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One of 4-H Ontario's core competencies is critical thinking. This skill is developed throughout all aspects of the 4-H Ontario program from the local club to provincial events and national events. Critical thinking is a foundational skill that allows people to succeed in all aspects of their lives within and outside of the 4-H Ontario program. In 2020, 4-H Ontario local and regional volunteers rallied together to create wonderful learning opportunities around critical thinking for 4-H'ers. These judging competitions were well received by participants and 4-H Ontario staff received requests for a provincial competition option. Learning from our volunteers across the province, 4-H Ontario is excited to be hosting a virtual Provincial 4-H Judging Competition open to all 4-H Ontario participants in 2022.

The competition will run from July 15 to August 15. A virtual award presentation will take place in August to recognize competitors, sponsors and volunteers involved in the competition.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

1. To provide youth, enrolled as a member in good standing with 4-H Ontario in 2022, to practice critical thinking skills through a provincial virtual judging competition.
2. To foster the future development of young judges for the agricultural industry in Canada.
3. To provide a high-profile and competitive judging experience for 4-H participants.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- July 15 – August 15: Judging competition is open and eligible for members to judge.
- Late August: Virtual evening award presentations

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Competitors must be 6 to 21 years of age as of December 31st, 2021.
The following are the categories:
 - Cloverbud: 6 to 8 years of age
 - Junior: 9 to 12 years of age
 - Intermediate: 13 to 15 years of age
 - Senior: 16 to 21 years of age

REGISTRATION

1. Registration is open, from the 4-H Ontario website. ([click here](#)) However every 2022 registered member in 4-H Ontario member will receive a welcome email including their login and password credentials.
2. Judging will be open from July 15th to August 15th.
3. Competition registration fee is at no charge.



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CLASSES:

The Provincial 4-H Judging Competition will include classes representing the 4-H Canada Leadership Development Pillars: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security, Community Engagement and Communications, Environment and Healthy Living, and Science and Technology. There will be a total of 8 classes for participants to judge, along with a general knowledge quiz.

The class listing includes:

1. Dairy Heifers
2. Breeding Heifers
3. Breeding Ewes
4. Corn
5. Landscape
6. Work boots
7. Birthday Cakes
8. Water Bottles
9. General Knowledge quiz (25 questions)

Judging criteria can be found in this handbook for your reference.

AWARDS:

1. All competitors will be scored on their placings.
2. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) overall placings in each age category. Prizes are as follows:
 - 1st - \$200
 - 2nd - \$125
 - 3rd - \$75
3. Recognition will also be given to the top judge in each class.
4. In the case of ties, quiz scores will be used to determine final placing with the higher score breaking the tie. If there is still a tie, then a random draw will be done to select the winner.
5. Final placing announcement and award recognition will take place in late August. Further details about the award recognition will be shared at a later date.

The 4-H Ontario Provincial 4-H Judging Competition is a fun and interactive way to keep those critical thinking skills polished.

Any questions about the judging competition please reach out to Kathryn at events@4-hontario.ca

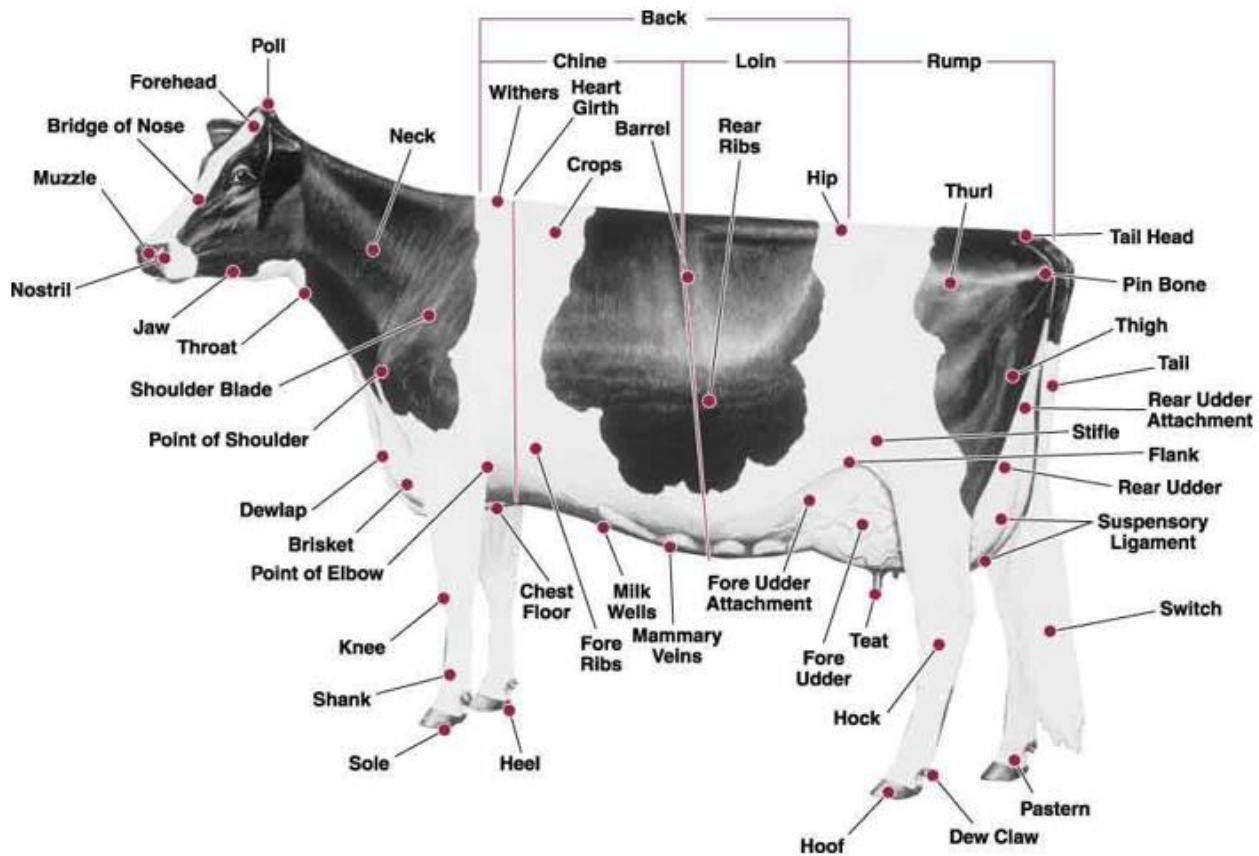


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DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CARD

	Perfect Score
FEET AND LEGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feet- short, well-rounded, deep heels• Legs- strong, flexible pasterns, straight square fore legs• Hind legs straight, wide, refined hocks• Flat, refined, strong bone with well defined tendons	40
DAIRY STRENGTH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head- broad muzzle, large nostrils, strong jaw, broad forehead• Shoulder Blades- set smoothly against chest and withers• Chest- wide floor, ample width between legs• Heart Girth- large and deep, full elbows and well sprung rib• Crops- well filled• Back- strong and straight with vertebrate well defined• Loin- broad and slightly arched, attached high and wide• Mid-Section- long and wide ribs highly and widely sprung• Neck- long and lean, blending smoothly into shoulder• Withers- well defined and wedge-shaped, “sharp”• Ribs- wide apart, wide rib bones, flat and long• Flanks- deep and refined• Thighs- curving to flat, wide apart with ample udder room• Skin- loose and pliable, fine hair• Udder- soft, pliable, free from excess tissue or edema• Bone- flat, strong, clean cut	40
RUMP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hips- wide, slightly higher than pins• Pins- wide apart and free from patchiness• Thurls-high and wide apart, considering stage of lactation• Tail-head and Tail - refined and level with backline with long and slender tail	20





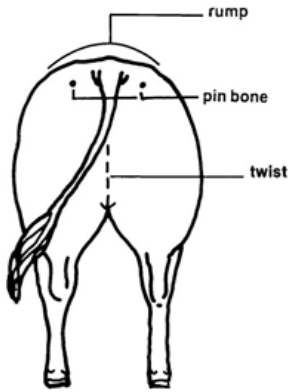
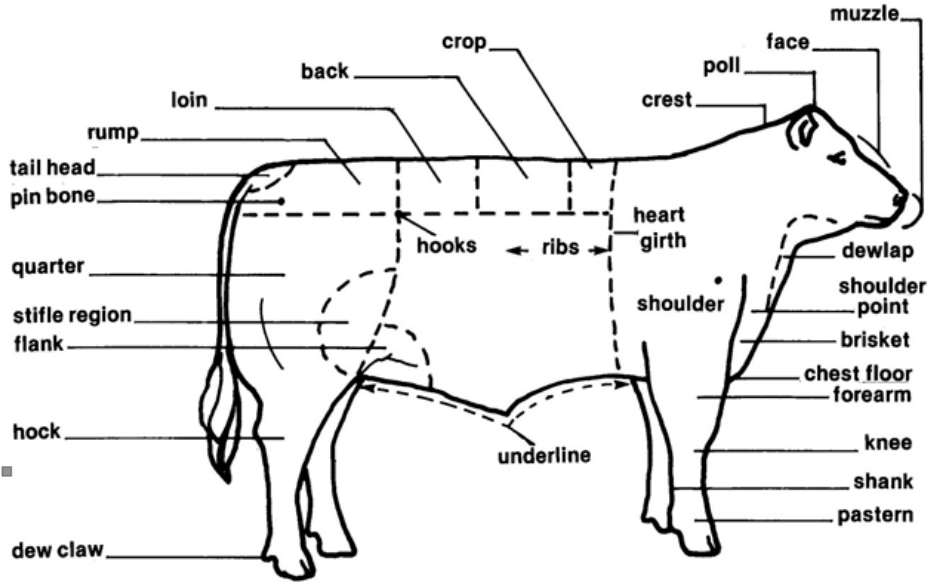
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BEEF - BREEDING JUDGING CARD

	Perfect Score
SKELETAL STRUCTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shows good size and scale with length of body, rump and large hind quarter• Structurally sound on pasterns, hocks and legs• Strong on topline and through loin• Walks easily and freely on feet and legs	20
SIZE AND SCALE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feet- large frame, long body and rump• Muscling ripples when animal moves• Muscles bulge and appear in bunches, not smooth areas	20
FEET AND LEGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breeding stock requires correct feet and legs to move and remain useful for many years	20
SEX CHARACTER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shows femininity about head, neck and shoulders• Well-developed, strongly attached, balanced udder with four evenly spaced and functioning teats	15
CONDITION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider rate of gain, weight, muscle growth• Adequate, but not excess condition (fat covering)• Consider muscling and skeletal structure	15
MUSCLING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shows good muscling in rear quarter	10

PARTS OF THE BEEF ANIMAL



bow legged



correct



cow hocked



rear leg: correct pastern set



rear leg: weak pastern



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SHEEP – BREEDING EWES JUDGING CARD

	Perfect Score	
	Wool Breed	Meat Breed
BODY CONFIRMATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skeletal structure • Muscling, not over-conditioned • Size and scale should conform to breed • Sound mouth 	20	40
FEET, LEGS AND BONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong, straight legs with heavy bone • Legs square under body • Sound feet and legs • Strong, flexible pasterns 	20	20
FLEECE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finest quality wool is found at shoulder • Colour should conform to breed standard • Consider length, wave and density • Fleece should be uniform in fineness • Clean and shiny • Bright fleece and pink skin indicate health 	40	15
GENERAL APPEARANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall appearance should be pleasing • Desirable balance and blending of parts • Breed characteristics should be displayed • Rams should be rugged with strong bone • Ewes should be more refined 	20	25

DETERMINING CONDITION AND MUSCLING:

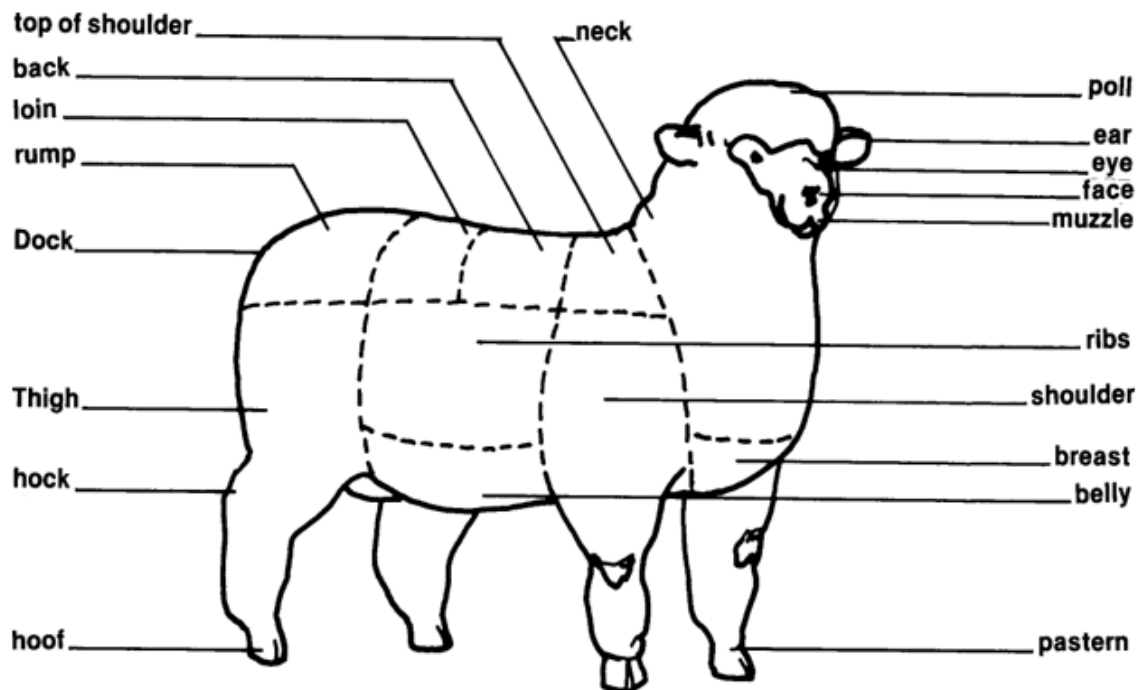


Checking width
of loin

Checking size
of leg

Checking depth
of twist

PARTS OF A SHEEP





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COB CORN JUDGING CARD

	Perfect Score
MATURITY AND MOISTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All kernels should be completely dented• Kernels should not move when cob twisted• Kernels should be dry and tight together	30
FREEDOM FROM DAMAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No bleached or discoloured kernels• No rodent, insect or mechanical damage• Free from disease (mold, sooty spores)• No sprouted kernels	30
UNIFORMITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All kernels are same size and shape• Moisture content is uniform for all cobs• 	20
DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ears should be filled with kernels to the tip• Ears should not be above average length	20



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BIRTHDAY CAKE JUDGING CARD

Birthday Cake for an 8-Year-Old

	Perfect Score
APPEARANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Icing colour consistent• Design is appealing and attractive• Base icing is smooth• No bleeding of colour• Overall attractive• Correct spelling	50
THEME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate for given theme• Well planned design	25
TECHNIQUE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proper decorating technique• Demonstrate décor skill• Tip shape should stand up, not weepy• Consistent overall• Includes top and bottom border	25



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WATER BOTTLES JUDGING CARD

Intended for a 5km hike

	Perfect Score
SIZE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate for activity• Weight• Practical• Ease to handle	50
COMPOSITION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic, water, stainless (appropriate for use)• Insulated	20
APPEARANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appealing• Cleanliness• Free from damage	30



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LANDSCAPE JUDGING CARD

	Perfect Score
DESIGN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Efficient use of space (not over grown)• Tall plants at the back• Symmetrical• Seasonal plant selection• Purpose of design is clear	50
GENERAL APPEARANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complimentary colour• Free of weeds, grasses etc.• Maintainable• Healthy plants	30
LOCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sufficient sunlight/shade• Not obstructing walkways etc.	20



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WORK BOOTS JUDGING CARD

	Perfect Score
SIZE AND PRACTICALITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitable for needs (weight, size)• Provide support as needed• Fit well• Comfortable	30
SAFETY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet safety requirements, as needed• Steel toe• CSA Approved• Supportive• Durable	50
APPEARANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eye appealing• Cleanliness	20