

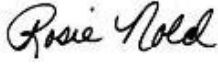


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TO: State 4-H Program Leaders
Extension Livestock Specialists
Animal Science Department Heads

FROM: Rosie Nold 
Superintendent, National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest
Professor, South Dakota State University Animal Science Department

RE: 2023 National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest

The 22nd annual National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest will be held on **Monday, November 13, 2023** 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 asking for 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 moving this educational effort forward.

Contest Information:

Payment of \$400 will be made to the "National Youth Livestock Contests". We are currently exploring various payments options. Information on the payment options will be found on our new website: <https://youthlivestockcontests.org/>. If we are unable to arrange for electronic payments, checks payable to "National Youth Livestock Contests" should be sent with the entry materials to Rosie Nold.

All required forms are to be mailed or emailed to Rosie Nold, Committee Superintendent (rosemarie.nold@sdstate.edu). Required entry materials include:

1. State entry form with all required signatures, youth and coaches' information,
2. College transcripts and syllabi, if applicable,
3. Signed Code of Ethics form.

Contest entry and other relevant forms can be found at <https://youthlivestockcontests.org/>. Previous years' information and study materials can be found at <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/charles-county/4-h-youth-development/animal-projects> (you will need to scroll down to the National 4-H Livestock Judging, Skillathon and Quiz Bowl link on this page). The North American International Livestock Exposition website will not have this information.

The following items are included:

1. **National 4-H Livestock Skillathon 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 15thth.**
 - Form must be completed with all required signatures and contact information.
 - For any contestant that has currently enrolled in a postsecondary institution, a transcript must be included, and **must include beginning and end dates** of the semester/quarter. For any agriculture courses, syllabi must be submitted with the entry materials.
 - For any contestant that has completed an agricultural “dual-credit” college course while still enrolled in high school, high school transcripts or other documentation showing the individual is still enrolled in high school are required.
 - Please note the responsibility for verification of eligibility lies with the State 4-H Program Leader.
3. **Code of Ethics,** and
4. **Risk Management Plan:** included for coaches/chaperones to review.

All forms must be received or postmarked by October 15.

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.

Coaches’ Meeting:

A coaches’ meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the Sunday evening just prior to the contest at the Crowne Plaza, Louisville Airport Hotel. Contest instructions will be given at this time.

Contact:

For further information regarding the contest, I may be contacted at:

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