



August 2026

TO: State 4-H Program Leaders
Extension Livestock Specialists
Livestock Quiz Bowl Coaches

FROM: Steve Pritchard
Superintendent, National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest
Extension Educator

RE: 2026 National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest Entries

The 19th annual National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest will be held on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026**, during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). This comprehensive livestock knowledge competition will be conducted in Louisville at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

We are requesting your help in distributing this information to appropriate individuals in your state. We also seek your input in improving and more firmly establishing this type of comprehensive livestock knowledge contest. We appreciate your assistance in sharing this educational effort forward.

Contest Information:

Payment of \$600/team must be made to the “National Youth Livestock Contests”. Information on payment options can be found on the website: <https://youthlivestockcontests.org/>. If you are unable to arrange for electronic payment, a check payable to “National Youth Livestock Contests” should be sent with the entry materials to Steve Pritchard.

All required forms are to be mailed or emailed to Steve Pritchard, Superintendent (spritchard1@unl.edu). If online payment is used, please include a copy of the receipt. Required entry materials include:

1. State entry form with all required signatures, youth, and coaches' information,
2. Signed Code of Ethics form.

Please ensure that the coach of your State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl receives this information.

Contest entry forms, rules, and other relevant forms can be found at:

<https://youthlivestockcontests.org/>

The North American International Livestock Exposition website will not include this information on their website.

The following items are included:

1. **National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest Rules and Regulations**. Please note there is a “General Rules” section that applies to the Skillathon, Judging and Quiz Bowl contests.
2. **Team Entry Form: Due by October 14th**. **Late entries (\$1,000/team) will be accepted until October 22nd**.
 - The form must be completed with all the required signatures and contact information.
 - Please note the responsibility for verification of eligibility lies with the State 4-H Program Leader.
3. **Code of Ethics** - All coaches must sign and return this form with the entry information.
4. **Required Current Event Questions** - Every team is **required to submit** 10 Current Event questions using the listed references on the website. Questions must include the correct answer and source of the question. **The 10 Current Event questions are due by October 14th and must be mailed/emailed to Steve Pritchard, Superintendent (2624 Fairgrounds Road, Albion, NE 68620 or spritchard1@unl.edu).**
5. **New for 2026:** extra meal tickets for the Awards Breakfast can only be purchased on the website by **October 14th**. No meal tickets will be available to purchase at the event this year. **There is a limit of 5 extra tickets per team**. Ticket price is \$30 per ticket. Each team will receive 5 tickets for the Awards Breakfast with the team’s registration.

All forms must be received or postmarked by October 14th

Hotel:

The contest headquarter hotel is the Crowne Plaza, Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209; phone: (502-367-2251). This is the large hotel adjacent to the NAILE grounds. The deadline to reserve rooms is October 14th.

Coaches’ Meeting:

A coaches’ meeting will be held on Monday evening, November 16th, Crowne Plaza, Louisville Airport Hotel – Jefferson Room, 6 pm. Contest instructions and other details will be shared at this time. Due to the size of the room, **we are asking that only one (1) coach to attend the meeting**.

Contact:

For further information regarding the contest, please contact:

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North American International Livestock Exposition
State 4-H Leader Verification
All Teams

I verify that my university has a risk management plan for programs serving minors that meets, at a minimum, the requirements outlined in the University of Kentucky Client Protection and Risk Management policies found at <https://extensionmanual.ca.uky.edu/client-protection-handbook>.

I verify that all paid staff and volunteers from my university who accompany the 4-H delegation and/or are reasonably anticipated to have direct contact or interaction with minor participants have been background checked, screened, and approved by my university, including those who are serving as leaders on any 4-H Management Teams for the overall event. This screening includes a criminal history background check, including screening via the National Sex Offender Registry. The background checks, at a minimum, will satisfy the requirements of Client Protection and Risk Management policies at the University of Kentucky.

I verify that all paid staff and volunteers from my university understand and agree to the provisions set forth by the Kentucky 4-H Program code of conduct.

I verify that the paid staff and volunteers from my university will operate and participate in the 4-H Events at the North American International Livestock Exposition in a reasonably safe manner to include at a minimum:

- Using all appropriate risk management forms related to the operation of the competition and show.
- Understanding and abiding by mandatory reporting requirements related to known or suspected abuse or neglect of minors.
- Properly supervising minors at all times while participating. This supervision includes an appropriate participant-to-supervisor ratio, based on guidelines provided by the University of Kentucky Client Protection and Risk Management policies <https://manual.ca.uky.edu/19-risk-management>
- Reporting misconduct by paid staff, volunteers, or minor participants to the University of Kentucky, Kentucky 4-H Department.
- Understanding safety and security procedures; response protocols for injury/illness; pick-up/drop-off of minor participants; and security measures for emergencies such as weather alerts, missing persons, accidents, etc. while onsite at the Kentucky State Fairground.

I understand that paid staff and volunteers from my university will be functioning under the operating procedures, practices, and scope of duties with oversight and risks associated with my university.

Name of State 4-H Leader _____

University _____

Signature of State 4-H Leader _____ Date _____

