

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

*** 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 Swine

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 swine tags in to the Extension Office is September 28th. 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 Extension Office at time of order. Reminder: San Angelo Stock Show is a Texas-bred show. All swine heading to San Angelo must have a Certified Texas Bred Registry Certificate to present at the show.

Be sure to order what you need—do not anticipate us 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.

Major Show Calf Scramble(s)

Not sure what a calf scramble is...? Have you ever gone to a major stock show and saw kids running in a large rodeo arena, chasing after calves and attempting to halter it as it's running away?!

Have you ever wanted to be one of those kids?

In case you didn't know, winning a calf scramble allows the participant to receive a special scholarship to provide financial assistants in the purchase a livestock project for the following show season!

Now is the time to decide if you want to participate in calf scrambles at major shows!

Some of the general rules include:

-Dependent on the show, youth must be minimum of 12yrs and not more than 18 yrs by January 1.

-Must exhibit the animal the following year at that stock show

-May have to maintain a record book for that animal

For youth younger than 12... you may not be old enough right now, but pretty soon you will be so if you're interested in this, come talk to me and we'll get you prepared for scrambles down the road!

Each show is different as far as their rules so call the Extension Office for more information.

FYI... I have scrambled before, and I had a blast! It's a lot of fun and you make so many memories!

Important Deadlines

9/28	Swine Tag Orders to Extension Office (with payment)
9/30	Deadline to enroll on 4-H Connect for \$20 fee to be waived
10/31	Deadline to enroll on 4-H Connect in order to validate swine AND exhibit in any stock show

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.

Important Dates

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
9/12	Monthly 4-H Meeting at Extension Office 6:30pm
9/17	Swine 101 Clinic at Permian Basin Fair in Odessa—10am-12noon
9/17-18	Showdown on the Bosque in Clifton
9/17-18	Medina County Fair Sheep & Goat Prospect Show in Hondo
9/24	Jones County Fair Livestock Show in Anson
10/1-2	Atascosa County Fair Prospect Show in Poteet
10/8	Nolan County Fair in Sweetwater
10/11	TENTATIVE—Sheep and Goat Validation
10/15	Rabbit Validation at 4-H Room
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
11/12	South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show in Pleasanton
11/15	TENTATIVE—Swine Validation
12/10	Swine 102 at Piggin’ in the Permian in Midland
12/19-20	Black Gold Classic in Levelland

***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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