

# **WYOMING STATE 4-H MEAT JUDGING CONTEST**

This contest is held at the Animal Science Meat Lab on the University of Wyoming Campus in Laramie, Wyoming. The contest typically takes place near the middle of April.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE** *(subject to change)*

7:30 am	Check-in and get county judging packet
8:00 am	Orientation immediately followed by start of contest for ALL contestants **(Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors)**
11:00 am	Lunch
1:30 pm	Award Presentations

## **CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of each youth and coach to read and understand the Contestant Rules & Eligibility for Judging Contests. This information can be found at [www.Wyoming4H.org](http://www.Wyoming4H.org). Youth entries are submitted by the County 4-H Educator and will be verified using 4HOnline.

## **CLASSES**

All classes will be selected from the following possibilities:

Carcass Classes	Beef, Pork, and Lamb
Wholesale Classes	Beef Ribs Beef Rounds Beef Short Loins, Short-Cut Beef Strip Loins Pork Fresh Hams Pork Should Boston Butts, Bone-In Pork Loins, Center Cut
Retail Class of either	Beef Chuck, Arm Roast Beef Rib, Rib Steak, Lip-on Beef Rib, Ribeye Steak Beef Loin, T-Bone/Porterhouse Steak Beef Loin, Top Loin Steak, Boneless Beef Loin, Top Sirloin Steak, Boneless Beef Round, Round Steak (Bone-In or Boneless) Pork Shoulder, Blade Boston Roast Pork Shoulder, Blade Steak Pork Loin, Blade Chop Pork Loin, Blade Roast Pork Loin, Rib Chop Pork Loin, Loin Chop Pork Ham, Smoked Center

All contestants will be allowed 12 minutes per class.

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## RETAIL CUT IDENTIFICATION

Contestants will identify species, wholesale, and retail cuts as outlined below:

Seniors – 30 cuts

Juniors & Intermediates – 20 cuts

*Jr./Int. ~ Each age division will identify 10 of the same cuts and 10 cuts will be age-specific.*

## QUESTIONS & REASONS

Contestants will give reasons and/or answer questions on specific classes based on their age division.

Juniors: 3 sets of questions with use of notes

Intermediates: 2 sets of questions with use of notes, 1 set of oral reasons

Seniors: 3 sets of oral reasons

Reasons and questions classes will be determined by the Official Committee.

## RESOURCES

Helpful information can be found on the American Meat Science Association's web site.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/contests/meatjudging/retail-cuts.pdf>

The following pages provide examples of placings and questions cards as well as the Retail Identification Score Sheet that will be used at the contest. Blank forms can be found online at [www.Wyoming4H.org](http://www.Wyoming4H.org).

## CONTEST AWARDS

1<sup>st</sup> place Senior Team – Choice of the following trips:

- National 4-H Meats Judging Contest, Kansas City, MO (November)
- Western National Roundup, Denver, CO (January)

2<sup>nd</sup> place Senior Team will win the remaining trip if eligible.

Various banners, plaques, trophies, and pen sets will be awarded for Junior and Senior teams and individuals. Please visit [www.wyoming4H.org](http://www.wyoming4H.org) and click "Publications" to find the *Contest & Awards Manual* which lists donor funds available for these awards.

\*\*\* If you are interested in supporting the Wyoming 4-H Program, please contact:

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## JUDGING CARDS

All cards will have the contestant's name, county, class number, and contestant number printed on them. Youth only need to *clearly* indicate their chosen answer.

Blank copies (to be used for practicing) can be found at [www.Wyoming4H.org](http://www.Wyoming4H.org)

## Placings

In the example below, the contestant has chosen "N" as their placing for the class.


Contest Name: Sample MJ Contest

402a001
Contestant Number: 402a
Freddie 4-H
Class Number: 001
Class Name: Beef Carcasses
County Name: +NH Non 4H
SAMPLE
A - 1234 G - 2134 M - 3124 S - 4123
B - 1243 H - 2143 <b>N</b> - 3142 T - 4132
C - 1324 I - 2314 O - 3214 U - 4213
D - 1342 J - 2341 P - 3241 V - 4231
E - 1423 K - 2413 Q - 3412 W - 4312
F - 1432 L - 2431 R - 3421 X - 4321

## Questions

In the example below, the contestant has indicated the answers to be as follows:

1. #4
2. #2

Both methods are acceptable to indicate the contestant's desired answer.

practice	Contestant Number: 101b
	Mickey Mouse
101b001	
Class Number: 001	
Class Name: Questions Class	
Team Name: Carbon	
Q Num Answer	
1 [1][2][3] <b>(4)</b> [Y][N]	
2 [1] <b>■</b> [3][4] [Y][N]	
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