



January 11, 2023

Dear FFA and 4-H Club Members:

You are invited to participate in the annual Ohio State ATI Hoof-N-Hide Club General Livestock Judging Contest. This year's contest will be held on **Saturday, February 25th, 2023 at the Ohio State ATI Equine Center, located at 3339 S. Apple Creek Rd., Apple Creek, Ohio.**

The livestock contest will follow the state FFA regulations as closely as possible (no oral reasons). Please see the accompanying contest rules. Computerized scoring (scantrons) will not be used.

Entry fees will remain at \$10.00 per contestant (cash or check only, we can no longer accept P.O.'s). Please make checks payable to: **The Ohio State University.**

The time schedule for the day is as follows:

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration (at ATI Equine Center, 3339 S. Apple Creek Rd, Apple Creek)
9:00 a.m.	Contest begins as registration is completed
~11:30	General Livestock Judging ends
	Explanation of official placings will follow

Notes – Food will not be available.

Reminders:

- There is no seating in the Equine arena. You may bring a folding chair if you like.
- There is no heat in the Equine arena.
- **Please do not park in the grass at the equine center. Additional parking is available across the street at the old fire station.**

In the event of cancellation, notification will be posted on the Ohio State ATI website: <http://ati.osu.edu/>

Results will be posted on the Ohio State ATI homepage as soon as possible after scoring. Awards will be sent or delivered as soon as possible after the contest.

We look forward to your participation at the contest. If you have any questions, please call Dr. Mike Amstutz; phone: 330-287-1380 or e-mail: amstutz.1@osu.edu

Thank you,

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CONTEST RULES

1. Anyone who is a 4-H or FFA member is eligible to participate.
2. **Teams can be identified upon registration.**
3. Each contestant needs to bring a clipboard and 2 sharpened **No. 2 pencils**. **NO OTHER MATERIALS** may be used during the contest. **Calculators will not be necessary.**
4. **Separate awards will be given for junior (8th grade and lower) and senior divisions.**
5. Coaches are not to mingle with the contestants after the contest has officially started. If they are viewing the contest they should stay back away from the judging arena.
6. Contestants are not allowed to talk to each other from the start to the finish of the contest. This includes the time between as well as during the classes.
7. **Contestants are not allowed to bring cell phones into the judging areas anytime during the contest.**
8. We will continue to enforce the honesty policy. This contest is an honest and fair way to prove that a student has a talent for livestock evaluation. We want to award those students that excel in this area and who do it honestly. We are structuring the contest to be an efficient high quality event. We seek to provide quality livestock in a structured learning environment, with the goal of giving you an outstanding educational judging experience.
9. In cases of ties, high individual and high team will be determined by judging consistency, i.e. point spread between the highest and the lowest class scoring. If the tie still exists then the point spread between the highest and next lowest class score and so on will be used.
10. If any questions arise concerning interpretation of the rules, the decision of the official judge will prevail.
11. The Ohio State ATI Hoof-N-Hide Club is not responsible for lost property, injuries, or accidents during the contest.
12. ***ANY INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS CAUGHT VANDALIZING THE FACILITIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED, ASKED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES, AND WILL BE HELD FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE.***

GENERAL LIVESTOCK CONTEST FORMAT

1. There will be a total of 8 or 9 classes of livestock to evaluate and/or place. We anticipate offering the following classes, but reserve the right to substitute if animal availability becomes an issue (3 beef, 3 swine, 1 sheep, and 1 goat).
2. Classes each of beef, sheep, swine, and goats will be placed on live visual merits. Up to five objective questions may be asked of some classes.
3. One class each of beef (breeding heifers) and swine (breeding gilts) will be placed on visual merit as well as performance data. Performance records will be provided to contestants at the start of each of the two classes. Performance data may include beef - adjusted 205 and 365 day weights, and EPDs for Birth, Weaning and Yearling weights and for Maternal milk; swine - backfat, sow productivity index, daily gain, BVSP (breeding value for sow productivity), Number born alive, adjusted 21 day litter weight, etc.