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YOUTH CLASSIC JUDGING CONTEST

4-H & FFA Youth Educators:

We are excited to invite you to the NCC Livestock Judging Contest. The contest will be held on Saturday, February 14 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, NE with an **Awards Banquet** that evening. The entire contest will take place in the **Expo Building** and **Ag Pavilion**. We are in the process of putting together a superior contest with outstanding quality and great teaching opportunities for your youth!

Youth contestants will judge 12 classes split up into rounds. Classes will consist of bulls, heifers, and feedlot cattle. Classes will either be led or in loose pens. Performance data will be provided on at least two classes.

We have three Age Divisions: Senior (16-18), Intermediate (12-15), and Junior (8-11). Seniors will give four sets of oral reasons, Intermediates three, and Juniors two. There will be two sets of questions for all. ***The University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Animal Science Department will award a \$1,000 scholarship to the top Senior Individual.***

Enclosed you will find a schedule of events and contest rules. Please, pass on this information to other youth or parents who might have an interest. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, February 14. If you need directions or have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

You will enter directly on-line at the showman.app

A direct link will be on the NCC website at NebraskaClassic.org (Under Winter Edition Judging Contest).

All fees will be paid here directly with a card. ENTRIES DUE FEBRUARY 5, 2026.

Please direct all entries and registration questions to Ronette Bush-Heinrich.

Don't forget to purchase any additional tickets for the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening!

All participants receive a banquet ticket with their registration fee as well as one coach per team will receive a ticket with registration.

Sincerely,

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Entry Fee: \$200/Team; \$50/Person Additional Banquet Ticket: \$20/Ticket Entry Fee Deadline: February 5, 2026
Entry fee includes lunch, snacks and awards banquet meal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

YOUTH DIVISION

4-H & FFA Youth General Rules: Junior (8-11) - Intermediate (12-15) - Senior (16-18)

1. Entries - All teams should be entered on or before February 5.
The entries should include all candidates that the coach expects to bring to the contest.
The final team selections may be made the morning of the contest.
Each team may consist of four members with the top three scores constituting the team total.
Individuals may compete and will be eligible for individual awards.
You may enter as many teams as you wish.
2. Youth Division includes three divisions – Senior, Intermediate, Junior
Senior Division: 4 sets of Reasons Intermediate Division: 3 sets of Reasons Junior Division: 2 sets of Reasons
There will be 2 sets of questions for all.
3. **Official Contest Attire: Jackets & Tie**
4. Entry fee - \$200 per team; \$50 per individual. Entry fee may be brought to the contest. No on-site entries.
5. 12 classes of cattle consisting of heifers, bulls and feedlot cattle will be judged.
6. Performance data and a scenario will be provided on at least 2 classes.
The performance classes may also be selected as reasons classes.
7. Contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class and 2 minutes to give each set of oral reasons.
8. Typical contest scoring and tie breaking methods will be in use.
9. There will be no official coaches' meeting. Coaches will register teams and receive final contest details at the event.
10. At the conclusion of the reasons session, official judges will give the placing and cuts.
11. **An Awards Banquet will take place Saturday evening following the critique.**
Tickets need to be purchased by February 5.