Youth/Leaders Training Judging Workshop
Why Have Judging in 4-H?

- To help members grow in their ability to think, to reason, & to make logical & scientific judgments.
- In 4-H, judging is essentially a matter of comparing 4 items.
- If 4-H members know what factors make up an ideal animal, plant, or situation, they are more able to recognize top quality products, to know good standards, & make wise decisions based on facts.
Judging Teaches 4-H Members to...

- Observe carefully
- Recognize good products, articles & animals
- Improve their own work
- Make wise selections
- Make their own decisions
- Appreciate opinions of others
- Improve communication skills
Judging Venues

- County Contest to Qualify
  - Who can participate: Cloverbuds (for fun & with parents help), Novice, Junior & Senior
  - Preregister for contests in newsletter
  - Begins at 8:00 a.m. with awards around 2:30 p.m.

- County “Shoot Out” to Qualify for State Shoot
  - Who can participate: Seniors

- State Shoot at NRA Whittington Center
  - Who can participate: Seniors
Judging Venues

- **District Contest**
  - Who can participate: Novice & Junior
  - Preregister for contests

- **State Conference  July Las Cruces, NM**
  - Who can participate: Seniors
  - Preregister for contests
Judging Contests Offered

- Entomology
- Horticulture
- Wildlife
- Consumer Decision Making
- Home Ec Skillathon
- Home Ec Bowl
- Horse Bowl
- Horse
- Wool
- Livestock
- Livestock Skillathon
- Fashion Revue
- Dairy
- And More...
• County Contest uses the same score cards as District Contest
• State Conference uses scantrons
• At District and State Conference youth will have to give a set or multiple sets of reasons in certain contests.
Judging Etiquette

- Whispering & talking is not allowed
- Keep eyes on your own score sheet
- Contestants name should be on every placing card &/or piece of paper
- Make a final decision & mark score sheet accordingly
- No cell phones allowed
Ways 4-H’ers Can Study

- Read project materials
- Study pictures
- Search Internet
- As activity during Club meeting
- Take tours & trips
- Attend County Contest
  - District Contest
  - State Conference
  - Regional
  - Nationals
Judging Continued

- View Scantron Training PPT
- View 4-H Contest Resources at sandovalextension.nmsu.edu
- Activity- Judge & I.D. Sample Classes
Review

• What does judging teach?
What is a judging class?
Review

• If you are judging a class of market lambs at District Contest which placing card would you use?