

State 4-H Crop Judging Contest
Valley City Eagles Lodge - Valley City, North Dakota
Saturday, March 13, 2021

It is important to understand that participation in in-person activities pose an unknown level of risk due to COVID-19. Participation is voluntary. NDSU Extension will take all reasonable measures, but cannot, at any level, assure protection from exposure.

In order to comply with necessary distancing and other protocols during the pandemic, only 4-H members will be allowed to participate in this contest in 2021. Please register with page 3 of this document.

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.* (4-H age 13-18 prior to September 1, 2020)
2. **Junior Division** – 4-H members who are 8-13 on the day of the contest.* (4-H age 8-13)

* 4-H members who were 13 years old on September 1, 2020 may judge in either division.

General Rules

1. Contestants in the 4-H divisions must be enrolled as regular 4-H members in 4honline for the county they are representing.
2. Counties may combine to form a team provided that no county has more than two participants. Individuals from three counties may combine to form a team.
3. Each division is considered a separate contest.
4. Members of past first place teams (three persons making the team score) in the 4-H senior division are not eligible as part of a team, but may enter as an individual in 4-H contest.
5. 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 packaged for pick up by coaches and tentatively announced from the Winter Show building South stage. Exact time to be determined, but estimated around 1:45 p.m. – 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 approximately the top 50% of participants.
 - b. Ribbon awards for the members of second and third place teams in each division.
 - c. High individual in both junior and senior division and three members and alternate of the first place teams will receive plaques sponsored by the North Dakota Crop Improvement Association.

Contest will be operated according to the guidelines on the 4-H web site.

https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/member_information/programs_events/state_4_h_contests/crop_judging/

General Guidance Plan for ND State 4-H Crop Judging Contest

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- This contest is for enrolled 4-H members only, Verification of membership is through 4hOnline.
- All 4-H entries must pre-register by downloading and completing this form <https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/4h/Contests/InformationRegistrationCrop2021.pdf> and emailing it to dean.aakre@ndsu.edu by **March 8, 2021**.
- Include **participant's, coach's** names and all volunteers traveling with team on the registration form.
- No additions, no substitutions.
- Scratched entries will happen at event
- Event will be held at the Valley City Eagles Club.

- The entire event will be held indoors.
- Closed event, no spectators, coaches and participants and staff only
- Sanitizing wipes will be available to wipe down table surfaces.

As part of North Dakota State University, Extension (including 4-H) events will follow NDSU guidance regarding events and meetings. Some FAQs can be found here.

https://www.ndsu.edu/admission/risk_reduction_guidelines

For additional guidance:

<https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/vpag/Policies/COVID19GuidanceUpdated2021-02-08.pdf>

[https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/vpag/Policies/Extension and REC Guidance Table.pdf](https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/vpag/Policies/Extension_and_REC_Guidance_Table.pdf)

Additional information for staff can be found on the NDSU sharepoint website.

Event protocol:

- All participants, coaches, helpers with the contest will wear masks/face covering throughout the event. Please bring your own. Disposable masks will be available if needed.
- Disposable gloves will be available for contestants wishing to use them.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and provided by one or more volunteers.
- Each participant will be provided a stir stick to use in pan classes and the market factors class. Participants will keep this stir stick for use throughout the contest and then dispose in the trash.
- Participants are not to touch any of the mounts, photos, or samples of crop or weed seeds, plants, vials, or other class items on display.
- In order to reduce potential contact, participants will be limited to two per table/class. Participants will be instructed to maintain distance during the contest.
- Depending on number of participants and room capacity, participants may be required to sit some during some rotations to keep number of participants at a table minimized.
- Tables will be separated by six feet .
- Normal time per class is 12 minutes. Contest monitors and timer will move participants to next class after 8 minutes if it appears all have completed the class.
- During pre-contest, during the contest, and during post-contest time periods, participants from the same team may remain together and at least six feet away from other teams.
- Completed scorecards will be left on the table and picked up by a contest official.

- Participants and coaches will be instructed to practice social distancing (six feet apart)
- To reduce mixing of contestants, all members of a team will participate in the same squad.
- Contestants must provide their own pens/pencils
- Participants at each station/table will evaluate the items with appropriate social distancing.

Following the contest:

Scoring of cards will be done by coaches (scoring committee) during the event and tabulating results will follow the contest as soon as possible.

Disposable gloves will be available for scoring committee.

Announcement of results will begin at ??? p.m. CDT or as soon after (when preparations are completed).

Depending on site (if at the Eagles) Lunch may be available for purchase.

Awards:

- Awards will be announced but not presented, packet of awards for each team available for coaches to pick-up.
- Individual awards will be announced, contestants stand for recognition.
- A packet for each team will include awards earned, corrected scorecards and full results.

