

4-H'ers place in agriculture identification contest

Rusk County 4-H had representation and wins in the "Agriculture Identification Contest" at the East Texas State Fair-Academic Rodeo on Jan. 9, in Building E of the fairgrounds in Tyler.

The middle school age division competitors representing the Rusk County 4-H program were Olivia Clifton earning second place and Peyton Clifton earning third place.

The purpose of the Agriculture Identification Contest is for students to learn more about general agriculture; how food is grown, preserved and the food's path to the table; how food effects health; and the growing and production of fibers used for clothing and paper that make our lives more comfortable.

The contest is modeled after the Texas 4-H Agriculture Identification Contest, and agricultural products grown in Texas are displayed for the purpose of identification during the contest.

During the competition no more than 50 students compete at one time.

As students enter the contest area, they are given a clipboard and pencil to use.



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Products are arranged on tables with numbers and questions. Participants identify the products displayed and answer one or more multiple choice questions about the product within a one minute time frame before rotating to the next product.

After students have rotated through each of the 25 products, the contest is complete.

The Agriculture Identification Contest requires a high level of participant dedication as students are provided a resource guide to study prior to the event. Additionally, the Rusk County 4-H participants had a wonderfully dedicated coach

in Janet Clifton, Rusk County 4-H Leader.

On Friday, the Academic Awards Ceremony will be held on the fairgrounds in which all Academic Rodeo participants including all of the Rusk County 4-H'ers who have participated in the Agriculture Product ID Contest, Engineering Challenge, Youth Fashion Show, Art Contest, Drama Festival, Kinder Critters Contest, Science Fair and Writing Contest will receive their awards from the 2019 Academic Rodeo.



Courtesy photo

Rusk County 4-H'ers compete at East Texas State Fair-Academic Rodeo-Agriculture Identification Contest on Jan. 9. Pictured, from left, Olivia Clifton and Peyton Clifton.