

Agriculture Product Identification Contest

Presented by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Superintendent: Dr. Chris Boleman, College Station, TX

Entry Deadline	Thursday	January 5	.	
4-H/FFA Team Registration	Monday	March 5	7:00 a.m.	Reliant Center-Rooms TBA
4-H/FFA Contest Start	Monday	March 5	7:30 a.m.	Reliant Center-Rooms TBA
Public School Team Registration	Monday	March 5	8:30 a.m.	Reliant Center-Rooms TBA
Public School Contest Start	Monday	March 5	9:00 a.m.	Reliant Center-Rooms TBA
Awards Presentation	Monday	March 5	4:00 p.m.	Reliant Center-Main Cattle Arena

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

1. Eligibility:



- a. This event is an invitational contest, open only to the first 100 teams to successfully submit an entry form.
- b. Students must be between the ages of 9 and 18 on or before August 31, 2011 and enrolled in, and attending a public or private junior high or high school in Texas. Enrolled college and university students are not eligible to participate.
- c. This event is open to contestants who are members of 4-H or FFA who meet all Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Show Rules and Requirements or any student that is enrolled in and attending a public or private junior high or high school in Texas.
- d. There shall be two divisions:
 - I. 4-H and FFA – 4-H team members must be from the same county. FFA team members must be from the same Chapter.
 - II. Public School – Team members must be from the same school
- e. Each team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) contestants, with the three (3) highest scores being used to compute team scores.
- f. Each AST, CEA, or school official may enter as many as three (3) teams per chapter, club or school. Entry forms must be postmarked on or before **January 5, 2012**.
- g. Each team and its division must be designated and certified by an AST, CEA, or school official at the time of entry.
- h. Contestants must be passing all subjects for the semester or grading period immediately preceding the contest as certified by the school official, Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) or County Extension Agent (CEA) on the entry form.



- ## 2. Entry:
- An entry fee of \$10, made payable to HLS&R, will be charged per team. Entries, indemnities and W-9's may be submitted through the paper entry forms and must be mailed to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Livestock Office, P.O. Box 20070, Houston, TX 77225-0070 with a postmark of **January 5, 2012** or earlier. Entry forms and accompanying forms can be downloaded at www.rodeohouston.com. Forms with missing information will be considered incomplete entries and will not be accepted.



3. Conduct of Contestants:

- a. There will be no talking between contestants during the contest. Violating this rule may cause the contestants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
- b. Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during competition.
- c. Contestants must have their contestant number clearly visible on their clothing.
- d. Contestants cannot smoke or use any tobacco products in contest facilities.
- e. Contestants must advance from one exhibit to the next when instructed to do so.
- f. Contestants must evaluate each exhibit in sequence and will not be allowed to return to any exhibit after advancing.
- g. Contestants should not in any way willfully obstruct the work of another contestant.
- h. If an ineligible contestant is permitted to judge, the team and individual members of that team will be ineligible for prizes and future entry into this contest may be denied to the school, County 4-H, or FFA Chapter.
- i. No electronic communication devices will be allowed in contest area.

4. **Ag4U Agricultural Awareness Day:** The Agriculture Product Identification Contest will be held in conjunction with the Agricultural Awareness Day. Contestants are encouraged to pre-register for Agricultural Awareness Day and partake in the educational opportunities that will be offered.
5. **Contest Format:** Twenty (20) Texas agricultural products selected from the Texas Agriculture Product List will be exhibited at separate stations. Contestants will select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers and bubble their answer in on a scantron sheet. Each station will also have one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions may be: a) general to the industry that produced the product (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production); or b) specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety). Contestants will be allowed 40 seconds at each station before they are asked to advance to the next station.
6. **Scoring:** Contestants will receive five (5) points for each product that is correctly identified and five (5) points for each question that is correctly answered. However, for points to be awarded on questions pertaining directly to the product displayed, the product must be correctly identified. Points will be awarded for correct answers to questions general to the industry regardless of the product being correctly identified.

Total Points Possible

Individual.....	200 points
Team (high three scores counted).....	600 points

7. **Ties:** Five (5) stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. Teams with the highest cumulative scores at these five stations will win any ties. If ties still remain, winners will be determined by the toss of a coin.
8. **References:** The following websites are recommended references. Teams will also benefit from their own web searches and by visiting supermarkets to view products listed on the Texas Agriculture Product List.

Pick Texas (<http://www.picktexas.com/index.htm>)
 TAMU Extension Horticulture (http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/lawn_garden/)
 TAMU Extension Texas Crops (<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/Texasacrops/index.html>)
 USDA Cuts of Beef (<http://consumer.certifiedangusbeef.com/cuts/Default.aspx>)
 Pork Cuts (<http://www.texaspork.org/Consumer.htm>)
 Texas Agricultural Products <http://www.beagsmart.org/commodities/commodities.aspx>

9. Awards:

4-H and FFA

First Place Team.....	\$200 School Supply Gift Card; Team Trophy and Banner; Trophy Buckles and \$50 cash prize for each team member
Second Place Team.....	\$100 School Supply Gift Card; Team Trophy and Banner; Plaques for each team member
Third Place Team.....	Team Trophy and Banner; Plaques for each team member
Fourth Place Team.....	Team Trophy and Banner
Fifth Place Team.....	Team Trophy and Banner

Public School Awards

First Place Team.....	\$200 School Supply Gift Card; Team Trophy and Banner; Trophy and \$50 cash prize to each team member
Second Place Team.....	\$100 School Supply Gift Card; Team Trophy and Banner; Plaques for each team member
Third Place Team.....	Team Trophy and Banner; Plaques for each team member
Fourth Place Team.....	Team Trophy and Banner
Fifth Place Team.....	Team Trophy and Banner

Texas Agriculture Product List

Apple

- Granny Smith
- Gala
- Red Delicious

Avocado

Beef

- Strip Loin Steak
- Tenderloin Steak
- Ribeye Steak
- Sirloin Steak
- Ground Beef

Beets

Bell Pepper

Black Eyed Peas

Blackberries

Blueberries

Broccoli

Butter

Cabbage

Cantaloupe

Carrot

Catfish

Cauliflower

Celery

Cheese

Chicken

- Whole
- Breast

Collard Greens

Cotton

Cottage Cheese

Cucumber

Eggs

Eggplant

Garlic

Grapefruit

Grapes

Herbs

- Basil
- Cilantro
- Lavender
- Mint
- Oregano
- Parsley
- Rosemary
- Thyme

Honey

Irish Potato – Red or White

Jalapeno Pepper

Lamb

- Lamb Chop
- Leg

Lettuce Milk

Mohair

Mushrooms

Okra

Onion

Oranges

Peach

Peanut

Pear

Pecan

Persimmon

Pork

- Bacon
- Whole Tenderloin
- Pork Chop
- Ham

Pinto Beans

Plums

Poinsettia

Pumpkin

Rice

Roses

Shrimp

Sour Cream

Spinach

Strawberry

Sunflower Seeds

Sweet Corn

Sweet Potato

Tomatillos

Tomato

Turkey

- Whole
- Breast

Turnip Greens

Watermelon

Wool

Yellow Squash

Yogurt

Zucchini

Entry Fee
\$10/Team



Receipt No.

Agriculture Product Identification Contest Entry Form
Entries MUST be postmarked by January 5, 2012
DEADLINE — JANUARY 5

Students Represent:(circle one)	FFA	4-H	Jr./Sr. High School
4-H Club/FFA Chapter/School: _____			
Club/Chapter/School Address: _____			
City _____ State TEXAS _____ Zip _____			
AST/CEA or Supervising Teacher E-mail Address (REQUIRED) _____			
Supervising AST/CEA/ Teacher/Counselor Name(s) _____			
<u>Contestant 1:</u>		<u>Contestant 2:</u>	
Name: _____	_____	Name: _____	_____
Address: _____	_____	Address: _____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Phone: _____	_____	Phone: _____	_____
Email: _____	_____	Email: _____	_____
<u>Contestant 3:</u>		<u>Contestant 4:</u>	
Name: _____	_____	Name: _____	_____
Address: _____	_____	Address: _____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Phone: _____	_____	Phone: _____	_____
Email: _____	_____	Email: _____	_____

ENTRY DEADLINE — POSTMARKED BY JAN. 5
www.rodeohouston.com—832.667.1000—livestock@rodeohouston.com
Mail entry to:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo—Attn: Livestock Competitions Department
P.O. Box 20070
Houston, TX 77225-0070

A complete entry MUST INCLUDE: Official entry application, Indemnification Form for each Contestant and payment. All forms MUST be complete. Forms with missing information will be considered incomplete entries and will not be accepted.



Judging Contest and Other: Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement

PLEASE EXECUTE AND BRING TO REGISTRATION. DO NOT MAIL WITH ENTRY.

- 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Floriculture Contest
- 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Meat Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Nursery / Landscape Contest
- 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Range & Pasture Plant I. D. Contest
- Quality Counts Multi-Media Contest
- Agriculture Product Identification Contest
- 4-H & FFA Wool Judging Contest
- Agricultural Mechanics Contest
- Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest
- Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest
- Intercollegiate Wool and Mohair Judging Contest
- Tractor Technician Contest
- Public Speaking Contest
- 4-H and FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Contest
- Ranching and Wildlife Competition

ONE FORM REQUIRED FOR EACH CONTEST ENTERED. EACH COACH AND CONTESTANT MUST EXECUTE THIS APPLICATION.

Part I

As valid consideration for entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Inc., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Fund, HLS&R Institute for Teacher Excellence, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Foundation and the Corral Club, Inc., (collectively, "HLSR"), the undersigned hereby enter into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement").

1. **INVITATIONAL SHOW:** The Houston Livestock Show is an invitational show and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognize and understand there are risks associated with entry into and participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death, and damage to property or privacy rights. The undersigned further acknowledge that they will be liable for all damage to persons, livestock, or property that is caused by them or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASE, ACQUIT AND FOREVER DISCHARGE HLSR, their present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns (collectively, the "HLSR Parties" or individually, an "HLSR Party") from any and all claims, causes of action, suits and/or demands for personal injury, death or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, (collectively, "Claims") relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional or unintentional acts on the part of the undersigned in connection with entry into and participation in the Activities. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agree that the HLSR Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, heirs, administrators, executors or assigns for Claims arising from or related to the undersigned Contestant's entry into and participation in the Activities.
4. **AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE HLSR PARTIES AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE HLSR PARTIES' OWN NEGLIGENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE WAS THE SOLE, PROXIMATE OR PRODUCING CAUSE OF THE CLAIMS; provided, however, that the duty of the undersigned to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the HLSR Parties shall extend only to Claims arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned Contestant's entry into and participation in the Activities. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY" means to agree to assume the HLSR Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility and/or reimbursing the HLSR Parties for Claims asserted against them.
5. **PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY:** The undersigned GRANT PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understand that photographs or interviews may be used by HLSR for television, film, video, visual, or printed media. The undersigned agree to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY HLSR for any Claims related to photographs or interviews by the HLSR Parties or any media.
6. **TEXAS LAW AND ARBITRATION:** The undersigned understand that this Agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a State Court in Harris County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. This Agreement controls notwithstanding any conflicting terms or conditions of any other agreement between the parties. The undersigned agree to these terms and conditions and acknowledge receipt of this Agreement. HLSR may require that all claims or disputes between Contestant and/or Contestant's parent or guardian and HLSR and/or its agents, officers, directors volunteers, members and assigns, in any way arising out of or related to this Agreement, shall be decided by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. 1, et seq. and in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the AAA that are in effect at the time the demand for arbitration is filed, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise in writing. The decision of the arbitrator(s), which shall state findings of fact and conclusions of law, shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties and judgment may be entered thereon in the District Court of Harris County, Texas to enforce the decision.

Part II

We, the undersigned Junior Contestant and parent/guardian, certify that we have read, understand and will abide by all rules and regulations of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The undersigned represent that they thoroughly understand that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are voluntarily entering into this Agreement and that no representations, promises or statements made by any HLSR Party or any agent, attorney or other representative of any HLSR Party has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

Signature—Exhibitor	Date	Name Printed
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If the person on whose behalf this Agreement is being executed is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must also execute this Agreement.

Signature—Parent/Guardian	Date	Name Printed
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RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR: _____

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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Additional instructions for completing this form may be found at the official Internal Revenue website:
<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/formspubs/index.html>

REQUIRED

Each 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Junior Exhibitor and Open Show Exhibitor must complete an IRS W-9 form and return it with entry. Premium payments will not be made without completed W-9 form.