

Wilson County 4-H



NEWSLETTER

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2020-2021 CHALLENGE

“New Path Forward”



TEXAS SPEAKS

STATEWIDE SURVEY Identifying the Strengths & Needs of Texas Communities

WHAT IS TEXAS SPEAKS?

TexasSpeaks is a state-wide online survey conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service with the purpose of listening to Texas citizens as they identify the strengths and needs of their communities.

Data from the survey will be aggregated at local levels and provided to local stakeholders. Additionally, statewide data will be aggregated and made available to state agencies and decision makers.

WHAT IS THE GOAL?

To engage as many Texas citizens as possible to create the most accurate and helpful data to support Texas communities at both the state and local levels.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE SURVEY

- Online
- Open to the public
- Anonymous
- Takes 10 minutes
- Includes an opportunity to collect open-ended feedback



PARTICIPATE TODAY!
<http://tx.ag/texasspeaks>



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County Updates

2021 ADULT BOOSTER GALA CANCELLED

STEER TAG ORDER DEADLINE

Order Deadlines: April 15.....\$TBD
April 16– June TBA...TBD

Order Online: TBA

Changes are being made to the State validation process. As soon as details are finalized this information will be updated.

Costs of tags are expected to increase.

Steer exhibitors planning to attend any Major Livestock Shows (State Fair, San Antonio, Houston, etc.), Wilson County Junior Livestock Show, and/or La Vernia Junior Livestock Show MUST validate the animal.

STATE FAIR SWINE TAG ORDER DEADLINE

Order Deadlines: April 15.....\$17
April 16- June 6....\$35

Order Online: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

All exhibitors planning to show at the State Fair of Texas with Market Swine and/or Breeding Swine MUST order validation tags for State Fair.

You may purchase tags online or in person at the Extension Office. For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

STATE FAIR SHEEP & GOAT TAG ORDER DEADLINE

Order Deadlines: April 15.....\$17
April 16-June TBA....\$35

Order Online: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

All exhibitors planning to show at the State Fair of Texas with Market Lambs and/or Market Goats MUST order validation tags for State Fair.

NOTE: The State Fair of Texas does *not* participate in the Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goat Validation program, so no breeding validations tags need to be ordered. This includes registered sheep/ goats and wether dams/does.

You may purchase tags online or in person at the Extension Office. For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

COUNTY COUNCIL RABIES CLINIC

When: April 18, 2021

Where: Deason Animal Hospital

County Council Rabies Clinic is the annual fundraiser for County Council. Funds raised from this event will go towards scholarships, district events, educational materials, and much more that benefits all members on Wilson County Council!

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-rabies-clinic-fundraisers/>

County Updates

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications Due: April 20, 2021 [ONLINE](#)

Apply Online: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-county-council-officer-applications-due/>

Any eligible member wishing to run for County Council Office must turn in an application. For more information about eligibility and elections, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-county-council-officer-applications-due/>

OUTSTANDING ADULT LEADER AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

Applications Due: April 29, 2021 [ONLINE](#)

Nominate Online: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-outstanding-adult-leader-nominations-due/>

Any member who wishes to honor an adult leader who has contributed time and effort to the Wilson County 4-H program must nominate the adult leader. The Outstanding Adult Leader Award will be voted on by County Council and the award presented at the County Awards Banquet.

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-outstanding-adult-leader-nominations-due/>

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications Due: April 29, 2021 [ONLINE](#)

Apply Online: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-county-scholarship-applications-due/>

This application is for both the Adult Booster and County Council Scholarships. Applicants will be selected in May and winners will be announced at the County Awards Banquet.

Applies to graduating senior 4-H members who have submitted a Recordbook their Jr. & Sr. Year of High School and will be furthering their education at an institution of higher learning.

ADULT BOOSTERS PARADE REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications Due: April 29, 2021 [ONLINE](#)

Apply Here: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-adult-booster-parade-representative-applications-due/>

Members who would like to be the Adult Booster parade representative should apply online. Applications will be then be voted on at the May meeting of the Adult Boosters.

NOTE: Applicants must be a Junior or Senior in high school during the 2021-2022 year to apply.

County Updates

TURKEY ORDERS DUE

Order Deadline: May 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Cost: \$4.25/bird*

Exhibitors wanting to show turkeys at Wilson County Junior Livestock Show, La Vernia Junior Livestock Show, and/or any Major Livestock show in 2022 must order turkeys through the Extension Office.

***Note:** Price is based on last year and subject to change.

STATE FAIR BROILER ORDERS DUE

Order Deadline: May 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Cost: \$1.50/bird*

Exhibitors wanting to show Broilers at State Fair must order broilers through the Extension Office.

***Note:** Price is based on last year and subject to change.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

When: May 5, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Where: Extension Annex Classrooms
1103 4th Street, Floresville

Theme: Summer Vacation

Join us IN PERSON at our next County Council meeting! We'll be voting for 2021-2022 Council Officers and other fun activities!

The Wilson County Council serves to develop leadership, to promote and encourage 4-H participation and to coordinate 4-H activities in the county. All 4-H members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

ADULT BOOSTER MEETING

When: May 12, 2021 @ TBD

Where: TBD

ALL adult leaders, parents, and 4-H Volunteers are encouraged to attend!

Scholarship, Awards, and Parade Representative winners will be voted on.

The Wilson County Adult Boosters is designed to promote, encourage and assist the Wilson County 4-H Program. Every year the Adult Boosters raise money for scholarships, educational programming, 4-H equipment and supplies, expenses related to 4-H competitions, and much more!

STATE FAIR (SPRING) HEIFER ORDERS DUE

Order Deadline: May 20, 2021

Order Online: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

Heifer exhibitors planning to show at State Fair and/or Heart of Texas MUST validate the animal in June. All other exhibitors for any other major show, WCJLS, or LVJLS may also validate at this time.

NOTE: Once validated, heifers remain eligible through their show career unless they change breed or ownership. There is no need to re-validate a heifer if breed or ownership is not being changed.

You may purchase tags online or in person at the Extension Office. For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

District Updates

SPRING DISTRICT ROUNDUP

Entry Deadline: March 23, 2021

When: April 21-24, 2021

More information TBA.

Spring Roundup Contests will include:

- Range & Pasture ID
- Range Evaluation
- Mohair Judging
- Wool Judging
- Leaders 4 Life
- Soil Judging
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboards
- Duds to Dazzle
- Share-The-Fun
- Livestock Judging
- Smallbore Rifle Contest

Note: Not all contests are during April 21-24 and are scheduled for separate dates.

For more information visit: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-10-spring-round-up/>

DISTRICT FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST

Entry Deadline: April 6, 2021

LATE Entry Deadline: April 8, 2021

When: April 28, 2021

Where: Kerr County Youth Event Center

For more information, contest rules and guidelines, and more, visit: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-events-activities/food-show-nutrition-quiz-bowl/>

DISTRICT CDM CONTEST

Entry Deadline: April 6, 2021

When: April 27, 2021

Where: Kerr County Youth Event Center

More information can be found here: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-events-activities/judgingcontests/>

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: June 16-17, 2021

Where: Dripping Springs

Horses need to be State validated to show!

Dates and location are subject to change. More information will be announced soon. Check the District website for updates: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-events-activities/horse-show/>

LEADERSHIP LAB

When: June 23-25, 2021

Where: Brownwood, TX

SAVE THE DATE!

Note for County Council: Newly elected officers are expected to attend. If you plan to run for office next year, please keep this in mind!

State Updates

2021 4-H VIRTUAL BASS FISHING SKILL-A-THON PROGRAM

Registration OPENS: March 1, 2021
Via [4-H Online](#)

Who: Open statewide to all Texas 4-H members

When: April 10, 17, & 24th

- Participate in 1,2, or all 3 fishing events
- One time entry fee for all program components
- Register as an individual, team, or both
- Open to 4-H youth K-12th grades
- Fish at YOUR favorite spot!
- Post fish pics in [2021 4-H Fishing Facebook Group](#)

Want more information? [Click Here](#)

SHOOTING SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Registration DEADLINE: April 7, 2021

When: April 17, 2021

Where: Brownwood, TX

This is an event for **beginner shooters** to learn the processes of shooting competitively. Basic knowledge of firearm safety, range safety, event rules, and event format is required. No previous competitive participation is required.

The emphasis is on exploring new shooting activities and having fun.

For more information, visit: <https://gillespie.agrilife.org/4h/summer-opportunities/>

RANGE & PASTURE PLANT ID & RANGE EVALUATION CONTEST

A total of \$16,000 in scholarships will be given out to the top individuals of each contest!!

Registration Deadline: April 5, 2021

When: April 10, 2021

Where: Gatesville, TX 76528

Who: All 4-H & FFA members
Junior Div-3rd-8th
Senior Div-9th-12th

For more information, visit: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/judging-contests/plant-id/>

2021 TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Entry Deadline: April 15, 2021

Who: Senior age 4-H members
(9th-12th as of Sep. 1, 2020)

Cost: \$10 per photo

The Texas 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including using photographic equipment & processing photos.

For more information: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/20-21_Photography_Rules-1.pdf

State Updates

4-H CORE ACADEMY TOURS

Application DEADLINE: May 1, 2021

When: June 28th– July 1st

Cost: \$200 with application

Participants who are not selected will be refunded their \$200.

Who: 9th-12th graders

Provide high school youth an opportunity to explore career and leadership opportunities in a diverse global economy as well as learn about post-secondary degree institutions across Texas.

For more information, visit: <https://gillespie.agrilife.org/4h/summer-opportunities/>

STATE HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS DUE

Application Deadline: May 1, 2021

The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program is for teens that are motivated, excited, and ready to make a change in their community! This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. These youth are trained at the regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make a change in their lifestyle to improve their health. More importantly, these ambassadors assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more!

For more information, visit: <https://agrilife.org/healthytexas/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS DUE

Application Due: May 1, 2021

Who: Senior age (14-18)

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

For more information, visit: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/livestock-ambassadors/>

TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS DUE

Application Due: May 1, 2021

Who: Senior age (14-18)

The Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for the equine industry in Texas.

For more information, visit: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/equine-ambassadors/>

State Updates

2021 Y.A.L.L. EXPERIENCE

Application Deadline: May 1, 2021

When: July 11-16, 2021

Cost: \$200

Who: 30 Participants **selected**
(Current 9th-12th graders)

Participants from across the State of Texas commit and dedicate six days and five nights to understand production agriculture and what it takes to feed this country. Throughout this experience they learn about the dynamics of the agricultural industry, including: horticulture, beef cattle, problem solving, marketing, finance, education, leadership, and, more.

To register or for more information about the 2021 Y.A.L.L. Experience, visit: <https://yall.ticketleap.com/21-yall/>

TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

Registration Deadline: May 10, 2021

Registration Fee: \$50 per contestant

When: June 20-21, 2021

Where: Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood

Consists of 10 events where teams compete to earn point for overall high point position. A team consists of exactly 2 members within the same age division and gender class. Teams compete in all 10 events during one weekend competition. Participants will learn and practice various outdoor education activities from fishing and shooting to camping and biologist skills.

For more information, visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>

STATE 4-H ROUNDUP

2021 Theme: Aspire to Inspire

Registration Deadline: May 12, 2021

To host primary aspects of Texas 4-H Roundup in 2021, the Texas 4-H Youth Development program has made the decision that **we will not be able to offer Intermediate contest opportunities this year.** While this was a tough decision to make, we felt that because of the limitations regarding facilities and capacity due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, we needed to focus our efforts on opportunities for our Senior level (9th – 12th grade) 4-H members. This could be the last Texas 4-H Roundup for many of our Senior level 4-H members while our middle school 4-H members have many more years of events to look forward to in the future. We look forward to what we hope to be a more traditional Texas 4-H Roundup in 2022 where our Intermediate 4-H youth will have the opportunity to participate.

For more information, visit:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

AG ID & CUPCAKE WAR CONTESTS

When: May 23, 2021

Where: Beeville, TX

For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/BeeCounty4H/photos/a.761454060574979/3899110603475960/>

Stock Show Gallery

CONGRATULATIONS!

As we wrap up the 2021 stock show season, we wanted recognize and congratulate all our 4-H members who participated at a stock show this season! In a year full of uncertainty and added challenges, we are so proud of each member and their accomplishments, big or small! Keep up the great work, and keep making "The Best Better!"



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