

## **Kansas State 4-H Meat Judging All-Star Team Selection**

The purpose of the Kansas 4-H Meat Judging All Star Team is to recognize and identify individuals in the state who possess a strong ability in the field of meat evaluation to represent Kansas 4-H at the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest hosted annually in conjunction with the American Royal at Kansas State University each year in October. It is intended that the All-Star team serves as a prestigious culmination of a 4-H member's meat judging experience, therefore, the team is selected via a thorough selection process, which is detailed below.

### **Eligibility**

- A 4-H member must be at least 14 years of age or older and not older than 19 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H program year to be eligible for the All-Star team
- Must not have previously judged in the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest (if an individual is selected to the All-Star team, but does not get to judge in the National Contest, they are eligible to try out for the team again)
- Must not have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive livestock judging contest at any level
- Must not have completed or be currently enrolled in a post-secondary course primarily in visual livestock judging/evaluation

### **Selection Procedures**

- The State Meat Judging Contest held at the 4-H Sweepstakes will serve as the qualifying contest
- The top 8 individuals who are eligible to compete in the National Contest will be given the opportunity to compete for the "All-Star" team
- Kansas State University Meat Judging will provide coaching through current and former meat judging team members and graduate students
- Participation in 2-3 weekend workout sessions at Kansas State will be required to be selected as a team member
- Total points from combined state contest and practice sessions will be used to determine the representatives selected for the "All-Star" team participation at the National Contest held in conjunction with the American Royal and hosted at Kansas State in October. Points will be tracked by coaches for the KSU Meat Judging Team.
- Chaperons will be recruited as needed to meet 4-H risk management requirements before travel
- The county/extension district winning team will be provided the opportunity to compete at the National Western in January
- All-Star team members will complete their 4-H meat judging eligibility following their competition at the National Contest in October