

Buc Days Ag Product ID Contest

2026 Special Rules



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Location – Buc Days Festival Grounds

Total Prize Money Awarded: **\$1,500**

Event Date: **Saturday, May 9th, 2026**

Check-In Begins: 1:30pm

Competition Begins: 2:00pm

Preliminary Rounds: 2:00pm-5:00pm

Awards Presentation: *6:00pm
(On the Community Stage)

1. **Participation:** The contest will be divided into two age divisions.
 - a. **Junior Division** (3rd through 8th grade)
 - i. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2025.
 - b. **Senior Division** (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only)
 - ii. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2025.
2. **Eligibility:** Participation in the Buc Days Ag Product ID Contest is limited to TX resident students, who are enrolled in a Texas Youth Development program. Each 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA member must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates.
3. **Registration:** Registration will be open December 15, 2025, and completed through our website at <https://bucdays.com/ag-product-id-contest/>. Registration will close when the event has reached capacity of 75 participants per division. Each participant must pay a mandatory \$30 fee to participate in this competition.
4. **Contest Format:** 30 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Products can range from garlic to ribeye steak. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Each station also has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display.
 - a. Questions are general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production) or specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety).
 - b. Contestants are given 30 seconds at each station to answer both questions, (Product Identification and one additional multiple-choice questions relating to the product).
 - c. Contestants must advance from one exhibit to the next when instructed to do so. Contestants must evaluate each exhibit in sequence and will not be allowed to return to any exhibit after advancing.
5. **Scoring:** Contestants will earn five (5) points for each product correctly identified and five (5) points for each related question correctly answered, for a total of 10 points possible per station. To receive points for the question that pertains directly

to the displayed product, the product itself must first be correctly identified. The maximum score possible is 300 points per individual.

6. **Tie Breakers:** Five stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. Participants with the highest cumulative scores at these five stations will win any ties. If ties remain, winners will be determined by a method designated by the contest officials.
7. **Study Guide & Resources:** The Texas 4-H Ag Product Identification Study can be found at the following link: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/agproductid_resource_guide.pdf
8. **Awards:** A total of \$1,500 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
 - a. A total of \$550 will be awarded to the top three participants in the Junior Division (3rd through 8th graders).
 - i. Grand Champion- \$300 prize money and trophy
 - ii. Reserve Grand Champion- \$150 prize money and trophy
 - iii. 3rd place- \$100 prize money and trophy
 - b. A total of \$950 will be awarded to the top three participants in the Senior Division (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders).
 - i. Grand Champion- \$500 prize money and trophy
 - ii. Reserve Grand Champion- \$250 prize money and trophy
 - iii. 3rd place- \$200 prize money and trophy