



2016 CARSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW



NO PASS = NO PLAY

Please remember all of the shows we will be participating in in the next several months (including the county show) are No Pass - No Play... You **MUST** be passing all of your classes to be eligible to participate in the stock shows. Please don't let this be an issue. If you need to talk to your teachers to make sure you are passing, please do so. Do any extra credit work you can to make up for any missed assignments or low test scores! Also, be timely on getting make up work done and back in when you miss school for the Stock Show!

Livestock Project Visits:

If you have questions or concerns, please give me a call. I usually try to make rounds on extreme weather days for several reasons: It is extremely obvious how our projects are being taken care of. Here are some suggestions: 1) Our weather is extreme one way or the other...hot or cold. Please be prepared when cold comes! Keep plenty of good clean bedding out for your pigs at all times; a good dry place for your lambs, goats, and steers out of the wind and weather. 2) Clean, fresh, unfrozen water should be available at least twice a day. 3) Clean, neat pens promote better health for your livestock projects. 4) Please stay on top of health issues. Take extra time to check animals and make sure your projects are healthy. Early detection and treatment is key in getting them well. 5) Bottom line: Show animal projects are not normal industry livestock (they are in a beauty pageant) so take care of them!

Remember: Good animals are born... Champions are made!



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WOW...

The Carson County Jr Livestock Show is a little over three weeks away as I write this Newsletter.

There are several things I want to make sure everyone is aware of before we get to the show. If you have any questions, please contact me.

First, we have more youth exhibiting livestock projects this year than we have had in several years which is very good and exciting! There are 143 youth in the county that have validated steers, lambs, goats, and swine projects. I want everyone to be aware of the fact that there will only be 134 lots sold at the county show. An exhibitor is only allowed to sell one time. No matter how many projects are shown. The county show is a premium sale. There is no floor from the Livestock Association. If you plan to process your projects, you might want to think about scheduling a process date, as this is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Someone will usually take lambs and goats to Muleshoe on Saturday morning to run them through the Sale Barn as an option.

In an effort to make the County Show a more enjoyable experience for our exhibitors and parents, we will be turning in weight cards this year! This means the exhibitors are responsible for writing down the weight and breed that you want. Scales will be available at the barn so you will be able to weigh and monitor weight during the show.

Animals DO NOT have to be in the barn until weight cards are due. This is new for all of us and I will be more than happy to assist each of you in making those decisions. If you would like me to help, just ask!

LAMBS:

Weight cards are due at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 21st. There will be a 10 pound random weighback on first place animals. This means lambs must weigh within 10 pounds plus or minus of what was turned in on the exhibitors weight cards.

GOATS:

Weight cards are due at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 21st. There will be a 10 pound random weighback on first place animals. This means lambs must weigh within 10 pounds plus or minus of what was turned in on the exhibitors weight cards.

***** Lambs and goats must be out of the barn by 3:00 pm on Friday January 22nd unless otherwise announced.*****

STEERS:

Weight cards are due at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 21st. There will be a 7% random weighback on first place animals. This means Steer must weigh within 7% plus or minus of what was turned in on the exhibitors weight cards.

SWINE:

Exhibitors can come to the barn on Thursday, January 21st at 8:00 am, but do not have to be in the barn until 6:00 pm on Friday, January 22nd, when weight and breed must be declared on your weight card. We hope to have enough pens for everyone to be able to have individual pens, but cannot guarantee that will happen without knowing for sure on numbers at this time.

There will be random weighbacks of the first place pigs from selected classes. The weight of the pig must be 15 pounds plus or minus the weight turned in on the exhibitor card.

FYI Some pig pens will be the pens that are also used for the lambs and goats. So several pens will not be available until after 3:00 pm on Friday. Make sure that works into your plans if coming on Friday.

I will be happy to pickup and haul your projects for you. But, with the changes I will not have time to pick projects up on Friday. If you are planning on coming in on Friday with your swine project, you will need to make other arrangements besides me. Let me know what you want or need me to do.

If animals are weighed out, they are ineligible to participate in the sale. I feel the board has made the ranges for animals big enough that we shouldn't have any issues. I realize this is new and a change that I feel will be positive. I do also realize that many of you may not understand how this method works. I am here to help you, Please Just Ask!! Those of you who have scales available to weigh should have an idea of what your animals are weighing and shouldn't have any difficulty.

SWINE PROJECTS...

Please do not let lice and mange be a problem during County Show time...Ivomec works on both - count back from show for withdrawal and treat accordingly. 18 days of Swine. It is also time for your county pigs to start Paylean - please call me so I can assist you with a plan.

- Start exercising your pigs...they need to be walked regularly to build up stamina and learn how to show
- If you will be sending your pig to be processed, you need to make those dates early to save money on feed after the show.



LAMENESS ISSUES:

I have had several calls about pigs that are limping. Please watch closely for this. Many times we can prevent serious lameness issues, if detected early and treated. Lincomix is crucial in treating this issue along with other medications. If your pig acts lame, he needs medicated ASAP. And tomorrow is usually too late.



WHIPWORMS

Just a heads up if you have not wormed specifically for whipworms! Whipworms are a problem you do not want to have. They can kill and cause swine to lose weight quickly. Use wormers that are effective against whipworms such as safeguard (fenbendazole) or Danacur at least once while you have the pigs. Many feeds you can buy have the products in them and work fine.



STEERS & HEIFERS...

Help prevent lice. Steers and Heifers that have lice tend to rub out spots of hair to the skin and can be highly visible. Please use some type of parasite control to prevent this from happening. I think this will be a bad year for parasites. Please stay on top of this.

CONCESSION STAND

Jeanene will be sending out schedules for concession stand work soon. Please remember every exhibitor or a parent of the exhibitor is required to work a 2 hour shift at the Stock Show OR pay \$50.00. If the schedule that she sends you does not work out, PLEASE contact her ASAP to have your time rescheduled. If you have any questions or concerns, Please call the office 537-3882.

RAFFLE TICKETS...

Every livestock exhibitor MUST sell 10 tickets to be eligible to compete in the County Show. Due to ticket printing issues we have a short time to get these sold but we know you can do it. Please come by the office and pick them up them **ASAP** or call us at **537-3882**.

Remember, there will be prizes \$\$\$ for the those who sell the most tickets.

1st Place \$500.00, 2nd Place \$300.00, 3rd Place \$200.00

To qualify for the contest, you MUST have your ticket stubs and money turned into the office no later than January 15th by 5:00 pm.

Carson County Jr. Livestock Show

January 22-23, 2016

Carson County Ag Barn

Panhandle, TX

806-537-3882

REMEMBER:

Change is not always easy,
but without change life
becomes difficult to
improve...



Carson County Jr Livestock Show Schedule

- Thursday, January 21, 2016
 - 6:00 pm: Lambs, Goats, Steers and Heifers in the barn and weight cards turned in.
- Friday, January 22, 2016
 - 10:00 am: Market Goat Show, followed by the Market Lamb Show.
 - 1:00 pm: Beef Cattle, Heifer Show followed by the Market Steer Show.
 - 6:00 pm: Market Barrows in the barn and weight cards turned in.
- Saturday, January 23, 2016
 - 9:00 am: Jr Market Barrow Show.
 - 6:00 pm: Special Awards Presentation
 - 6:30 pm: Sale at the Carson County Ag Barn.



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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jody Bradford".

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