

## 4-H Public Speaking Contest Categories

Agronomy	Beef	Clothing & Textiles
Companion Animals	Consumer Life Skills	Family Life
Farm & Ranch Economics	Focus On Health	Food & Nutrition
Horse	Horticulture	Housing/Home Environment
Meat Science	Natural Resources	Open
Pork	Promote 4-H	Public Speaking
Safety/Accident Prevention	Sheep and/or Goats	

### **Agronomy**

Relate any topic in the production and management of field crops, forage crops, or pasture (Not native range), and turf grass or soil and/or water conservation and management.

### **Beef**

Relate to any phase of the beef cattle industry

### **Clothing & Textiles**

Relate to information learned or accomplishments reached through a clothing and textile project.

### **Companion Animals**

Relate to skills learned in any project concerning the care, maintenance or production of small animals (e.g. dogs, hamsters, fish etc.). Do not draw from projects included in other Roundup contests (e.g. poultry, swine, natural resources). Live animals are allowed as part of presentations. Arrangements to bring animals to contest must be made in advance.

### **Consumer Life Skills**

Demonstrate understanding of marketplace and personal factors that influence consumer choices, basic money management principles, how consumer decisions affect the economy and the environment and/or consumer rights and responsibilities.

### **Family Life**

Demonstrate understanding of family and community factors that influence relationships, positive growth and development, self esteem and personal responsibilities.

### **Farm & Ranch Economics**

Relate to management and decision making intended to improve the farm and ranch business. Emphasis in the presentation should be placed on the economic considerations of topic and how these considerations might influence farmers and ranchers.

### **Focus on Health**

Relate to any health education topic.

**Food & Nutrition**

Relate to any aspects of the food and nutrition project.

**Horse**

Presentation is to cover the theory and/or practical skills learned in the 4-H Horse project and should be appropriate for presentation at a club meeting. The audience after hearing the presentation should be able to put information into practice to improve their production, management, training or horse use knowledge and/or skills.

**Horticulture**

Relate to any phase of horticulture. Peanuts, sunflowers, and cottonseed are not horticulture crops.

**Housing & Home Environment**

Relate presentations to the home environment. Suggested topics include: indoor air or water quality, energy or water conservation, home design & construction, materials & furnishings, household waste management and other issues involved in home buying and selling, care and maintenance, appliance purchase and adapting the home for special needs of family members.

**Meat Science**

Related to any phase of the red meat industry (beef, pork, lamb) from slaughter through processing/ cloaking. Does not include consumer cooking/recipes.

**Natural Resources**

Relate information to managers of renewable natural resources of land, such as forestry, range, wildlife, outdoor recreation, non-agricultural soil and water or fisheries. Demonstrations of how to start fires do not qualify in this contest.

**Open**

Relate skills learned in a project in which the 4-H member has been involved. Make sure your presentation is not appropriate for another contest.

**Pork**

Relate to approved practices in pork production, marketing or use of pork products.

**Promote 4-H**

The purpose of the Promote 4-H Contest is:

- 1) To encourage 4-H members to develop promotion and marketing skills as 4-H members to market and interpret 4-H through various types of media and presentations.
- 2) To increase the promotion of 4-H to non 4-H audiences in Texas.
- 3) To increase the number of people who join and support the 4-H program.

The 4-H promotion should convey a contemporary image of 4-H in a changing society. Promotional methods might include: radio, television, illustrated talks, method

demonstrations, newspapers, posters, projected images, photographs, slide/tape presentations, puppets, psa's, speeches, drama, skits, video programs, etc. Contestants identify a non-4-H audience and demonstrate a promotional method that communicates the ideas or ideals of the 4-H program.

### **Public Speaking**

This category is for individual presentations only. The 4-H member presents a 5-7 minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. Props and visual aids are not permitted and recordings of any type may not be used. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentations. Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery utilizing a score-sheet specific to the Public Speaking Contest.

### **Safety & Accident Prevention**

Relate to safe equipment designs and safe procedures or methods associated with the prevention of accidents in work, home or recreational environments (e.g. safe methods of designs relative to home, farm or yard machinery, equipment, chemicals and animals; prevention of accidents relative to falls, fire electricity, boating, tractors, hunting, natural disasters, or traffic safety.)

### **Sheep and/or Goats**

Relate to the production of sheep and/or goats or to the utilization of their meat, milk or fiber.