

## General Information

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING

List name, birthday, age and address of team members and coach, then mail to:

NATIONAL WOOL JUDGING CONTEST BOX 1047  
SONORA, TEXAS 76950

Or e-mail to: [sutton@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:sutton@ag.tamu.edu)

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### OPPORTUNITIES

For decades the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show has been known as one of the finest and largest show of its kind. The training opportunities found here are made available to 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters throughout the country. Take advantage of the best ranch training available by participating in the National Wool Judging Contest.

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### ACCOMMODATIONS

For more accommodations write direct to one of the following or address your inquiry to:

NATIONAL WOOL JUDGING CONTEST  
Box 1047, Sonora, Texas 76950

- (1) Motel 6-Devils River, IH 10, West Edge of Sonora, (325)387-3516.
- (2) SureStay Hotel, 270 Hwy 277 N, (325)387-9111
- (3) Quality Choice, 311 N Hwy 277, Across from SureStay Hotel, (325)387-5800.
- (4) Economy Inn, 1009 N Crockett Ave, (325)387-2551.

## 2017 High Individuals

### 4-H

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sierra Forlano, Schleicher Co.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> RossCass Benson, Irion Co.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Franklin Buchholz, Schleicher Co.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Brad Gryder, Irion Co.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Micaela Forlano, Schleicher Co.

### FFA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amber Pawelek, New Braunfels
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Egbert, New Braunfels
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peyton Wond, New Braunfels
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kami Pelech, New Braunfels

### *Sonora-Your Host City*

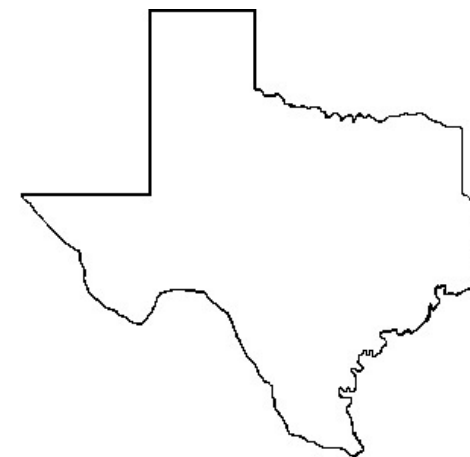
Located in the heart of the Edwards Plateau Region of West Texas, Sonora is one of the leading wool, mohair and registered livestock centers in the nation. Known as "The Capitol of the Stockman's Paradise", Sonora is served by transcontinental bus lines and motor freight lines. Two major highways, U.S. 277 and IH 10 cross at Sonora. A municipal airport with a 4,000 foot paved and lighted runway serves the community.

The Texas A&M University Research Station near here conducts programs beneficial to the livestock industry.

Sonora has also become a tourist center because of the 1960 opening of the million year old "Caverns of Sonora". This fantastic underground wonderland thrills thousands of visitors each year with rare, live formations. The caverns are open all year with hour and half-hour tours scheduled within 30 minutes of a guest's arrival.

## Your Invitation to

The 2018  
58th Annual National 4-H and 18<sup>th</sup>  
Annual National FFA Wool Judging  
Contest



Sonora, Texas

June 19-21, 2018

Sponsored by the  
SONORA LIONS CLUB  
and  
SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN  
COOPERATION WITH THE SONORA  
WOOL & MOHAIR COMPANY  
and  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

## Foreword

The National Wool Judging Contest is dedicated to the youth of the nation in whose hands lies the future of the sheep and wool industry.

The purpose of the National Wool Judging Contest is to encourage the training of youth in the classification, grading and evaluation of wool "To make the best (WOOL) better."

The first wool judging contest was held here in 1947 as a part of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show. From this beginning, wool judging contests have spread to many county wool shows in Texas and to other states. Top teams participate in the Sonora Wool and Mohair Judging Contest each year. So much interest has been shown by Texans, and the value of the contest has been so apparent that the sponsors of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show are making this training opportunity available to the youth of the nation.

## Awards

- Awarded to the three high teams.
- Medals awarded to members of the three high teams
- Medals awarded to the five high individuals.
- Rotating trophy awarded to the high team.

## 2017 Results for 4-H

### First - Schleicher Co., Texas

Sierra Forlano, Franklin Buchholz, Micaela Forlano, Emmie Mynatt

### Second - Irion Co. Texas

Cass Benson, Brad Gryder, Cy Brooks, Caylee Harris

### Third - Campbell Co, Wyoming

Brianna Jafek, Ally Marshall, Matthew Nailh W, Rachel Snyder

## 2017 Results for FFA

### First - Canyon - New Braunfels

Amber Pawelek, Hannah Egbert, Peyton Wong, Kami Pelech

## Rules and Regulations

1. A maximum of two teams may enter from each state with selection of teams to be made by each 4-H/FFA office. Entries must be submitted listing team members ages, birthdays, county, state and coach to the address below.

2. Contestants must be eligible to compete as senior 4-H members in their respective state contest the year of this contest. Students must not be enrolled in college prior to their local state contest.

3. This contest is open to both boys and girls.

4. Teams may consist of four members, with the scores of the three high members making the team score. The low scoring member of each team will automatically become the alternate. In the event of a team score tie, the score of the alternate will determine the team placing.

5. Members of all teams will be ineligible for future participation in the contest.

6. The grades of wool for fineness and length will be as follows:

	Clothing	French Combing	Staple
Fine 64's, 70's, 80's	< 2"	2"-3"	> 3"
Half blood 60's, 62's	< 2.25"	2.25"-3.25"	>3.25"
3/8 blood 56's, 58's	< 3.5"		> 3.5"
1/4 blood 50's, 54's	< 4"		> 4"
Low 1/4 48's and lower	< 4"		> 4"

**NOTE:** There is no French combing wool in grades coarser than 3/8.

7. Yield will be classified as follows:

Contestants will be required to select an actual percentage yield. If a contestant is within 4 points above or 4 points below the official percentage yield, they receive full credit of 4 points. If the constant is within 8 points above or 8 points below the percentage yield than they receive 2 points. If they are more than 8 points above or below they receive no points. There will be a box at the top of the scantron that will have a gauge for calling yield. Keep in mind that the average yield changes for the fineness of fleeces.

Average and Normal Range of Clean Fleece Yields

	Wool Grade Categories				
Clean Fleece Yield (%)	Fine	Half	3/8	1/4	Low 1/4
Average (%)	50	55	60	65	65
Normal (%)	40-60	45-65	50-70	55-75	55/75

8. Contest will be set as follows:

*Classify 30 fleeces* 300pt

The fleeces will be classified according to length, fineness and yield. 30 minutes will be allowed to classify 15 fleeces.

*Place and mark reasons-4 classes of wool: 400pt.*

One class of fine wool, one class of 1/2 blood wool, one class of 3/8 blood wool and one class of 1/4 blood wool. Four fleeces in each class to be placed in the same manner as livestock.

15 minutes will be allowed to place each class.

Possible individual total 700pt.

Possible team total 2100pt.

**For forms or further information:**

Please call: (325)387-3101

## Program

### **Tuesday, June 19**

3:30 PM

All fleece entries must be in place.

### **Wednesday, June 20**

8:00 AM

Invitational Judging Contest - Texas Teams

Judging of All Fleece Entries

1:30 PM

Registration and grouping of contestants of Invitational Wool and Mohair Contest. OUT OF STATE TEAMS may participate in these contests if they desire, after the Texas contestants are finished.

3:30 PM

Coaches & teams may view contest fleeces.

5:00 PM

National Wool Judging Contest Registration

6:30-8:30 PM

Recreation at City Swimming Pool, hamburgers, and coaches meeting.

### **Thursday, June 21**

8:00 AM

National 4-H & FFA Wool Judging Contest

11:30 AM - NOON

Awards and Luncheon

## Officials

Show Superintendent:

**Dr. Reid Redden**

**Texas Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist**