



# Brazos County Livestock Newsletter

July 2016 Edition

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## 2016 Fall Major Show Entry Night

The Fall stock show season is just around the corner so it's time to enter the State Fair of Texas, Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo, & the West Texas State Fair.

Entry night will be held at the Brazos County Extension office on **August 4, 2016 from 4-6PM**. We will be at the office all day to allow for families to come in during the day to register as well to help speed up the process.

All forms will be available that night to be filled out to enter these shows. If you have a conflict with this date please make arrangements with me to get entered in these shows.

## Major Show & BCYLS Sheep & Goat Tag Orders

The 2017 major show and BCYLS sheep and goat tag orders are due on August 19th to the Brazos County Extension office. Tags will be \$12 a piece for market sheep & goats. Breeding sheep & goat tags will be ordered at this time as well and they have not released that price yet.

Validation for these projects will be on October 17th @ the Brazos County Expo starting at 5:30pm

Order forms can be found at this link:

<http://brazos.agrilife.org/publications/4h-publications/>



With the upcoming stock show season just around the corner and livestock validation coming up, it is time now to make sure that everyone has taken the quality counts test. There are 2 age divisions, Junior- 13 and under & Senior- 14 and up. These dates are based on the exhibitors age as of August 31st and become inactive on September 1 each year. Once you become a senior you will only need to take the test one time. Juniors will need to take the test as a junior and again when they become a senior.

For more information or to take the test, visit this link:

<http://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/verification/>

## Brazos County Validation Dates

### Steers

BCYLS Only– October 9th @ the Bryan Auction Barn

BCYLS Commercial Steer- October 9th @ the Bryan Auction Barn

### Heifers

Fall– October

### Sheep

Major & BCYLS–October 17th at the Brazos Expo Center from 5:30-7:30 (Tag Orders due August 19th)

### Goats

Major & BCYLS– October 17th at the Brazos Expo Center from 5:30-7:30 (Tag Orders due August 19th)

### Swine

Major– November 21st at the Brazos Expo Center from 5:30-7:30PM

BCYLS– December 12th at the Brazos Expo Center from 5:30-7:30PM

BCYLS FCS– January 17th at College Station High School

BCYLS Rabbit– February 27th at the Brazos Expo Center

## 9TH ANNUAL MAROON AND WHITE GOAT SALE

**Sunday, July 24, 2016**

2:30 p.m.

Brazos County Expo Complex  
5827 Leonard Road • Bryan, Texas

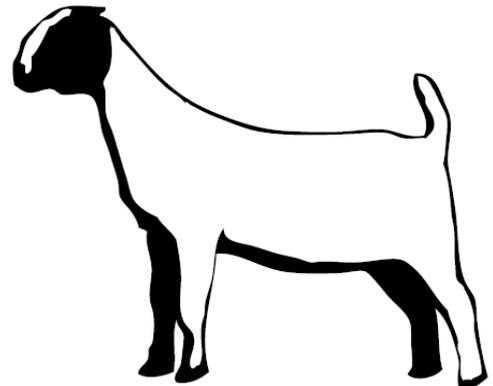
Sale limited to no more than  
60 head of wether goats.

**AUCTIONEER:** Charlie Jones • Lic # 6066

### **CONSIGNORS:**

LaCopa Show Goats  
Chandler Show Goats  
Peck and Ripley Show Goats  
Evans Livestock  
Carrell Livestock  
Moonstone Show Goats

Rutherford Show Goats  
Boggy Creek Boer Goats  
Dale Hurst  
Rockin V Boer Goats  
David Livestock



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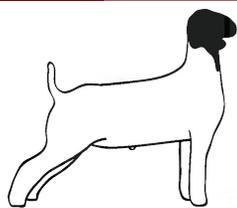
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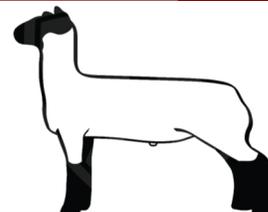
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## **Sheep and Goat Projects:** **Part III**



Now that you have selected your project and have them at home, its time to insure they reach their full potential by keeping them healthy and on a good feed program. In this article we will discuss a few health issues to keep an eye out for and then discuss feeding programs.

A healthy project is an important key to the success of that project, sick projects are slow growers and never reach their genetic potential. Here are a few important health issues to be on the lookout for.

- Enterotoxemia or overeating disease– generally results in death and seldom exhibits symptoms. This disease is caused by a clostridial organism which is normally present in the intestine. There is a vaccine available to help prevent a loss of the project. Most often it is a combo shot of C, D, &T and they should get a set of 2 boosters following the initial injection. The 1st vaccination should be given immediately after purchase.
- Internal Parasites– these are a continuous problem in show animals. Newly purchased projects should be drenched immediately and a second dose should follow 3-4 weeks later. Visit with your local vet to discuss the best dewormer out there for your projects.
- Urinary Calculi– is a metabolic disease of male sheep and goats and is characterized by the formation of stones within the urinary tract. The 1st sign of calculi is the animal straining to pass urine, then they will begin to kick at their bellies and cry out in pain. The most successful prevention is to provide at least a 2:1 calcium to phosphorous ration in the total ration, or adding 10-15 pounds of ammonium chloride per ton of feed is very successful. Also clean fresh water will increase consumption and help prevent urinary calculi.
- Soremouth—is a contagious disease which causes the formation of scabs on the lips and around the mouth. Iodine can be rubbed into the lesions after the scabs are removed and this will help dry up the area and reduce infection.
- Ringworms– this has become a serious problem in the sheep and goat industry. It is very contagious and can be transmitted from project to project. Since most times ringworm is brought back from a show a good preventative program is a must.

In feeding goats you have a choice of feeding commercially prepared ration, mixing your own, or feeding a country ration sold at your local feed store. There are many complete commercial rations that will do a very satisfactory job. The most important thing to remember is that there is no such thing as a “magic” ration. Find a balance ration that works best for you and learn how your animals respond to it.

Some goats can be self fed the entire feeding program and others will need to be hand fed because they will get fat too fast. Therefore you must monitor your projects closely to insure that your rations are allowing your project to reach their full potential. If not you can try adding higher energy feed and supplements. Just remember to gradually change feedings to allow the animals to adjust to the difference and stay on feed.

Remember that a feeding program cannot make up for the lack of superior genetics but will allow your project to reach their genetic potential. Weighing your projects regularly will allow you to monitor if they are growing like they should be or if something needs to be changed.

# Summer Hair Maintenance for Show Cattle

Its getting hotter, the days are getting longer and hair and skin maintenance on show cattle requires extra work and effort. If you want to see that fresh and healthy hair coat in January, the work you put in during the summer months is as important as it is any other time of the year.

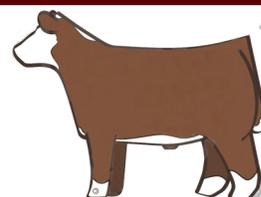
First, we will discuss how hair growth on cattle works. Hair grows in cycles, as the days get longer and the nights get shorter, cattle will start to shed their dead hair. Once the days start to shorten and the nights get longer they will grow more, fresher hair. This means that in late spring or early summer the dead hair on cattle needs to come out, either by shearing or by using a shedding comb or brush. If you do shear be sure to go with the grain. Also by getting rid of the dead, curly hair it will jumpstart the new hair coming in and the hair will be more natural as it grows. Also it will help keep the cattle more comfortable during the harsh Texas summers.

Next, cattle should be rinsed every day, clean hair and skin promotes quality hair and skin. Rinsing also provides cattle an opportunity to cool off, not only by the water being cool, but dirty cattle tend to retain more heat. It is important not to just spray them off, the water should be ran over them for 10– 15 minutes. Once the cattle have been rinsed thoroughly, a blower and comb should be used to get the cattle dry. The summer provides a great opportunity to train the hair by combing or brushing it from back to front on the body. By training it during the summer it will make it easier later on in the year. A sheen and conditioner should also be used on a daily basis, as combing and brushing can dry the skin out. However, be sure to use a lighter oil during the summer months because heavier oils will cause cattle to sweat and their internal body temps will go up, which is both detrimental to their health and hair growth. This process is not a quick one, at least an hour should be put in each day to maintain hair and skin quality.

Also, in the summer keep cattle out of the sun as much as possible. A cool room can be used, however if one is not available, keeping cattle in a barn or well shaded area will work. Fans and misters on them all day will help them keep a consistent temperature on them all day. Also by keeping them cool it helps them eat better, the nutrition and health of the cattle relates back to skin and hair quality. Another way to help maintain nutrition and performance is by feeding cattle during the coolest parts of the day. They should be brought into the barn before or just as the sun is coming up to be fed and fed again as the sun goes down.

Along with rinsing cattle, they need to be washed with soap once or twice a week. The importance of cleanliness cannot be overstated. When washing cattle with soap it is important to make sure to get all the dirt and mud out of their hair. When taking cattle to summer shows it is important to stay on a game plan of maintaining the hair and skin quality. Be sure to wash them before and after the show to keep the hair trained.

Though each of these things are important to maintaining the skin and hair quality on cattle, one thing above all means the most and that is hard work.



BURLESON COUNTY LAMB AND GOAT

# Showcase

**JULY 9, 2016**

Burleson County Fairgrounds  
Caldwell, Texas

*Schedule:* 8:30 a.m. - Weight cards due  
9:30 a.m. - Showmanship (Show to follow)

*Entries:* **RING A - \$25 W/ PAYBACK**  
**RING B - \$15 POINTS ONLY**  
CASH ONLY DAY OF SHOW! Must show in Ring A to be eligible for points in Ring



*Directions:* The Burleson County Fairgrounds are located on Hwy 36 South. Look for the signs!

Note: There will be limited electricity. Generators encouraged.  
Concession stand will be available.

Mail entries to: Mary Cass  
501 Pin Oak Drive  
Caldwell, TX 77836

For more information contact  
Mary Cass: 979-324-3837 or  
mary-cass@tamu.edu

## 2016 Commercial Steer Camp

The Commercial Steer Show is one of the highlights of our livestock show. This contest is centered around the commercial cattle industry and provides a learning experience emphasizing selection, record keeping, feeding, animal health, industry standards, public speaking, and technical knowledge. We encourage all who are interested in this unique contest to check out the upcoming 2016 Commercial Steer Camp in College Station. Registration ends July 15<sup>th</sup> and the Hotel Block ends July 3<sup>rd</sup>. For complete details, click [here](#).



# 2016-2017 Major Show Judges

## State Fair of Texas

- Steers- Dan Shike
- Sheep- Cody Sloan
- Goats- Keaton Dodd
- Swine- Jim McCoy

## Heart O' Texas Fair

- Jr. Steers-
- Jackpot Steer- Scott Greiner
- Jr. Heifer (exotic/british)-Scott Greiner
- Jkpt. Heifer (exotic/british)-
- Jr. Heifer (American)-Mitch Thomas
- Jkpt. Heifer (American)- Brady Ragland
- Jr. Sheep- Slayton Strube
- Jkpt. Sheep- Josh Blaneck
- Jr. Goats- Josh Blaneck
- Jkpt. Goat- Slayton Strube
- Jr. Swine- Jim McCoy
- Jkpt. Swine- John McKinley

## Brazos Valley Fair

## Ft. Worth Livestock Show

- Steers- Doug Husfeld
- Heifers-Kyle Perez, Kevin Jenson, Gerald Young
- Sheep- Todd Wise
- Goats- Andy Laughlin
- Swine- Kane Causemaker

## San Antonio Livestock show

- Steers- Kevin Jenson
- Heifers-
- Sheep- Kelly Bruins
- Goats- Brandon Callis
- Swine-

## San Angelo Livestock Show

- Steers—Mark Hoge
- Heifers
- Sheep- Mark Hoge
- Goats- Jamie Osbourn
- Swine

## Star of Texas Livestock Show

- Steers- Jack Ward
- American Heifers-
- British/Continental Heifers-
- Sheep- Chad Coburn
- Goats- Kevin Newsom
- Swine- Miles Toenyes

## Houston Livestock Show

- Steers- Shane Bedwell
- Heifers-
- Sheep- Kyle Smith
- Goats-
- Swine-

## BCYLS

- Steers-
- Heifers-
- Sheep-
- Goats-
- Swine-

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**Upcoming Events:**

Tag order Dates:

Sheep & Goats- 8/19

Other:

State Fair & HOT entry  
night- 8/4

# Show Dates

**State Fair of Texas**

- Market Swine- Wave 1 10/3-10/4
- Market Swine- Wave 2- 10/5-10/6
- Market Steers- 10/4-10/6
- Sheep & Goat- 10/3-10/5
- Gilts- 9/29-10/2

**HOT Fair**

- Steers- 10/6-9
- American heifers- 10/12-15
- Other heifers- 10/6-9
- Sheep & Goat-10/11-13
- Swine- 10/10-11

**Brazos Valley Fair**

- Heifers- 10/22
- Sheep & Goat- 10/22
- Steers- 10/23
- Swine- 10/23

**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)  
2/21-23 (wave 2)
- 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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