

## Sr. Livestock Selection Makeup and Scoring of the Contest

The Nebraska CDE Senior Livestock Selection Contest is a district qualifying event. Teams that place within the Top 50% of their district within each division may compete in the state competition.

The Senior Livestock Selection Contest will consist of the following:

6 classes (2 beef cattle, 2 swine, 2 sheep) .....300  
pts

Each class is worth 50 pts

3 sets of Oral Reasons .....150  
pts

1 set each from a beef cattle, swine, and sheep class

Oral reasons scoring guidelines

40-50 pts: 90-100% accurate, properly prioritized placing criteria, extensive substance/detail, excellent presentation

30-39 pts: 75-90% accurate, properly prioritized placing criteria, moderate substance/detail, good presentation

20-29 pts: 60-75% accurate; prioritization questioned/unclear, marginal substance/detail; marginal presentation

10-19 pts: < 60% accurate, prioritization unclear or absent, minimal substance/detail, poor presentation

< 10 pts: Made no effort giving reasons; did not appear to care.

The minimum score given to anyone who addresses the official will be 2 pts. Thus, you will know that he/she did confront the official, but in the eyes of the official, that contestant did not care to be involved with this competition and likely provided comments to that effect.

If the contestant receives a zero, it is because they did not present a set of oral reasons to the official.

3 sets of Questions .....75 pts

1 set each from a beef cattle, swine, and sheep class

5 questions will be asked from each of the 3 classes

Questions are worth 5 pts each

**All questions will be asked upon CONCLUSION of all judging.**

Contestants may take notes when judging the class.

2 minutes provided to review each set of notes before questions

1 Keep/Cull – breeding animals (any species) .....50 pts

Contestants will KEEP the 4 most desirable animals

1 Feeder Calf Grading (5 animals) .....50 pts  
May use actual animals or the animals may be videotaped  
Scoring: Each animal is worth 10 points  
Frame size: 5 pts for each animal  
Muscle score: 5 pts for each animal

3 classes of market animal evaluation (beef, swine, sheep)  
**Each pen to be evaluated will include 3 animals.**  
**Contestants will evaluate all three animals in the pen.**  
No other activities associated with evaluation classes.

Beef Evaluation .....60 pts  
Fat thickness (5 pts for each animal; 15 pts)  
Ribeye area (5 pts for each animal; 15 pts)  
USDA Yield Grade (5 pts for each animal; 15 pts)  
USDA Quality Grade (5 pts for each animal: 15 pts)

Swine Evaluation .....45 pts  
10<sup>th</sup> rib backfat thickness (5 pts each; 15 pts)  
Loineye area (5 pts each; 15 pts)  
% Muscle (5 pts each; 15 pts)

Sheep Evaluation..... 45 pts  
% BCTRC (5 pts each; 15 pts)  
Ribeye area (5 pts each; 15 pts)  
USDA Yield Grade (5 pts each; 15 pts)

Total Points (per individual)..... 775 pts

## Contest Forms

Again, this year scan sheets will be used to score this contest. These pdf copies of the form may be read using the latest version of Adobe Acrobat 6.0. Although the ovals may show up as "bolded D shapes" on the electronic copy, the actual form used has nicely drawn ovals associated with each possible selection.

[Evaluation](#)

[Placing Question Form](#)

**Folding, crumpling, or tearing the scan sheets, or using ink to complete the scan sheets may result in inaccurate scores or no score being recorded.**