PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H Cloverleaf

Summer 2018

Important Livestock Dates for 2018-19

LIVESTOCK	ACTIVITY	DATE
Market Steers	Validation & County Entries Due	6/18/18
State Fair Heifers	Validation & County Entries Due	6/18/18

Heifers that are bought later will be validated during lamb & goat validation. County heifer entries will be due at that time as well. Heifers only have to be validated once in their show career. Please bring papers to validation.

Lambs .....Validation & County Entries Due..... 10/15/18

Goats .....Validation & County Entries Due..... 10/15/18

Broilers.....Chick Order & County Entries Due..... 10/15/18

Swine.....Graford.....at the Graford Stock Show.....Validation & County Entries Due.....11/10/18

Swine.....MW...at the MW Ag. Barn at Fort Wolters...Validation & County Entries Due.....11/14/18

Swine.....Gordon & Strawn.....at the Gordon Ag. Barn.....Validation & County Entries Due.....11/15/18

Swine.....Santo.....at the Santo Ag. Barn.....Validation & County Entries.....11/19/18

Market Rabbits.....Validation & County Entries Due.....12/9/18

2019 Palo Pinto County Fair & Livestock Show.....January 9 - 11, 2019

Livestock Premium Sale.....January 12, 2019

Rabbit Orders

Rabbit orders are generally due in September or October. If you plan to show a rabbit at the county show in 2019, be sure to tell your 4-H club manager at the first meeting of the year, so you can get your order in. Most clubs have their first meeting in September, so be looking for a newsletter in August with information about club meetings. :)

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United Way of Palo Pinto County

Attention Livestock Exhibitors!!!

All Major Show Exhibitors will be required to retake the quality counts course to show at Major Shows in Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 More Information Below

4-H and FFA have been involved in character education for more than 100 years. Quality Counts is our way of showcasing this character education and at the same time showing our commitment to producing a safe and wholesome livestock product for the consumer.

Verification of Quality Counts is a natural extension of this effort to demonstrate that 4-H and FFA youth have a base knowledge of the principles of quality assurance and good moral character.

As you may be aware, Quality Counts has been undergoing major revisions to better meet our youth livestock exhibitors with the most relevant and timely information related to this project area.

The Texas Youth Livestock program is currently working on integration of the new site, and it is expected to launch in August 2018. We will be sure to keep you in the loop to make sure you have this completed by livestock entry time.

****THIS IS ONLY REQUIRED FOR EXHIBITORS WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING AT MAJOR STOCK SHOWS**

All major show exhibitors will be required to be verified under the new system by ***NOVEMBER 1, 2018 for entry into major livestock shows. You will be able to take the test and become verified sometime after the new site has launched in August by visiting the site below.

www.texaslivestockvalidation.com

We will provide step-by-step instructions for getting the exhibitors registered and verified online.

Opportunities for 4-H Livestock Exhibitors

⇒ **August 11, 2018** - Mineral Wells Young Farmers Jackpot Show - Sheep Goats & Cattle

⇒ **October 20, 2018** - Showmanship Clinic, Weatherford - Sheep, Goats, Cattle & Swine

⇒ **October 21, 2018** - Prospect Show, Weatherford

⇒ **November 3, 2018** - Brazos Valley Hog Prospect Show, Mineral Wells

⇒ **November 8, 2018** - Broiler Workshop, Palo Pinto Extension Office

⇒ **December 4th, 11th & 18th** - County-wide Rabbit Workshops

* More information about these events will be available closer to time. Watch for updates on your 4-H Calendars that are distributed at your 4-H meetings.

*** If you need help finding an animal project or have questions about feeding, animal health, showmanship or any other livestock project concerns, please contact your County Extension Ag Agent, Jason Westbrook at 940-659-1228.

Recordkeeping and 4-H Record Books

Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Record Book. The primary purposes of completing a record book are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications. **Record books are due to the Extension office by June 26, 2018.** The current forms and guidelines for the 2017 - 2018 4-H record book are available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/

Please give us a call at 940-659-1228 if you have questions or need help with your record book.

** ***Volunteers are needed to help judge 4-H record books in Vernon on July 12, 2018. This is a great opportunity to see a variety of different books and to learn how to help your child improve their record-keeping skills. Give us a call at the Extension office if you would like to volunteer.***

Palo Pinto County 4-H Criteria Based Awards

Palo Pinto County 4-H has special awards that are presented each year at the awards banquet. These award applications are available on the Extension website for Palo Pinto County at http://palopinto.agrilife.org Each award has certain requirements that should have been completed by the member. Award applications will be due to the Extension Office by June 26th. These awards include:

- Rookie Award (First Year 4-H Member - Any Age)
- Honor Roll Award (Junior Age 4-H Members)
- All Star Award (Intermediate Age 4-H Members)
- Letterman Award (Senior Age 4-H Members)

⇒ Criteria Based Award Applications can be found by visiting the link below.

https://palopinto.agrilife.org/palo-pinto-county-4-h/palo-pinto-county-4-h-awards/

4-H Gold Star Award

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The following are minimum requirements that must be met.

- The member must be at least a sophomore at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
- The 4-H member must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

All record books must be submitted by **June 26th**. 4-H members that submit a record book and meet the basic requirements are invited to participate in the interview process for this award.

Save the Date

Saturday

August 18, 2018

Palo Pinto County 4-H Annual Awards Banquet

7:00 p.m.

Palo Pinto County Extension Office

221 South 5th Ave., Palo Pinto

Please RSVP to 940-659-1228 by August 4, 2018

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Persons with disabilities who plan to attend a meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are required to contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Palo Pinto County at 940-659-1228 ten working days prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.