TRACTOR OPERATOR’S PROGRAM

A county will be permitted to enter individual(s) from the county, provided they have been selected in a county operator’s driving program and have demonstrated a high degree of competency in the tractor program. Make entry on the Roundup Youth Registration Form.

ELIGIBILITY

Enrollment: Members competing in county or state 4-H contests must be enrolled in the 4-H Tractor Program and have reviewed the material provided for this activity.

Age Limit: Each participant for state honors must have reached his or her 13th birthday and must not have passed his or her 19th birthday before January 1 of the year in which the contest is held.

State Contest: Each county is permitted a maximum of three entries in the intermediate section and three entries in the senior section for the state contest held at the annual 4-H Roundup.

Authorization: Each contestant must be certified by their representative County Extension Educator. Certification denotes that they have personally observed the operational skills of the prospective contestant and the contestant is competent in operating a tractor and implement of husbandry in a safe manner.

EVENTS

County Contest - The state contest driving layouts for the two-wheel events are illustrated in the information that follows. In setting up these events for county or local contests, clearances for gates, alleys, or sheds should be increased from six to nine inches. An adult leader or an experienced tractor operator should drive the course a time or two to make sure it is set up properly for the contestants.

At minimum, the county should include: a) a written examination, b) a tractor inspection, and c) a two-wheel driving event.

STATE CONTEST

The state contest at 4-H Roundup will consist of three parts, as follows:

Part I Fifty question written exam. Each question missed or omitted will result in a 5-point penalty. The written exam will contain multiple choice or true/false questions, based on the 4-H Tractor Program
literature, including the first-, second-, third-, and fourth-year manuals.

Part II Tractor Inspection (5-minute time limit). This event will consist of the inspection of a tractor to see if it is properly serviced and safe for the day’s operations. Judges will prepare the faulty items ahead of time. Each item missed or incorrectly listed will result in a 20-point penalty.

Part III Two-wheel driving event.

METHOD OF SCORING 4-H TRACTOR OPERATOR’S CONTEST

Instructions, diagrams, and score sheets for different parts of the contest are given on the following pages. Safety will be a factor in contestant’s scores throughout the entire contest.

Scoring in the various parts of the contest will be on a “penalty” system which means the contestant with fewest total points wins.