

Butler County 4-H Livestock Judging Team Wins

On December 13, 2019 three Butler County 4-H'ers participated in the Kansas Beef Classic livestock judging contest held in Hutchinson, Kansas. Over 700 youth from across the State participated. Contestants were divided into age divisions along with a 'placings only' category and reasons category. "Butler County has not had an active livestock judging team in several years. We have a

young team and started holding judging practices in mid-October. We are building our animal selection knowledge foundation and will start working on learning how to give reasons soon", said judging coach and Extension Agriculture Agent Charlene Miller. Miller also noted, it was a great contest for these girls to participate in the 'placings only' division to show their knowledge since starting practices.

In the junior 'placings only' division (6th grade and younger), there were a total of 46 participants for a total of 17 teams. Butler County 4-H had three youth able to attend and be on the 4-H team.

Butler County 4-H won the Junior division with all 3 youth placing in the top 10. Cami Miller was High Individual overall, Hailey Coble - 4th overall and Harley McLaughlin - 9th overall.

Livestock judging consists of analyzing animals, measuring them against a standard that is

considered ideal. Ideals taken into consideration include, structure, muscle, rib shape and balance. The benefits youth gain from participation in livestock judging include but are not limited to: decision making skills, building confidence, effective communication, and public speaking skills along with building character.

If you are interested in your youth joining 4-H and getting involved with livestock judging, contact the Butler County Extension Office at (316) 321-9660. Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities, and programs accessible to all participants.

