individuals will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final individual score.

TIEBREAKER

The high scoring individual on a team will be used to break team ties. If the high individual on tied teams should be tied, the second high scorer will be used to break the ties.

Individual ties will be broken by the individual with the highest reasons score.