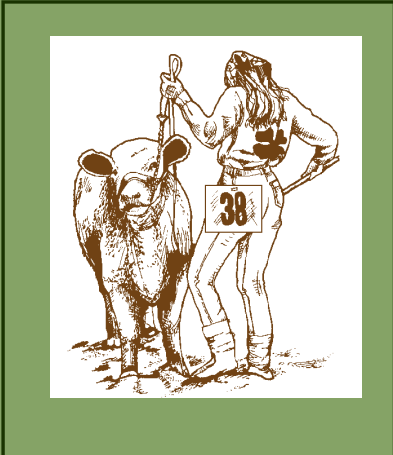




4-H NEWS LEE COUNTY

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County Show Reminders



The Lee County Junior Livestock Show (LCJLS) is March 25 through March 28.

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 21, 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 21 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 16 to reserve your clean-up. You must work the shift you sign-up for.

After-Sale Clean-Up

All Exhibitors whose entry sells in the Auction Sale must also participate in a work day on Sunday, March 29, at 1:00 pm.

Pre-Show Clean-Up Schedule *12 years and under*

Date	Time
Thursday, March 26	3 pm
Friday, March 27	5 pm
Saturday, March 28 need 4 youth	8 am set-up for Buyers Luncheon
Saturday, March 28	10 am set-up for Auction

To sign up, e-mail: lee.county@agnet.tamu.edu

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.

Mandatory Meeting

NEW !!!!!!! In the published rules for LCJLS, on the Tentative Schedule, there is a "Mandatory Livestock Exhibitor Meeting" listed for 6:05 pm on **Wednesday, March 25.**

Steer & Heifer Exhibitors: meet at the bucking shoots.

Hog, Lamb & Goat Exhibitors: meet at the loading dock where hogs are unloaded.

The only exhibitors excused from this meeting are Cakes, Broilers and Rabbits.

Stall Clean-Up

After the Auction Sale on Saturday, March 28, 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

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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 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, contact the Extension office.

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.

Scholastic Eligibility

LCJLS General Rule 4. (d)

The Extension office has requested the schools' approval for academic eligibility and excused absences for each 4-H exhibitor for the time of the County Show, March 25 - March 28.

LCJLS follows the policies as set out by the Texas Education Agency. If an Exhibitor is determined ineligible on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, then the entry is ineligible.

Lost Ear Tag

LCJLS General Rule 4. (k)

Lost ear tags must be reported to the Extension office immediately. A \$2 retag fee will be applied to each animal. Animals will be retagged on March 25 at the LCJLS Show Barn, prior

to weigh-in.

Thank You Letters

LCJLS General Rule 4. (r)

Copies of Buyers Slip(s) and Buyers' addresses will be sent to each 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 24. 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.

Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camp

Lamb Camp July 17 - 19	Goat Camp July 24 - 26
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Join this **FUN & EXCITING** 3-day program dedicated to educating students on the fundamentals of feeding, nutrition, health, facilities and selection with plenty of Showmanship and Quality Counts information.

Registration opens March 18:
animalscience.tamu.edu/about/facilities/sheep-center/youth-camps

Cost: Child \$150 / Adult \$60

For more information: **979-862-7644**
AggielandLambAndGoatCamp@gmail.com

*All Camp Participants must be accompanied by an adult and must be at least 8 years old or entering the 3rd Grade.

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.

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

total lbs. gained	÷	# of days fed	=	Avg. Daily Gain
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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
MAR 04	21	MAR 09	16	MAR 14	11	MAR 20	5
MAR 05	20	MAR 10	15	MAR 15	10	MAR 21	4
MAR 06	19	MAR 11	14	MAR 16	9	MAR 22	3
MAR 07	18	MAR 12	13	MAR 17	8	MAR 23	2
MAR 08	17	MAR 13	12	MAR 18	7	MAR 24	1
				MAR 19	6	MAR 25	WEIGH IN

LCJLS Schedule

(subject to change)

Tuesday, March 24

12 pm - 9 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 25

2 pm Animals begin arriving.

4 pm - 6 pm YFCA entries begin arriving.

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

6:05 pm Mandatory Livestock Exhibitor Meeting

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 26

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 am Judging of YFCA entries.

10 am Market Rabbit judging, followed by Breeding Rabbit.

12:30 pm Cake Judging

4 pm Junior Breeding Heifer Show

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

5 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 27

8 am Market Swine Judging

2 pm Market Lamb Judging

3:30 pm Market Goat Judging

6 pm Steer Show

Saturday, March 28

8:30 am Pee Wee Swine Showmanship

11:30 am Buyers Get-Together

1 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, and then **ONLY AFTER** being checked out and released by Department Superintendent.*

Tag Orders

2015 State Fair of Texas
Lamb & Goat

2016 Major Steer

Deadline to order — Friday, April 10

\$11 per tag

Payable at the time of order.

Call Extension office — 979-542-2753

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

Lee County 4-H Council

and

Parent Volunteer Association

April 6 — 6 pm

Extension Office, Giddings

RSVP by noon that day.

Horse Validations

on-line March 1 - May 1

INSTRUCTIONS ON-LINE AT:

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

- A \$10 fee applies to each horse validated before April 15 (Grade and Registered).
- Validation cost increases **after April 16** to \$20/horse.
- Print invoice for each horse validated, providing a copy to the County Extension office along with payment.

Late validations can not be accepted



Adult Volunteers are needed to help

Foods and Creative Arts Building

during the LCJLS

Wednesday, March 25

4 pm to 6 pm — accept entries

Thursday, March 26

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

1 pm to 4 pm — arrange entries for exhibit

4 pm to 8 pm — supervise building

Friday, March 27

9 am to 12 pm — supervise building

12 pm to 4 pm — supervise building

4 pm to 8 pm — supervise building

Saturday, March 28

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.

Lee County Junior Livestock Show

DANCE

Friday

March 27

following the Steer Show until

11 pm

Family Dance - all ages welcome

north end of

Show Barn

music provided by:

Big K Air Riffin'

Additional Adult Volunteers Are Needed /



Big Time in D9

May 1 & 2

Alvin Community College

Lee County is one of the 18 counties that make up District 9. District Roundup is open to all ages of 4-H members from 8 to 18.

CONTACT AN EXTENSION AGENT, BY APRIL 1, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN COMPETITION.

4-H Feud — designed to let 4-H'ers show off what they know about 4-H and anything else kids talk about

4-H Pit Master — Burger, Beans, Brisket, Spare Ribs and Chicken. Teams must provide their own electricity/water.

4-H SET: — 4-H'ers apply scientific method to their 4-H project experience
[Research Poster Contest]

Ag Products ID — 4-H'er identifies 20 ag products, each w/a multiple choice question pertaining to the product

Consumer Decision Making — apply knowledge and experience in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations

Ed Presentations/ Public Speaking — planned talks where 1 or more 4-H'ers teach others about a project or activity

Duds to Dazzle — redesign and re-purpose discarded garments into new, viable consumer products

Fashion Show — exhibit skills of wardrobe selection, clothing construction or comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, style, good grooming and poise in front of others, modeling and presentation

Fashion Story Board — poster board display of original designs using illustrations, such as fabric swatches, patterns and photos

Food Challenge — demonstration of culinary knowledge and skill

Food Show — showcase culinary skills, including presentation and interview; participate in 1 of 4 categories

TABLESCAPING: create display of place setting for one, consisting of appropriate dishes, flatware, glassware and napkins

Healthy Lifestyles — competitive event utilizing knowledge/skills gained through participation in 4-H Healthy Lifestyles programs

Leaders 4 Life — competitive event designed to challenge county 4-H council teams in leadership skills, parliamentary procedure and service learning

Photography — demonstrate skills in composition, light, story line, posing and awareness

Quiz Bowls — demonstrate critical-thinking abilities and reasonings

- Beef
- Food & Nutrition
- Horse
- Swine

Share the Fun — individual or team performance in 1 of 7 categories

- Celebrate 4-H
- Choreographed Routine
- Musical/Instrumental
- Solo/Band Performance
- Poetry/Prose
- Vocal
- Dramey

Wildlife Challenge — demonstration of appreciation and understanding of the natural world with emphasis on sports fishing, hunting/wildlife, forestry, entomology and wildlife habitat evaluation program.

sponsored by Lee County 4-H Parent Volunteer Association

