LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

The livestock judging team is a group of passionate and dedicated students who train for success to reach their personal bests. The goal of the team is to represent Texas A&M University by succeeding on a national level, it is also equally important to the team to equip themselves with skills and experiences to benefit their futures.

Livestock Judging Camp

2013 National Champion Livestock Judging Team

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ABOUT

The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team is built around hard working and intelligent students who represent the Department of Animal Science at judging contests across the nation. Through preparation and competition, the students gain skills that will aid them in livestock evaluation, their future careers, and life. For those interested in the livestock judging program, it is important to enroll in both ANSC 215 as a sophomore and ANSC 315 as a junior. The following spring and fall of your junior and senior year the team will compete in 11 contests in eight different states.

CONTESTS

SPRING
- National Western Stock Show
- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo
- Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

FALL
- National Barrow Show
- State Fair of Texas
- Mid-America Classic
- Tulsa State Fair
- American Royal
- North American International Livestock Exposition

EVENTS

- Aggiefest Livestock Judging Contest
- Texas FFA Area Livestock Judging Contests
- Texas FFA State Livestock Judging Contest
- Texas 4-H District Livestock Judging Contests
- Texas 4-H Roundup Livestock Judging Contest
- Livestock Judging Camp
- Saddle & Sirloin Futurity

MEAT JUDGING TEAM

The goal of the Meat Judging Team at Texas A&M University is to develop the next generation of meat industry leaders through high impact learning opportunities, competitive events, and engagement with industry professionals. It is no coincidence that the many hours of dedication to the team causes bonds of lifelong friendship to develop.

Meat Judging Camp

2020 Meat Judging Team

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The Meat Judging Team consists of intelligent, dedicated, and talented sophomore and junior students interested in competition, representing the Department of Animal Science, and dedication to the meat program. Students interested in participating on the team should enroll in ANSC 317 *Meat Selection, Evaluation, and Grading* in the fall semester. ANSC 317 is designed to teach and prepare students for the upcoming competitions. The subsequent spring and fall semester's students will compete in seven competitions across the United States.

CONTESTS

SPRING
- National Western Stock Show
- Southwestern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

FALL
- Eastern National Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest
- American Royal
- Cargill High Plains Meat Judging Contest
- North American International Livestock Exposition

EVENTS

- Texas FFA Area Meat Judging Contests
- Texas FFA State Meat Judging Contest
- Texas 4-H District Meat Judging Contests
- Texas 4-H Roundup Meat Judging Contest
- Fightin' Texas Aggie Meat Judging Camp
- Meat Judging Clinic

The Horse Judging Team is a group of highly motivated, dedicated, and ambitious students who strive to maintain the upstanding reputation of Texas A&M University students involved in the equine industry. The goal for every member of the team is to continually self improve, support their teammates in and out of practice, and represent their team and university by upholding the highest academic and professional standards possible.

2017 State 4-H Roundup

2005 Horse Judging Team

HORSE JUDGING TEAM

ABOUT

The Horse Judging Team develops students' abilities to evaluate performance horses in an intercollegiate competitive setting. Students who join the Horse Judging Team should be interested in further development of their professional goals in the equine industry, as well as critical thinking, public speaking, and other practical, professional skills. To participate on the team, students will enroll in ANSC 316 Equine Selection and Judging offered every spring semester. This course will prepare students for the intercollegiate competitions that occur across the country each year.

CONTESTS

SPRING
- AQHA Novice World Championship Judging Contest

FALL
- APHA World Championship Show

- All-American Quarter Horse Congress
- AQHA World Championship Show
- NCHA Futurity
- NRHA Futurity

EVENTS

- Aggiefest Horse Judging Contest
- Horse Judging Camp
- Texas 4-H Roundup Horse Judging Contest

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WOOL JUDGING TEAM

The goal of the Wool Judging Team at Texas A&M University is to develop and enhance student communication skills, critical thought and decision making as well as team interaction through judging and evaluating wool. The team also proudly represents the Department of Animal Science at contests across the state and nation.

2017 State 4-H Roundup

2020 Wool Judging Team

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ABOUT

The Wool Judging Team primarily consists of freshman students that have a passion for competitive events. This team is a great introduction to collegiate judging as minimal judging experience is required to be successful. Interested students enroll in ANSC 314 Wool and Mohair Evaluation in the fall semester and learn the skills associated with wool evaluation. The team competes at one contest in the fall semester and three contests in the spring semester. Contests generally consist of wool classes containing four fleeces, oral reasons on two classes, and a wool grading rail consisting of 15 fleeces. This program is a great experience for freshman and allows them to excel in the department their first year in college.

CONTESTS

SPRING
- National Western Stock Show
- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

FALL
- Texas Invitational Wool Contest

EVENTS

- Aggiefest Wool Clinic
- Aggiefest Wool Judging Contest
- Texas FFA Area Wool Judging Contests
- Texas FFA State Wool Judging Contest
- Texas 4-H District Wool Judging Contests
- Texas 4-H Roundup Wool Judging Contest

ANIMAL WELFARE JUDGING TEAM

The Animal Welfare Assessment Contest (AWJAC) aims to provide a unique educational experience while strengthening student vocabulary and reasoning skills. The competition teaches students to assess the welfare of animals in a variety of settings using science-based methods and reasoning.

2018 Animal Welfare Assessment Contest

2018 Animal Welfare Judging Team

ABOUT

The Department of Animal Science Animal Welfare Judging Team at Texas A&M University is unique in that there are both graduate and undergraduate teams.

Participation is open to all intelligent, highly motivated, and talented students. Students interested in participating on the team attend informational meetings, participate in mock tryouts, and those selected for the team will meet weekly in the fall semester in preparation for the international competition held every year in November. These meetings serve to educate students in species-specific biology, management practices, and the fundamentals of animal welfare science and policy. Students are given the opportunity to weigh evidence and present sound evaluations.

This contest ensures that tomorrow's leaders in the animal industries develop strong communication skills and acquire enhanced knowledge of animal welfare. The contest is open to veterinary students, undergraduates, and graduate students. A limited number of veterinarians also take part each year as non-competitive participants. The contest is coordinated by the American Veterinary Medical Association and supported by Merck Animal Health.

CONTESTS

• Animal Welfare Assessment Contest

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STOCK HORSE TEAM

The Stock Horse Team at Texas A&M University is a group of hardworking individuals, competing for team success in a supportive and fun environment. Our goal is to improve with each ride, perform to the best of our ability and represent our team and University through the core values.

Stock Horse Competition

2018 Stock Horse Team

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ABOUT

In 2006, the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University began the Stock Horse Team program. With the emphasis always on learning and improving the student's riding and training skills, this program has become a popular and important part of the total equine program at Texas A&M University. The Stock Horse Team is dedicated to promoting Texas A&M University and the equine industry through collegiate competitions in ranch and stock horse shows throughout the United States. Stock horse shows consist of trail, ranch pleasure, reining, and working cowhorse events. As a member of the Texas A&M Stock Horse Team students learn positive horsemanship skills from the team coach and various other equine professionals. These skills are demonstrated at competitions against other colleges through American Stock Horse Association (ASHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) and Stock Horse of Texas (SHTX). The team also strives to be active members of the stock horse community as well as ambassadors for Texas A&M University and the Department of Animal Science.

CONTESTS

SPRING
- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- Collegiate Road to the Horse Colt Starting Competition
- NRCHA Invitational Collegiate Showdown
- Stock Horse of Texas Spring Kickoff Show
- Stock Horse of Texas Lubbock Show

- American Stock Horse Assn. Collegiate Nationals
- Collegiate Ranch Horse Year End Finals

FALL
- Stock Horse of Texas Bryan Show
- Stock Horse of Texas World Show
- South Texas Reined Cowhorse Still Creek Show

DAIRY CHALLENGE TEAM

The Texas A&M University Dairy Challenge team consists of dedicated and hardworking students that represent the university and Department of Animal Science. The goal is to develop students into the leaders of tomorrow and to prepare students to serve the future agriculture industry.

2016 Dairy Challenge Team

2019 National Champion Dairy Challenge Team

ABOUT

The Dairy Challenge is a competition for students interested in dairy production and management. In this competition, team members evaluate the production information and management techniques of a dairy and make recommendations for improvement. This competition allows students to apply theory and learning to a real-world dairy while working as part of a team. The team spends a morning evaluating a dairy operation and develops a comprehensive program for improvement. The evaluation by a team of experts is based on the analysis and recommendations to the dairy producer.

Texas A&M University was the winner of the 2019 National Dairy Challenge.

CONTESTS

SPRING
• Western Regional Dairy Challenge
• National Dairy Challenge

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COMPETITIVE TEAMS

2013 National Champion Livestock Judging Team

2016 National Champion Wool Judging Team

2019 National Champion Dairy Challenge Team

The competitive teams program at Texas A&M University is *rich in tradition,* attracting students from across the nation. The program can be traced to the early 1900s with the first Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team, and has achieved *more than 30 national championships.*

By competing on these teams, students acquire work ethic, public speaking capabilities, leadership development, and critical thinking skills. To ensure the future of the competitive teams program and to remain the recognized leader in this field, *we need your support.* We invite donations of all sizes to this effort and we express, humbly and genuinely, that your generosity is appreciated in any amount.

$2 MILLION ENDOWMENT - PER TEAM

- *Horse Judging*
- *Livestock Judging*
- *Meat Judging*
- *Wool Judging*

- Salary Support
- Team Travel
- Graduate Student Support
- Scholarships

$1 MILLION ENDOWMENT - PER TEAM

- *Animal Welfare Judging*
- *Dairy Challenge*
- *Stock Horse*

- Team Travel
- Graduate Student Support
- Scholarships

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