

CONTESTS

4-H/FFA AGRICULTURE JUDGING

The fiscal year will be September 1 - August 31. The annual sequence of state contests now includes the following 12 categories for both 4-H and/or FFA members:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CONTEST DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u>
Soils	Jr. & Sr.	October (last Saturday)	After area contest
Crops	Jr. & Sr.	December (2 nd Saturday)	December 1
Entomology	Jr. & Sr.	December (2 nd Saturday)	December 1
Forestry	Jr. & Sr.	December (2 nd Saturday)	December 1
Wildlife Habitat	Sr.	April (2 nd Saturday)	April 1
Horse & Pony	Jr. & Sr.	May (1 st Saturday)	Immediately after Area Contest
Poultry	Jr. & Sr.	May (3 rd Saturday)	May 10
Dairy	Sr.	May (3 rd Saturday)	May 10
Livestock	Sr.	May (3 rd Saturday)	May 10
Dairy Goats	Jr. & Sr.	August (1 st Wednesday)	July 20
Dairy Foods	Jr. & Sr.	September (3 rd Saturday)	September 1
Horticulture	Jr. & Sr.	September (3 rd Saturday)	September 1
Meats	Sr.	September (3 rd Saturday)	September 1

A further description and rules for each contest may be found in 4-H 98 4-H/FFA Ag. Judging Handbook.

COMMUNICATION CONTESTS / EVENTS

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in club and county events. Through participation, 4-H'ers will gain communication and presentation skills. Contests offered at the County and State level are: Demonstration, Informative 4-H Presentations, Professional Persuasive Presentations, Public Speaking and Rabbit or Poultry Illustrated Talks. See specifics for each contest below.

DIVISIONS

Division (grades) (Grades are based on the 4-H'ers grade as of March 1 st of the current calendar year.)	Presentation Time		
	Clover (grades 3 – 5) * Contest at County only	Junior (grades 6 – 8)	Senior (grades 9 – 12)
Demonstration	3 - 5 minutes	5 – 7 minutes	5 – 10 minutes
Informative Presentation	3 - 5 minutes	5 – 7 minutes	5 – 10 minutes
Persuasive Presentation	3 - 5 minutes	5 – 7 minutes	5 – 10 minutes
Public Speaking	3 - 5 minutes	3 - 5 minutes	5 – 7 minutes
Illustrated Talk – Rabbit or Poultry only - There are 5 Division	5 – 7 minutes	5 – 7 minutes	5 – 7 minutes

General Rules for Demonstration, Informative and Persuasive Presentations

- ✓ Members may use a PowerPoint, Prezi, or other digital presentation, signs, and other props that will enhance their presentation when giving their how-to demonstration to the audience from a stage or stage-like setting.
- ✓ If digital media will be used to enhance the presentation, contestants are encouraged to provide their own laptop computer. If the laptop is not equipped with a standard VGA external video connection, the contestant will need to supply an appropriate adapter. While a standard PC laptop will be available, the quality and compatibility of the digital media cannot be guaranteed as PowerPoint will be the only digital media available.
- ✓ Live animals are not permitted.
- ✓ Questions may be asked of the contestants by the judges following the demonstration.
- ✓ Categories will be Junior Individual, Senior Individual, Junior Team and Senior Team for Demonstration and Persuasive Presentation. Informative Presentation and Public Speaking will be individual only.
- ✓ The team category is for two (2) people and will be determined by the highest grade level of any member of that team. If a team is awarded the State Fair Achievement Trip, only those team members who are 14 years of age or older as of January 1 will be permitted to attend the trip. Those members of the winning team who are younger than 14 years of age will not be able to compete in a team presentation in future years.
- ✓ The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges to a maximum of the top three (3) blue merit senior individual members and top (1) blue merit senior team at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.
- ✓ A county may have no more than three (3) entries in each of the categories.

Demonstration: 4-H'er shows a step-by-step procedure on how-to-do something related to any project. An example could be to show how to take a prize winning photograph, how to give an intramuscular antibiotic injection or shot, how to design a mini-barn blueprint, how to construct a garment, how to develop a wildlife rehabilitation plan, how to treat a cat for fleas, etc.

Informative 4-H Presentation: This contest allows the 4-H member to present a topic of their choice related to a 4-H event, project, or activity to the audience. Examples of an Informative 4-H presentation include the benefits of attending 4-H Round-Up, State 4-H Junior Leader Conference, Science Workshops, or Citizenship Washington Focus; the impact of a community service project on the 4-H members involved and their community; why a family should enroll their children in 4-H; how 4-H prepares a young person for the workforce or college, etc.

Professional Persuasive Presentation: Contestants will be required to research a public issue in their community, collect data showing how this issue is or could affect their community, formulate a plan to address this issue, and present it in a professional manner using electronic digital media such as PowerPoint, Prezi, etc. Additional guidelines for Persuasive Presentations:

- ✓ Contestants are to submit three (3) sets of accompanying handouts at registration. These handouts will be provided to the judges.
- ✓ It is suggested that youth practice by presenting their professional presentation to service clubs, 4-H council or fair board, government officials, or other boards.
- ✓ Examples of public issues could be the lack of accessibility to trails or public parks, congested traffic locations, public health issues, impoverished neighborhoods, school dropout rates, the size of farm machinery outgrowing the size of roads, etc.
- ✓ Members must use a PowerPoint, Prezi, or other digital media presentation when giving it to the audience from a stage or stage-like setting.
- ✓ Other props may be used to enhance the presentation but are not required.
- ✓ Questions may be asked by the judges following the professional presentation.

Public Speaking: This contest allows the 4-H member to give their prepared speech to an audience from a stage or stage-like setting. Props, signs, and PowerPoint presentations are not permitted. The topic can be of the 4-H member's choice but must be related to 4-H.

Illustrated Talk – Rabbit or Poultry: This contest allows the 4-H member to give an illustrated talk to an audience from a stage or stage-like setting. Props, signs, and PowerPoint presentations are allowed. The topic choice can either be on rabbit or poultry. The five divisions are: Novice (grades 3- 4), Junior (grades 5 – 6), Intermediate (grades 7 – 8), Senior (grades 9 – 10) and Master (grades 11 – 12).

FASHION REVUE - See page 137 - under Sewing.

HOOSIER HORSE FAIR

Any 4-H Horse and Pony member may participate. 4-H events include individual and team demonstrations, public speaking, versatility, hippology, horsemanship/showmanship/equitation clinics, horse bowl, groom and clean, and horse judging. Some events are limited by space availability. See March / April Newsletter.

INDIANA JUNIOR HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION (IJHA) DEMONSTRATION AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

- Learn to give "demonstrations" as a method of teaching horticultural knowledge, practices and skills;
- Encourage learning new knowledge in the horticultural area;
- Enhance the individual's ability to present themselves and their subject before a group of people;
- This can be individual or two-member team demonstrations (appropriate when the nature of the demonstration is such that it requires two people);
- No individual or team may present a demonstration which has won the state contest in previous years;
- Only senior demonstrators are eligible for National Junior Horticultural Association Conference (NJHA)

INDIANA JUNIOR HORTICULTURE ASSOCIATION (IJHA) JUDGING PROGRAM

- Help young people learn about vocational and professional opportunities in horticulture and related sciences;
- Provide young people with opportunities for learning and practicing group participation and leadership responsibilities;
- Teach young people to recognize and identify some of our most important horticulture crops, learn quality characteristics, and be able to help solve problems on horticulture subjects.

PERFORMING ARTS

Group Acts

- Number of performers: five or more performers
- Performance time limit: 5 - 8 minutes
- Types of acts: skits or sketches, choral number, dance routines, lip sync.

Curtain Acts: Non-Musical

- Number of performers: one to four performers
- Performance time limit: 3 - 5 minutes
- Types of Acts: skits or sketches, magic, clowning, rhythmic gymnastics, reading, 4-H cheerleading routines, choral speaking, dance (ballet, tap, modern, etc.) lip sync, juggling, acrobatic feats, ballads, puppetry.

Curtain Act: Musical

- Number of performers: one to four performers
- Performance time limit: 3 - 5 minutes
- Types of Acts: instrumental (piano, guitar, flute, drums, etc.) vocal, bands (rock, country, jazz).

All entertainers must be 4-H members. Narrators are considered part of the act so they must be a 4-H member. Please note: A person whose only contribution to the act is that of being piano or other accompanist is not considered part of the act and therefore does not have to be a 4-H member. This is because this provides music in a similar capacity as a tape provides music. County winners advance to the area contests, with area winners performing at either Round-Up or State Fair. The county contest is usually held in late April or early May. If the 1st place act in each of the three categories does not go to the Area Contest, then the 2nd place act is eligible.

Mini 4-H is designed to provide non-competitive educational experiences. We want to give Mini 4-H'ers a chance to participate in Performing Arts, but not have the pressure of being judged. Since acts have to compete in order to come to Round-Up, the following eligibility rules will be applied to Round-Up eligibility.

1. A Mini 4-H'er may not perform a curtain act at Area Contest.
2. A group of Mini 4-H'ers may not perform a group act at Area Contest.
3. However, Mini 4-H'ers may perform in a group act at Area Contest under the following circumstance:
The Mini 4-H'er is associated with a regular 4-H club, which includes older members.

It is up to the counties to determine if Mini 4-H'ers are eligible to perform in curtain or group acts at the County Performing Arts program. If permitted, they should not be judged, but receive a special participation ribbon.

TRACTOR AND LAWN AND GARDEN TRACTOR CONTESTS

The 4-H Tractor and Lawn and Garden Contests are an opportunity for 4-H members to develop and refine their agricultural tractor and lawn and garden tractor safety and operation skills. The event is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their talent before their peers, friends, parents and the general public. County winners compete in the area contests from which the top three finishers may proceed to the state contest. The state contest is held during the Indiana State Fair.