

Livestock Project Newsletter

Andrews County 4-H



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If you haven't done so already... be sure to register for 4-H! You cannot participate if you do not register!

General House Keeping and Reminders

Whew! It's been a very busy month! Between validations and stock show sign ups, we are full speed ahead to county and major stock shows!!

As we get closer to crunch time, we need to focus even harder and your animals weights and finish. First thing is to be sure to check your rulebook(s) for the weight limits! If you don't have the information you need contact us at the Extension Office!

For those of you who are new, you can gauge how much your animal will weight by determining how much they are gaining per day. First, weigh your animals once a week and divide the difference of those weights by 7 days... this will tell you how much their average daily gain (ADG) is. Then multiply that average daily gain (ADG) by the number of days left until the show, and add that to the

current weight! (For county, we are exactly 47 days out for weigh in!)
Example:
 Week 1—145lbs ÷ Week 2—160 lbs = 2.2 lbs gained per day, 15 lbs gained a week
 2.2 lbs x 47 days = 103.4 lbs
 160 lbs (current weight) + 103.4 (will gain) = 263.4 lbs day of weigh in! If you have questions, contact the Extension Office!

Money, Money, Money, Free Money!... Scholarships and Recordbooks

High School Seniors... don't forget that scholarships are available from ACJLA and 4-H! Applications and rules are available at the Extension Office and will be sent via e-mail. Deadline for ACJLA scholarship is December 16th and 4-H scholarships are due to the Extension Office by February 1st. Also, there is a new scholarship available to 30 current and past Houston Live-

stock Show Exhibitors, \$18,000 each!!!!

High School Juniors and younger... now is the time to start preparing for next years' scholarships! Look at this years' applications to know what to expect for next year! Stop by or call the Extension Office if you have any questions or need more information!

Just a reminder for future applicants, 4-H scholarships require you to do a 4-H record book and participate a minimum of two years within your 4-H career so be sure to view these rules and guidelines!

Recordbooks will be due in the spring so if you haven't started gathering your information yet, now is the time!

Remind Messaging Services

We're adding another way to receive news, updates and reminders aside from the newsletters and e-mails produced by the Extension Office! Similar to the text message service used by the Shooting Sports club, you will now be able to receive information via text message by signing up to the *Remind* services.

This is a new service for me so it'll be a learning process but I hope to send out text messages for every project event, general reminder and news updates!

I also would appreciate feedback from all of you with any comments or suggestions! Whether you find it very beneficial or if you receive too many messages, please let me know via e-mail at amanda.necessary@ag.tamu.edu.

With that being said, please keep in mind that standard messaging rates will apply as per your cellular plan. There will be one specific to livestock projects and one for horse projects. See the following information to subscribe...

For Livestock Projects:

Text "**@aclivestoc**" to
682-587-3987

For Horse Projects:

Text "**@achorse**" to
682-587-3987

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Preparing for Winter

As the days get shorter and colder weather starts blowing in, it is very important to keep track of animal health and housekeeping!

Especially with swine, consider putting up heat lamps when the weather gets below 60°. You will need to adjust lamps as it gets colder by lowering the heat lamp if animals are piling on top of each other and raising it if animals are laying far out from underneath it.

Due to the inconsistency of Texas weather, it is likely that your animal may form an upper-respiratory infection over the next couple of months. Problems such as cough-

ing, sneezing and runny nose can lead to severe health issues which will cause a set back in the growth of your animal.

Along with heat lamps, you should also put down some type of bedding (i.e. straw, shavings, etc.) when the weather gets below 45°. You will want to use straw or shavings but grass hay will work as well; as long as you don't use alfalfa or other rich forage. Be sure to watch your animals as it is likely they will try to eat anything and everything you put down. Nibbling a few pieces is fine but sheep and goats may need to be muzzled if they try to eat more than just a nibble.

Be sure to carefully watch your animals! If they go off feed or have a change in behavior (other than a bit of extra-energy and playfulness on the warm days after the first cold snap) contact Amanda and the veterinarians office! Preventing health issues is important but when it happens, identifying problems early on will save you time, money and extra heart-ache.

4-H Horse Club

**YOU DO NOT
HAVE TO OWN A
HORSE TO
PARTICIPATE!!!**

Horse Club meetings will be held every third Monday at the Extension Office at 6p.m. (Please do not bring horses just yet as we are in the beginning phases of the horse club.)

These meetings will be held monthly at the Extension Office, even when we begin riding lessons. You will be required to attend these in order to ride since we will discuss very important information that you

need to know before getting on a horse.

The first meeting we discussed **safety & anatomy**. If you did not receive the anatomy diagram, stop by the Extension Office for a copy! The November meeting proved to be very fun as we reviewed the diagram in a quiz bowl-style competition!

NEW!!!!

For horse club news, events and reminders,

text **@achorse** to

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PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS—Call for Judging Coaches

The show season has begun, and now it's time to get ready for spring judging contests!! As stated before, this is another, excellent way for exhibitors to learn more about their own animal projects and other areas!

We have youth interest and we've had a few volunteers wanting to help, but we still need more. If you have any interest or know of others who might be interested in coaching, please know that there are numerous contests that are hosted each year and Andrews County 4-H has even participated in a few of these in past.

Below are a few that we hope to have teams for:

- Wool
- Livestock
- Meat
- Horse
- Range, Plant ID and Wildlife
- Skill-a-thons
- Quiz Bowls

We will begin practices after county stock show to allow for more individuals to be able to participate!

We are not limited to just these. There are more available pending youth interest and volunteers.

Just as a leader in any other 4-H project, coaching revolves around your schedule and is flexible.

If any volunteers are willing to help coach please contact

Amanda at the Extension Office -

(432)524-1421

Important Deadlines

County Entries are Due **NOW!**

If you haven't submitted them, contact the Extension Office IMMEDIATELY!

If entries must go through the Extension office, they are noted with "Extension Office." Please make sure to get these to us by scheduled dates as the deadlines are not flexible. These pertain to all major stock shows.

Important Dates

- 11/26 TJLA Fall Classic—Waco, 12:00pm
- 12/6 District 7 Livestock Clinic and Project Show—Ballinger, 10:00am
- 12/6 Christmas Ca\$h Classic Jackpot—Levelland, Time: TBA (Swine only)
- 12/6-7 Dimmit County Classic—Dimmit, 8:am
- 12/13 "Showmanship & Showing" Rabbit Clinic—A.C.E. 10am
- 12/13 'Piggin' in the Permian' Jackpot—Midland, 9:00am (Swine only)
- 12/13 Cooke County 4-H Christmas Classic—Gainesville, 9:00am
- 12/20 Black Gold Classic Jackpot—Levelland, 8:00am (Swine only)
- 1/6 Andrews County Jr Livestock Show—A.C.E. 5:30pm (Rabbits)
- 1/7 Andrews County Jr Livestock Show—A.C.E. 5:30pm (All other species)

*If you haven't already,
be sure to fill out the
Livestock Project form at
the Extension Office
so we can schedule
project visits!!*

*Andrews County 4-H Club Meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the month —
6:30pm at the Extension Office*

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To make the best better... recent wins!

We have had several participate in local jackpots recently in which many have done very well!

Skylar and Sarah Strube participated in the 1st Annual Southern Mesa Lamb and Goat Jackpot, in which Skylar had a Reserve Champion Finewool and a 5th place Medium Wool. Sarah had a Champion Finewool and a 2nd place heavy Finewool Cross.

Genesis, Jaydon and Jesse Jr. Munoz participated in both the Battle on the Border and the 1st Annual Southern Mesa Lamb and Goat Jackpot. At the Battle on the Border, they placed 3rd with their Duroc, 5th with their Yorkshire pigs and 4th in the heavy weight goats. The Munoz's also placed 3rd in the heavyweight goats at the Southern Mesa.

I do try to get everyone's placings and photos at all shows, but sometimes I'm unable to do so. Please send me any placings and photos you have and I will feature them in the newsletter as the year progresses! You can send them to my e-mail at amanda.necessary@ag.tamu.edu



Jesse Jr, Jaydon and Genesis Munoz at the Battle on the Border. Genesis placed 4th in the heavy weight class!

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