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2019 State 4-H Meats Judging Contest Results

Grant County Top Senior and Junior Divisions

(Madison) The team from Grant County took top honors in the senior division of the State 4-H Meats Judging Contest held on Saturday, April 27 at University of Wisconsin Madison Meat Laboratory. Team members were: Blake Wegmuller, Abby Meier, Kendra Jentz and Cora Kleist. The team was coached by Dennis Patterson & Amanda Cauffman. These 4-H members will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest to be held this fall in Kansas City, MO

The second place senior team, was from Columbia County. Team members included. Zach Mickelson, Justin Taylor, Samantha Rake, Hayden Taylor and Faith Baerwolf. The team was coached by Todd Taylor. These 4-H members will represent Wisconsin at the National Western held in January 2020 in Denver, CO.

The State 4-H Meats Judging Contest consists of evaluating and ranking classes of hams, beef, pork and lamb carcasses, and 2 retail cut classes. Contestants also identified 30 retail cuts of beef, pork or lamb and 10 cuts of processed meats products, quality and yield graded 5 beef carcasses and completed a 10 question meat label reading exercise. Seniors had to give 1 set of oral reasons on a ranking class. "Meats Judging is a first step in becoming an informed and knowledgeable food consumer. Reading labels and making decisions on food purchases is a key outcome for these participating youth," says Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist.

Awards were again given this year for the top individual in retail identification and carcass evaluation: Top individual in evaluation went to Samantha Rake, Columbia county, while the retail identification and top individual awards in oral reasons went to Kendra Jentz, Grant County.

The top ten senior individual's judges, in order, were: Blake Wegmuller, Grant; Abby Meier, Grant; Zach Mickelson, Columbia; Kendra Jentz, Grant; Justin Taylor, Columbia; Cora Kleist, Grant; Samantha Rake, Columbia; Danielle Chwala, Jefferson; Jessica Mejchar, Ozaukee; Drew Dettmann, Jefferson.

The top junior team was from Grant County #1. Team members were: Jessica Patterson, Libby Vogt, Luke Patterson, and Leah Patterson. The team is coached by Dennis Patterson & Amanda Cauffman. Jefferson County earned second place honors at this year's contest. Team members included Hanna Brattlie, Emma Wiedenfeld, Rylee Brattlie and Sarah Repsumer. The team was coached by Lindsay Knoebel.

Special awards were given this year for the top individual in retail identification and carcass evaluation: Top Junior in Retail Identification and in Evaluation went to Jessica Patterson, Grant County.

The top ten junior individual judges, in order, were: Jessica Patterson, Grant; Summer Rake, Columbia; Libby Vogt, Grant; Taylor Maroszek, Outagamie; Hanna Brattlie, Jefferson; Luke Patterson, Grant; Emma Wiedenfeld, Jefferson; Macy Cross, Columbia; Rylee Brattlie, Jefferson; and Leah Patterson, Grant.

Results and photos are available at: <http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>

Sponsors for the State 4-H Meats contest include: The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, Division of Extension, UW Madison Department of Animal Sciences and Muscle Biology Laboratory.



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The contest is organized annually by Extension Meats Specialist, Jeff Sindelar, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Outreach Specialist, Alissa Grenawalt.

For more information about this or other Wisconsin Youth Livestock events, please contact: Bernie O'Rourke 608-263-4304. The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program can be found by going to <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock>. To receive email updates of information related to beef, sheep, swine and meat goats, on the right side of the page, add your email address and click subscribe. You can also connect with us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/wiyouthlvstk> or on Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wisconsin-Youth-Livestock-Program/308375924101>

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Photos:

Jr. Top 10

Front Row: L to R: Jessica Patterson, Grant; Summer Rake, Columbia; Libby Vogt, Grant; Taylor Maroszek, Outagamie; Hanna Brattlie, Jefferson

Back Row: L to R: Luke Patterson, Grant; Emma Wiedenfeld, Jefferson; Macy Cross, Columbia; Rylee Brattlie, Jefferson; and Leah Patterson, Grant.

Top Jr. Individual in Retail Identification: Jessica Patterson, Grant

Top Jr. Individual in Evaluation: Jessica Patterson, Grant

Jr. Team 1st place (Grant County #1):

Front Row: L to R: Jessica Patterson, Luke Patterson, Leah Patterson, Libby Vogt

Jr. Team 2nd place (Jefferson County):

Front Row: L to R: Hannah Brattlie, Emma Wiedenfeld, Rylee Brattlie, Sarah Repsumer

Sr. Top 10,

Front Row: L to R: Blake Wegmuller, Grant; Abby Meier, Grant; Zach Mickelson, Columbia; Kendra Jentz, Grant; Justin Taylor, Columbia

Back Row: L to R: Cora Kleist, Grant; Samantha Rake, Columbia; Danielle Chwala, Jefferson; Jessica Mejchar, Ozaukee; Drew Dettmann, Jefferson

Top Sr. Individual in Retail Identification: Kendra Jentz, Grant

Top Sr. Individual in Placings: Samantha Rake, Columbia

Top Sr. Individual in Oral Reasons: Kendra Jentz, Grant

Sr. Team 1st place (Grant County.):

L to R: Cora Kleist, Kendra Jentz, Blake Wegmuller, Abby Meier

Sr. Team 2nd place (Columbia County)

L to R: Faith Baerwolf, Samantha Rake, Hayden Taylor, Zach Mickelson, Justin Taylor