

Grade Eligibility for Eastern Region Judging Teams

2025

TEAM	REGION	GRADE as of January 1, 2025			STATE	GRADE as of January 1, 2025
		Junior	Jr. High	Sr. High		
Spring Judging Contests						
Horse Bowl/Hippology	January 2025	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	February 2025	4th - 12th
Livestock	March 2025	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	June 2025	9, 10, 11, 12
Horse Judging	April 2025	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	June 2025	9, 10, 11, 12
Wildlife	May 2025	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	June 2025	9, 10, 11, 12
FCS Skill-a-thon	September 2025	3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	October 2025	9, 10, 11, 12
Meats	Spring 2026	3, 4, 5	6, 7	8, 9, 10, 11	Spring 2026	8, 9, 10, 11
Fall Judging Contests						
Forestry	August 2025	3, 4, 5	6, 7	8, 9, 10, 11	October 2025	8, 9, 10, 11
Poultry	August 2025	3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	October 2025	9, 10, 11, 12
Dairy**	September 2025	3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	August 2025	9, 10, 11, 12
Consumer Decision Making	September 2025	3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12*	October 2025	9, 10, 11, 12
Fall Judging Contests						
4-H Grill Master Challenge	September 2025	3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12*	October 2025	9, 10, 11, 12
Land	October 2025	3, 4, 5	6, 7	8, 9, 10, 11	November 2025	8, 9, 10, 11

Junior participants can move up to Jr. High to form team. Jr. High participants must stay in that division. Junior participants that move up to Jr. High division will compete as Individuals at Jr. High level.

12*: We leave it up to the discretion of the agent to allow a 12th grader to compete. A 12th grader may be in college, making it difficult to attend state and national competitions.

Dairy:** Does not qualify teams for state competition; state contest is an open competition.