



2019 State 4-H Livestock Contest and Results

Congratulations and thank you to all of our 2019 Alaska State Livestock Contest participants and volunteers for a sunny weekend competition at the Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center! Two teams each from Mat Su and Kenai participated this year.

Thursday evening was a meet and greet hot dog roast. Friday started right up with our Skillathon contest, with teams rotating through the quiz and team problems, as well as the “stations” segment. The stations, set up in the Seed Lab, included meat, fleece and hay judging, livestock breed, feed, meat and equipment identification, and a quality assurance worksheet. Teams were given a specified time limit to work on their problem, then present their “solution” to a judge, in adjacent rooms. Teams worked well together with creative, well thought out ideas. After a lunch of local loaded potatoes, the Judging contest began with a field trip to the Whitlatch family’s nearby class of feeder pigs/future market hogs. Back at the “Farm” we then judged a mature (meat) goat doe and a buckling class, thanks to Kellee Eklund a class of market lambs, thanks to Marc Pratt, followed by a class of UAF Experiment Farm beef heifers. Oral reasons for the beef class was next, with Extemporaneous speaking as the final contest for the day. Special thanks to Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Director, Jodie Anderson for judging our seniors in both events. A wonderful taco bar followed.

Saturday morning contests included our public speaking and demonstrations. Thanks to State FFA Advisor, Kevin Foches, we had special guest Ag pre-service teachers from Idaho as judges. Our participants enjoyed their comments and suggestions. The annual Art & Photography contest had an even larger number of entries than last year! A wonderful variety of colors and textures! The always exciting Quiz Bowl followed after lunch with the teams battling it out through six rounds. Double elimination rounds resulted in the final win going to Pioneer Peak team of Canyon and Kayleena Roberts, Macee and Ryan Eklund and Atti Jo Tormey.

The awards banquet began with a delicious meal and cakes. After the meal, ribbon and trophy awards were presented to our deserving teams and individuals. Many scores were again higher overall with obvious increases over last years’ scores and often very close, owing to many hours of study by the participants. The Overall Champion Team award was presented to the Kenai Peninsula Wranglers Black Team with Colton and Ella Rankin, Morgan Starks and Elora Reichert. It was great to see 4-H alumni Katie Cooper back as a coach again. Reserve Champion overall team was the Mat Su Pioneer Peak team: Canyon and Kayleena Roberts, Macee and Ryan Eklund and Atti Jo Tormey. The Third place over all team was the Kenai Peninsula Wranglers team with Gracie Rankin, Tina Uta, Destiny, Austin Freeman and Kellee Martin. The Mat Su team of Destiny and Sylvia Reimers, Samara Johnson and Temijin Horsey was 4th place overall. Top Individual Overall winners were Grand Champion Colton Rankin, Reserve Champion Elora Reichert from the Kenai Peninsula Wranglers Black Team and 3rd Place Macee Eklund from Pioneer Peak. The Kenai Peninsula again has the honor of hosting the Traveling Trophy until next years’ contest,

Many thanks again to all for another great statewide contest, to the Kenai district for traveling and to the Mat Su district volunteers to help, judges, animals to evaluate, sunny weather and fantastic hospitality.

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Contest	Team	Individual
Judging 1st-trophy/plaque + ribbons	1 Pioneer Peak 2 Kenai Peninsula Wranglers team 3 KP Wranglers Black team	1 Atti Jo Tormey, Pioneer Peak 2 Ryan Eklund, Pioneer Peak 3 Elora Reichert, KPW Black
Public Speaking 1st-trophy/plaque + ribbons	1 N/A	1 Macee Eklund, Pioneer Peak 2 Tina Uta, KPW 3 Ryan Eklund, Pioneer Peak
Demonstrations 1st-trophy/plaque + ribbons	1 Samara Johnson & Brianna Harris (Mat Su)	1 Gracie Rakin, KRW 2 Canyon Roberts, Pioneer Peak 3 Kayleena Roberts, Pioneer Peak
Extemporaneous	N/A	1 Colton Rankin, KPW Black 2 Austin Freeman, KPW, Macee Eklund, Pioneer Peak 3 Kellee Martin, KPW, Kayleena Roberts, Ryan Eklund, Pioneer Peak
Skill-a-thon 1st-trophy/plaque + ribbons (top 3 teams)	1 KPW Black 2 Pioneer Peak 3 KPW 4 Mat Su	1 Colton Rankin, KPW Black 2 Elora Reichert, KPW Black 3 Macee Eklund, Pioneer Peak 4 Gracie Rankin, KPW 5 Ella Rankin, KPW Black
Quiz Bowl 1st-trophy/plaque + ribbons	1 Pioneer Peak 2 KPW Black 3 KPW	1 Macee Eklund, Pioneer Peak, Colton Rankin, KPW Black 2 Kayleena Roberts, Pioneer Peak 3 Gracie Rankin, KPW Black 4 Elora Reichert, KPW Black, Canyon Roberts, Pioneer Peak
Art/Photography 1st-trophy/plaque + ribbons	N/A	1 Macee Eklund (Pioneer Peak)
Overall (2-2-2 trophies/ plaques) Travel trophy to team Gr/Res ribbons	Grand Champion KP Wranglers Black (3477.5) Reserve Champion Pioneer Peak (3095) 3rd KP Wranglers (2839.5)	Grand Champion Colton Rankin (1053.5) KP Wranglers Black Reserve Champion Elora Reichert (1042) KP Wranglers Black 3rd Macee Eklund, (936) Pioneer Peak <i>Top Senior-Colton Rankin (KP Wranglers Black), Top Intermediate-Ryan Eklund (Pioneer Peak) Top Junior-Canyon Roberts (Pioneer Peak)</i>