

Ellis County Youth Expo

Show Supplies & What to Expect

It is once again time for the Ellis County Youth Expo. The schedule for the expo can be found at elliscountyouthexpo.com. Below is a list of supplies needed for each species. These lists contain the basic supplies you will need at the show. If you have something to add, please bring it with you.

Swine

- ✓ Pig Dividers (you may be sharing a pen with someone else. You may also want to separate your hogs in your pen)
- ✓ Buckets for water
- ✓ Spoon to stir & mix wet feed
- ✓ Feeder (the clip on feeders work best in the tight space we have. You will need a small piece of cattle panel or zip ties to attach to the pen, then you can clip your feeder to that)
- ✓ Waterer (if you use a PVC pipe waterer, bring it with you. Water is EXTREMELY important to your animal. Make sure you have a way to water them, waterer or in a bucket)
- ✓ Feed & Supplements-You will have limited space. You may want to just bring smaller feed buckets to keep your feed in. DO NOT START SOMETHING NEW WHEN YOU GET TO THE SHOW!! TRY EVERYTHING AT HOME FIRST
- ✓ Pig Sticks
- ✓ Brushes-rice root, wash, brush to take with you in the ring
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Water hose
- ✓ Shampoo
- ✓ Shavings-you will need shavings to put down when you get there and shaving to replace throughout the week
- ✓ Sprayer
- ✓ Spray bottle with bleach water to spray down pen before you put shavings in it.

Things you may want, but are not 100% necessary: fans, extension cords (for the fans). THINGS YOU DON'T NEED TO BRING: heat lamps, clippers-there is no clipping on the grounds PERIOD! I have a couple of pig sprayers that I will bring with me.

Lambs/Goats

- ✓ Blankets/Socks-make sure to have both kinds of blankets for warm or cool weather
- ✓ Goat show chain
- ✓ Halters
- ✓ Feed & Supplements-You will have limited space. You may want to just bring smaller feed buckets to keep your feed in. DO NOT START SOMETHING NEW WHEN YOU GET TO THE SHOW!! TRY EVERYTHING AT HOME FIRST
- ✓ Feeder
- ✓ Buckets
- ✓ Combs-leg hair, brush, etc
- ✓ Drench gun

- ✓ Drench-we will have a group gold dust bucket for you to use if you choose. It will be \$10 per student to use.
- ✓ Water hose
- ✓ Shampoo
- ✓ Muzzles
- ✓ Skin conditioner
- ✓ Hay-alfalfa & other hay (to keep the rumen going)
- ✓ Shavings
- ✓ Spray bottle with bleach water to clean pen before you put shavings down.

Things you DON'T NEED to bring: clippers (animals must be clipped before you get there). I have 3 blowers and 3 trimming tables. If you have blowers or tables, please bring them. If you have only 1-2 animals, you may have others in with you. Please be prepared for that. They may not have the same feeding schedule/water habits that you have. Work together to make it work for all of you.

Rabbits

- ✓ Fans-small battery powered
- ✓ Carriers
- ✓ Carpet squares for getting ready
- ✓ Feed
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Feeder/waterer
- ✓ Grooming supplies
- ✓ Extra rabbits (market rabbits only)-you will need 1 extra rabbit per pen

Chickens

- ✓ Fans-small battery powered
- ✓ Feed
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Cans & zip ties for feeding and watering (these can be canned food cans that have been emptied and cleaned and zip tied to the box/carrier that you have them in)-keep constant food and water available for your chickens
- ✓ Carrier with shavings-you want to make sure you have a nice bed for your chickens to lay on while you transport them. Also, make sure you have plenty of ventilation for your birds
- ✓ Extra birds-you will need at least 1 bird for each pen.

Cattle

- ✓ Wash bucket: scrub brush, soap/shampoo, conditioner, plastic comb, rice brush, hose, nozzle
- ✓ Blower
- ✓ Clippers & extra blades
- ✓ Roto brush & drill
- ✓ Rice root brush
- ✓ Plastic comb
- ✓ Metal or Teflon combs
- ✓ Extension cords
- ✓ Sheen or daily hair care products
- ✓ Extra spray bottle & sprayer

- ✓ Roper halter, show halter, neck ties
- ✓ Neck sweat or cool collar (if you use them)
- ✓ Paper towels, rags, or wipes
- ✓ Water hose
- ✓ Fans + extension cords
- ✓ End panels
- ✓ Stall mats
- ✓ Feed pans
- ✓ Water buckets
- ✓ Show sticks
- ✓ Feed
- ✓ Hay
- ✓ Supplements

We have a few blowers that can be used during the week

Other things to consider

- ✓ Chairs
- ✓ Show clothes
- ✓ Snacks-I will have a large snack box and cooler for the kids to get snacks and drinks from throughout the week
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Cameras
- ✓ HOMEWORK!!!!!! There is plenty of down time for you to get your make-up work done! We will have a table set up for you to work!
- ✓ Wash clothes
- ✓ **PATIENCE! Please be patient with each other, the show volunteers, and me!**
- ✓ **GREAT ATTITUDE! This is supposed to be a good, fun, learning experience for you and your child. It is made even better if you have a good attitude while you are here.**
- ✓ **TEAMWORK! This only works well if we can all work together well!**

We will have a designated 4-H area (most likely in pop up tents behind the washracks) for all the kids to hang out in, do homework in, etc. I would love for each of our kids to get to know others from across the county! Please feel free to bring your chairs to camp in that area. We are also planning a cook out on Monday evening. I will send details out about that as we get closer. All stall assignments are made prior to you getting there and will be marked with a sign or piece of tape.

My phone number is (972.935.8384). Please call if you have any questions.