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4-H members, this is a LONG Email blast with lots of information on upcoming livestock validation dates, show fundraisers and tag orders. READ CAREFULLY! Please let me know if you have questions.

- **Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Orders Due**

It is time to order validation tags for the 2019 Major Shows. If you are planning to show a market lamb, market goat, breeding sheep, wether dam, breeding goat or wether doe in Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Austin or San Angelo you must order validation tags now. The cost is \$20.00 per tag and the deadline for ordering and paying for tags is **August 24, 2018**. Late tags will be \$30 each. Lambs and goats validated for the State Fair of Texas will have to be re-validated for spring major shows.

The date for lamb and goat validation will be October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bastrop Show Barn. This will be the only date that validation will be held. If you have a conflict, contact the Extension office, and you must make arrangements to have someone haul your animal(s) to validation. Ordering tags does not enter you in the major shows. Major livestock show entries will be accepted November 6-8 at the Extension office.

- **Major Show Hog Validation Tag Orders Due**

It is time to order validation tags for the 2019 Major Shows. If you are planning to show a market hog in Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Austin or San Angelo, you must order validation tags. The cost is \$20.00 per tag and the deadline for ordering is **September 7, 2018**. Validation will be held on November 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Smithville High School Ag. Shop. Ordering tags does not automatically enter you in the major shows. Major Livestock Show entries will be accepted November 6-8 at the Extension office.

- **Major Livestock Show Calf Scramble Sign Up**

If you are interested in participating in the Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston or Rodeo Austin Calf Scrambles in 2019, please call the Extension office to sign up **by September 7**. You must meet age (12 years for San Antonio and Austin, age 13 for San Angelo, age 14 for Houston and Fort Worth) and weight requirements (100 lbs) listed in the rules in order to scramble. You must also have suitable facilities to raise an animal, and must be able to return to exhibit it at the 2020 show. The Houston Livestock Show Scramble will also allow the purchase of a market steer project in addition to the scramble heifer project. Call Rachel if you have questions.

- **Bastrop Area Livestock Show Fundraiser Raffle**

The Bastrop Show Fundraiser will be held September 22 at Sacred Heart Church Hall in Rockne. The cost is \$75 per ticket, which includes a meal for two (adults only), refreshments and a chance to win \$3,000 in prize money. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the Bastrop Livestock Show Building fund for show barn improvements. 4-H parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Tickets are available from Bastrop Show Board members, and at the Extension office. Each 4-H Club member who participates in the Bastrop Area Livestock Show is required to provide a door prize of \$25 value. Door prizes can be brought in to the Extension office by September 20 at Noon, or they can be delivered to the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on September 21 from 5 to 7 p.m., or September 22 between 8 and 10 a.m.

- **2019 Bastrop & Elgin Show Rules**

The revised rules for the 2019 Elgin Livestock Show and Bastrop Area Livestock Show are now available on the Extension website. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and their family to be knowledgeable of show rules and validation dates, so please read them.

- **NEW Quality Counts Certification Required To Show At Major Shows and Elgin, Bastrop and Smithville Shows**

Beginning in September, the Quality Counts verification system will change. All exhibitors will be required to re-train and re-test under the new system, which will be divided into Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. A Quality Counts number will still be required for all youth exhibiting market and/or breeding livestock at major shows in Texas (Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Rodeo Austin, Sandhills Stock Show, State Fair of Texas and Heart O' Texas Fair). Exhibitors will be required to pass the online test to be eligible to show, and will be required to put their verification number on major show entry cards in November. **Therefore, you will need to complete the new Quality Counts test by the end of October. Don't wait until the last minute, as the training takes two hours to complete.** After September 1, we will send out information on how to access the system, and complete the training/testing, which will be located at www.texaslivestockvalidation.com. All livestock exhibitors will be required to be verified under the new system for entry into major livestock shows. Please know, we will provide step-by-step instructions for getting your exhibitors registered and verified online. Call Rachel at the Extension office if you have more questions.

- **Major Show Broilers Orders Due**

If you plan to exhibit market broilers at the 2019 Houston, San Antonio or Rodeo Austin Livestock shows, you need to place an order with the Extension office by **September 10**. **Each exhibitor MAY order an individual set of birds (up to 75) OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds (up to 75).** A minimum order per exhibitor or family unit is 25 chicks, with a maximum of 75 chicks, in increments of 25. **Therefore, each exhibitor or family may order 25, 50 or 75 wing banded chicks.** San Antonio chicks will be acquired as one-day old baby chicks in January, 2019. Houston chicks will be acquired as one day old baby chicks in late January, 2019 and Rodeo Austin chicks will be acquired as one day old baby chicks in mid February, 2019. Ordering birds does not constitute entry into any of the shows. Major show livestock entries will be completed in November at the Extension office (date TBA). Each exhibitor must select and exhibit their pen of three broilers from within the broilers assigned to them. Sharing of birds between order sets is not allowed. The price of chicks for all three shows will be \$1.50 per chick with a minimum order of 25 chicks per individual exhibitor or family. Changes to show dates will result in the Austin show being held 2 weeks after the Houston show in March of 2019. Therefore, it is necessary that a separate hatch of chicks be reared for the Austin show. In the past, exhibitors could enter broilers from the same

hatch of chicks at both the Houston and Austin shows. In 2019, this will NOT be allowed. Exhibitors who wish to participate in the Rodeo Austin market broiler show will need to purchase a separate set of chicks.

- **Bastrop Area Livestock Show Steer Validation and Heifer entries due September 10** - Steer Validation and Breeding Heifer entries for the Bastrop Area Livestock Show will be due September 10 at the Bastrop Show Barn from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Entry fees of \$15 per head and COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitors and parent or legal guardian signatures must be submitted to stock show officials at validation. Each exhibitor may validate three market animals in this division. A family with two or more exhibitors may validate two market animals per exhibitor in each division in a pool and cross validate. However, only one market animal per division can be shown by an exhibitor. All market animals must be presented for validation at the designated location and time. If a market animal is validated for major shows, the major show validation tag will be accepted in lieu of hauling the animal to validation, but the exhibitor and a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and submit entry forms at validation. Major show tags will be verified with 4-H and FFA advisors. If animals are not validated for major shows, entry fees must be paid and the animal must be presented by the exhibitor at Bastrop Show validation to be ear tagged and tattooed by stock show officials. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show the animal in the show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA or 4-H event, a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitors and parent or legal guardian signatures and Social Security Number on the entry form. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**
- **Bastrop Area Livestock Show Broiler Entries Due September 10.** If you plan to show broilers at the 2019 Bastrop Show, you must turn in entry cards and order broilers on September 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bastrop Show Barn. The cost will be \$1.50 per bird. An order of 25, 50 or 75 official wing banded broilers must be ordered at validation, and will be acquired as one-day old baby chicks in January, 2019. The exhibitor and a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and submit entry forms at Bastrop show validation. Entry fees must be paid and orders must be placed by the exhibitor at Bastrop show validation. Exhibitors and a parent or legal guardian must be present at validation day or exhibitor will not be allowed to validate or show animal in show. In the case of exhibitor participating in a UIL, college entrance exam, FFA, or 4-H event a parent or designated representative must be present to pay entry fees and turn in COMPLETED entry forms with exhibitors and parent or legal guardian signatures. An entry fee of \$15.00 per broiler pen will be due at validation.
- **Beef Project Hoof Trimming**
We will have Matt Leopold, hoof trimmer set up from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. to trim hooves on steer and heifer projects on **September 5** at the Bastrop Show Barn. The cost will be \$45 per head. If you plan to bring cattle to have their hooves trimmed, please call the office by August 31 to let us know how many, to get a head count for Matt.
- **Elgin Buckles, Banners & Blackjack Casino Night** will be held to benefit the Elgin Livestock Show Association youth on **October 6** at the Elgin SPJST Hall. Tickets are \$100 each which includes two ribeye dinners, four drink tickets and casino chips. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 6 p.m. Casino tables will open at 7 p.m. Buybacks are available! For tickets and more information- www.elginlivestockshowassociation.com or email elginlivestockshow@gmail.com .

- **The Elgin Back to School Bull & Barrel Bash** will be held on **September 14 & 15** at Lost Pines Riding Club arena in Elgin. The funds raised from this event will go towards supporting the Elgin High School FFA program throughout the school year by funding activities as requested by the agricultural education personnel and to fund scholarships for our Elgin High School graduating seniors. For more information-<https://www.facebook.com/100000948225660/posts/2184258964949023/>
- **Cattlemen for Cancer Research Fundraiser-** The CCR Fundraiser for the M.D. Anderson Michale E. Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research Cancer will be held **October 20** at Hills Prairie Auction Barn at 10 a.m. This is one of our 4-H Club community service projects, where each club is responsible for donating a basket to the fundraiser's silent auction. Club managers, please have your club decide what type of basket they want to donate, and bring it to the Extension office by 4 p.m. October 18. We will deliver the baskets on October 19 to Hills Prairie Auction.
- **Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation-** If you have ordered ear tags, and plan to show a market lamb, market goat, breeding goats, breeding sheep, wether does or wether dams at the Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston or Rodeo Austin Livestock Shows in 2019, validation will be held Tuesday, **October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m.** at the Bastrop Area Livestock Show Barn. A parent and exhibitor(s) must attend validation to sign all state validation paperwork. ***This is the only time that major show validation will be held. If you have a conflict, contact the county Extension office.*** Note: Validating an animal for the major shows DOES NOT automatically enter your child in the show. Major show entries will be taken at the Extension office November 6-8.
- **Fall Major Show Heifer Validation-** If you plan to exhibit a heifer at the upcoming major shows (Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston or Rodeo Austin), and your heifer has not yet been validated, you will need to attend heifer validation on **October 24 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Validation will be held at the Bastrop Show Barn. We will check tattoos, registration papers and take hair samples on each animal. You **MUST BRING** an original copy of your heifer's registration papers to validation so they can be scanned. A parent must be present with you, as we need original signatures on all validation forms. ***This is the only date for heifer validation, therefore if you have a conflict, make arrangements with someone to haul your animal to validation and contact the Extension Office regarding paperwork.***

ALSO, if your child plans to show animals in one of our County livestock shows, they MUST BE an enrolled member by:

Elgin Livestock Show- must be an enrolled member by **November 1, 2018**

Bastrop Area Livestock Show- must be an enrolled member by **November 1, 2018**

Smithville Livestock Show- must be an enrolled member by **October 17, 2018**

- **Major Show Hog Validation-** If you have ordered eartags, and plan to show a market hog at the Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston or Rodeo Austin Livestock Shows in 2017, validation will be held **Tuesday, November 27 from 5 to 7 p.m.** at the Smithville High School Ag. Shop. A parent and exhibitor(s) must attend validation to sign all state validation paperwork. ***This is the only time that major show hog validation will be held.*** If you have a conflict, contact the county Extension office.

Note: Validating an animal for the major shows DOES NOT automatically enter your child in the show. Major show entries will be taken at the Extension office November 6-8.

- **Major Livestock Show Entry Sign Up** for 4-H members will be held at the Extension office **November 6-8 from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.** If you plan to enter the 2019 Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston or Rodeo Austin Livestock Shows, you will need to fill out entry forms and pay fees at this time. Exhibitors MUST HAVE a current Quality Counts number and a social security number to fill out entry forms.