

Provincial Judging 2009



Vermilion – Thirty-nine competitive senior-aged 4-H members engulfed the grounds of Lakeland College on August 15 to vie for a chance to win one of 17 award trips given out at the 23rd Annual Provincial 4-H Judging Competition.

The competition is intense at Provincial Judging in terms of time and expectation. In less than twelve hours 39 members judged and gave reasons for ten classes consisting of market swine and gilts, market sheep and breeding ewes, breeding heifers and markets bulls, jersey cows and Holstein cows, draft and light horses.

The competitors began Saturday morning with a welcome breakfast that covered the rules and format of the competition, and then it was off to the riding arena for the official commencement of the competition. The competition began with members taking diligent notes as they listened to each overview from the official judges. Silence ensued for the remainder of the morning as members worked to quickly identify the top and bottom pairs in each class.



After a delicious, pizza-filled lunch, everyone moved into Lakeland College’s Animal Science building to begin giving their oral reasons. The afternoon moved quickly as the members frantically memorized their reasons for each class.

“Provincial Judging was a great learning experience for me,” commented competitor Sarah McCrae. “It was so challenging to me because I previously have not had to do reasons for every class that I judged, or judge so many species at one time for that matter!”

At the conclusion of the event, Luke Wrubleski, of the Armena 4-H Beef Club and the Lakedell 4-H Lighthouse Club was named top overall judge. Luke will attend the Denver National Western Stock Show in January of 2010 to represent Alberta 4-H.

“Winning Top Overall Judge is definitely the pinnacle of my 4-H career!” enthused Luke. “This represents a three year culmination of my efforts, and I am so proud to finally have achieved this goal at my last provincial 4-H event. I will proudly represent Alberta 4-H in Denver in 2010.”

The other top judges were each offered an opportunity to attend one of three award trips to Denver, Regina and Billings.



The award trip recipients are as follows:

Denver National 4-H Roundup (January 2010)

Jennalee Blackhurst, Jolene Garber,
Christina Hager, Edith Wouters

**Northern International Livestock
Exposition (NILE) Judging Competition
(October 2009)**

Jennifer Alexandre, Kristina Huisman,
Taylor Isley, Kristy Oatway, Nathan Sereda,
Stephanie Rasmussen, Kelsey
Cartwright, Tyler Kueber

**Canadian Western Agribition,
International 4-H Judging Seminar
(November 2009)**

Lindsey Grover, Kasara Van Hecke, Stacy Woywitka, Jacob Onyschuk



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