

OTHER STATE 4-H COMPETITIONS

- Listed below is a general listing of State 4-H Contests. It is listed by months. However, the contests may be conducted at other times of the year. Be sure to check the State 4-H Calendar for the correct date and time of the contest.
- The County 4-H Agent/County Extension Office/County Volunteer Committee will decide in which state contests that your county will compete. They will further decide which of these state contests will need to be preceded by county contests.
- Age divisions and awards for state contests are listed under each contest description.
- A 4-H member must be actively enrolled in the 4-H project or activity in which he or she competes.
- At the state level, ties are avoided if possible. However, if a tie does exist for the first place award, two first place awards will be presented and the next award applicable will be third place.
- A 4-H'er is eligible for the first place state award in the same program only one time, unless the state award is changed from a cash-type award to a trip to National 4-H Congress.
- No 4-H'er is eligible for the second place or a lower place state award a second time in the programs that provide scholarships, trips, or cash. Individuals and team members must compete for higher awards each year.

STATE 4-H CONTEST DESCRIPTIONS BY MONTH

***No state 4-H contests are held during the following months: January, September, November and December.**

FEBRUARY

Beekeeping Essay Contest

- Month Held: February
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels.

The American Beekeeping Federation, Inc sponsors this essay contest. The topic is pre-selected. Each first place winner will receive a state award, and the overall state winner will be selected from the three first place winners; this essay will be sent forward to the national competition, regardless of the age of the child.

Hippology Contest

- Month Held: February
- Location: Columbia, SC
- Age Divisions : Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the junior (cloverleaves and juniors are combined for this contest) and senior levels. There are both junior and senior team and individual divisions.

Hippology is a state contest held in February that tests your knowledge of horses. The contest is done in several phases. It includes an exam phase, which is a written test that covers many horse topics, and a station phase where contestants identify horse feeds, equipment, breeds, and colors. There are also judging and team problem phases.

Teams may consist of three to four members. In teams where there are four members, the lowest scoring contestant will automatically considered the alternate. The alternate's score is not used in totaling the points for the team contest. However they will be used in determining individual awards. Teams of three will have no alternate and all scores will be used. If a county does not have enough members to make up a team, the participating youth(s) may compete as individuals. Contestants may not have participated in an official, post-secondary hippology, horse bowl, or horse-judging contest, nor have been in training in preparation for one of these contests. Any 4-H'er that has previously participated in the National 4-H Hippology contest at the Eastern (or Western) National 4-H Horse Roundup as a team member or alternate is not eligible to return to the national competition.

Awards will be presented to the top individual in the Examination Phase, Station Phase, Judging Phase, and overall. Each member of the top team in these categories will receive awards. Ribbons will be awarded to all based on the individual's performance. The top four senior individuals (Overall) will be invited to represent South Carolina at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville Kentucky in November. The top team will be eligible to compete in the Southern Regional Hippology contest.

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MARCH

Dairy Show

- Month Held: March
- Location: Clemson, SC

This two-day event includes the following:

- ❖ **Dairy Foods Event**-This contest is similar to a judging event. Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H'ers at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. They participate as teams or individuals in a variety of individual events like cheese identification, identification of real versus imitation dairy foods, milk sampling, milking machine parts identification, etc. In addition, there is a 3 minute illustrated talk and poster contest. Scores from the individual events are totaled for the winners. The high individual in the 4-H Senior class will receive a paid trip to the National 4-H Dairy Congress Conference in Madison, Wisconsin in September. The high individual in the junior and cloverleaf classes will receive a \$100 savings bond.
- ❖ **Dairy Judging Contest**-These contests train 4-H'ers in evaluating conformation and performance of dairy cattle. They learn the correct terminology in describing them and develop self-confidence through the decision-making process of placing classes and giving reasons.
 - **Junior Dairy Cattle Judging Contest**-Each county may enter as many teams as it can field. A team should consist of three or four members, preferably four. If a county does not have enough 4-H'ers to make a team, then they may compete as individuals. With a four-member team, the contestant with the low score will be designated as the alternate. That 4-H'er will be eligible for individual awards. The top three scores of a team will make up the team score. Half of the points are earned based on the placing in each of the classes. The other half of the points are merited based on the reason classes. A plaque is awarded to the following: the high individual score, the high Jersey individual score, the high Holstein individual score, high Guernsey score, and the members of the high team score. Ribbons and certificates are awarded to each contestant.
 - **Senior Dairy Cattle Judging Contest**-Each county may enter one 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging team in the contest. A team should consist of three or four members, preferably four. If a county does not have enough 4-H'ers to make a team, then they may compete as individuals. With a four-member team, the contestant with the low score will be designated as the alternate. That 4-H'er will be eligible for individual awards. The top three scores of a team will make up the team score. Half of the points are earned based on the placing in each of the classes. The other half of the points are merited based on the reason classes. The county team winning the State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be recognized as the state winning team. However, the state team that will represent South Carolina in the National Dairy Cattle Judging contest to be held in Wisconsin or any other dairy judging contest will be selected from the eight high individuals of the contest. A plaque is awarded to the following: the high individual score, the high Jersey individual score, the high Holstein individual score, high Guernsey score, and the members of the high team score. Ribbons and certificates are awarded to each contestant.

Energy Challenge

- Month Held: March
- Location: Greenville (Piedmont District Competition)
Columbia (State Competition)
- Age Divisions: Energy Challenge is open only to ninth-grade students in public schools. Only one team per school may participate. Teams are made up of five students (four members and one alternate).

In this contest, youths participate as a team, answering questions on areas related to electric energy. The contest is set up as a quiz bowl where contestants use buzzers to gain the chance to answer a question. Schools will be given a packet of materials and information about the Energy Challenge with an invitation to compete in a county competition.

The program is divided into three separate events: a county contest, district contest, and state contest. Winners of the county contests will compete in a district contest. There are four districts. The teams/schools that advance to the district semi-finals will be invited to the state contest. Team members competing in the county selection process will receive a gift and certificate for their time and effort. District contest participants will receive an Energy Challenge T-shirt and MVP award per team.

A school science program can win up to \$1500 by finishing first in both the district and state contests. The monetary awards are to be used by the science program for science equipment, teaching aides, etc. The awards for the science program are as follows: state winner: \$1000, runner-up: \$750, two semi-finalists: \$500 each/district winner: \$500, runner-up: \$300, two semi-finalists: \$200 each.

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APRIL

Expressive and Performing Arts Contest

- Month Held: April
- Location: Lexington, SC
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverbud, cloverleaf, junior and senior levels.

This state contest is for those interested in public speaking, debating, and expressive and performing arts, including drama, music, vocal, art, poetry, and dance. Gold medal awards are given to the top placing cloverbud, cloverleaf, junior, and senior for each discipline.

❖ **Expressive/Performing Arts**

- Acting-Judged based on talent and technical skill required for acting (drama, comedy, and improvisation).
- Arts and Crafts-Judged based on talent and technical skill required for drawing, sketching, cartooning, designing sets, or creating crafts.
- Creative Writing-Judged based on talent and skill for writing short stories illustrating use of imagination.
- Dance-Judged based on talent and technical skill required for a chosen style of dance.
- Gymnastics-Judged based on talent and technical skill required for gymnastic movements and routines.
- Modeling-Judged based on show of posture, poise, positive self-image, clothing selection, and familiarization with runway modeling.
- Music (Vocal)-Judged based on talent and technical skill required for singing.
- Music (Instrumental)-Judged based on talent and technical skill required for a chosen musical instrument.
- Poetry-Judged based on talent and skill for writing poetry or prose illustrating use of imagination.

❖ **Communications Contests**

- Debating-Judged based on mastery of skill for either supporting or discrediting a chosen topic of debate. The material, references, debate outline, and how well the subject backs up his/her position during the debate all play a role in how well you debate.
- Public Speaking-Judged based on mastery of the ability to effectively write and deliver a speech to a public audience while effectively demonstrating knowledge of subject matter, poise, and self-confidence in presentation.
- Demonstration-Judged based on mastery of the ability to effectively put together and present a demonstration to a public audience while illustrating how to make or repair something, how to perform a skill, or describe how something works. The demonstrator must use a subject (animal, machine, appliance, food, clothing, etc.) and end up with a finished product.
- Illustrative Talk-Judged based on mastery of the ability to effectively present talk ideas to a public audience communicated using charts, slides, flannel boards, photographs, and/or computers while getting the point across.

F.A.C.E. (Food and Cover Establishment) Contest

- Dates: April- August
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverbud, junior (cloverleaf and juniors are combined for this competition) and senior levels.

This is a 4-H wildlife program sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Clemson Cooperative Extension, and Quail Unlimited. The 4-H FACE for Wildlife program teaches students the fundamentals of wildlife management. 4-H'ers register for the program by April 1st and are provided with instructions, a sample record book, and a 5-pound bag of seed. The 4-H members are responsible for preparing and planting wildlife food plots, and are required to keep a record of their plot's growth and wildlife visitation. The wildlife food plot and record book are then judged at the end of the growing season by DNR biologists and technicians.

The growing season begins in May and concludes in late August. Contestants are not eligible for awards without preparing a record book. State, regional and county awards are presented in each of the age categories. Awards are provided by the 4-H'er's local chapter of Quail Unlimited. Each participant receives a certificate and South Carolina Wildlife magazine subscriptions are awarded to county winners in the upper age groups. All county winners receive a year's subscription to Quail Unlimited's Junior Covey magazine.

In the cloverbud division, first-place regional FACE winners receive \$25, second-place winners receive \$15 and the state winner receives \$50 and a trophy. In the junior division, first-place regional FACE winners receive \$50, second-place winners receive \$25 and the state winner receives \$100, a full scholarship to attend Clemson's Camp Wildlife and a trophy. In the senior division, first-place regional FACE winners receive \$75, second-place winners receive \$25 and the state winner receives \$150, a full scholarship to attend Clemson's Camp Wildlife and a trophy.

Livestock Judging Contest

- Month Held: April
- Location: Clemson, SC
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number of teams of 3 to 4 4-H members in this contest at the junior level and up to two teams of 3 to 4 4-H members at the senior level.

The purpose of this contest is to teach youths to evaluate the quality of livestock and compare animals. 4-H'ers learn to develop skills in speaking and adopt an ability to think and give reasons for placement of animals. The contest will consist of classes for beef, swine, and sheep. Placings for Breeding Classes will be made based on a situation statement, the evaluation of genetic data, and visual appearance of the animals. Half of the points are earned based on placings and half are earned based on oral reasons. Juniors are not required to give reasons.

Awards are earned based on the highest team scores and the highest individual scores. The first place senior team wins a trip to the National 4-H Livestock Judging contest in Louisville Kentucky. Plaques are awarded to the junior and senior with the highest individual scores. Individual members of a first place state winning livestock judging team will be allowed to compete again in this judging event provided they meet age and membership criteria. When an individual has participated on two state-winning livestock teams, they can no longer compete. Teams with a member or members who have participated in the National 4-H Livestock Judging contest will not be awarded the trip. The teams are competing for state awards only. The highest scoring team without a previous National Judging contest participant will be awarded the trip.

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MAY

South Carolina Poultry Festival

- Month Held: May
- Location: Batesville/Leesburg, SC

This two-day event includes the following:

- ❖ **Poultry Barbecue Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to teach youth to acquire scientific knowledge and improved understanding of the economy, versatility, and nutritional value of poultry broiler meat and its relationship to human nutrition and health. Youth develop skills in the preparation and use of poultry. In addition, seniors learn to express their ideas through participation in a Poultry Demonstration contest.

Each county is eligible to enter one 4-H member at the cloverleaf, junior, and senior levels. First through third place cloverleaves, juniors, and seniors win plaques, and the first place senior winner is awarded a trip to the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

- ❖ **Poultry Judging Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to teach youth techniques of logical, accurate decision making; they learn to recognize the reasons for their decisions and how to express their reasons orally. The youth learn and understand the standards used in the poultry and egg production and industry, and how to apply the standards in a realistic decision-making situation. Each county is eligible to enter a team of four 4-H members. Counties may enter a cloverleaf or junior team, but only senior 4-H members are eligible for the trip to the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference. The three highest scores from each county will be added to determine a team's overall score. Plaques will be awarded to the three highest teams and the highest individual scorer. In addition, a trip to the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference will be awarded to the first place team if that team is a senior team.

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest

- Month Held: May or June
- Location: Clinton, SC
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number of teams of 3 to 4 4-H members in this contest at the senior level. No individual can win an award unless he or she is a member of a team.

4-H'ers judge plots of land to decide if they are good "homes" for different types of wildlife. Individuals or teams train for this competition by learning how to judge proper habitat for wildlife, and also how to defend their choices (to give oral reasons for their choices). In the contest participants judge a number of classes and then give reasons to a judge about those classes. Teams with four members will be allowed to drop the lowest score. Plaques are awarded to the first place team, second place team, and the highest scoring individual. The first place team will be eligible to compete in the National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation contest in July providing funding is available.

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JUNE

Business Demonstration Contest

- Month Held: June
- Location: Lexington, SC
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter two 4-H members in this contest at the junior and senior levels.

This contest encourages young people to explore and become more knowledgeable about the world of business. The contest is intended to develop the participant's ability to speak in public and to use teaching aids (charts, models, pictures, slides, etc) effectively. The demonstration should be creative and original and focus on the advantages and disadvantages of the four recognized ways of doing business in America. Juniors compete for blue ribbons and varying monetary awards, while seniors compete for a \$1000 tuition scholarship.

Consumer Judging Contest

- Month Held: June
- Location: Columbia, SC
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number 4-H members in this contest at the junior (cloverleaf and juniors are combined in this contest) and senior levels.

This contest helps youths learn to make good decisions in the marketplace. Youths learn how to select and use goods and services to meet personal needs and reflect lifestyles, goals, values, and resources. More importantly, they learn to communicate their justifications of consumer choices and decisions in a logical and articulate manner.

Junior and senior 4-H'ers may enter as an individual and/or as part of a 3 to 4 member team (team members must also register as individual participants). The team members must be from the same age division, as well as from the same county. The top three scores for each team will be used to calculate the team score. Awards are given for the highest and second highest scoring individuals, as well as the highest and second highest scoring teams for both age divisions.

The first place junior individual receives a T-shirt and a plaque, while the first place senior individual wins a plaque and a trip to the National 4-H Congress. Both the second place junior and senior individuals receive a plaque. The first place junior team wins a T-shirt for each member and a team plaque, while the first place senior team gets a \$100 gift certificate for each member and a team plaque. Both the second place junior and senior teams receive a team plaque. All contestants will receive a ribbon.

Demonstration Day Contest

- Month Held: June
- Location: Columbia, SC
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverbud, cloverleaf, junior and senior levels.

Through this contest, 4-H'ers demonstrate the new skills they learn in their project work. Learning to plan and give a demonstration is a skill that can be used for a lifetime. Demonstration topics are as follows: Natural Resources, Food and Nutrition, Family and Consumer Sciences, Citizenship and Leadership, and Agriculture. Demonstrations are 6 to 12 minutes. All participants are recognized.

State Horse Event

This is a three-day competition for horses, riders, and even "horseless" 4-H'ers that is held in June. The contest includes a horse show, as well as contests for horse and horseless 4-H'ers alike, such as public speaking, demonstrations and creative contests. Winners can compete in the regional and national competitions.

- Month Held: June
- Location: Clemson or Columbia
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter as many 4-H members in the competitions that are a part of this event at the cloverbud, junior (cloverleaves and juniors are combined for this contest) and senior levels. However, cloverbuds may only participate in designated cloverbud classes (Cloverbud Showmanship, Cloverbud Walk-Trot, and Cloverbud EZ Riders Class) and contests.
- ❖ **State 4-H Horse Show**-Awards for the horse show will be given to first through sixth place exhibitors/riders in each class. Points will be awarded to contestants that place first through sixth in each class: first place=6 points, second place=5 points, third place=4 points, fourth place=3 points, fifth place=2 points, and sixth place=1 point. One high point individual (champion) and one reserve high point individual (reserve champion) award will be selected in each of the western, hunter, saddle type, and speed event divisions. Points are earned on a one-rider/one-horse basis.
- ❖ **Horse Judging Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to train 4-H'ers in evaluating conformation and performance of horses. They will learn the correct terminology in describing them and develop self-confidence through the decision-making process of placing classes and giving reasons. There are junior and senior team and individual divisions in horse judging. There is no limit to the number of teams or individuals that may compete from a county. Team members must come from the same county. Teams must consist of four members. If a county does not have enough members to make up a team, the participating youth(s) may compete as individuals. Previous State Horse Judging Contest winners that meet age and membership criteria are eligible to compete again. Members who have judged at the Eastern National competition will not be eligible to return to the national contest.

The contest will consist of halter and performance reason and non-reason classes. Contestants earn half of their points from their ability to place in the non-reason classes and half from their ability to both place and give oral reasons for these placings in the reasons classes. Juniors are not required to give oral reasons.

The first place senior team and the top four senior individuals will be invited to compete at the Southern Region 4-H Horse Event. The top junior and senior teams and the top four junior and senior individuals will receive awards. In the case of team member dropouts from the state winning team, alternates will be selected from the top senior individuals in the state contest.

- ❖ **Horse Demonstration Contest**-This contest allows 4-H'ers to demonstrate the new skills they learn in their project work. Learning to plan and give a demonstration is a skill that can be used for a lifetime. This may be a demonstration or an illustrated talk. There are team and individual divisions. A team may be composed of two juniors, two seniors, or a combination the two. The subject must pertain to the horse industry and the presentation must be between ten to fifteen minutes in length for teams and between nine to twelve minutes for individuals. Points are earned based on presentation (introduction, body, and summary), organization, accuracy of information, effect on audience, and creativity relevance of visual aides.

- ❖ **Horse Drawing Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to encourage the 4-H member to broaden his or her horizons and utilize creative talent within the 4-H Horse Project. This will serve to increase awareness of the project through drawing exhibitions. There is a junior and senior division for this contest. Only one entry per exhibitor is permitted and must be related to the project area. It can be done in pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen/ink, or pastels. The top three places in the junior/senior divisions will receive awards. The evaluation criteria is as follows: originality (use of imagination, creativity), composition (balance, harmony, overall design), craftsmanship (completion, appearance, neatness), use of materials (skill level, appropriate selection), and presentation (general appearance).
- ❖ **Horse Essay Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to gain better understanding and use of the English language while stimulating them to expand their horse knowledge. They will learn how to use and interpret resources available on different subjects. You learn to express their ideas through writing. The contest is open to juniors and seniors. Youths that have completed high school and have gained a year's training beyond the high school level may not compete. Each contestant is limited to one entry that must be related to the Horse Industry. Essays will be limited to between 200 and 1000 words for juniors and 500 to 1000 words for seniors. Entries may be typed, double spaced or written legibly in ink with title appearing on the first page. They must be submitted in triplicate. The top three places in each age division will receive awards. Essays are evaluated on the following criteria: content, creativity/expression, originality, correct grammar, and neatness.
- ❖ **Horse Multi-Media Craft Contest**-This contest provides an educational opportunity for youth to exhibit their sewing, craft, woodworking, etc. abilities pertaining to horses. They are encouraged to explore and develop economic alternatives for themselves and their horse. The categories are woodworking, fabric/sewing, craft, and recycling. The craft and recycling categories are open to cloverbuds, juniors, and seniors. The woodworking and fabric/sewing categories are open to juniors and seniors. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per category. The top three places in each age division in each category will receive awards. Entries will be evaluated based on the suitability of materials used, creativity, construction methods and finishes, and overall appearance.
- ❖ **Horse Painting Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to encourage the 4-H youth to apply artistic talent within the 4-H Horse Project. This will aid them in increasing their knowledge and skill in equine-related painting, and they will learn the value of developing visual exhibits in areas of specific interest. The contest has a junior and senior division. Only one painting per exhibitor is permitted. The media used may be watercolor, acrylic, oil, or tempura paints (juniors only). The top three junior and senior winners will receive awards. The paintings will be judged based on originality (use of imagination, creativity), composition (balance, harmony, overall design), craftsmanship (completed appearance, neatness), use of materials (skill level, appropriate selection), and presentation (general appearance).
- ❖ **Horse Photography Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to encourage equine-related photography by 4-H youth. Youth will gain self-confidence and develop life long photographic skills and abilities. This contest will serve to increase awareness of the 4-H Horse Project through the use of photography exhibits. There is a junior and senior division. The exhibitor is limited to one horse-related photograph (5" X 7" to 8" X 12") that must be mounted on an 11" X 14" board. The top three places in both age divisions will receive awards. Photographs are judged based on creativity, technical quality, composition, and overall appearance.

- ❖ **Horse Poetry Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to gain better understanding and use of the English language while stimulating them to expand their horse knowledge. They will learn how to use and interpret resources available on different subjects. Youth learn to express their ideas through writing poetry. The contest is open to juniors and seniors. Youths that have completed high school and have gained a year's training beyond the high school level may not compete. Entries may be typed, double spaced or written legibly in ink with title appearing on the first page. They must be submitted in triplicate. The top three places in each age division will receive awards. Poetry is evaluated on the following criteria: content, creativity/expression, originality, correct grammar, and neatness.
- ❖ **Horse Public Speaking Contest**-The subject must pertain to the horse industry and the presentation must be between seven to ten minutes in length. Points are earned based on presentation (introduction, body, and summary), organization, accuracy of information, and effect on audience.
- ❖ **Horse Poster Contest**-The purpose of this contest is to provide a noncompetitive medium for 4-H youth to visually show their interest in horses. This will enable 4-H youth to improve their skills in linking words and visuals into an appealing unit, while increasing public awareness of the 4-H Horse Project through illustrative displays. Cloverbuds are allowed to enter this contest. Only one poster per contestant is allowed and the topic must be related to the Horse Project. Posters are evaluated on the idea expressed (theme, simplicity, originality), art, design, lettering (attractiveness use of color, neatness), and construction (materials, texture, shape, etc.). Participants will not be ranked, but evaluated and receive participation ribbons.

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JULY

Fashion Review

- Month Held: July
- Location: Columbia, SC
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels.

This contest gives 4-H sewers an opportunity to show off their homemade garbs. 4-H'ers model clothing they have made in up to four of the following four categories: "Separates," "Casual School Wear," "Dress Up" (non-formal), and "My First Garment" (a category for first-time sewers that may be anything).

There is also a "Fashion Coordination Division." Only juniors and seniors may participate in this portion of the competition. In this category, participants model a purchased garment and give a 1-2 minute presentation about it, describing the cost, care, fiber content, and reasons for choosing the garment. Home-sewn and store-bought garments alike will all be judged both on and off participants.

4-H'ers will be given instructions and a practice session on how to model. Awards will be given for each age division in each category as follows: first place wins \$25 and second place wins \$15. Only a first place winner will be selected from the Fashion Coordination Division in each age division.

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AUGUST

Beef Ambassador Contest

- Month Held: August
- Location: Clemson, SC
- Age Divisions: Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest that have passed their 15th birthday, but not their 19th birthday as of January 1st of the current year.

Youth are provided with pertinent information on the positive aspects of beef in order to prepare an illustrated talk for this competition. By serving as a Beef Ambassador, these youths help to promote the nutritional and economic values, product safety and versatile use of beef. They educate others about environmental stewardship, and teach them to understand the importance of beef as an agricultural product, while representing the beef industry as a spokesperson. The first place award is a \$200 scholarship plus an all expense paid trip to represent South Carolina in the National Beef Ambassador Competition in Rochester, Minnesota.

Junior Beef Round-Up

- Month Held: August
- Location: Clemson, SC

This two-day event includes the following:

- ❖ Junior Cattlemen's Contest-A contest for the whole family. Contestants are tested on their knowledge in four areas- general knowledge of beef, judging, breed identification, and equipment/feed.
- ❖ Scholarship Contest-High school students that show beef cattle at the Round-Up are eligible to compete in the essay contest that offers a college scholarship to the top winner.
- ❖ Sales Talk Contest-Junior high and high school students that show beef cattle at the Round Up are eligible to give a sales talk about their animal. Top winners receive prizes and recognition.
- ❖ Round-Up Showmanship and Breed Shows-Youth compete in showing their animals to the best of their ability. Prizes and recognition are given to the top winners in each division.

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OCTOBER

Fire Safety Contest

- Month Held: October
- Age Divisions: Each county may enter any number of youths in this contest at the K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 school grade levels.

This contest is designed to teach youth about fire safety through their creative endeavors to promote its importance by making posters and producing creative works of writing on the subject. A participation ribbon is given to all participants, and one winner per age group in either category will have their work submitted to the state contest. Four first place \$100 cash prizes in poster art per age division, four first place \$100 cash prizes in creative writing, four second place \$50 cash prizes in poster art, and four second place \$50 cash prizes in creative writing will be awarded at the state level for each age division. Winners will receive their awards as a special ceremony in. Winning entries will be exhibited at the SC State Fireman's Association Convention and other area functions.

STATE FAIR COMPETITIONS:

Animal Shows

The following animal shows are held during the State Fair:

- Beef Show
- Junior Beef Cattle Show
- Junior Beef Cattle Scholarship Contest
- Dairy Cattle Show
- Dairy Goat Show
- Lamb Show
- Swine/Barrow Show

See the *SC State Fair Livestock Entries and Information Handbook* for specific information pertaining to these shows.

Avian Bowl

This contest is held during the State Fair. It encourages youth to expand their knowledge of avian facts and become proficient in poultry management, and related subjects. Each county is eligible to enter any number of teams of 2 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. Seniors cannot be paired with juniors or cloverleaves; however, juniors and cloverleaves may be paired together. The top two teams will win a plaque and senior teams will win trip to the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, KY. Only seniors qualify for the trip. The second and third place teams will win plaques.

Breads Demonstration Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to teach youths demonstration and leadership skills. They learn the skills needed to bake breads and bread products and discover a variety of bread and grain foods. Each county is eligible to enter one 4-H member in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior, and senior levels. Cloverleaf and junior participants must create and present a demonstration centered on a quick bread. Senior participants are expected to demonstrate yeast bread. A first, second, and third place winner will be selected for each age division. First place winners will receive \$100 savings bonds, while second and third place winners will be given \$50 savings bonds.

Dairy Foods Demonstration Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to help youths develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities. They will acquire knowledge of the nutritional value, storage, versatility, and economic value of milk and dairy foods, as well as insight into the dairy industry in South Carolina. Youths will also develop creative skills in the preparation, use and serving of dairy foods. Each county is eligible to enter one 4-H member in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior, and senior levels. Each participant must create and present a demonstration/illustrated talk centered on one of the specific topics assigned each year. No food preparation is required. A first, second, and third place winner will be selected for each age division. First place winners will receive \$100 savings bonds, while second and third place winners will be given \$50 savings bonds.

Eggonomics Demonstration Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to help youth to develop and demonstrate leadership and communication skills. They will acquire knowledge of quality standards, size classification, nutritional value, preparation and storage, functional properties, versatility and economic value of eggs. They will also develop creative skills in the preparation, use and serving of eggs and learn to enjoy them as a nutritionally sound food in planning meals. Each county is eligible to enter one 4-H member in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior, and senior levels. Each participant must present a demonstration on the preparation of an egg dish. All entries will receive a participation ribbon. First through fifth place winners will receive blue ribbons. First through third place winners will also receive a plaque. In addition, the first place senior winner will win a trip to the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Four-H Sewing Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to help kids learn and demonstrate proper sewing techniques. Youths develop the ability to exhibit creativity through exhibit selection and production by making items for display at the State Fair 4-H Exhibit. Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. Three classes (home décor, apparel, and craft) per age division will be judged. All items will receive ribbons. The most creative entry in each class for each age division will receive an additional reward.

Green Tomato Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to teach youth the basics of gardening. They gain an understanding of the task involved in food production, as well as the concept of planting date and fruit maturity. Each county is eligible to enter only one 4-H member in this contest at the cloverbud, cloverleaf, junior, and senior levels per class (biggest, ugliest, prettiest, best plate of three). All cloverbuds will be awarded participation ribbons. Ribbons for first through fifth place will be given to the top placing cloverleaf, junior, and senior exhibitors. An additional award will be given to the first place cloverleaf, junior, and senior exhibitors.

Horticulture Identification Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to teach youth about production agriculture. They learn to identify a variety of seeds, weeds, diseases, and insects involved with agriculture. Each county is eligible to enter number of individuals and/or teams of 3 to 4 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior, and senior levels (team members must also register as individual participants). The team members must be from the same age division, as well as from the same county or cluster. The top three scores of each team will be used to calculate the team score. Ribbons will be presented for first, second, and third place for each category (weeds, seeds, diseases, and insects) in each age class based on numerical scores of the high individual and high team. Ribbons and awards will be presented to the overall high individual and overall high team in each age class.

Lean Beef Demonstration Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. 4-H youth will create an easy-to-fix dish using a round or loin cut of beef. During the demonstration, participants will assemble the dish and address nutritional value and the safe handling of beef. Each county is eligible to enter one 4-H member in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. Youth should also address at least one current event impacting the beef industry. Its purpose is to develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities. Youth will acquire knowledge of the nutritional values, storage, safe handling, versatility and economic values of beef, as well as insight into the beef industry in SC. They also develop creative skills in the preparation, use and serving of lean cuts of beef. In senior, junior, and cloverleaf divisions, the first place presentation receives a \$100 savings bond; second and third place presentations receive a \$50 savings bond.

Microwave Demonstration Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. The purpose of the contest is to develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities. Each county is eligible to enter one 4-H member in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. Participating 4-H youth have a chance to demonstrate a favorite microwave dish. The recipe selected should be simple, economical, and nutritious. At the end of their demonstration, judges will ask the participant questions about the basic use of a microwave. Youth acquire knowledge and skills on the correct use and versatility of a microwave and share that knowledge with others. They develop creative skills in the preparation of foods in the microwave. In the senior division, the first place award is a microwave. Second and third place senior winners receive a \$50 savings bond. First place junior and cloverleaf division winners receive a \$100 savings bond; second place and third place presentations receive a \$50 savings bond.

Photography Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to allow youths to demonstrate the ability to capture and express photo opportunities within specific themes. Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. They will demonstrate the ability to produce quality photographs, and show off their knowledge of photograph display presentation. Photographs may be entered as follows: no more than three photographs per 4-H'er with no more than two photographs in a single theme category (producing our food, bountiful food displays, enjoying the taste of food). First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded in each theme class for each age division. A "Best of Show" ribbon will also be awarded in each theme class for each age division.

Poultry Showmanship

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to give 4-H members a chance to show the working relationship the 4-H'er has developed with their bird. Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. Birds should be shown in their best light but it is NOT necessary for 4-H members to purchase purebred poultry breeding stock. 4-H members learn to follow instructions, speak before an audience and maintain a poised and professional manner throughout the event. 4-H Poultry Showmanship involves selecting your bird for showmanship, training your bird, fitting your bird for competition and being ready personally to present yourself and your bird in the best light.

Public Speaking Contest

The purpose of this contest is to teach 4-H'ers how to master the ability to effectively write a speech and deliver it to a public audience while demonstrating knowledge of subject matter, poise, and self-confidence in presentation. Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverbud, cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. All participants are recognized.

Walter's Five-A-Day Quiz Bowl

This contest is held during the State Fair. Its purpose is to teach youths about the importance of eating five fruits and vegetables each day. Each county is eligible to enter one team of 4 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior, and senior levels. Youths will be quizzed on their knowledge of the identification of fruits and vegetables, different seed varieties, how they grow, where they come from, and what their nutritional attributes are. Every team participant will receive a participation ribbon and 4-H recipe cards. First place team members in each age division will receive \$50 Bi-Lo gift certificates. Second and third place team members in each age division will receive ribbons.

Wildlife Identification Contest

This contest is held during the State Fair. The purpose of this competition is to gain knowledge of habitat requirements and other characteristics of SC's common furbearer (small mammals) species, waterfowl species that winter in SC, and how to identify common furbearers and waterfowls found in the state. Each county is eligible to enter any number of 4-H members in this contest at the cloverleaf, junior and senior levels. The contest will be designed as a fill-in-the-blank quiz. Cloverleaf and junior division participants will be presented with either actual specimens or photos of furbearer and waterfowl study skins. The senior division, in addition, will also be responsible for identifying furbearers from actual specimens of skulls and waterfowl from actual specimens of wings. Seniors may also be responsible for identifying species from written descriptions or clues. A savings bond and/or appropriate ribbons will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in the three age divisions. All participants will receive a participation ribbon.