



## Career Program Area: Livestock Specialist

### Specific Rules

1. The contest is split into 4 divisions: Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Overall.
2. A participant can only participate in one division each year.
3. Each team consists of three members. The participants will compete both individually and as a team.
4. In the event of a tie for individuals, three preselected questions from the written exam will be asked and continue in the same sequence until a winner emerges. For teams the first criteria will be the highest team score and if still tied, the second criteria will be the same three preselected questions used to break individual ties as above.
5. Participants need to provide their own calculator and 2 No. 2 pencils and erasers. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Internet devices (phone, tablet, laptop). While every attempt will be made to have Wi-Fi available, it cannot be guaranteed.

### Procedures

- PART I: The written test will consist of 100 questions pertaining to each specific division (overall, beef, sheep, swine). In the overall division a minimum of 20 questions per species will be included. Questions will include information on marketing, consumerism, buildings, health, equipment, nutrition, breeding, genetics and other miscellaneous information as it deals with beef, sheep and/or swine.
- PART II: All members of the team will work together to prepare a response to a Case Study based on a beef, swine or sheep operation. Students in the overall will have the option of one of the problems developed for the beef, sheep or swine operation. Team members will be allowed the use of the internet to develop their response, however, all resources must be referenced.
- PART III– All members of the team will work together to develop a response to a Current Event in the beef, sheep, swine or general livestock industry. The team will prepare an 8 to 10 minute discussion with industry judges.

### Program Evaluation

Individuals will be evaluated on performance in each of the three activity areas

- PART I: Written examination = 100 points (individual)
- PART II: Team Written Solution to Case Study = 100 points
- PART III: Average of Current Event discussion = 100 points (TEAM)
- **Total Points Possible = 300 POINTS**

Team scoring will be based on

- PART I: Average of three individual written exams = 100 POINTS
- PART II: Team Written Solution to Case Study= 100 POINTS
- PART III: Average of Current Event Discussion Points = 100 POINTS
- **TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE = 300 POINTS**