



Meats Judging Guidelines



Meats Judging 2026

Questions:

For general questions regarding Western National Roundup, please reach out to the management team at:
westernnationalroundup@gmail.com or (970) 491-1152.

For specific questions about the Meats Judging Contest, contact the superintendent:

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Entry

1. For a complete list of all rules, please refer to the general rules at:
<https://co4h.colostate.edu/national-western-roundup/>
2. Two divisions of the contest will be held; 4H and FFA.
3. This contest is open to a team of four 4- H/FFA members from a state to be selected and/or certified by the State 4-H Leader.
4. The three high-scoring members of a team shall constitute the official team for each division and for the total contest. The fourth-ranking member in each division and total contest shall automatically become the alternate in that division or total contest. No alternates beyond the 4 team members will be able to judge; all alternates beyond the 4 team members will only be allowed in the cooler after the contest ends.



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Contest Information:

Selection of Facilities, Products and Judges

- The selection of facilities and product for the contest will be made by the Contest Superintendent or their designate.
- The selection of judges will be made by the Contest Superintendent.
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FFA

- FFA will follow the National FFA Meat Evaluation and technology handbook, as found here: <https://ffa.app.box.com/s/87bs652uy4i4lt713g0nb6yht9p2kn35>

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING: All individuals in the FFA Meat CDE will compete an individual meat formulation problem, which will consist of a formulation solution (50 points) and 8 questions (5 points each). Refer to page 14 of the National FFA Meat Evaluation and Technology Handbook. The written examination may include all sections of the Meat Science and Food Safety Resource from iCEV ("The" approved resource for the National FFA Meats Evaluation & Technology CDE written exam)

4H

- 4H will follow the National 4H Meat Identification and Judging Contest, as found here: <https://meatscience.org/students/meat-judging-program/national-4-h-meat-judging/identification-and-judging-contest>

