

**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 8, 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.

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| Jr. and Sr. Reasons - $100 per team; $25 per individual | Jr. and Sr. Questions - $80 per team; $20 per individual |
| 8th Grade and less will be considered Jr.  Current FFA member of same school | 8th Grade and less will be considered Jr.  Current FFA member of same school |
| Current 4-H member of same county; no College | Current 4-H member of same county; no College |
| Three or four team members | Three or four team members |
| Top 3 Overall Scores = Team Score | Top 3 Overall Scores = Team Score |
| No. 2 Pencil required | No. 2 Pencil required |
| Placing Card will be used | Placing Card and Scantron Form will be used |
| Lunch included | Lunch on your own |

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

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| Cattle EPD’s | Swine EPD’s | Sheep Data |
| Birth Weight | Loin Eye Area | 60 Day Weight |
| Weaning Weight | Back Fat | 120 Day Weight |
| Yearling Weight | Number Born/Number Weaned | Type of Birth – single, twin, triplet |
| Maternal Milk | Days to 250 lbs. | Type of Rearing |
| Breed Relevant Indexes | Sow Productivity Index | 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](http://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](mailto:bloombergb@bhc.edu)

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