

4-H Livestock Judging National Contest Opportunities

Eligibility for the national competition is limited to participants in the senior division. All team members competing in the national contest must meet age requirements dictated above. Choices of these contests will be determined in order of their placing in the state contest. There are 7 different spots Missouri has available to fill at the national contest level. Those spots are:

1. National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (Louisville, KY)
2. American Royal 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (Kansas City, MO)
3. National Western Roundup (Denver/Fort Collins, CO)
4. Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Judging Contest (Omaha, Nebraska) SPOT #1
5. Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Judging Contest (Omaha, Nebraska) SPOT #2
6. Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Judging Contest (Omaha, Nebraska) SPOT #3
7. Keystone International Livestock Expo (Harrisburg, PA)

The 4-H Teams representing Missouri and their corresponding picks are as follows:

1. **The 1st Place Senior County Team**
2. **The 2nd Place Senior County Team**
3. **The 3rd Place Senior County Team**
4. **The Missouri "All-Star" Team (Defined below)**

The remaining 3 spots that are still available after first round selection will be offered up to each of the teams again. If any of the 7 spots are still available at that point, the 4th place senior county team will be contacted and given a chance to fill 1 spot, then the 5th place team can fill 1 spot, etc. etc.

ALL-STAR TEAM: The All-Star team is made up of, at minimum, the four (4) highest placing youth (team or individual contest enrollment) from the senior division at the state contest that ARE NOT already participating on a county team going to a national contest. If one of those four youth is unable to attend the national contest, the next highest scoring youth that is not already participating nationally with a county team, will be contacted and so on down the scores until each of the four slots is filled. The parents/guardians/coaches of the 1st and 2nd highest placing individuals will be asked to serve as the coach for the All-Star Team. If they are unable to do so, the other parents/guardians/coaches will be asked.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Per the rules set by the national contests:

- Once an individual competes at the National 4-H Championship in Louisville, they CANNOT judge there again, and they are ALSO unable to judge at Kansas City or Denver in the future in the 4-H divisions.

- Individuals that compete at the American Royal are still eligible for Denver and/or Louisville but can't compete again at the Royal in the 4-H division.
- Once an individual competes at Denver, they are still eligible for Kansas City and/or Louisville but compete again at the Denver in the 4-H division.