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1/3- Consumer Decision Making Practice, 5:00 p.m., Extension office

1/4 & 5- Elgin Livestock Show and Youth Fair, Elgin Show Barn

1/11- Bastrop Area Livestock Show & San Antonio Livestock Show Broilers Arrive, Extension Office

1/19- Rockne Livestock Boosters’ Annual Steak Supper Fundraiser, 5:30-8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Rockne

1/25- Houston Livestock Show Broilers Arrive, Extension Office

1/26- Smithville Livestock Show Hog Validation, Smithville HS Ag. Shop, 2-3 p.m.

2/8- Pecan Auxiliary Valentine’s Day Bake Sale, First National Bank of Bastrop

2/8- Rodeo Austin Broilers Arrive, Extension Office

2/8- Bastrop Area Livestock Show Breeding & Market Rabbit Validation, Floral, Art and Ag. Mechanics entries due, Bastrop Show Barn 5:30-6:30 p.m.

2/16- District Consumer Decision Making Contest, San Antonio

2/24- Bastrop Area Livestock Show Mandatory Exhibitor Workday, 2 p.m., Show Barn

* **Elgin Livestock Show and Youth Fair**- will be held **January 4-5** at the Elgin Show Barn. Be sure to go out and support our fellow 4-H and FFA exhibitors in Elgin! The show will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday with broilers and rabbits, and at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning.
* **Show Broiler Arrival for the San Antonio and Bastrop Area Livestock Show** will occur **January 11**. Birds will arrive at the Extension office around lunchtime. We will call exhibitors to let them know the exact arrival time. You will need to pick up your birds ASAP to get them on feed and water and under heat lamps. Have your feed and your broiler house ready 2 to 3 days beforehand!
* **Rockne 4-H & FFA Boosters Steak Supper Fundraiser**- will be held **January 19** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** at the Rockne Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Steak plates are $25 each, and hamburger plates for kids are $5 with the purchase of a steak plate. A silent and live auction will also be held. All proceeds benefit youth participating in the Bastrop Area Livestock Show or Smithville Livestock Show. Contact the Extension office if you need to purchase tickets. 4-H and FFA members must fill out an application to be eligible for funds from the Steak Supper Fundraiser. Applications are available at the Extension office.
* **Show Broiler Arrival for the Houston Livestock Show** will occur **January 25**.

**Show Broiler Arrival for Rodeo Austin Livestock Show** will occur **February 8**.

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* **Smithville Livestock Show Hog Validation**- will be held **January 26** from **2 to 3 p.m.** at the Smithville High School Ag. Shop. If you plan to show a hog at the Smithville Show, your hog will need to be validated at this time. See the Show Rules for details.
* **Bastrop Area Livestock Show Breeding & Market Rabbit Validation** will be held **February 8** at the Bastrop Show Barn from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** All exhibitors and a parent must attend validation. Entry fees are due at this time.
* **Bastrop Area Livestock Show Floral, Art and Ag. Mechanics entries due- February 8** at Bastrop Show Barn from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** Rules are available at the Extension Office. The champion Ag. Mechanics entries will be allowed to sell in the Auction sale at the Bastrop Show this year.
* **BALS Mandatory Exhibitor Workday-** is **February 24** at **2 p.m.** at the Bastrop Show Barn. Bring work gloves, pliers, rakes to set up the show barn. Exhibitors must be on time and present at sign in (2 p.m.) to avoid being fined. Failure to participate in clean up and tear down activities will result in a fine which will be deducted from the exhibitors premium check.