



Brazos County Livestock Newsletter

January 2017 Edition

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BCYLS Eligibility Forms

This year all 4H'ers who will be competing in the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show, must submit their eligibility form on or before March 27th in order to be eligible to participate in the 2017 show. These forms must be signed by the agent and school to be accepted.

BCYLS Rabbit Date Information:

- | Breed Date – December 27, 2016
- | Kindle Date – January 26, 2016
- | Validation – February 27 from 5-6 PM at the Brazos County Expo (note the NEW location)

Major Show Pass Handout & Travel Meetings

- ◆ Ft Worth– January 16th at the Brazos County Extension office starting at 6PM
- ◆ San Antonio – February 8th at the Brazos County Extension office starting at 6PM
- ◆ Star of Texas & Houston– March 7th at the Brazos County Extension office starting at 6PM– We will be drawing for parking passes at this meeting, do not have to be present to receive a pass.

If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact us prior to the meeting so we can include you in the travel plans and get your passes prior to the show

Brazos County Validation Dates & Tag Orders

BCYLS FCS– January 17th at College Station High School

BCYLS Rabbit– February 27th at the Brazos Expo Center

Poultry Chicken Pickup– TBA

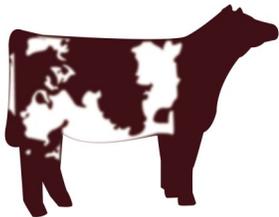
BCYLS Heifer Entries- Due February 3rd to Mr. White at Rudder High School

Major Show and BCYLS Broiler Pickup

Majors– January 31st at the TAMU Poultry Science Center.

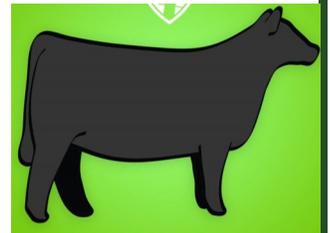
BCYLS– February 20th at Pearce Pavilion

BCYLS Heifer Entries



All Heifers wanting to show at the Brazos County Youth Livestock show must enter by February 3rd. Entries will be made with Larry White at Rudder FFA

Entry Forms can be found at this link: <http://bcyla.net/>



BCYLS Scholarship

It is that time of year again for all the Seniors to begin thinking about starting on their scholarship applications. The BCYLS scholarship is awarded to qualifying senior FFA & 4-H members who complete the application and meet the requirements.

The applications are due to the Brazos County Extension office by February 13th

Applications can be found in the BCYLS Rulebook at this link: <http://bcyla.net/>

Livestock Project Site Visits

As the year goes on I will be doing my best to make my rounds and visit each and everyone's projects for this year. I am planning on making project visits on Friday afternoons to various parts of the county each week in order to try and make it by everyone's house at least once every 2-3 months. If you are new to the program or would like for me to come by and check on your project you will need to contact me sometime over the next few months and schedule a visit so I can come by and visit with you about the upcoming show year. You can reach me at 979-823-0129 or via email at Jerod.Meurer@ag.tamu.edu and we can set up a time for me to come out and visit about your projects



How Do Your Use Your Show Pig Whip?

Posted on June 2, 2016 by Crystal Blin

There is no doubt that showmanship can make or break your success in the show ring. One of the main principles of showing well is how and where to use your whip on your show pig. It is important that you focus on these four key points:

1. Keep a firm grip!

It is important to keep a firm grip on your whip. Use your index finger and thumb to apply pressure. Never hold your whip like a pencil.

2. The “Go Button” is on the side.

Judges like to see your pig move at a good steady pace, so it is important to know how to make your pig move. To ask your pig to walk you need to find the go button, which is between their shoulder and flank. Never hit your pig on the butt, hocks or head to get them to ask them to move. The go button is on the side.

3. Use the guidance system to turn.

To get your pig to turn you want to tap on the opposite side that you are asking them to move. Tap on the on the right side of the head to go left, and the left side to go right.

4. Head Up!

Finally, to maximize your pigs presence in the show ring you will want them to keep their head up. Use the quick of your whip underneath their chin to get their head up. All pigs will respond different, and practice makes perfect.





Managing Show Goats Growth is Better Than Holding

You've dedicated a lot of time and effort with your show goat project – feeding, grooming and exercising it. You are 30 days from the show – and when your goat steps on the scale, you realize he's a little further ahead of your goal.

A month until the show is a long time, so it is critical to start reining him in. Holding goats' weight is possible, but it is preferable to manage your wether's weight over the duration of the project. .

Kelsey Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla., is a leading industry expert at raising and showing meat goats. He says holding goats can often lead to limited results. Market wethers, Pfeiffer says, are more successful when they are fed moderately to their endpoint versus feeding hard then putting on the brakes.

"When a feeder gets into a jam there are a few ways to help regulate weight gain on your market wethers," Pfeiffer says.

Decrease the amount of feed on a daily basis. Many times, feeder goats are given 3-5% of their body weight, which is more than necessary. Maintenance levels of 1.5-2% is often plenty if you feed nutrient dense, professional goat feed like "Show Right Advancer Plus."

Add Sure Champ®. Whether you use [Sure Champ Goat](#) or [Sure Champ Spark](#) this supplement will help market wethers maintain muscle shape with minimal weight gain.

Muzzle the goat. A muzzle allows for full water consumption but also eliminates extracurricular snacking. Only unmuzzle the goat when feeding, exercising or practicing showmanship.

Increase exercise. This will help control the weight gain of a goat since exercise and weight gain have an inverse correlation.

"A lot of people may think there is a set amount of exercise for every goat, but it's more about understanding the logistics between weight and exercise," Pfeiffer says. ."

Leave hair long. If feeders will keep from shearing their show wethers too often Pfeiffer says this can be a great way to regulate gain. Allowing hair to stay long will help eliminate surges in body weight. When a person shears a goat's top or bellies a lot they are allowing the animal to get cool or cold, which means they'll also grow fast.

Seasons and geographic regions can also impact weight gain. Pfeiffer says in the summer time a wether is going to grow a bit faster than on a day when the weather is cool or cold. And, he says, goats eat differently depending on if they're in the northern or southern U.S. or in the East or West.

Holding a goat is not the right thing to do, if a person doesn't understand the proper technique. Pfeiffer says holding is something people do to take the belly off of a goat; not to just impact the animal's weight.

"If you have a 120-pounder do you throw the brakes on?" Pfeiffer asks. "Or if he's at 80 pounds there's probably no reason to hold him at any point. It's like when you watch a movie and it says, 'Don't do this at home.' It's critical to really understand what you're doing."

Pfeiffer suggests feeding and exercising in moderation. . Does are shown differently than wethers and should not be held. Adding Sure Champ to the feed one month prior helps bring on muscle shape, so the animal can get this trait early rather than trying to rush into it. Sometimes, Pfeiffer says it's just best to stick to the basics.

"It really doesn't matter if you're real close to show," Pfeiffer says. "We may have held goats over from OYE to Tulsa State Fair but we did it slow and steady. Coasting in with one is way better in moderate fashion than to get one there real fast then try to hold them."

Ft. Worth Livestock Show

 Market Steers 					
Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014	
Angus		900-1119 1120-1223 1224-1515	900-1144 1145-1287 1288-1444	1020-1202 1203-1323 1233-1540	
	Hereford		900-1168 1169-1276 1277-1480	900-1156 1157-1279 1280-1465	1000-1163 1164-1298 1299-1599
		Polled Hereford		900-1160 1161-1260 1261-1440	900-1168 1169-1270 1271-1477
Shorthorn				900-1109 1110-1229 1230-1446	900-1105 1106-1230 1231-1449
	America Cross			900-1120 1121-1239 1240-1470	900-1128 1129-1250 1251-1482
		European		900-978 979-1027 1028-1057 <u>1058-1091</u> 1092-1127 1128-1159 1160-1183 <u>1184-1224</u> 1225-1269 1270-1355 1356-1420 1421-1580	900-986 987-1039 1040-1077 <u>1078-1100</u> 1101-1140 1141-1185 1186-1210 <u>1211-1234</u> 1235-1279 1280-1379 1380-1415 1416-1567

 Market Barrows 					
Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014	
BOPB		230-244 245-265 266-270	230-249 250-267 268-270	230-249 250-269 270	
	Duroc		230-251 252-263 264-269 270	230-255 259-269 270 270	230-255 256-269 270
		Hampshire		230-235 236-250 251-260 261-269 270	230-240 241-252 253-261 262-269 270
WOPB				230-254 255-269 270	230-258 260-269 270
	Yorkshire			230-253 254-268 269-270	230-255 256-269 270
		Crossbreed		230 231-242 243-250 251-254 255-261 262-265 266-269 270 270 270	230-232 233-244 245-254 255-262 263-267 268-269 270 270 270

 Market Lambs 					
Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014	
Finewool		102-123 124-140 141-170	97-123 124-130 131-163	104-120 121-130 131-165	
	Finewool Cross		103-137 138-150 151-179	108-135 136-145 146-196	94-129 130-140 141-178
		Southdown		101-122 123-130 131-165	93-117 118-128 129-171
Hair				83-102 103-113 114-139	82-102 103-111 112-144
	Medium Wool			93-129 130-140 141-147 148-154 155-166 167-205	90-127 128-136 137-145 146-154 155-161 162-201

 Market Goats 				
2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	50-65 66-71 72-75 76-78 79-81 82-85 86-88 89-92 93-96 97-100 101-107 108-137	51-64 65-69 70-74 75-77 78-80 81-84 85-87 88-90 89-90 91-94 95-97 98-103 104-128	50-66 67-72 73-76 77-79 80-83 84-86 87-89 90-92 93-97 98-101 102-108 109-133	50-67 68-72 73-76 77-80 81-84 85-87 88-90 91-93 94-97 98-102 103-107 108+

San Antonio				
Market Steers				
Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014
Charolais		1000-1191 1195-1298 1300-1485	1075-1209 1235-1341 1345-1500	1000-1196 1197-1288 1289-1500
Limousin		1000-1250 1260-1321 1329-1479	1141-1220 1221-1331 1335-1500	1000-1227 1228-1320 1321-1500
Simmental		1028-1244 1250-1369 1373-1499	1020-1245 1247-1305 1307-1500	1000-1253 1254-1310 1311-1500
Shorthorn		1020-1168 1220-1306 1373-1499	1050-1169 1170-1255 1298-1500	1000-1173 1174-1267 1268-1500
Hereford		1050-1274 1282-1359 1367-1490	1078-1225 1254-1349 1359-1500	1000-1227 1228-1340 1341-1500
Angus		1025-1152 1153-1269 1283-1450	1010-1195 1210-1295 1315-1450	1000-1160 1161-1269 1270-1500
Red Angus		1037-1210 1214-1397	1021-1225 1245-1500	1000-1220 1221-1500
Simbrah		1000-1224 1225-1319 1329-1499	1120-1235 1239-1349 1359-1495	1000-1247 1248-1325 1326-1500
Santa Gertrudis		1100-1208 1255-1307 1329-1499	1064-1204 1259-1305 1339-1475	1000-1204 1205-1309 1310-1500
Brangus		1095-1237 1275-1349 1360-1500	1103-1206 1254-1341 1350-1427	1000-1210 1211-1304 1305-1500
Brahman		1025-1179 1190-1279 1339-1475	1085-1184 1195-1286 1313-1491	1000-1160 1161-1269 1270-1500
Maine Anjou		1000-1218 1219-1310 1325-1500	1065-1220 1221-1311 1319-1500	1000-1230 1231-1316 1317-1500
Chianina		1000-1114 1116-1181 1183-1250 1255-1324 1325-1399 1404-1500	1002-1122 1127-1200 1219-1260 1263-1331 1333-1403 1410-1500	1000-1120 1121-1185 1186-1268 1269-1339 1340-1390 1391-1500
ABC		1000-1159 1195-1289 1336-1500	1000-1127 1129-1275 1280-1470	1000-1135 1136-1289 1290-1500
Red Cross				
Black Cross				
Other Cross				

San Antonio				
Market Barrows				
Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014
Berkshire		240-251 252-268 269-280	240-255 256-274 275-280	240-254 255-269 270-280
Spot		240-245 246-258 259-272 273-280	240-249 250-265 266-278 280	240 241-254 255-269 270-280
Hampshire		240 240 240 241-246 247-252 253-255 256-260 261-265 266-271 272-276 277-280 277-280	240 240 240 241-246 247-252 253-256 257-261 262-265 266-269 270-274 275-279 280 280	240 240 240 241-246 240 241-246 247-253 254-257 258-262 263-268 269-274 275-279 280
Duroc		240-244 245-253 254-261 262-266 267-272 273-279 280 280	240-245 246-257 258-266 267-272 273-276 277-280 277-280	240 240-241 245-253 254-262 263-268 269-276 277-280 277-280
Poland China		240-263 264-280	240-272 273-280	240-257 258-280
Dark Cross		240-243 240-243 244-253 254-260 261-267 268-276 277-280 277-280	240-243 240-243 244-253 254-261 262-267 268-276 277-280 277-280	240-242 240-242 243-250 251-255 256-263 264-269 270-279 280
Chester White		240-250 251-269 270-280	240-253 254-270 271-280	240-255 256-271 272-280
Landrace		240-269 270-280	240-278 279-280	240-263 265-280
Yorkshire		240-248 249-257 258-268 269-276 277-280 277-280	240-244 245-257 258-270 271-276 279-280 279-280	240-245 246-257 258-266 267-275 276-280 276-280
Crossbred		240 240-241 242-245 246-248 249-254 255-258 259-262 263-265 266-268 269-271 272-275 276-279 280 280 280	240-243 240-243 240-243 244-249 250-253 254-256 257-259 260-263 264-266 267-269 270-272 273-275 276-277 278-280 278-280 278-280	240-243 240-243 240-243 240-243 244-247 248-251 252-256 257-259 260-263 264-266 267-271 272-274 275-277 278-280 278-280 278-280

San Antonio				
Market Lambs				
Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014
Finewool		102-117	100-119	105-116
		118-124	120-127	117-122
		125-131	128-131	123-129
		133-140	132-141	130-135
		141-169	142-175	136-155
Fine Wool X		101-125	100-127	100-121
		126-132	128-133	122-128
		133-140	134-138	129-133
		141-143	139-142	134-139
		144-148	143-148	140-144
		150-159	149-158	145-149
		160-175	159-175	150-175
Southdowns		100-108	100-109	100-105
		109-116	110-113	106-112
		117-123	114-121	113-118
		124-131	122-128	119-125
		132-138	129-138	126-133
		139-175	139-175	134+
Medium Wools		102-123	100-123	100-118
		124-129	124-129	119-125
		130-133	130-133	126-130
		134-137	134-137	131-133
		138-141	138-140	134-137
		142-145	141-144	138-140
		146-148	145-147	141-143
		149-151	148-150	144-146
		152-154	151-153	147-149
		155-157	154-156	150-152
		158-160	157-158	153-155
		161-164	159-161	156-159
		165-168	162-165	160-162
		169-174	166-172	163-167
	175	173-175	168-175	

San Antonio				
Market Goats				
2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	60-70	60-70	60-71	60-74
	71-77	71-75	72-76	75-80
	78-81	76-79	77-80	81-85
	82-84	70-83	81-83	86-89
	85-87	84-87	84-85	90-92
	88-90	88-90	86-88	93-95
	91-93	91-94	89-91	96-99
	94-96	95-97	92-95	100-104
	97-99	98-100	96-98	105-109
	100-103	101-104	99-102	110-115
	104-108	105-110	103-107	
	109-115	111-115	108-115	

BCYLS			
Market Lambs			
2017	2016	2015	2014
	<u>SD</u> 133-164	<u>SD</u> 120-139 146-152	<u>SD</u> 133-140 143-152
	<u>MW</u> 135-147 150-161 165-184	<u>MW</u> 129-149 151-158 162-167 168-175	<u>MW</u> 116-140-7 147-154-7 156-162-6 164-175-5

Market Goats			
2017	2016	2015	2014
	70-82 87-91 95-99 101-105 106-110 112-146	61-76 80-90 91-96 99-104 106-111 112-171	59-83-10 85-93-13 94-98-14 100-108-10 109-133-10

Market Barrows				
Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014
Duroc		246-280		
Hampshire		230-238	230-238	230-242-10
		242-254	240-250	245-254-10
		256-271	254-262	255-265-12
		272-280	263-272	266-276-11
			275-280	280-280-14
OPB		245-277	230-280	230-261-9 269-280-9
Yorkshire		230-250 251-280	230-261 269-280	245-280-12
Cross		230	230-239	230-244-13
		231-239	240-248	245-254-15
		240-248	250-258	255-260-11
		250-258	260-267	261-269-12
		260-267	268-272	270-278-15
		269-275	273-277	280-280-15
		277-280	280	

Market Steers					
Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
ABC		1170-1220	1144-1280	1100-1163	1155-1247
		1249-1270	1310-1347	1179-1259	1279-1435
		1285-1358	1370-1639	1295-1396	
		1386-1450			
British		1050-1327	1225-1337	None	1155-1385
AOB		1050-1188	1117-1227	1050-1125	1050-1149
		1199-1240	1236-1275	1130-1249	1153-1210
		1248-1285	1285-1335	1255-1325	1225-1280
		1302-1432	1359-1460	1335-1480	1298-1475

Major Livestock Show Rule Updates

Ft. Worth Livestock Show

- No cable halters will be allowed
- Gate passes will be barcoded this year
- An animal will be disqualified if it is not being trimmed, fitted, or dressed by anyone other than exhibitors, County Agent, Ag teacher, or other feeders or leaders within the county or school district from which the animal is entered.
- Goats will not be officially weighed this year, all cards must be turned in and there will be a 4lb weigh back
- All goats must be shorn to the skin with a uniform clip
- Heifer Show order– Sat 1/21– (AM)- Maine, Brangus, Shorthorn (PM)- Beefmaster, Polled Hereford, Hereford, Charolais
Sun 1/22- (AM)- Gert, Red Angus (PM)- Limi, Angus Mon. 1/23- (AM)- Brahman, Simi (PM)- ORB, Simbrah

San Antonio

- Breeding sheep will include– Dorper, White Dorper, Hamp, Rambouillet, Southdown, Suffolk
- ORB heifers can now include a % Chianina heifers
- Steer show order– Wed. 2/22– Simi, Limi, Maine, Shorthorn, Red Angus, Hereford, Angus. Thur. 2/23– Char. Simbrah, Gert, Brangus, Brahman, ABC, Red Cross . Friday 2/24– Black Cross, Other Cross
- New trailer staging prior to entering lot to unload at barns. You will now stage at the trailer lot off I35 not on Gembler Rd.

San Angelo

- All barrows must be Texas Bred and have valid CTBR certificate
- All lambs must have TLBA tags
- Sheep show will be 2 day format– Sunday– Finewool, Finewool Cross, & Dorpers. Monday– Southdown & Medium wool.
- Sheep have tooth rule: No more than yearling teeth will be allowed, they will be checked on show day
- Breeding Gilts must be State Validated.
- TX. Star wether dams hair may not exceed 1.25 inches above the hock and knees
- There will be a TX. Star wether dam show– Non-pedigreed wether type lambs; breed divisions include: FW, FWX, SD, MW, & Dorper. No more than yearling teeth, Must Have pink TLBA tag on validation paperwork, all slick shorn

2016-2017 Major Show Judges

Odessa

- Steers– Brady Ragland & John Declerck
- Heifers– TBA
- Lambs– Robert Scott
- Goats– Taylor Osbourn

Ft. Worth Livestock Show

- Steers– Doug Husfeld
- Heifers-
 - Kyle Perez– Charolais, Red Angus, ORB
 - Kevin Jenson– Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Limousin, Maine, Gert, Simbrah
 - Gerald Young– Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental
- Sheep– Todd Wise
- Goats– Andy Laughlin
- Swine– Kane Causemaker

San Antonio Livestock show

- Steers– Kevin Jenson
- Heifers–
 - Wes Hudson– Angus, Brahman, Beefmaster, Charolais, Maine, Gert.
 - Mike McGuire– Brangus, Hereford, ORB, Red Brangus, Simmental
 - Cody Sankey– ARB, Chianina, Limousin, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Simbrah
- Sheep– Kelly Bruins
- Goats– Brandon Callis
- Swine– Biran Anderson, Garry Childs
- Turkey– Keith Scott
- Broilers– James Woitaske

San Angelo Livestock Show

- Steers—Mark Hoge
- Heifers-Mark McClintock &
- Sheep– Mark Hoge
- Goats– Jamie Osbourn
- Swine-

Star of Texas Livestock Show

- Steers– Jack Ward
- American Heifers– Chris Cassady
- British/Continental Heifers– Tyler Cates
- Sheep– Chad Coburn
- Goats– Kevin Newsom
- Swine– Miles Toenyes

Houston Livestock Show

- Steers– Shane Bedwell
- Heifers– Tim Fitzgerald, Mark Core, Jary Douglas
- Sheep– Kyle Smith
- Goats– Bryan Bernhard
- Swine– Dan Hoge, Mark Hoge
- Broiler Pullets- Dennis Ellebracht
- Broiler Cockerels-Jacob Coppedge
- Turkey- Mark Vader

BCYLS

- Steers– Rusty Turner
- Heifers– Joe Mask
- Sheep– Josh Blanik
- Goats– Josh Blanik
- Swine– AJ Lewis

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Upcoming Events:

Validations:

Rabbit Validation–
February 27th

Show Dates

Sandhills Livestock Show

January 4-14, 2017

Ft. Worth Livestock Show

- Market Swine- 1/31-2/3
- Market Steers- 1/31-2/3
- Sheep & Goat- 1/27-29
- Heifers- 1/19-23

San Antonio Livestock Show

- Market Swine- 2/18-20(wave 1-Dark)
2/21-23 (wave 2-white)
- Market Steers- 2/20-24
- Sheep & Goat- 2/14-16
- Heifers- 2/14-17
- Poultry- 2/22-23
- Gilt- 2/8-11

San Angelo Livestock Show

- Market Swine- 2/14-16
- Market Steers- 2/6-7
- Sheep & Goat- 2/4-6
- Heifers- 2/9-12
- Gilts- 2/10-12
- Breeding Goats- 2/2-4

Houston Livestock Show

- Market Swine- 3/18-20(wave 1)
3/21-23 (wave 2)
- Market Steers- 3/20-24
- Sheep & Goat- 3/15-17
- Heifers- 3/16-19
- Poultry- 3/15-16
- Gilt- 3/9-10

Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

- Market Swine- 3/20-22
- Market Steers- 3/14-16
- Sheep & Goat- 3/18-19
- Heifers- 3/11-13
- Poultry- 3/18

Brazos County Youth Livestock Show

April 4-8

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