

2019 Wisconsin 4-H Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Results

(Madison, WI) The Wisconsin 4-H Quiz Bowl and Skillathon contests were both held on Saturday, March 2 at the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal Sciences Building. Livestock Quiz Bowl, in its 15th year, is a competition where questions are about beef, sheep, swine and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a judge. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. A group discussion round is included in the senior division to simulate the national competition.

The senior team winner represents Wisconsin at the National 4-H Quiz Bowl contest at AKSARBEN in Grand Island, NE in September. Winners of the senior division (14 years of age or older) was Trempealeau County. Members included: Mara Quarne, Blake Johnson, Tyler Johnson and Johanna Haines. The team was, coached by Dwight Quarne. Second place in Senior Quiz Bowl went to Polk County: Members were: Katherine Elwood, Josie Carlson and Sarah Carlson. The team was coached by Craig Scholz.

Winners of the Junior Quiz Bowl division (under 14 years old) was Iowa County 1. Members included Joey Robinson, Ty Gaffney, Julia Searls and Annie Robinson. This team was coached by Mike Robinson. Second place went to Marathon County. Members included: Mason Heise, Logan Witherler, Alexa Leonard, Alison Leonard. The team was coached by Kristine Leonard and Melissa Heise.

Winners of the Mixed division (must contain at least one youth from each age division) was Grant County. Team members included: Jessica Patterson, Mason Crooks, Avery Crooks and Alayna Barth. The team was coached by Dennis Patterson, Ron Patterson and Amanda Cauffman. Jackson County was second place. Members included: Austin Laufenberg, Trent Laufenberg, Kaden Moseley, Grace Kling and Wyatt Berg. The team was coached by Jesse Oberlin and Dawn Laufenberg.

In the Skillathon contest, participants complete a 25 question written test, 4 individual skill-a-thon stations where contestants take part in livestock breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification and meat identification. The final portion is the team exercises where each team works together to best solve 3 different scenarios involving live animals/concepts. This phase helps youth learn problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork.

The winning 4-H Skillathon team was from Trempealeau County and will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY in November. They were coached by Dwight Quarne. Members included: Mara Quarne, Blake Johnson, Tyler Johnson and Johanna Haines. Second place senior team was Columbia County which included: Zach Mickelson, Justin Taylor and Hayden Taylor. This team was coached by Todd Taylor.

Top Ten Overall Senior Skillathon Individuals were: Justin Taylor, Columbia; Mara Quarne, Trempealeau; Kendra Jentz, Grant; Zachery Mickelson, Columbia; Blake Wegmueller, Grant; Blake Johnson, Trempealeau; Haley Schulenberg, Dane; Reece Theobald, Dane; Abby Meier, Grant; James Mejchar, Ozaukee.

Grant County topped the junior division. Members included: Cameron Patterson, Luke Patterson, Libby Vogt and Leah Patterson. The team was coached by Dennis Patterson, Ron Patterson and Amanda Cauffman. Second place was Jackson County #1. Team members were: Jack Laufenberg, Jake Kling, Luke Fischer, Austin Olson and Doyle Hagen. The team was coached by Jessie Oberlin and Dawn Laufenberg.

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Top Ten Overall Junior Skillathon Individuals were: Joey Robinson, Iowa County #1; Jake Kling, Jackson #1; Andrew Formo, Dane; Cameron Patterson, Grant #1; Luke Fischer, Jackson County #1; Kendall Theobald, Dane; Katie Hutchthausen, Dane; Alison Leonard, Marathon; Luke Patterson, Grant #1; Ethan Kohlman, Sheboygan #1.

In the Mixed division Grant County was 1st place. Members included: Jessica Patterson, Mason Crooks, Avery Crooks and Alayna Barth. The team was coached by Dennis Patterson, Ron Patterson and Amanda Cauffman. Jackson County was second place. Team members were: Trent Laufenberg, Kaden Moseley, Austin Laufenberg, Grace Kling and Wyatt Berg. The team was coached by Jessie Oberlin and Dawn Laufenberg.

Top Ten Overall Mixed Skillathon Individuals were: Jessica Patterson, Grant; Gabby Wohlrab, Juneau B; Grace Kling, Jackson; Mason Crooks, Grant; Trent Laufenberg, Jackson; Wyatt Berg, Jackson; Avery Crooks, Grant; Samantha Rake, Columbia; Kaden Moseley, Jackson; and Faith Baerwolf, Columbia.

These events was organized and facilitated by Bernie O'Rourke, UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, Alissa Grenawalt, Outreach Specialist, and partially funded by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Numerous judges and helpers from University of Wisconsin – Extension, University of Wisconsin – Madison and River Falls along with many volunteers from across the state assisted in the success of these contests.

For upcoming events and programs in the animal sciences, contact your county UW-Extension office or the Wisconsin Livestock Youth Web Site: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/>

2019 Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Photos for Publicity (Click on photo and click on the 3 little circles above photo to select download)

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1st Junior Quiz Bowl –Iowa 1

L to R: Joey Robinson, Ty Gaffney, Julia Searls, Annie Robinson

2nd Junior Quiz Bowl – Marathon County

L to R: Mason Heise, Logan Witberler, Alexa Leonard, Alison Leonard

1st Junior Skillathon – Grant #1

L to R: Libby Vogt, Leah Patterson, Luke Patterson, Cameron Patterson

2nd Junior Skillathon – Jackson County #1

L to R: Doyle Hagen, Luke Fischer, Austin Olson, Jake Kling, Jack Laufenberg

Junior Individuals:

Front Row L to R: Joey Robinson, Iowa #1; Jake Kling, Jackson #1; Andrew Formo, Dane; Cameron Patterson, Grant #1; Luke Fischer, Jackson #1

Back Row L to R: Reese Theobald, Dane; Katie Huchthausen, Dane; Alison Leonard, Dane; Luke Patterson, Grant #1; Ethan Kohlman, Sheboygan #1

1st Mixed Quiz Bowl– Grant County

L to R: Jessica Patterson, Avery Crooks, Alayna Barth, Mason Crooks

2nd Mixed Quiz Bowl– Jackson County

L to R: Austin Laufenberg, Trent Laufenberg, Kaden Moseley, Grace Kling, Wyatt Berg

1st Mixed Skillathon– Grant County

L to R: Jessica Patterson, Avery Crooks, Alayna Barth, Mason Crooks

2nd Mixed Skillathon – Jackson County

L to R: Trent Laufenberg, Wyatt Berg, Grace Kling, Kaden Moseley, Austin Laufenberg



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Mixed Individuals

Front Row L to R: Jessica Patterson, Grant; Gabby Wohlrab, Juneau B; Grace Kling, Jackson; Mason Crooks, Grant; Trent Laufenberg, Jackson

Back Row L to R: Wyatt Berg, Jackson; Avery Crooks, Grant; Samantha Rake, Columbia; Kaden Moseley, Jackson; Faith Baerwolf, Columbia

1st Senior Quiz Bowl – Trempealeau County

L to R: Johanna Haines, Mara Quarne, Blake Johnson, Tyler Johnson

2nd Senior Quiz Bowl – Polk County

L to R: Josie Carlson, Katherine Elwood, Sarah Carlson

1st Senior Skillathon – Trempealeau County

L to R: Mara Quarne, Blake Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Johanna Haines

2nd Senior Skillathon – Columbia County

L to R: Justin Taylor, Zach Mickelson, Hayden Taylor

Senior Individuals

Front Row: L to R: Justin Taylor, Columbia; Mara Quarne, Trempealeau; Kendra Jentz, Grant; Zack Mickelson, Columbia; Blake Wegmueller, Grant

Back Row L to R: Blake Johnson, Trempealeau; Haley Schulenberg, Dane; Reece Theobald, Dane; Abby Meier, Grant; James Mejchar, Ozaukee