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SUBJECT: STATE 4-H QUALIFYING LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Listed below are important facts about the 2009 State 4-H Qualifying Livestock Judging Contest, which will be conducted on **April 25, 2009** under the direction of the OSU Department of Animal Science. Please inform your 4-H members and volunteer leaders and share this packet with coaches.

1. The contest will be held at the Oklahoma State University Animal Science Arena (on McElroy and west of Western Street) on **April 25, 2009**. This years contest will be conducted at the same time as the State FFA Interscholastic Livestock Judging Contest. Registration will begin at 7:15 a.m., and the contest will start at 7:45 a.m.
2. All Teams (juniors & seniors) must have the 4-H Team Certification Form properly completed, signed and in their possession at the time of registration. Junior 4-H members are 9 (or fourth grade) -13 years of age as of January 1, and senior 4-H members are 14-18 years of age as of January 1.
3. This contest is intended for teams – three or four members. Each county may enter a maximum of three teams. Only teams will be eligible to qualify for national contests. But, individuals who are certified 4-H members will be able to participate. All participants in the contest will judge ten classes. Seniors will give four sets of oral reasons and will answer 10 questions on at least one class, while juniors will give two sets of oral reasons. Contestants are ineligible to participate in out-of-state 4-H judging events if they have participated in official post-secondary (university, college, Jr. College, or technical school) competitive events of a similar nature in the same subject matter area or if they were a member of a post-secondary team undergoing training in preparation for an event.
4. PLEASE NOTE: Performance data with emphasis on EPD's may be provided in some swine and beef breeding classes. The data will be similar to the data that have been provided at most of the OSU Animal Science Field Days.
5. Contestants who have judged in the American Royal (Kansas City) 4-H Livestock Judging Contest are not eligible to return to that contest. Contestants who have judged in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (Louisville) are not eligible for the State 4-H Qualifying Livestock Judging Contest.
6. This contest will be for senior teams competing for the opportunity to judge at NAILE (Louisville) or American Royal (Kansas City). First place team will have the option of choosing which contest they will participate in. The qualifying contest for the National Western (Denver) will be held at the Tulsa State Fair.

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