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**Grant County Junior and Marathon County Senior Teams top 2019
State 4-H Livestock Contest**

(Madison): The State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held on Monday, July 29 at the Stock Pavilion at UW-Madison, Madison, WI. This annual venue allows the top junior and senior county 4-H Livestock judging teams the opportunity to apply their skills in evaluating beef, swine, sheep and meat goat classes in hopes of qualifying for a national livestock judging event this fall.

In 2019, there were seven senior teams and eight junior teams that participated. The contest consisted of evaluating classes of market and breeding beef, market and breeding swine, market and breeding sheep, and meat goats, as well as answer questions and deliver sets of oral reasons. These teams qualified for the state contest by being top teams at the district Area Animal Science Days that were held around the state in June.

The top two teams in the Senior Division will go on to represent Wisconsin at a National Judging Contest this fall. A team from Marathon County took top honors in the senior division. Team Members included: Kailen Smerchek, Malorie Schmoll, Stephanie Witberler and Hunter Falkowski. Marathon County is coached by Dan Smerchek. The second place senior team was Iowa County. Team members include: Kyle Vondra, Blaine Springer, Emma Steffes and Skylar Garthwaite. They are coached by Jeff Thomas, Mike Robinson and Matt Heins. Third place team went to Grant County. Team members include: Avery Crooks, Kendra Jentz and Blake Wegmuller. They are coached by Dennis Patterson and Amanda Cauffman. Fourth Place: Columbia County. Team members: Sami Rake, Justin Taylor, Zach Mickelson and Hayden Taylor. The team is coached by Todd Taylor. Fifth Place: Dunn County. Team members: Kittrick Singerhouse, Alexzandra Kruschke, Adam Zukowski and Kinsey Singerhouse. Dunn is coached by Jesse Singerhouse

The top ten senior individual judges: 1st: Kailen Smercheck, Marathon, 2nd: Hannah Tremaine, Waukesha 3rd: Kyle Vondra, Iowa, 4th: Avery Crooks, Grant, 5th: Blake Johnson, Trempealeau 6th: Blake Wegmuller, Grant, 7th: Blaine Springer, Iowa, 8th: Mallory Schmoll, Marathon, 9th: Emma Steffes, Iowa and 10th: Sami Rake, Columbia

The top reasons team was Marathon County. Team members include: Kailen Smerchek, Malorie Schmoll, Stephanie Witberler and Hunter Falkowski. The top five reasons individuals were: Kailen Smerchek, Marathon; Malorie Schmoll, Marathon; Hannah Tremaine, Waukesha; Stephanie Witberler, Marathon; Virginia Klecker, Jefferson

The top beef was Marathon County; top sheep/goat team was Iowa County and top swine team was also Grant County.

The top junior team was from Grant County. Team members were: Luke Patterson, Jessica Patterson, Madelyn Thornton and Cameron Patterson. They are coached by Dennis Patterson and Amanda Cauffman. The second place junior team was Juneau County. Team members include: Ethan Lulich, Morgan Firlus, Tyler Schwartz and Bryce

Wohlrab. They are coached by Daniel Walsh and Lisa Walsh. Third Place: Iowa County: Joey Robinson, Payton Heins, Luke Schubert and Ryan Schubert. Team is coached by Jeff Thomas, Mike Robinson and Matt Heins. Fourth Place: Outagamie County: Brody Marozek, Taylor Marozek, Mason Gorecki, Cole Gorecki. Coached by Barb Marozek. Fifth Place: Wood County: Josh Lindow, Jessica Lindow, Jamie Lindow and Jenna Lindow. Team is coached by Ann Lindow.

The top ten junior individual judges: 1st: Luke Patterson, Grant County, 2nd: Morgan Firlus, Juneau, 3rd: Joey Robinson, Iowa County, 4th: Ethan Lulich, Juneau 5th: Jessica Patterson, Grant County, 6th: Madelyn Thornton, Grant County, 7th: Payton Heins, Iowa County, 8th: Cora Kohlman, Sheboygan County, 9th: Cameron Patterson, Grant County, 10th: Luke Schubert, Iowa County.

The top beef team went to Grant County, top swine team went to Iowa County and top sheep/goat team went to Juneau County. Top Reasons individual for juniors went to Jessica Patterson, Grant County and top reasons team for the junior division went to Grant County.

Sponsors for the State 4-H Livestock contest include: The Milwaukee Stockyards, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, Andis Foundation, Buell Gunderson Memorial, Equity Livestock Coop, Kwik Trip, UW-Extension, and UW Animal Science Departments. Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, Bernie O'Rourke, Outreach Specialist, Alissa Grenawalt and 4-H Youth Development, and 4-H Outreach Specialist Joe Muellenberg organized the contest.

For more information about Wisconsin's Youth Livestock Program, contact Bernie O'Rourke (608) 263-4304, borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Media photos: Photos of all junior/senior team and individual awards:

Junior Award Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/TUoAFCso8jbq38vB6>

Senior Award Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ac5AkeKiK9uoxS536>

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1st jr team – Grant County – left to right: Jessica Patterson, Madelyn Thornton, Luke Patterson, Cameron Patterson

2nd jr team – Juneau County – L to R: Bryce Wohlrab, Morgan Firlus, Tyler Schwartz, Ethan Lulich

Junior Individuals – Back row left to right: Madelyn Thornton, Grant, Payton Heins, Iowa, Cora Kohlman, Sheboygan, Cameron Patterson, Grant, Luke Schubert, Iowa
Front row L to R: Luke Patterson, Grant; Morgan Firlus, Juneau; Joey Robinson, Iowa; Ethan Lulich, Juneau; Jessica Patterson, Grant

1st sr team, -Marathon: left to right: Kailen Smerchek, Malorie Schmoll, Stephanie Witberler, Hunter Falkowski

2nd sr team – Iowa– left to right: Skylar Garthwaite, Emma Steffes, Kyle Vondra, Blaine Springer

Senior Individuals – back row left to right: Blake Wegmueller, Grant; Blaine Springer, Iowa; Mallory Schmoll, Marathon; Emma Steffes, Iowa; Sami Rake, Columbia

Front row left to right: Kailen Smerchek, Marathon; Hannah Tremaine, Waukesha; Kyle Vondra, Iowa; Avery Crooks, Grant; Blake Johnson, Trempealeau

Full results and contest website can be found here:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/state-4-h-livestock-judging-contest/>

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