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## Overview

**WHEN:** June 3, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ionia County Fairgrounds

**WHO:** All youth ages 8-19 (as of January 1) and coaches

**COST:** \$75 per youth, coaches attend free

During this one-day clinic, youth and coaches will have the opportunity to learn from industry leaders about all things livestock evaluation. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats.

Participants will pre-select breakout sessions to attend in the morning and rotate through each species in the afternoon.

Breakout sessions include Analyzing Data and Scenarios, Oral Reasons 101, Advanced Reasons, Selection Priorities, Intro to Livestock Judging Contests, and a Coaches Corner session.

[canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp](https://canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp)

Registration opens mid-April and will close on May 15.

Spots limited to 100 youth, 15 coaches



## SCHEDULE AND BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

### Schedule Overview

8:00 Registration begins

8:45 Welcome, Overview of the Day

9:00 Breakout Sessions (90 minutes each, participants pick 2)

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Species Session Rotations

4:30 Wrap Up

5:00 Safe Travels!

### Breakout Session Descriptions

**Analyzing Data and Scenarios** – Production scenarios and performance data are often seen accompanying breeding classes. How does this data affect your class placings? What is the best way to break down the data? Learn more about how to read & evaluate classes using performance data & scenarios for both EPDs & EBVs in this session.

**Oral Reasons 101** – Learn the basics of preparing and giving sets of oral reasons. This session is best suited for beginners and juniors.

**Advanced Reasons** – In this session, participants who are more seasoned in livestock judging can learn ways to spice up their sets and how to stand out from the crowd. This session is best suited for seniors.

**Selection Priorities** – When selecting animals and placing classes, certain features take priority over others, and these features depend on the purpose of the animal. Participants will learn how to evaluate the four priorities and why they are important when marking your card for both breeding and market classes.

**Intro to Livestock Judging Contests** – When you're new to livestock judging, contests can be nerve-wracking. How do contests work? How should you mark your placing card? What is the best way to set up your steno so you're prepared for questions and reasons? Learn the ins and outs of judging contests in this session.

**Coaches Corner** – This session will help coaches improve their local programs by giving information on how to run effective practices, how to prepare teams for contests, and more.