



Brazos County Livestock Newsletter

June 2016 Edition

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STATE FAIR OF TEXAS®

State Fair Sheep, Goat & Swine Validation

This year we will validate all State Fair animals at once at the same location.

- Date- June 24th
- Time- 7:30am-9am
- Location—Pearce Pavilion

Packets will be ready to pick up the week prior to validation. If you have a conflict with this date please contact us here at the office to make arrangements to get your projects validated prior to this date.

Steer Validation

- Date- June 18th
- Time- 7:30-10am
- Location - Bryan Auction Barn
- Validation packets will be available the week prior to validation

Packets will be ready to pick up the week prior to validation. If you have a conflict with this date please contact us here at the office to make arrangements to get your projects validated prior to this date.

Major Show Heifer Validation

- Date- June 18th
- Time- will begin at the conclusion of steer validation approximately around 10am, we will close the line at 12 noon
- Location - Bryan Auction Barn

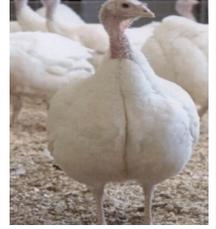
Packets will be ready to pick up the week prior to validation. If you have a conflict with this date please contact us here at the office to make arrangements to get your projects validated prior to this date. Also we will once again need a color copy of your registration papers prior to validation so please send me a scanned color copy or bring the original by and we can scan a copy into the system. The heifer can only be in one exhibitors name, not a partnership or a farm name and must be in the exhibitors name on or before June 30th. Also once a heifer has been validated they are covered for their entire show career unless they change ownership or change breed, besides that this is a one time process.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at 979-823-0129

Major Show & BCYLS Turkey Orders



Major show & Brazos County turkey orders are due to the Extension office by June 22nd. The cost is \$3.50 a turkey and orders are in groups of 25 for a total \$87.50 per 25.



Order forms can be found at the following link:
<http://brazos.agrilife.org/files/2013/10/Turkey-Order-Form-1.pdf>

Brazos County Validation Dates

Steers

Major & BCYLS– June 18th @ the Bryan Auction Barn starting at 7:30am

BCYLS Only– October 9th @ the Bryan Auction Barn

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

Heifers

Summer– June 18th @ the Bryan Auction Barn at the conclusion of steer validation

Fall– October

Sheep

State Fair– June 24th Location Pearce Pavilion

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

Goats

State Fair– June 24th Location Pearce Pavilion

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

Swine

State Fair– June 24th Location Pearce Pavilion

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



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/>



2016 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program



It is time once again for youth who are interested in becoming a Livestock Ambassador to apply for the 2016 year. Below is information about the application process, dates to hold open for trainings, as well as some of the impact data from this past years ambassadors.

Program Highlights and Impact:

Current Ambassadors report their service to an online reporting system.

- Service Hours: **14, 564**
- Educational Contacts: **450,000**

Program engagement

- County, Regional and Major Livestock Show Responsibilities
- Represent Texas 4-H and Animal Agriculture on TV, Radio and at the Texas Capitol
- Making an impact in mentoring novice 4-H youth
- NEW nation and international travel experience

2016 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:

Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University July 5-8, 2016 Cost: \$200

Texas A&M University July 18-21, 2016 Cost: \$200

Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science and animal production
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

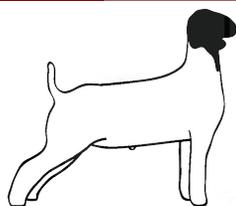
Applicant goes to https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0PYpO9DjXaYnpFb

- Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
- CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey

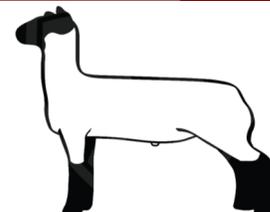
A selection committee will review the applications and accept **25** participants per university

Applications are due **June 1, 2016**. Applicants will be notified by **June 17, 2016** regarding application result

Please contact me with any questions or concerns about this.



Sheep and Goat Projects: **Part II**



Now that you have decided on how much you would like to spend, where you would like to purchase your next project, and covered some of the basics to look for when selecting your project. We will cover some of the feeding and facility basics to get you started on the right path with your new project.

These are a few items you need to consider before you head out to purchase the project.

- Make sure you have a bag of feed ready for when you get your animal home
- Have a clean pen, free of weeds and grass, fresh water, and some sort of building to allow them to get out of the weather or find shade from the heat.
- Insure that there are no holes in your fence, and that it is tall enough to keep predators and dogs out

Facilities

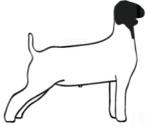
Sheep & goats need a combination arrangement, access to a shed and an area where they can get outside in the sunshine. The shed area should be at least 20 square feet of space for each animal. The outside pen needs to be as large as possible for the animals to get plenty of exercise. The shed should be well drained where water does not accumulate under the barn. Sheds or barns should be open to the east or south. Barn temperature is critical, the structure should be well ventilated so the animals will remain cool and continue to grow during the summer months. On the other hand both sheep and goats will be slick shorn for all the shows, so the barns need to be altered during the winter to keep the animals as warm as possible. The fence height should be at least 42 inches tall to keep animals from attempting to jump out and keep predators or dogs out.

Feeding

Self feeders are used in the early stages of feeding both sheep and goats, they should be blocked up at least 8 inches off the ground. After a few weeks you may want to move to hand feeding your projects. The movable hanging feeders work best for this since you can move the feeder to the correct height as the animals grow. It is best to take these feeders down every 2-3 weeks and clean them out. Also it is important to provide the sheep and goats with hay and minerals. These feeders need to be raised off the ground as well.

Clean water is the most important ingredient in feeding any livestock project. Water troughs should be small enough that they can be drained and cleaned on a weekly basis. Remember that water troughs should be checked on a daily basis and should be located in the shade so the water stays cool.

When you are out looking at projects you want to get some information from the owner as to what vaccinations it has had and when it was wormed last so you know what and when it needs its next set. Do not hesitate to ask questions about the animals bloodlines, and the age of the projects you are looking at. Also it is essential that when you purchase your project that it is treated for internal parasites and overeating disease. Many younger goats and range raised sheep don't know how to eat so it is important that they have access to good, leafy alfalfa hay that is top dressed on their feed to encourage them to eat it.



Sheep & Goat Projects Continued



If this is your first year and you are starting from scratch you may need a few of these items listed below to assist with your project.

- Stiff brush to clean water troughs
- Goat blankets/or socks
- Halters, collars, and/or show chains
- Hoof Trimmers
- Drench Gun
- Water bucket
- Portable hanging feeder
- Soft brush to groom your project
- Muzzles
- Box to hold all equipment
- Spray Bottle

If you have any questions or would like us to assist you in locating and purchasing your next project, please contact us as soon as possible so we can have adequate time to help locate projects that meet your requirements.

Also make sure to keep the tag order, validation, and major show entry dates updated so you don't miss any of them.

- Sheep & Goat tag orders are due to the Extension office by August 19th
- Sheep & Goat Validation will be October 17th at the Brazos Expo Complex from 5:30-7:30
- Major Show entry night will be November 3rd at the Brazos County Extension office from 5-7

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these projects, please contact your county agent or ag teacher for further assistance.

2016 State Fair of Texas Updates

- Dates— September 30th—October 23rd 2016
- Market Swine will come in two separate waves this year.
(Wave one— Dark hogs— 10/3-10/4) (Wave 2— White hogs— 10/5-10/6)
- Detailed Schedule at:
http://bigtex.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/16_ls_schedule_1.3.pdf
- Rule Book:
http://bigtex.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/16_livestock_premiumbook_1.1.pdf

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



Judges:
**To Be
Announced**

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



KENDALL CLASSIC STEER SHOW

June 25, 2016

648 FM 289

Comfort TX, 78013

Non- Sanctioned Show with Good Awards

Judge: Brady Ragland

16 Breed Format and Mini Hereford Class
(Prizes in Classes)

- Rocking M Show Trailers will be here

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SCHEDULE

- Friday 12pm - Barn Open
- Friday 7:30pm - Clinic for Classifications for New Guidelines
- Saturday 6-8am- Steer Check-In
- 10am- Showmanship followed by Steer Show.

For More Information please call:

Duane Zoeller: (210)842-8694

Stephen Zoeller (830)249-9343, (830)765-2519

Mail Entries: Stephen Zoeller, CEA-AG/NR, 210 E. San Antonio, #9, Boerne, TX 78006

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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-
- Swine-

San Angelo Livestock Show

- Steers-
- Heifers
- Sheep-
- Goats-
- 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:

Validation Dates:

Steers- 6/18

Heifers- 6/18

State Fair- Sheep,
Goat, & Swine-6/24

Other:

Major Turkey orders
due- 6/22

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

TBA

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- 2/15-17
- Heifers-
- Poultry-
- Gilt-

San Angelo Livestock Show

February 3-19 2017

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

Contacts

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