

# JUDGING

## Scoring Procedures

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### Quick Facts...

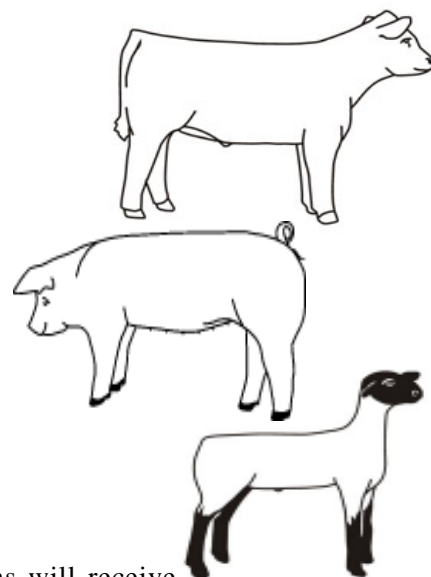
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Fifty (50) points are considered the maximum score for a placing class in a livestock judging contest. *Official placings* are assigned to the class by an official judge with experience and knowledge of livestock evaluation. The official makes the decisions as to the correct placing (24 possible placings on a class of four animals) and cuts for each class. *Cuts* are the point difference between each of the pairs in a class. Close pairs or difficult decisions will receive small cuts (one to three points), moderately difficult decisions will receive reasonable cuts (four to five points), and very easy decisions will receive large cuts (six to eight points). The total of the three cuts for a class of four animals shall not exceed 15 or a negative score may result. The middle cut may never exceed five (5) points when the cuts add to 15 or exceed eight (8) points when the cuts add to 14 or a negative score may result. Computing programs and/or slides are available to score livestock judging contests; however, a livestock judge needs to be knowledgeable of the hand scoring process. An understanding of how placings are tabulated should benefit the livestock judge, coach, parent, 4-H leader, volunteer and Colorado State University Cooperative Extension agent.



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Compare *your placing* to the *official*.

**Official:**

1       -       2       -       3       -       4

Top Pair           Middle Pair           Bottom Pair

**Cuts:**           2                           5                           3

**Your Placing:**

1       -       2       -       3       -       4

1/2    -0    2/3    -0    3/4    -0

1/3    -0    2/4    -0

1/4    -0     **Score:** 50 - 0 = 50

**Official:**

1       -       2       -       3       -       4

**Cuts:**           2                           5                           3

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## Calculating Pair Switches

**Your Placings:**

2       -       1       -       3       -       4                   **Score:** 50 - 2 = 48

1       -       3       -       2       -       4                   **Score:** 50 - 5 = 45

1       -       2       -       4       -       3                   **Score:** 50 - 3 = 47

2       -       1       -       4       -       3                   **Score:** 50 - 5 = 45

## Calculating a Simple and Complete Bust

**Your Placing:**

3       -       1       -       2       -       4

3/1    -7    1/2    -0    2/4    -0

3/2    -5    1/4    -0

3/4    -0     **Score:** 50 - 12 = 38

**Your Placing:**

4       -       2       -       1       -       3

4/2    -8    2/1    -2    1/3    -0

4/1    -10    2/3    -0

4/3    -3     **Score:** 50 - 23 = 27

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