

TO: North Dakota FFA Advisors and NDSU Extension Agents

FM: Brian Zimprich, Ransom County Extension Agent/ Animal Systems
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RE: **Southeast Judging Classic**

Ransom County 4-H, Lisbon FFA and MPU 6 will be hosting a Crops, Livestock, Ag Sales, Small Animal Care and Hippology Contest Saturday, February 25, 2012. Contest registration will be held at the Lisbon High School which is located on the West edge of Lisbon just off of highway 27. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Commons of the High School.

The judging of livestock will take place in the Beef Barn on the Ransom County Fairgrounds. There will be minimal heat in the barn so we ask that you dress accordingly. The rest of the contests and livestock reasons will take place in either the high school or the elementary school.

The Crops, Livestock and Hippology contests will be split into junior and senior divisions, running senior 4-H and FFA together. The Ag Sales and Small Animal Care Contests are strictly FFA contests so there will be no separation of age divisions in those contests. To help us plan for each of the contests we ask that you e-mail or call the Ransom County Extension Service office by **February 17, 2012** with the number of kids you will have competing in each of the contests, which age divisions they fall into for each of the contests, and number of coaches and chaperones that will be eating. We would also like to get contact information when you pre-register. **The registration forms are available for you to download off our website at: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/county/ransom/4hSJC.htm>.**

In case of inclement weather you can tune to KQDJ AM 1400 in Jamestown, KDDR AM 1220 in Oakes, and KFGO AM 790 in Fargo for cancellation of the contest.

If you have any questions you can contact Brian at 701-683-6128 or Caitlin at 701-683-4106. Day of the contest you can get a hold of Brian at 701-799-2648.

The schedule for the day is:

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Livestock, Crops, Ag Sales, Small Animal Care and Hippology Registration – <i>Lisbon High School</i>
9:00 – 9:15	Instructions
9:15 – 11:30	Crops Contest – <i>Lisbon Elementary School</i>
9:15 – 11:00	Livestock Contest – <i>Beef Barn</i>
9:15 – 11:30	Hippology Contest – <i>Lisbon High School</i>
9:15 – 11:30	Ag Sales – <i>Lisbon Elementary School</i>
9:15 – 11:30	Small Animal Care – <i>Lisbon High School</i>
11:00 – 1:00 pm	Livestock Reasons – <i>Lisbon High School</i>

Lunch and Awards will be held in the High School Commons

11:00 a.m.	Lunch will be served when your contest is completed
1:00 p.m.	Crop and Hippology Awards
1:30	Ag Sales and Small Animal Care Awards
2:00	Livestock Officials and Awards

We ask that only the coaches do the registering for the whole team, and when you arrive at the High School that your kids go and sit down in the commons. This should help to speed up the registration process and eliminate some confusion.

Contest Rules:

1. Will follow the same as the state contest unless otherwise indicated.
2. Teams are made up of 3-5 members. The top three scores will comprise the team score. **Hippology teams are made up of 3-4 members**
3. Members who were 14 years old before January 1, 2010 are considered seniors. Any member that has not turned 14 by January 1st will judge in the junior division.
4. Performance data may be used on some of the livestock classes.
5. Livestock contestants will give three sets of oral reasons.
6. There will be a \$7.00 registration fee per contestant and this will include lunch. **Make check payable to Ransom County Extension Service.**
7. There will be a \$7.00 charge for coaches and spectators that will be eating at the contest. **Make check payable to Ransom County Extension Service.**

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