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2025 Minnesota State Fair 4-H Senior General Livestock Judging Contest

St. Paul, MN (8/20/25) - Hundreds of Minnesota 4-Hers spend their summer evenings evaluating cattle, hogs, and sheep/goats. In addition to conducting the evaluations 4-H'ers learn the art of oral reasons as a means of justifying their placing. Experience gained in judging livestock helps a participant select future projects and replacements for their own herd ventures. The judging experience truly helps 4-H members base their decisions on sound reasons and implement several new life skills. This year 59 individuals and 15 teams participated in the senior competition.

Dakota/Washington County placed first with a total of 1774 points. **Jackson/Nobles/Brown County** placed second with 1749 total points. The team from **Meeker/Kandiyohi County** finished in third with 1745 total points. **Freeborn County 2** took fourth place with 1725 points and **Rice County** finished in fifth with 1719 points.

Colton Herman of **Dakota/Washington County** took home the high individual honors with 617 points. **Schuyler Sullivan** of **Dodge County** placed second with 616 points. **Jack Van Nurden** of **Meeker/Kandiyohi County** placed third overall with 613 points. In fourth place was **Levi Thompson** of **Jackson/Nobles/Brown County** with 593 points and in fifth place was **Claire Bottelson** from **Freeborn County 2** with 588 points.

The first place team in Beef was **Jackson/Nobles/Brown County** and second place was **Dakota/Washington County**. The top individual in Beef was **Emily Hass** of **Mille Lacs/Isanti County** and **Brock Nissen** of **Jackson/Nobles/Brown County** took second.

The first place team in Sheep/Goats was **Jackson/Nobles/Brown County** and second place was **Freeborn County**. The top individual in Sheep/Goats was **Noah Gravenhof** of

Jackson/Nobles/Brown County and **Levi Thompson** of **Jackson/Nobles/Brown County** took second.

The first place team in Swine was **Dakota/Washington County** and second place was **Rice County**. The top individual in Swine was **Colton Herman** of **Dakota/Washington County** and **Jack Van Nurden** of **Meeker/Kandiyohi County** took second.

The first place team in Reasons was **Dakota/Washington County** and second place was **Rice County**. The top individual in Reasons was **Wyatt Herman** of **Dakota/Washington County** and **Colton Herman** of **Dakota/Washington County** took second.

Use the "Locate Entries and Results" links for specific results information on 4-H youth and 4-H judge biographies. Searches can be done by exhibitor name, county, or division/show for specific story needs.

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