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1. State

a. Meat and Wool Judging

Meat Judging and Wool Judging take place annually, typically in Laramie near the end of April. Youth compete in their age categories and can participate as an individual or on a team.

For more information on these contests, contact the State 4-H Events Coordinator or go online to <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/index.html>

b. Showcase Showdown

The Wyoming 4-H Showcase Showdown is open to all Wyoming 4-H members and typically is in Laramie the last week of June. It consists of contests, workshops, meals, a dance, and fun activities over two days. While contests are subject to change at any time, historically the contests below are held:

- Horse Judging
- Produce Judging
- Hippology
- Dog Skill-A-Thon
- Livestock Skill-A-Thon
- Table Setting
- Prepared and Impromptu Presentations
- Cake Decorating
- Food Cook-off
- Robotics
- Rocket Launch

For more information, please contact the State 4-H Office at 307-766-5170

c. State Fair

The Wyoming State Fair provides exhibit opportunities to 4-H members including recognition for member's efforts with ribbons, plaques, premiums, and other awards at their discretion. The State Fair Advisory Board annually reviews

statewide rules for entries, exhibits, and awards for competitive exhibits. UW's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources appoints a 4-H representative to this board, who provides input regarding rules and advises the committee about statewide 4-H policies and program activities.

If members choose to participate in the fair, they must follow the fair's rules. The fair takes place during the second full week of August in Douglas, Wyoming.

Judging static and not-static exhibits and several 4-H contests takes place. 4-H contests include:

- i. Dog Show
- ii. Livestock Judging Contest
- iii. Cat Show
- iv. Fashion Revue
- v. Herdsmanship

Youth (FFA and 4-H) contests during state fair include horse show and livestock contests. These contests are manpowered by youth educators (FFA and 4-H).

Please contact the state 4-H office on how to help.

The Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo website is www.wystatefair.com

There is helpful information at <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/statefair/index.html>, including a "Wyoming 4-H Guide to State Fair."

d. State Shoot

State Shoot occurs annually in July in Douglas at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds and the Douglas Trap Club and Rifle Range. The event is organized by the state 4-H office and the Wyoming 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, which is comprised of volunteers from across the state.

For more information on this contest, please go online to <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/index.html>.

2. National

a. Western National Roundup

Each year, Wyoming 4-H members qualify through competition to attend the [Western National Roundup](#) in Denver, Colorado. This is an opportunity to travel, meet youth from other states, compete outside of Wyoming, and have fun.

b. National Livestock Judging Contests

There are three national livestock judging contests that the first place senior team at the Wyoming State Fair 4-H Livestock judging contest may be eligible to attend.

These are

- i.** North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky (November)
- ii.** Western National Roundup, Denver, Colorado (January)
- iii.** American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas City, Missouri (November)

Second and third place senior teams will have the choice of the remaining trips in their respective finishing order.

c. National Shoot

Each year, Wyoming 4-H shooting sports members (14-18 years old) have the opportunity to be a representative at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. The selection process occurs by completing the application and submitting it to the State 4-H Office no later than April 30. Adults are needed to chaperone youth participants through the same selection process.

d. Meats Judging Contests

- i.** National 4-H Meats Judging Contest, Kansas City, Missouri

- ii. Western National Roundup, Denver, Colorado (January)
- e. **Horse Judging Contests**
 - i. National Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio
 - ii. Western National Roundup, Denver, Colorado (January)
 - iii. Reichert Celebration, Fort Worth, Texas
- f. **Wool Judging Contests**
 - i. National 4-H Wool Judging Contest, Sonora, Texas
- g. **Produce Judging Contests:** While there is no national competition for produce judging, some teams compete in the Consumer Decision Making Contest at Western National Roundup.
- h. **Individual Contests:** High individuals NOT on teams in certain categories may also win the opportunity to attend Western National Roundup in Denver.

For more information about national contests, please contact the state 4-H office at 307-766-5170.

See Appendix, Section 4, State Contests and Events or online at https://www.uwyo.edu/employee_resources/4h-files/fact-sheets/contests-events.pdf