

PASE 4-H Meat Judging Oral Reasons Template(s)

Introduced in 2024, oral reasons mark an exciting addition to the PASE State 4-H Meat Judging Contest. Now, participants in each division (junior, intermediate, and senior) must skillfully present their evaluations and reasoning to judges, adding a dynamic new dimension to the competition.

Please note that the reasons templates and examples provided are merely samples and are open to customization according to your preferences.

Junior Division

Junior division contestant must provide 1 set of oral reasons and will only be asked to vocalize their placing.

Template:

“My name is _____, from (county/team) and I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing).”

Example:

My name is Bo Garcia from UNL and I placed this class of beef carcasses, 2-4-3-1.

Intermediate Division

Intermediate division contestants must provide 1 set of oral reasons and can utilize their notes if needed.

Template:

“My name is _____, from (county/team) and I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing). In my top pair I placed (#) over (#) as it was (Reasoning) as shown by (Examples). In my middle pair, I placed (#) over (#) as it was (Reasoning) as shown by (Examples). And finally, in my bottom pair, I placed (#) over (#) as it was (reasoning) as shown by (Examples). Therefore, resulting in (#) being placed last. In all, I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing). Thank you.

Example:

My name is Bo Garcia from UNL and I placed this class of beef carcasses, 2-4-3-1. In my top pair I placed 2 over 4 as it was higher quality as shown by a higher degree of marbling in a brighter cherry red ribeye. In my middle pair, I placed 4 over 3 as it was trimmer as shown by less fat opposite the ribeye, over the round, over the rib, and over the chuck. And finally, in my bottom pair, I placed 3 over 1 as it was higher quality as shown by a higher degree of marbling in the ribeye. Therefore, resulting in beef carcass number 1 being placed last. In all, I placed this beef carcass class 2-4-3-1. Thank you.

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Senior Division

Senior division contestants must provide 2 sets of oral reasons. Note utilization is not recommended.

Template:

“My name is _____, from (county/team) and I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing). In my top pair I placed (#) over (#) as it was (Reasoning) as shown by (Examples). In my middle pair, I placed (#) over (#) as it was (Reasoning) as shown by (Examples). And finally, in my bottom pair, I placed (#) over (#) as it was (reasoning) as shown by (Examples). Therefore, resulting in (#) being placed last. In all, I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing). Thank you.

Example:

My name is Bo Garcia from UNL and I placed this class of Lamb Loin Chops, 4-3-2-1. In my top pair I placed 4 over 3 as it was trimmer as shown by less external fat. In my middle pair, I placed 3 over 2 as it was heavier muscled as shown by a larger longissimus dorsi and psoas major. And finally, in my bottom pair, I placed 2 over 1 as it contained less waste as shown by less bone waste. Therefore, resulting in Lamb Loin Chop number 1 being placed last. In all, I placed this Lamb Loin Chops 4-3-2-1. Thank you.

For additional meat judging resources, see <https://4h.unl.edu/pase-contests#meats> or <https://animalscience.unl.edu/pase-and-cde-meats-contest>