

Students Learn Lots at LCCC Contest

“I believe in the future of Agriculture...” E.M. Tiffany

Glendo FFA learned new insights into judging various kinds of livestock at the LCCC Livestock Judging training contest on September 29, 2021. Many students were first timers that had never judged livestock before. Livestock Judging includes looking for correct structure on cattle, pigs, sheep, and goats. For the contest, everyone gets separated into different groups and then judges 10 different classes of animals.

When we were judging, there were 5 classes outside and 5 inside. The pigs and lambs were inside along with the commercial heifer calves. The steers, bulls, goats, and wether dam ewes were all outside. For the outside classes, we were all freezing. It wasn't much better inside the annex connected to the indoor arena, but at least we weren't in the wind. All the students carried a notebook and pencil for note taking. With freezing hands, it gets hard to take notes but we learned to bear through it. After five minutes of looking at the market lambs class, our group leader would call out that we could handle them. When handling the lambs for the first time, no one really knows what they're doing, but once you learn you can tell how much fat they have on them.

After the morning of judging, we took a break to eat lunch, but then rejoined our groups again to give our reasons to the judges. High School students are considered to be in the senior division, which meant we had to give 4 sets of reasons. During all of the judging and waiting to give reasons, talking is not allowed. So you end up going almost all day without talking to anyone from your Chapter or to the 103 students that were there.

Glendo High School 10th through 12th grades attended the competition. We left at 6:00 am and arrived back in Glendo around 5:00 pm. We ended up taking 8 students total, so we separated the teams into girls against boys. Glendo Team A ended up 13th and Glendo Team B was 25th. This contest helps grow our skills by learning how to be better livestock judges and work together to do great things. One of our livestock judges, Tess shared “I learned how to select livestock based on industry standards.”



Putting in the effort. On September 29, 2021 the FFA livestock team went to LCCC to compete in the Livestock judging contest. Here the Glendo students are filling out their scantrons while talking over what the day will consist of. Members included from left to right and back to front are Morgan, Tess, Nikki, Ally, JJ, Rachel, Caleb, and standing is Charley. Sophomore JJ who just recently moved from Denver, CO, to our rural area, found his first livestock judging contest very new “I thought it was pretty cool, a very different experience and I’ve never gone on a field trip like that before.”