Introduced in 2024, oral reasons mark an exciting addition to the PASE State 4-H Meat Judging Contest. Now, participants in each division (junior, intermediate, and senior) must skillfully present their evaluations and reasoning to judges, adding a dynamic new dimension to the competition.

# Please note that the reasons templates and examples provided are merely samples and are open to customization according to your preferences.

**Junior Division**

Junior division contestant must provide 1 set of oral reasons and will only be asked to vocalize their placing.

Template:

“My name is , from (county/team) and I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing).”

Example:

My name is Bo Garcia from UNL and I placed this class of beef carcasses, 2-4-3-1.

# Intermediate Division

Intermediate division contestants must provide 1 set of oral reasons and can utilize their notes if needed.

Template:

“My name is , from (county/team) and I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing). In my top pair I placed (#) over (#) as it was (Reasoning) as shown by (Examples). In my middle pair, I placed (#) over (#) as it was (Reasoning) as shown by (Examples). And finally, in my bottom pair, I placed (#) over (#) as it was (reasoning) as shown by (Examples). Therefore, resulting in (#) being placed last. In all, I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing). Thank you.

Example:

My name is Bo Garcia from UNL and I placed this class of beef carcasses, 2-4-3-1. In my top pair I placed 2 over 4 as it was higher quality as shown by a higher degree of marbling in a brighter cherry red ribeye. In my middle pair, I placed 4 over 3 as it was trimmer as shown by less fat opposite the ribeye, over the round, over the rib, and over the chuck. And finally, in my bottom pair, I placed 3 over 1 as it was higher quality as shown by a higher degree of marbling in the ribeye. Therefore, resulting in beef carcass number 1 being placed last. In all, I placed this beef carcass class 2-4-3-1. Thank you.

# Senior Division

Senior division contestants must provide 2 sets of oral reasons. Note utilization is not recommended.

Template:

“My name is , from (county/team) and I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing). In my top pair I placed (#) over (#) as it was (Reasoning) as shown by (Examples). In my middle pair, I placed (#) over (#) as it was (Reasoning) as shown by (Examples). And finally, in my bottom pair, I placed (#) over (#) as it was (reasoning) as shown by (Examples). Therefore, resulting in (#) being placed last. In all, I placed this class of (Class Name) (Placing). Thank you.

Example:

My name is Bo Garcia from UNL and I placed this class of Lamb Loin Chops, 4-3-2-1. In my top pair I placed 4 over 3 as it was trimmer as shown by less external fat. In my middle pair, I placed 3 over 2 as it was heavier muscled as shown by a larger longissimus dorsi and psoas major. And finally, in my bottom pair, I placed 2 over 1 as it contained less waste as shown by less bone waste. Therefore, resulting in Lamb Loin Chop number 1 being placed last. In all, I placed this Lamb Loin Chops 4-3-2-1. Thank you.

For additional meat judging resources, see https://4h.unl.edu/pase-contests#meats or https://animalscience.unl.edu/pase-and-cde-meats-contest