State 4-H Crop Judging Contest
Valley City Eagles Lodge - Valley City, North Dakota
Saturday, March 5, 2016

Each county may enter any number of 4-H members in either the junior and senior divisions.

The three high individual scores will comprise the county team in each division.
1. **Senior Division** – 4-H members who are 14-19 on the day of the contest.*
2. **Junior Division** – 4-H members who are 8-13 on the day of the contest.*
3. Open Division – adults and any youth 8-19 years of age not eligible for the 4-H divisions.

* 4-H members who were 13 years old on September 1, 2015 may judge in either division.

**General Rules**
1. Contestants must be enrolled as 4-H members in the county they represent in the 4honline program for the 4-H divisions.
2. Members of past first place teams (three persons making the team score) in the 4-H senior division are not eligible, but may enter the open division contest.
3. Participants in the 4-H divisions wear official dress. The 4-H Dress Code is: 4-H members must be dressed neatly and wear a solid white, yellow, gray, or green shirt with 4-H emblem on front. Failure to comply will result in the deduction of 25 points from the individual score or team score. 4-H members are asked to stay in official dress until completion of awards.

**Awards**
1. Awards will be distributed in the Valley City Eagles Club at approximately 2:00 p.m.
2. Senior and junior 4-H division participants are eligible for the following:
   a. Individuals – ribbons for top ten individuals, and ribbons for approximately the top 50% of participants.
   b. Ribbon awards for the three members and first alternate of second and third place teams in each division.
   c. High senior 4-H individual receives plaque sponsored by the Valley City Lion's Club.
   d. Three members and alternate of the first place teams will receive plaques sponsored by the North Dakota Crop Improvement Association.
3. There is no national 4-H crops judging contest, however the three members and alternate making up the first place team in the senior division are eligible for a trip relating to the crop marketing industry. If taken, the trip will be planned by the team and county extension staff. The North Dakota 4-H Foundation will provide $500 for the team to use toward expenses of the trip, if taken.

**Open Crop Judging Contest**
1. Youth age 8-18 not eligible for the 4-H contests and adults may participate in this division. Previous winners in past 4-H contests may participate.
2. Currently enrolled 4-H/FFA dual members planning to enter the state FFA contest may enter this open contest.
3. Competition is for individuals. However, groups of three to five may enter as a team, with the top three teams receiving recognition. Pre-registration of teams is required.
4. Ribbon awards will be presented to at least the top ten individuals.

Contest will be operated according to the guidelines on the 4-H web site.
[http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/state_4_h_contests/crop_judging/](http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/state_4_h_contests/crop_judging/)

**Other Information**
There is no admission to the North Dakota Winter Show.
The North Dakota Winter Show offers discounted tickets to the PRCA rodeo and concert. Refer to the general winter show activities information regarding special offers and information. No admission is required for North Dakota Winter Show.
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Please circle the appropriate division for participants on this page. Duplicate page as needed.

Senior Division  Junior Division  Open Division

Please complete and email to dean.aakre@ndsu.edu before March 1. Bring this form to the registration table at the Valley City Eagles Club. Registration is between 9:00-10:00 a.m.

_________________________________ County(s) for 4-H divisions, County or city for open division

1. Pre-register by emailing dean.aakre@ndsu.edu indicating the number of participants expected.
2. **Multi-county teams must pre-register together** by email as indicated above. (Multi-county teams may not have more than two members from any one county.)
3. All combining of teams must be done by the coaches. Registration staff will not combine individuals into a team.
4. Substitutions may be made at the contest.
5. Bring this form to registration.
6. The high three scores will make the team score.

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I hereby certify that these are enrolled 4-H members, are in dress code, and are eligible to participate in the State 4-H Crop Judging Contest.

_________________________________  ____________________________
County Extension Agent                    Date

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Coach(s) Name(s)                          Date

Help is requested from coaches and other adults with scoring or monitoring contest.