

## LAND JUDGING

Land Judging trains young people in decision-making skills related to Soil and Water Conservation. 4-H members learn:

- How to determine the physical characteristics of the soil.
- How to interpret this information for decision-making regarding usage and management practices for this soil.
- How to predict the limitations of this soil and expected crop yields.
- How this soil will affect the quality of ground and surface water.
- How this soil will be adapted to a possible home site.

**Publication(s):** Practice Judging Cards under the Region Related section of Judging Teams.

### **Eligibility:**

See the Judging Team Eligibility Table located in the Region Related section under Judging Teams.

### **General Rules:**

A team consists of three or four 4-H members. Each members works independently and the top three scores are combined to make up the team score. During the contest, at least four pits or sites will be evaluated. Members will only be allowed to use a pencil, a knife and the scorecard during judging. Water bottles will be provided at the sites. Complete contest rules, including tie-breakers, are included in the Land Judging Guide (PB 727).

### **Regional Contests:**

The Regional Judging Contests will be held in early October, prior to the State Contest. Check the Region calendar for date and location.

### **State Contest:**

The State Contest is traditionally held in November. The top four placing teams, from the Regional Contests, will qualify for this contest.

### **National Contest or Tour:**

The top two placing team in the State Contest will advance to the National Contest in Oklahoma. Each team will receive \$400 from Tennessee Farm Bureau for travel expenses.