



39th Annual Dan Hoge Invitational Livestock Judging Contest

TO: Vocational Agriculture Instructors, FFA Chapter Advisors, and 4-H Coaches
FROM: Dr. Blake Bloomberg and Dan Hoge
WHEN: Saturday, March 1, 2025
WHERE: East Campus | 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva, IL 61434
Registration: Student Center, Building A – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Contest Start Time: 8:15 a.m. – Agriculture Arena Complex

The Black Hawk College – East Campus Livestock Judging Team cordially invites you to participate in the **39th Annual Dan Hoge Invitational!**

The contest will offer four divisions which will run simultaneously; all divisions will offer classes in beef, swine, and sheep or Boer goat. As always, the same team and/or individuals will not be allowed to compete in both divisions.

Jr. and Sr. Reasons - \$100 per team; \$25 per individual

8th Grade and less will be considered Jr.
Current FFA member of same school
Current 4-H member of same county; no College
Three or four team members
Top 3 Overall Scores = Team Score
No. 2 Pencil required
Placing Card will be used
Lunch included

Jr. and Sr. Questions - \$80 per team; \$20 per individual

8th Grade and less will be considered Jr.
Current FFA member of same school
Current 4-H member of same county; no College
Three or four team members
Top 3 Overall Scores = Team Score
No. 2 Pencil required
Placing Card and Scantron Form will be used
Lunch on your own

One class in each species will have performance data that may include:

Cattle EPD's

Birth Weight
Weaning Weight
Yearling Weight
Maternal Milk
Breed Relevant Indexes

Swine EPD's

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

Sheep Data

60 Day Weight
120 Day Weight
Type of Birth – single, twin, triplet
Type of Rearing
Codon 171

The contest will be held at the East Campus location, just five miles south of Kewanee, Illinois. Lodging is available at the following locations: AmericInn – Kewanee (309) 856-7200
Best Western Annawan Inn (309) 935-6565

Register online – www.bhc.edu/danhogeinvitational Results and awards will be presented following the contest. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact:

Dr. Blake Bloomberg (309) 368-3648 bloombergb@bhc.edu

We're excited to offer exceptional classes for your student's evaluation and look forward to seeing you on the 2nd!