

# Livestock Project Newsletter

## Andrews County 4-H



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### 4-H Enrollment Deadline and Fee Changes

**Deadline:** If you wish to participate in any stock show (county, majors, etc.) through Andrews County 4-H you will be required to register on 4-H Connect no later than **October 31st**.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Fees:** Several years ago the 4-H program implemented enrollment fees in which our county immediately covered the cost. Due to budget cuts we are now limited on the amount of enrollments we can provide.

—All enrollments processed by September 30th will be covered by the county program

—Any enrollments processed after September 30th will be required to cover their own enrollment cost of \$20 through October 31st

\*Re-enrollment is required every year \*

—Livestock exhibitors not enrolled by October 31st will not participate in the county show, major show entries will not be submitted and swine will not be validated in November.

**It is a State and National rule that you must be enrolled on 4-H Connect in order to participate in any event under the 4-H name**

Rules can be found on page 3 of the 2016-2017 [Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines](#)

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### Educational Resource—Livestock Record Book

I've spoken with several parents over the past two years about a resource to put all of the livestock project on paper and I am happy to announce that I've finally acquired it, made the required modifications and now, here it is!!!! Please use this to help you learn about your project(s).

[Livestock Record Book](#)

As it says on the information page, this is a modified version of the record book used for a sale slot for the Central Texas Youth Fair (CTYF). It is highly likely I missed some things so any mention of CTYF or records quiz class, please disregard.

### Final Notice: T-Shirts available at the Extension Office

If you ordered '15-'16 shirts and have not picked them up yet please do so ASAP!!! Last years shirts are safety yellow and are \$9 for short sleeve and \$13 for long sleeve. We have a few extras left but we need ALL of these gone before we order shirts for the new year!



We also have shirts available from '14-'15. These are the blue "American By Birth, 4-H By Choice" shirts and have been reduced to \$5 each.

ACJLA has the 2015 black "Show it Off" and 2016 teal "Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching" stock show shirts for sale for \$10 each.

Please help us clear these shirts out of the office to make way for new ones!

All shirts in the office after August 31st will be removed from the shelf so come get yours today before they are gone!

## TLBA tags @ lamb validation

Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) tags are required to be in the animals ear at the time of validation to be recorded on the validation card. This rule will be strictly enforced; therefore, if you plan to attend San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, it is your responsibility to make sure it is in your animals ear by validation.

If you have purchased your lamb and it currently does not have this tag, contact your breeder ASAP and have them send it to you. NO TLBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after validation ends.

If you need to use a set of taggers please contact the Extension Office.

Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) tag numbers MUST be in the lamb's ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation and be on the form at the time they are submitted. NO TLBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after the forms are submitted to the Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program. Market lambs must have an ORANGE TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show or receive TLBA recognition at other major shows. Wether dams must have a PINK TLBA ewe lamb tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Wether Dam Show.

\*\*\* We **will not** allow anyone to submit photos of tags. It must physically be in the ear of the animal at validation.

This poses a risk of photos not received or lost in which the validation committee, chairman, AST and CEA are not liable. Plus, there is a limited time-frame for processing paperwork and this causes delays. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct tags for each show.



## Major Show tag orders due for Sheep and Goat

A new show season is upon us which means it is time to order tags for major shows. The deadline to have your order for sheep and goat tags in to the Extension Office is

August 24th. Tags are \$10 and due to an excessive amount of unused tags we will no longer be accepting call-ins; money is due to the office at time of order.

Be sure to order what you need—do not anticipate having extra tags!

## Livestock item(s) check out procedures

Over the years of not having an ag agent, the procedures to check out livestock items weren't held into place, at no fault to anyone, in which led to some items missing and no longer available to the community.

**To check out any item you must contact the Extension Office!**

I am currently in the process of producing a master inventory list in which each item will be assigned an inventory number that

will aid in checking out each individual item and reduce the number of items accidentally walking off.

Having these items is a blessing that needs to be available for all which is our purpose of assigning inventory numbers.

\*\*\*Please note that clipping items will not be available for check out the first two weeks of January due to the increased need for Sandhills and County stock shows, Clipping days at the 4-H Room will be set for those needing to use county items. Item check out will resume the third week of January for those participating at major shows.\*\*\*

## School absences

4-H has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency as a legitimate school-related extracurricular organization. 4-H members may apply for excused absences in order to participate in 4-H activities. **It is the responsibility of the local school district to determine whether or not any student is eligible and may be excused from classes to participate in any extracurricular event or activity.** 4-H members are not automatically excused upon request, but are subject to all regulations of the Texas Education Agency and their local school district as they may apply to extracurricular participation. (Page 7 of [Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines](#))

Andrews ISD states students are granted 10 excused absences for all extracurricular activities. This includes 4-H, FFA, sports, academic UIL contests, etc. An additional 5 may be granted at the discretion of the principal. The Extension Office will request for excused absences for all 4-H events during school hours but we cannot ensure they are given.

Please keep this in mind when determining what activities you wish to participate in, especially county and major stock shows as those tend to consume the allotted days on their own.

## Livestock clinics

Keep an eye on the website, newsletters and e-mails for the dates of livestock clinics nearby! There are several multi-county (labeled 101 and 102) clinics taking place throughout the next few months in Odessa, Midland and Andrews and I am working on planning a few local clinics that are specifically for Andrews. Check out the Important Dates section on page 3 and stay tuned!!

## Important Deadlines

- 8/22 [Permian Basin Fair](#) entries must be postmarked—these do not go through the Extension Office
- 8/22 [State Fair of Texas](#) entries deadline—Extension Office
- 8/24 Sheep and Goat validation tag order and fee(s) deadline (ALL major shows)—Extension Office
- 9/2 [Panhandle South Plains Fair](#) entries deadline—Extension Office

*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.*

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## Important Dates

- 8/19-21 [Stierwalt Show Cattle Clinic](#) in Andrews
- 8/21 [Midland County Fair Goat Show](#) in Midland
- 8/19-20 [43rd Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day and Texas Sheep and Goat Expo](#) in San Angelo
- 8/28-30 [“Livestock Judging 101” Livestock Judging Camp](#) in Levelland
- 9/1-4 [Fayette County Fair](#) in La Grange
- 9/3 [Marfa 4-H Team Roping Fundraiser](#) in Marfa
- 9/17 [2nd Annual Glen Rose 4-H Jackpot Show](#) in Glen Rose
- 9/9-11 [Medina County Fair Steer & Heifer Prospect Show](#) in Hondo
- 9/10 [Cattle 102](#) Clinic at Permian Basin Fair in Odessa—2pm-4pm
- 9/10 [Sheep/Goat 101](#) Clinic at Permian Basin Fair in Odessa—6pm-8pm
- 9/17 [Swine 101](#) Clinic at Permian Basin Fair in Odessa—10am-12noon
- 9/17-18 [Medina County Fair Sheep & Goat Prospect Show](#) in Hondo
- 10/20 Quality Counts Training for Major Show Entries at the Extension Office
- 10/21-23 [5th Annual Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo](#) in Bryan
- 10/31 Deadline to enroll on [4-H Connect](#) to show in 2017 county and major shows
- 11/3 Major Show Signups at the Extension Office
- 11/12 [Judy Moore Memorial Showcase](#) in Dumas
- 12/10 Swine 102 at Piggin' in the Permian in Midland

Validation dates pending for sheep, goat and swine—more info coming soon!

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

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