



4-H NEWS LEE COUNTY

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County Show Reminders

The Lee County Junior Livestock Show (LCJLS) is March 2 through March 5.

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

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

**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, February 27, 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 February 27 Clean-Up, need to schedule a time at one of the four "Pre-Sale" clean-up shifts scheduled during the Show. Sign-up for a work shift, on-line, through Google Docs.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xaKGVwhfvmyBY114YvG71aeyx05i8JVD0FOWdFDpzHI/edit?pref=2&pli=1#gid=0>

You must work the shift you sign-up for.

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

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

After-Sale Clean-Up

All Exhibitors whose entry sells in the Auction Sale must also participate in a work day on Sunday, March 6, 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 are to report for their clean-up shift in front of the Foods and Creative Arts Exhibit Building in the Show Barn.

Mandatory Meeting

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 2**.

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 Cake, Broiler and Rabbit Exhibitors.

Stall Clean-Up

After the Auction Sale on Saturday, March 5, each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning out their stall. All shavings, bedding and all 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.



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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 Pg. 3 of this newsletter). 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 will request each

school's approval for academic eligibility and excused absences for 4-H exhibitors for the time of the County Show, March 2 - March 5.

LCJLS follows the policies as set out by the Texas Education Agency. If an Exhibitor is determined ineligible on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 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 2 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 8. 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.

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
FEB 8	23	FEB 14	17	FEB 20	11	FEB 26	5
FEB 9	22	FEB 15	16	FEB 21	10	FEB 27	4
FEB 10	21	FEB 16	15	FEB 22	9	FEB 28	3
FEB 11	20	FEB 17	14	FEB 23	8	FEB 29	2
FEB 12	19	FEB 18	13	FEB 24	7	MAR 1	1
FEB 13	18	FEB 19	12	FEB 25	6	MAR 2	WEIGH IN

LCJLS Schedule

(subject to change)

Tuesday, March 1

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

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

Wednesday, March 2

2 pm Animals may 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 the Goat weigh-in)

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

Thursday, March 3

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

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 4

8 am Market Swine Judging

2 pm Market Lamb Judging

3:30 pm Market Goat Judging

6 pm Steer Show

4-H DANCE *north end of Barn, following Steer Show*

Saturday, March 5

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 Super's approval.

1:30 pm Sale

NOTE: *No market sale entries released prior to completion of Sale, and **ONLY** then **AFTER** check-out and release by Dept Super.*



Adult Volunteers are needed to help

Foods and Creative Arts Building

during the LCJLS

Wednesday, March 2

4 pm to 6 pm — accept entries

Thursday, March 3

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 4

9 am to 12 pm — supervise building

12 pm to 4 pm — supervise building

4 pm to 8 pm — supervise building

Saturday, March 5

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 4

following the Steer Show until

11 pm

Family Dance - all ages welcome

north end of
Show Barn

music provided by:

Big K Air Riggins'

sponsored by Lee County 4-H
Parent Volunteer Association

FREE

Additional Adult Volunteers Are Needed !

Big Time in D9

April 29 & 30 — Lone Star College, Conroe

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



**CONTACT AN EXTENSION AGENT, BY MARCH 15,
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN COMPETING.**

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
[Research Poster Contest] experience

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leaders 4 Life — 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

Photography Judging Contest — understand the dynamics of a judging contest; determine placings and cuts, pair switching, and simple bust

Pinewood Derby — derby competition among fellow 4-H members, with a final race staged at the Award Assembly

Produce Judging — participants recognize unripe or over ripe produce, discern consistency in produce classes and detect blemishes on produce.

Quiz Bowls — demonstrate critical-thinking abilities and reasons

- Beef
- Food & Nutrition
- Horse
- Swine

Robotics Challenge — teams of three to five members supply their own challenge equipment; teams will have three hours to design, build, program and test their robot in preparation for competition

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
- Dramedy

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

Multi-District Horse Judging

April 16 — Texas A&M Campus, College Station

Horse Judging — increase knowledge of Equine evaluation and selection techniques, employ decision making skills, create a sense of team work.

District Judging Contests

(Livestock, Meats, Soil)

April 23 — Texas A&M Campus, College Station

Livestock Judging — increase knowledge of livestock evaluation and selection techniques, better understand breeding concepts and use of analytical tools such as EPDs

Meats Judging & ID — learn to identify and evaluate meat cuts of beef, swine and sheep, critically evaluate with written reasons, learn to work as a team in accomplishing shared goals

Soil Judging — teach youth to identify different soil types and understand their characteristics, deepen an appreciation for value of soil and it's conservation