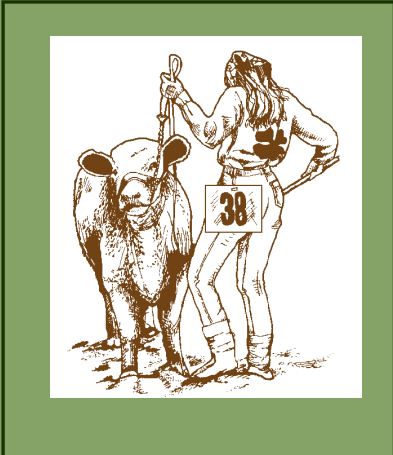




4-H NEWS LEE COUNTY

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County Show Reminders

The Lee County Junior Livestock Show (LCJLS) is March 26 through March 29.

Here is some important information regarding your 4-H participation.

Bring your own shavings. Stall shavings are not sold on Show Grounds.

Please read carefully and be well prepared.

Clean-Up Requirement

LCJLS General Rule 4. (p)

Pre-Sale Clean-Up (ages 13 and older)

All 4-H Exhibitors, ages 13 and older, including cake exhibitors, are expected to participate in a mandatory Work Day on Saturday, March 22, at 8:00 am. Each exhibiting 4-H family should also be represented by an adult to help prepare the Show grounds for the livestock arrival.

Pre-Sale Clean-Up (ages 12 and under)

4-H Exhibitors, ages 12 years and under, who did not participate in the March 22 Clean-Up, need to schedule a time at one of the four "Pre-Sale" clean-up shifts scheduled during the Show. E-mail the Extension office (lee-tx@tamu.edu) by March 15 to reserve your clean-up. You must work the shift you sign-up for.

Pre-Show Clean-Up Schedule <i>12 years and under</i>	
Date	Time
Thursday, March 27	5 pm
Friday, March 28	5 pm
Saturday, March 29 need 4 youth	8 am set-up for Buyers Luncheon
Saturday, March 29	10 am set-up for Auction
To sign up, e-mail: lee.county@agnet.tamu.edu	

After-Sale Clean-Up

All Exhibitors whose entry sells in the Auction Sale must also participate in a work day

on Sunday, March 30, at 1:00 pm.

Sign-In/Sign-Out

4-H Exhibitors must sign-in at the beginning of their clean-up shift. Your signature is your guarantee of receiving clean-up credit.

Exhibitors should report for their clean-up shift in front of the Foods and Creative Arts Exhibit Building.

Stall Clean-Up

After the Auction Sale on Saturday, March 29, each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning out their stall. All shavings, bedding and any other materials must be removed, bagged and put into a designated space.

Exhibitors must have an Extension Agent inspect their pen or stall before being released. You must provide your own trash bags and equipment for clean-up.

Penalties Assessed

A \$100 penalty will be assessed to any exhibitor for each Work Day missed, and also for failure to clean your pen or stall prior to being released on Auction Sale Day.

Health Requirements

LCJLS General Rule 4. (m)

No animal showing evidence of disease shall be permitted on the Show Grounds. Livestock must comply with the entry requirements as set out by the Texas Animal Health Commission. All medicated feedstuff and drugs must be withdrawn in accordance with the label for the product used or fed.

Show Weight Ranges

Show weights are the weight ranges for each specific species. Only animals within show weights will be permitted to be shown.

All Market Animals will be weighed on the Show Grounds by a qualified person appointed by the LCJLS Board. Weighing will begin at the time shown on the schedule (printed on

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Pg. 3). Each species will weigh in the order designated by the superintendent of that department.

Animals must be brushed clean when presented for weighing. The animal's weight will be recorded on the back of each exhibitor's card.

The "Ownership" declared when the animal is presented at weigh-in (before entering the scale) is FINAL. Only animals within Show weights will be permitted to be shown.

- Meat Rabbits — 10-15 lbs. per pen
- Market Lambs — at least 100 lbs.
- Market Hogs — at least 220 lbs., not over 280 lbs.
- Market Steers — minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Market Goats — between 70 lbs. and 125 lbs.

A 3-pound weight tolerance will be allowed on the minimum and maximum weight limit; meat rabbits are allowed a 3 oz. tolerance per pen.

Clipping

If you need of assistance in clipping your project in preparation for the LCJLS, contact the Extension office.

The Lee County 4-H has 2 pairs of Lister Star clippers. The intended use of the clippers is for the Lee County 4-H Members to use them when getting an animal ready for show. If your family

would like to use the clippers, please call the Extension office. If you do not have a set of clipping blades for the Lister Star clippers, some are available. If you use the 4-H clipper blades, you will be asked for a \$5 donation to help with the sharpening of the blades. There is not a guarantee that blades will be available.

If you would like to ensure you have the use of sharp blades, you can purchase blades for you to keep at Tractor Supply, Sullivan's Show Supply or Premier 1.

Lost Ear Tag

LCJLS General Rule 4. (k)

Lost ear tags must be reported to the Extension office immediately. A \$2 retag charge will be applied to each animal. Animals will be retagged as follows:

- ◆ Commercial Heifers — time and location as designated by Extension Agent
- ◆ all other animals — LCJLS Show Barn prior to weigh-in on March 26

Scholastic Eligibility

LCJLS General Rule 4. (d)

The Extension office will request the school's approval for academic eligibility and excused absences for each 4-H exhibitor for

the time of the County Show, March 26 - March 29, 2014.

LCJLS follows the policies as set out by the Texas Education Agency. If an Exhibitor is determined ineligible on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, then the entry is ineligible.

Thank You Letters

LCJLS General Rule 4. (r)

Copies of Buyers Slip(s) and Buyers' addresses will be sent to 4-H'er by the Extension office. Each 4-H'er participating in the Auction Sale and/or receiving any Showmanship award(s), must write a Thank You letter to the Buyer and/or Award Donor. Thank You Letters must be submitted to the Extension office by April 25. Letters must be in an addressed/stamped envelope, ready for mailing.

Failing to write and turn in a Thank You Letter could result in your Auction Sale check being withheld.

www.facebook.com/leecounty4h



You don't have to be on Facebook to be able to keep up with

Lee County 4-H
on Facebook.

Calculating Weight Gain for Market Projects

Average Daily Gain

Average Daily Gain (ADG) is the amount of weight gained per day by the animal over a given period of time. If your animal does not make the minimum weight or is overweight, then you may not be able to participate at the County Junior Livestock Show. By keeping track of your ADG every two weeks, you can determine if your animal is in the weight range required for the stock show.

For example, an animal weighs 800 pounds on January 1 and weighs 841.5 pounds on January 15; the animal gained 41.5 pounds in 14 days.

$$41.5 \text{ lbs.} \div 14 \text{ days} = 2.96 \text{ lbs./day}$$

$$\frac{\text{total lbs. gained}}{\# \text{ of days fed}} = \text{Avg. Daily Gain}$$

Weigh-In Countdown

Based on the ADG calculated for your livestock project, feed can be adjusted according to the number of days before official stock show weigh-in.

DATE	#Days	DATE	#Days	DATE	#Days	DATE	#Days	DATE	#Days
FEB 01	53	FEB 12	42	FEB 23	31	MAR 06	20	MAR 17	9
FEB 02	52	FEB 13	41	FEB 24	30	MAR 07	19	MAR 18	8
FEB 03	51	FEB 14	40	FEB 25	29	MAR 08	18	MAR 19	7
FEB 04	50	FEB 15	39	FEB 26	28	MAR 09	17	MAR 20	6
FEB 05	49	FEB 16	38	FEB 27	27	MAR 10	16	MAR 21	5
FEB 06	48	FEB 17	37	FEB 28	26	MAR 11	15	MAR 22	4
FEB 07	47	FEB 18	36	MAR 01	25	MAR 12	14	MAR 23	3
FEB 08	46	FEB 19	35	MAR 02	24	MAR 13	13	MAR 24	2
FEB 09	45	FEB 20	34	MAR 03	23	MAR 14	12	MAR 25	1
FEB 10	44	FEB 21	33	MAR 04	22	MAR 15	11	MAR 26	WEIGH IN
FEB 11	43	FEB 22	32	MAR 05	21	MAR 16	10		

LCJLS Schedule

(subject to change)

Tuesday, March 25

12:00 - 9:00 pm Stall assignments will be posted. Exhibitors may bring tack and set up in their designated area only.

** NOTE: *Shavings are NOT be sold on Show Grounds.*

Wednesday, March 26

2:00 pm Animals begin arriving.

4:00 - 6:00 pm YFCA entries begin arriving.

6:00 pm **ALL** animals must be in the Barn.

6:30 pm Weighing of Market Animals in the order designated by Department Superintendent.

Scale 1 - Swine (6:30 pm)

Scale 2 - Sheep (6:30 pm); followed by Goats

Scale 3 - Steers (following Goat weigh-in)

**Animals which have officially weighed out, may be removed from the Barn after completion of weighing.*

Thursday, March 27

7 am - 8 am Broilers and Rabbits begin arriving.

8 am - 9 am YFCA entries continue to arrive.

8 am - 11 am Cakes (Regular and Decorated) begin arriving.

8:30 am Broiler Judging

10:00 am Judging of YFCA entries.

10:00 am Market Rabbit judging, followed by Breeding Rabbit.

12:30 pm Cake Judging

4:00 pm Junior Breeding Heifer Show

Am., Brit. and Exotic. [in alpha order]; followed by Crossbred

5:00 pm Commercial Market Heifer Judging (Open followed by Bred)

NOTE: All non-sale market entries and cakes may be removed from the Barn (with Superintendent's approval), after completion of each departmental show.

Friday, March 28

8:00 am Market Swine Judging

2:00 pm Market Lamb Judging

3:30 pm Market Goat Judging

6:00 pm Steer Show

Saturday, March 29

8:30 am Pee Wee Swine Showmanship

11:30 am Buyers Get-Together

1:00 pm Release of Breeding Show (Rabbits and Heifers) and YFCA entries, with Superintendent's approval.

1:30 pm Sale

NOTE: No market sale entries released prior to completion of Sale.

4-H Horse Validations

on-line March 1 - May 1

REMINDERS FOR THE VALIDATION PROCESS, YOU MUST:

- have a family profile established on 4-H CONNECT
<https://texas.4honline.com>
- be a paid/active youth member of Texas 4-H for the 2013-2014 year
- have digital photos of your horse(s) from the front, left side and right side; photos must be accessible for upload
- validate **registered horses** in the registered name, not a nickname; have a PDF copy of registration papers, for each horse, ready for upload
- validate each horse the family is preparing to use in competition; validations will cover all 4-H youth members in that family profile
- A \$10 fee applies to each horse validated before April 15; Grade and Registered. **After April 16**, validation will increase to \$20/horse.
- print an invoice for each horse validated, provide a copy to the County Extension Office along with validation payment

For additional information, visit:

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/>

Late validations can not be accepted.

All 4-H members/parents are invited to attend the meeting of

**Lee County 4-H Council
and
Parent Volunteer Association**

February 18 — 6 pm
Extension Office, Giddings

RSVP by noon that day.



Adult Volunteers are needed to help

Foods and Creative Arts Building

during the LCJLS

Wednesday, March 26

4 pm to 6 pm — accept entries

Thursday, March 27

8:00 am to 9:00 am — accept entries, prepare for judging

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm — arrange entries for exhibit

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm — supervise building

Friday, March 28

9 am to 12 pm — 12 pm to 4 pm — 4 pm to 8 pm
supervise building

Saturday, March 29

9 am to 1 pm — supervise building
1 pm to 2 pm — assist with entry pick-up

With hundreds of entries submitted every year, a lot of help is needed.



Graduating High School Seniors

Applications for the 4-H PVA scholarships will be e-mailed to each registered 4-H High School Senior.



County Broilers will be delivered on Feb. 12.

Imagine the noise level of nearly 1,600 baby chicks?

Lee County Junior Livestock Show

DANCE

Friday

following the Steer Show until

11 pm

Family Dance - all ages welcome

north end of
Show Barn

music provided by:
Big K Air Riggins'

Additional Adult Volunteers Are Needed /

sponsored by Lee County 4-H
Parent Volunteer Association



TEXAS 4-H IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD SUMMER CAMPERS!

CHECK OUT THE 4-H CENTER WEBSITE FOR ALL THE FUN SUMMER CAMPS!

<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>

County Camp - June 30 - July 2

completed grades 2 - 11

\$180 registration (pay a deposit by June 14 or full amount)

Prime Time

Session 1; grades 5- 8 - **July 20 - 23**

Session 2; grades 2-5 - **July 23 - 26**

\$230 registration (pay a deposit by June 14 or full amount)

Residential camps featuring traditional camp experiences, such as kayaking, shooting sports, challenge courses, environmental education, arts and crafts, dancing, swimming and lots more.