



4-H NEWS LEE COUNTY

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County Show Reminders

The Lee County Junior Livestock Show (LCJLS) is March 1 through March 4.

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 *(all ages)*

All 4-H Exhibitors, including cake exhibitors, are expected to participate in a mandatory Work Day on Saturday, February 25, 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.

Substitute Pre-Sale Clean-Up

4-H Exhibitors may sign-up for Pre-Sale Clean-Up during the show. Sign-up for a work shift, on-line through Google Docs.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xaKGVwhfvmYBY1I4YvG7Iaeyx05i8JVDOFOWdFDpzHI/edit#gid=0>

You **must** work the shift you sign-up for.

Pre-Show Clean-Up Schedules	
Date	Time
SATURDAY, FEB. 25	8 am
THURSDAY, MARCH 2	7 pm
FRIDAY, MARCH 3	5 pm
SATURDAY, MARCH 4 HIGH SCHOOL ONLY <i>heavy lifting</i> 6 - 8 members needed	8 am set-up for Buyers Luncheon
SATURDAY, MARCH 4	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 5, at 1:00 pm.

Sign-In

4-H Exhibitors must sign-in at the start 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 1**.

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 4, each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning out their stall. Shavings, bedding and all other materials must be removed, bagged and put into a designated space.

Exhibitors must have the Department Superintendent inspect their pen or stall at the conclusion of the freezer sale. You must provide your own trash bags and equipment for clean-up.

Penalties Assessed

A **penalty of \$100** 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.

LCJLS General Rule 4.(q)



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Health Requirements

LCJLS General Rule 4.(n)

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. These clippers are for the Lee County 4-H Members when getting an animal ready for show. If your family would like to use the clippers, contact 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 at Tractor Supply, Sullivan's Show Supply or Premier 1, for you to keep.

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 1 - March 4.

LCJLS follows the policies as set out by the Texas Education Agency. If an Exhibitor is determined ineligible on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, or on any other date of the Show (March 1-4), then their entry(s) is also ineligible.

Lost Ear Tag

LCJLS General Rule 4. (l)

Lost 4-H exhibitor 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 Wednesday, March 1, at the LCJLS Show Barn, prior to weigh-in.

Thank You Letters

LCJLS General Rule 4. (s)

The Extension office will send copies of Buyers Slip(s) and Buyers' addresses each 4-H Exhibitor. 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 7. 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.

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

total lbs.	# of		
gained	days fed	÷	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 6	23	FEB 12	17	FEB 18	11	FEB 24	5
FEB 7	22	FEB 13	16	FEB 19	10	FEB 25	4
FEB 8	21	FEB 14	15	FEB 20	9	FEB 26	3
FEB 9	20	FEB 15	14	FEB 21	8	FEB 27	2
FEB 10	19	FEB 16	13	FEB 22	7	FEB 28	1
FEB 11	18	FEB 17	12	FEB 23	6	MAR 1	WEIGH IN

LCJLS Schedule

(subject to change)

Tuesday, February 28

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

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

Wednesday, March 1

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 2

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

3 pm Mini Hereford Show

4:30 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 & cakes may be removed from the Barn, after completion of each departmental show.

Friday, March 3

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 4

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 **ONLY** then **AFTER** check-out and release by Dept Super.*

Adult Volunteers needed

to help during LCJLS with intake and supervising

Food & Creative Art Exhibits

Wednesday, March 1

4 pm to 6 pm — accept entries

Thursday, March 2

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 3

9 am to 12 pm — supervise building

12 pm to 4 pm — supervise building

4 pm to 8 pm — supervise building

Saturday, March 4

9 am to 1 pm — supervise building

1 pm to 2 pm — assist with entry pick-up

With hundreds of entries submitted each 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:

Lee County 4-H Program

Additional Adult Volunteers Are Needed !

sponsored by Lee County 4-H
Parent Volunteer Association

FREE

Big Time in D9

May 11 - 13

Lone Star College—Montgomery Campus; 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 SMR Poster — 4-H'ers apply SMR to their 4-H project experience
[Scientific Method Research]

Ag Products ID — 4-H'er identifies 20 agriculture 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 — re-design 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 in preparing and presenting a dish

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; *requires using 4-H CONNECT on-line entry by April 16, 2017*

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 & 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 1 — 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)

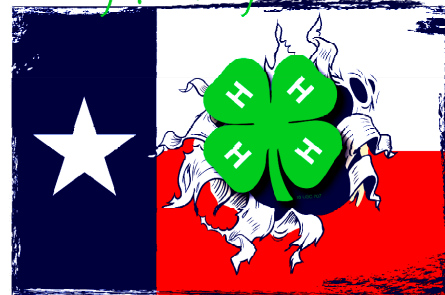
April 22 — Texas A&M Campus, College Station

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

Greetings from Big Time in D-9



Southeast District 9 4-H Roundup