



JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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MEMO TO: Area FFA Advisors and Agriculture Instructors

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SUBJECT: JWCC Ag Alumni Invitational Livestock Judging Contest

The 20th Annual JWCC Fall Invitational Livestock Judging Contest, sponsored by the JWCC Ag Alumni, ADM Animal Nutrition, MoorMan's ShowTec and the JWCC Livestock Evaluation Club is scheduled for **Friday, September 15**. The event will be held at the **JWCC Agricultural Education Center, 37803 IL-104, Baylis, IL 62314**, located 4 miles west of the junction of highways 104 and 107. **Final Registration and check-in is from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.** Contest begins with welcome and instructions at 9:00 a.m. and the goal is to have the contest results before 2:00 p.m.

This year the contest will consist of 7-9 classes in total, including cattle, swine, sheep, and goats ranging from 1 – 3 classes per species. There will be a questions class of 10 questions for one class in each of the species. New this year! We have the potential to have extremely high-quality classes and will be adding performance data to one class per species. (You can find potential performance data categories at the bottom of this page.) This EPD categories may be used on questions classes!

The contest will score for each school: 2 teams in the Varsity Division and 2 teams in the Junior Varsity Division (four contestants per team, 16 students total). Additional students are allowed to participate; however, they will compete as an individual and will not be eligible for team awards. This year the contest will be a 4 count 4. Meaning all 4 members scores will count towards team totals.

Scoring for the contest will be through a scantron judging program this year. **Please have your students bring #2 pencils and clipboards. NO INK PENS!** With the help of the scantron scoring we hope to be able to score cards quickly so that scores are available to advisors. Advisors can also find results on judgingcard.com. Once the judging portion of the contest is completed the plan is to give the official placings followed by an Awards Presentation.

Please RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/M23J72gWyu>, or to the Ag Center at (217) 641-4558 or email to ag@jwcc.edu and jlewis@jwcc.edu no later than **Wednesday, September 13**. **Please provide number of teams for the Varsity Division, Junior Varsity Division, and the amount of individuals.** Preregistration is important to prepare the setup of the contest, judging cards and meals that is included with the fee! **The entry fee is \$5.00 per student registered before or on Wednesday, September 13. The entry fee is \$10.00 for students registered after that date.** We ask that the entry fee be made payable to the JWCC Ag Alumni Association.

***Reminder:** We understand that some school's will require changes after the registration deadline. This year we do not need the names of students attending during pre registration just the number of students you are bringing. IF CHANGES are needed; email to ag@jwcc.edu and jlewis@jwcc.edu or call 217-641-4558 as soon as possible to update information.

Potential EPD categories to be offered

Cattle EPD's:

Birth Weight
Weaning Weight
Yearling Weight
Milk Weight
Breed Relevant Indexes

Swine EPD's:

Loin Eye Area
Back Fat
Number Born / Number Weaned
Days to 250 lbs.
Sow Productivity Index

Sheep EPD's:

60 Day Weight
120 Day Weight
Type of Birth – single, twin, triplet
Type of Rearing
Dwarf Gene Status