General Information

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING

List name, birthday, age and address of team members and coach, then mail to:

NATIONAL WOOL JUDGING CONTEST BOX 1047 SONORA, TEXAS 76950

OPPORTUNITIES

For over sixty years the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show has been known as the finest and largest show of its kind in the world. For this reason and because of the public demand, the training opportunities found here are made available to 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters throughout the country. Take advantage of the best ranch training available by participating in the National Wool Judging Contest.

ACCOMMODATIONS

For more accommodations write direct to one of the following or address your inquiry to:

NATIONAL WOOL JUDGING CONTEST Box 1047, Sonora, Texas 76950

- (1) Day's Inn-Devils River, IH 10, West Edge of Sonora, (325)387-3516.
- (2) Best Western-Sonora Inn, Hwy 277 N, Edge of Sonora, (325)387-9111
- (3) Comfort Inn, Hwy 277 N, Across from Best Western, (325) 387-5800.
- (4) Best Value Inn, West U.S. 290, Edge of Sonora, (325)387-2551.
- (5) Zola's Courts, West U.S. 290, Edge of Sonora, (325)387-3000.

2010 High Individuals

4-H

1st Reese Perry, Val Verde, TX 2nd Lane Hale, Crockett Co, TX 3rd Linda Stapper, Crockett Co, TX 4th Sydney Dingler, Val Verde Co, TX 5th Ashlie Chase, Asams Co, CO

FFA

1st Corey Schwartz, Wall 2nd Clayton Fisher, Water Valley 3rd Taylor Tjaden, Wall 4th Kolt Lee, Water Valley 5th Will Smith, Water Valley

Sonora-Your Host City

Located in the heart of the Edwards Plateau Region of West Texas, Sonora is one of the leading wool, mohair and registered livestock centers in the nation. Known as "The Capitol of the Stockman's Paradise", Sonora is served by transcontinental bus lines and motor freight lines. Two major highways, U.S. 277 and IH 10 cross at Sonora. A municipal airport with a 4,000 foot paved and lighted runway serves the community.

The Texas A&M University Research Station near here conducts programs beneficial to the livestock industry.

Sonora has also become a tourist center because of the 1960 opening of the million year old "Caverns of Sonora". This fantastic underground wonderland thrills thousands of visitors each year with rare, live formations. The caverns are open all year with hour and half-hour tours scheduled within 30 minutes of a guest's arrival.

Your Invitation to

the 2011 51st Annual National 4-H and 11th Annual National FFA Wool Judging Contest



Sonora, Texas June 21- 23, 2011

Sponsored by the SONORA LIONS CLUB and SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN COOPERATION WITH THE SONORA WOOL & MOHAIR COMPANY and TEXAS AgriLife EXTENSION SERVICE

Foreword

The National Wool Judging Contest is dedicated to the youth of the nation in whose hands lies the future of the sheep and wool industry.

The purpose of the National Wool Judging Contest is to encourage the training of youth in the classification, grading and evaluation of wool "To make the best (WOOL) better."

The first wool judging contest was held here in 1947 as a part of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show. From this beginning, wool judging contests have spread to many county wool shows in Texas and to other states. Top teams participate in the Sonora Wool and Mohair Judging Contest each year. So much interest has been shown by Texans, and the value of the contest has been so apparent that the sponsors of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show are making this training opportunity available to the youth of the nation.

Awards

- * Awarded to the three high teams.
- * Medals awarded to members of the three high teams
- * Medals awarded to the five high individuals.
- * Rotating trophy awarded to the high team.

2010 Results for 4-H

First- Val Verde Co, Texas

Cole Perry, Nick Acosto, Sydney Dingler, Reese Perry

Second-Crockett Co, Texas

Lane Hale, Erik Carrizales, Linda Stapper

Third-Adams Co, Colorado

Ashlie Chase, Paul Duncan, Jackie Grabrian, Brooklynn McCurry

Fourth- Goshen Co, Wyoming

Miranda Baker, Alexxi Baker, Brittany Randall

2010 Results for FFA

First-Water Valley FFA, Texas

Kolt Lee, Clayton Fisher, Ryan Easterly, Will Smith

Second-Wall FFA, Texas

Taylor Tjaden, Coréy Schwartz, Meredith Wilde, Chris Lopez

Third- Carrizoz FFA,

Joel Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher

Rules and Regulations

- 1. A maximum of two teams may enter from each state with selection of teams to be made by each 4-H/FFA office. Entries must be submitted listing team members ages, birthdays, county, state and coach to the address below.
- 2. Contestants must be eligible to compete as senior 4-H members in their respective state contest the year of this contest. Students must not be enrolled in college prior to their local state contest.
- **3.** This contest is open to both boys and girls.
- **4.** Teams may consist of four members, with the scores of the three high members making the team score. The low scoring member of each team will automatically become the alternate. In the event of a team score tie, the score of the alternate will determine the team placing.
- 5. Members of all teams will be ineligible for future participation in the contest.
- **6.** The grades of wool for fineness and length will be as follows:

	French		
	Clothing	Combing	Staple
Fine 64's, 70's, 80's	< 2"	2"-3"	> 3"
Half blood 60's, 62's	< 2.5"	2.5"-3.5"	3.5"
3/8 blood 58's, 56's	< 3.75"	3.75"	
1/4 blood 50's, 54's	< 4"	> 4"	

NOTE: There is no French combing wool in grades coarser than halfblood. Grade coarser than 50's will not be used in this contest.

7. Yield will be classified as follows:

High > 55% Medium 48%-55% Low <48%

8. Contest will be set as follows:

Classify 30 fleeces 300pt
The fleeces will be classified according to length, fineness and yield.
30 minutes will be allowed to classify 15 fleeces.

Place and mark reasons-4 classes of wool: 400pt.
One class of fine wool, one class of 1/2 blood wool, one class of 3/8 blood wool and one class of 1/4 blood wool. Four fleeces in each class to be placed in the same manner as livestock.

15 minutes will be allowed to place each class.

Possible individual total 700pt. Possible team total 2100pt.

For forms or further information write: NATIONAL WOOL JUDGING CONTEST BOX 1047, SONORA, TEXAS 76950

Program

Tuesday, June 21

3:30 PM

ALL ENTRIES of wool and mohair must be in place.

Wednesday, June 22

8:00 AM

LOCAL TEXAS JUDGING CONTESTS for 4-H and FFA Members. 4-H Center JUDGING OF ALL ENTRIES in wool and mohair show. Sonora Wool & Mohair Co.

1:30 PM

COMPLETION OF JUDGING contests and judging of wool and mohair entries.
REGISTRATION AND GROUPING of contestants for local Texas Contest. OUT OF STATE TEAMS may participate in these contests if they desire, after the Texas contestants are finished.

3:30 PM

Coaches & teams may view contest fleeces.

4:00 PM

TOUR OF SONORA CAVERNS-on your own.

5:00 PM

REGISTRATION of teams for National Wool Judging Contest if not pre-register by mail.

6:00 PM

RECREATION at City Swimming Pool, hamburgers, and coaches meeting.

Thursday, June 23

8:00 AM

NATIONAL 4-H & FFA WOOL JUDGING CONTEST.

11:30 AM

AWARDS LUNCHEON AND AUCTION OF JR. SHOW CHAMPION ENTRIES AT 4-H CENTER SPONSORED BY SONORA LIONS CLUB.

Officials

Show Superintendent:

Dr. Frank Craddock Texas Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist