

# 2023 Williamson County Fair

## FFA Land Judging Contest

### Rules & Information

**Contest Date:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
**Check in:** 2:00 p.m. – Williamson County Fair – Gate 2 Parking Lot  
**Contest Begins:** 2:30 p.m. at Site  
**Site Location:** One (1) Mile South of Intersection US 431 and SR 248 – Goosecreek By-Pass at Berry Farms  
(A parking sign will be visible immediately on the right after you top the hill)

#### Description:

Land judging tells us how well the land can produce crops or be used for other purposes. Soil characteristics, climate, and topography are good clues to the soil's capabilities, but close examination of the soil texture, structure, depth, permeability, reaction, degree of erosion, slope, drainage, and flooding are necessary to classify land into capability classes. In land judging, the major factors affecting how the land can be used must be determined. These factors are used to correctly recommend conservation practices and fertilizers for conserving the soil. Soil judging helps students to develop an appreciation for soil. The purpose of this contest is to encourage the in-depth study of soils and to provide students with a practical, hands-on environment for judging and evaluating soils.

#### Rules:

1. The contest will consist of twenty (20) FFA Teams; four (4) members per Chapter).
2. All entry forms should be emailed to [mattb@williamsoncountyfair.org](mailto:mattb@williamsoncountyfair.org) no later than Monday, July 31, 2023. Late entries will not be accepted. All teams will be notified to confirm registration. Only the first twenty (20) teams will be accepted.
3. The "Tennessee Land Judging Card" will serve as the official card for the contest.
4. Only the top three (3) scores from each team will count toward the final team score. **THERE WILL BE A DROP SCORE FOR THIS CONTEST!**
5. There will be four (4) pits and a slope with each pit. Each pit will be worth 100 points. Slopes may be on 25 feet, 50 feet, or 100 feet (this will be reviewed prior to the start of the contest).
6. **TIE BREAKERS:**
  - a. Highest score of the drop score team member.
  - b. A pit will be chosen by the official and the highest score on that pit will be declared the winner.
  - c. From the pit decided, which ever members scores the highest on "Part I" of the card will be declared the winner.
  - d. From the pit decided, which ever members scores the highest on "Part II" of the card will be declared the winner.
7. No team shall be the past state winning team in either FFA or 4-H. No member of those teams shall be eligible for this contest.
8. The official for the contest will make the final decision, there will be NO review of their official markings of the pits.
9. FFA Advisors will score the cards from the pits as each rotation is completed.
10. No Advisor, coach, or member shall visit the site prior to the contest.

#### Awards and Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team: Plaque and \$200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team: Plaque and \$100
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team: \$50
  
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place High Individual: Plaque and Ribbon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place High Individual: Plaque and Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place High Individual: Ribbon
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place High Individual: Ribbon
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place High Individual: Ribbon

**Prizes Awarded:** Teams will return to the Williamson County Fairgrounds after the competition. Contestants and Advisors names will be on a list at Ticket Booth 1 Will Call for admittance. Winners will be announced, and awards presented in the Picnic Pavilion located inside the Arena on the east mezzanine. Additional family and friends will be required to pay General Admission.