

**2023 District Livestock Management Guidelines**  
**Districts 3, 4, & 10**  
**Northeast Community College, Norfolk, NE**

1. This is a state qualifying contest.
2. Each school will be allowed to enter 1 team.
3. A Livestock Management team will consist of 4-5 individuals.
4. As this is a team competition, it is important that the entire team be available for the approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes that it takes to complete this contest. To help make scheduling easier for students who wish to participate in other contests, each district will not have a designated time for the livestock management contest. Two teams will begin the contest every 15 minutes, starting at 8:15 a.m. (ending at approximately 10:00 a.m.) and continuing until 2:00 p.m. (ending at approximately 3:45 p.m.) **In order to set up the schedule, each instructor needs to email or call the contest coordinator, Mike Roeber (phone 402-844-7183 or email [mikesr@northeast.edu](mailto:mikesr@northeast.edu)) the list of the 3 times that they would like to start the livestock management contest (for example 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:45 a.m.).** Two teams will be assigned to each time block, with time blocks assigned **in the order that the email/phone request is received from the instructor.** The instructor will be informed of the time assigned to their school; if none of the 3 listed times are available when the request is received, the instructor will be notified so that an alternate time can be set. Once you have your designated time, please make sure the students are at the Ag Complex on time, so that the contest can run smoothly. The early time periods (i.e. 8:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 9:00 a.m.) may wish to drop their teams off at the Ag Complex prior to reporting to the main campus for registration. Name changes can be taken care of at the Ag Complex. Students should gather in the Ag Complex Lobby at their designated time.
5. **Students and other school representatives are not allowed in the contest area (Ag Complex Arena Floor) until their scheduled time for competition. Any school that has contestants or other representatives in the contest area prior to the scheduled time will be disqualified from the contest.**
6. Team members may bring clean clip boards, pencils, and calculators into the contest area. No written materials (books, handouts, etc.) or electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, etc.) will be allowed in the contest area.
7. **Each individual will take a 20 question livestock industry test. This will be the first station of the contest. Total points possible = 100. If a team only has 4 members, the 5<sup>th</sup> test score will be a 0.**

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8. The contest will have separate stations for each of the following species: Beef, Poultry, Sheep, Horse, Swine, and Dairy. Each team will complete each station. Total points for each station = 100.
9. At each species station, team members may consult and work together. However, dependent on the number of items to be completed at a station, it may be prudent for students to work individually or in pairs, in order to be able to complete all items. The team will have 12 minutes to complete the tasks at each station.
10. At each station, an attempt will be made to cover aspects of that species from applied, industry, skill and scientific perspectives.
11. There will likely be a combination of written questions and hands-on skills or expertise that must be demonstrated.
12. Activities/questions may include, but are not limited to the following: Feed Identification and/or Classification, Equipment Identification, Breed Identification, Current Industry Events, Livestock Marketing options (i.e. pricing livestock using a grid or other guidelines), Livestock Evaluation (calculating yield grades, quality grades, percent muscle, and/or Percent BCTRC on Livestock (needed formulas and charts needed for any of these would be provided to the students)), interpreting feed tag information, and/or interpreting vaccination and/or medication dosages.
13. **Tie Breaker: In case of a tie in total team scores, the first tie breaker will be the total score on the written test. If a tie still exists, the tie(s) will be broken using one of the six stations/species of the contest. The score from the station/species with the lowest average score for the district (which should then equate to the hardest station/species of the contest) will be used for the tie breaker. If a tie still exists, the next lowest average score will be used per station/species will be used until the tie is broken.**
14. The contest will be conducted in the Agriculture Complex, and may involve direct work with the livestock. Students are expected to dress appropriately.
15. Please see the study guides on the State Ag Ed CDE site for other possible topics and/or activities. The list is not all-inclusive.

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