

New Mexico Junior College
Thunderbird Classic FFA Invitational
1 Thunderbird Circle
Hobbs NM 88240
February 2026

Dear FFA Advisors and Members,

The New Mexico Junior College is proud to host its first ever Thunderbird Classic FFA Invitational on February 28, 2026. Please see the attached schedule below for all information on contests offered. If you have any questions regarding this invitational, please contact Lance Widner, Professor of Agriculture at the NMJC.

There will be a Coaches Meeting @ 8:00 a.m. for Information/Maps for contests in Don Bratton Building 1. This will also be the location of the Hospitality Room for Teachers and Volunteers.

Please be aware of various construction projects on our campus. We have had buildings, facilities, and parking lots updated over the course of the last two years. Please see the attached map that highlights contest buildings and parking lots that will be accessible during the contests. Please ask to students to be respectful of our campus during this contest. We are very excited to host you all, but it is important that we maintain our campus.

There will be no concession or meal deal at this event.

The following is the Cost for the Contest:

- \$300 per chapter maximum
- \$30 per team
- \$10 per individual
- Registration must be paid through judgingcard.com

The Agricultural Programs and Animal Science Department of the New Mexico Junior College is extremely excited to host this event. We look forward to seeing you on our campus!

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NMJC Thunderbird Classic FFA Invitational Schedule of Events

Location of Events subject to Change

Contest	Location	Time
Ag Mechanics	NMJC Steve McCleery ITC	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Agromony	NMJC Mansur Hall	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Dairy Cattle Paperwork	NMJC Don Bratton Building 3	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Dairy	Goff Dairy	1:00 p.m. to Completion
Entomology	NMJC Mansur Hall	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
FBM	NMJC Watson Hall	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Floriculture	NMJC Larry Hannah WFD	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Food Science	NMJC Watson Hall	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Forestry	NMJC Mansur Hall	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Land/Homesite	NMJC West Side of Campus	1:00 p.m. to Completion
Horse	NMJC Dan Berry Rodeo Arena	1:00 p.m. to Completion
Hort Produce	NMJC Larry Hannah WFD	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Landscape Design	NMJC Mansur Hall	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Livestock	Hobbs Ag Farm	8:30 a.m. to Completion
Meats	NMJC Don Whitaker	9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Milk Quality Products	NMJC Larry Hannah WFD	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Nursery Landscape	NMJC Mansur Hall	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Pasture and Range	NMJC South of Indoor Arena	8:30 a.m. to Completion
Poultry	NMJC Don Whitaker	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Vet Science	NMJC Equine Building	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wildlife	NMJC Mansur Hall	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wool	NMJC Steve McCleery ITC	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Specific Contest Information:

- **Dairy:**
 - Contest will be at Goff Dairy about 5 miles north of the NMJC on the West side of the Lovington Highway.
 - 11015 Goff Pl, Hobbs, NM 88240
 - 4 classes
 - 2 sets of reasons
- **Food Science:**
 - Please email any allergy information to Lance Widner
- **Horse:**
 - No Test will be given for Horse
 - 4 Halter Classes
 - 2 Performance
 - 2 sets of reasons
- **Land/Homesite**
 - Contest will be North of Equine Building in Undeveloped land area
- **Livestock:**
 - Contest Location will be at the Hobbs Ag Farm
 - 427 E Campbell St, Hobbs, NM 88240
 - 6 classes
 - 2 sets of reasons
- **Meats:**
 - Contest put on by TTU Meats Judging Team
- **Pasture and Range:**
 - Contest will be directly south of Indoor Arena
- **Wool:**
 - Texas Tech Wool Judging Team will Official and Take Reasons for the Wool Contest
- For contests in **Mansur** and **Watson** Hall there will be a central testing location.
 - Central Testing Location:
 - Watson Hall
- I have put an updated map below. We will be using the following buildings for contests.
 - Watson Hall
 - Mansur Hall
 - Don Whitaker Automotive Technology Center
 - Larry Hannah WFD
 - Dan Berry Rodeo Arena
 - Don Bratton Building 1 (*Hospitality Room for Ag Teachers and Volunteers*)
 - Don Bratton Building 3 (*Dairy Paperwork*)
 - Steve McCleery ITC
 - Equine Building

1. Western Heritage Museum
2. Watson Hall
3. Mansur Hall
4. John Shepherd Admin Building
5. Ben Alexander Student Learning Center
6. Pannell Library
7. Heidel Hall
8. Caster Activity Center
9. McLean Hall
10. Central Plant
11. Mary Hagelestein Instructional Arts Center
12. Don Whitaker Automotive and Technology Center
13. Greenhouse
14. Harold Runnels Residence Hall
15. Glen & Rosemary Houston Thunderbird Hall
16. John Watson Student Apartments
17. Carroll Leavel Student Apartments
18. Maintenance Building
19. Bob Moran Hall
20. Driving Range
21. Ray Birmingham Thunderbird Baseball Field
22. Concession Stand
23. Track Field
24. Field House
25. Larry Hanna WFD
26. Dan Berry Rodeo Arena
27. Don Bratton Bldg 1
28. Don Bratton Bldg 2
29. Don Bratton Bldg 3
30. Don Bratton Bldg 4
31. Steve McCleery ITC
32. Transportation Safety Training Center
33. Auction Warehouse
34. Baseball Field House
35. Equine Building
36. Caster Annex
37. Tennis Courts
38. Sand Volleyball Area
39. Allied Health Building
40. Golf Facility
41. Track Storage Building

