

4-H Meats Judging Contest

COLUMBIA, Mo. – The University of Missouri Extension 4-H State Meats Judging contest on Feb. 6 drew 38 competing 4-H members. Additionally, more than 50 FFA students also participated as practice for upcoming events, said Shane Potter, MU Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

Working in partnership with the MU Collegiate Meats Judging Team and Missouri Association of Meat Processors, the contestants were provided an opportunity to develop and hone their judging skills, and explore future career and educational options.

Youth involved with the meat judging program develop key life skills to aid in their future career success. “Through involvement in a 4-H judging team members must make rapid, logical decisions and defend their decisions via oral reasons. Therefore, students improve their ability for critical thinking and accurate communication. In addition, students become organized and self-disciplined, learn to accept criticism, develop self-confidence and become leaders,” said Potter. Alumni from the program have reported success in the meat judging competition has translated to employment opportunities, internships and scholarships.

The 2016 contest included two age divisions: Junior for ages 8 – 13 and Senior for ages 14 – 18.

The top 10 junior competitors were Anne Marie Quinn of Monroe City, first; Alaina Link of Moberly, second; Rose Quinn of Monroe City, third; Quincy Wiegand of Cairo, fourth; John Paul Quinn of Monroe City, fifth; Austin Mitchell of Huntsville, sixth; Anya Cailleach of Riverside, seventh; Lyndsey Conley of Parkville, eighth; Addie Thomas of Weatherby Lake, ninth and Kiley Braun of Kansas City, 10th. The top three junior teams represented the following counties: Monroe, first; Randolph - Green Team, second; and Platte, third.

In the senior division, the top 10 individuals were William Crain of Monroe City, first; Samuel Anibal of Carthage, second; Anna Link of Moberly, third; Truman Byergo of Dearborn, fourth; Toby Taylor of Kansas City, fifth; Sydney Baughman of Moberly, sixth; Garrett Taylor of Kansas City, seventh; Tori Brumbaugh of Moberly, eighth; Dana Sherman of Warrenton, ninth; and Bethany Conley of Parkville, 10th. The top three senior teams represented the following counties: Randolph, first; Platte, second; and Elkhorn-Warren, third.

The members of the championship team from Randolph County will advance to the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest held in the fall as part of the American Royal.

To find out more information or to join 4-H please visit 4h.missouri.edu.