



The Lafayette Parish 4-H Barnyard Scoop



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Mandatory

Livestock Validation

The LSU Livestock Show Office has continued the mandatory validation of all market and commercial livestock for the spring shows. **(Cost: \$5/head.)**

All market goats, lambs, and all commercial does, ewes, and heifers (beef & dairy) will be validated at the "Cabbage Patch" near Blackham Coliseum **Friday, November 4th, from 4-6:30 p.m.**

All market hogs will be validated **Friday, December 2nd from 4—6:30 p.m.** For more information, call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

What is the Purpose of 4-H Livestock Projects?

To *develop responsibility, dedication, decision-making, leadership, trustworthiness, sportsmanship and citizenship* through the possession and personal care of a live animal project. The youth will have many educational opportunities and activities to *learn about animal agriculture and develop life skills*. We are striving for maximum contact with animal and participation in educational activities.

Source: Livestock & Horse Premium List (Show Catalog)

AgCenter Information

The 4-H Agents are looking forward to another exciting year with the 4-H Livestock Program. They are also very busy with monthly 4-H club meetings for over 50 4-H clubs here in Lafayette Parish. Below, you will find a list of their support and availability at upcoming livestock events.

Agent Species Responsibilities

Angie Arnould—Livestock
Charles Hebert—Horse

Livestock Home Visits - Agents will be visiting 1st & 2nd year exhibitors. Other visits may be made at the request of the exhibitor's family.

Livestock Sale - Agents annually recruit & utilize parents/volunteers to assist in the billing and invoicing process.

Parish & District Livestock Shows - Agents coordinate along with the assistance of numerous parents/volunteers.

State Livestock Show - Agents will attend parts of show. Specie rep's are also available to assist.

Barnyard Bash - Agents coordinate with the assistance of many parents/volunteers.

Our program currently operates with the help of many volunteers and we thank them and hope each family will do their part to make the 4-H livestock program the best it can be!

Deadline for Livestock Entries: November 15th!



LSU State Livestock Show Schedule & Catalog

The LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Catalog & Schedule of Events is available on line. Exhibitors who have computer/printer access, please download and print your own copy from the website at www.lsuagcenter.com/livestockshow.

If you do not have the capability of printing your own copies, please contact the 4-H office at 291-7090.

Possession /Hardship Policy

Exhibitors must have animals in their possession and under their personal care (and must not be in possession of a custom fitter) after possession/validation dates. This means that exhibitors must have their animal in possession and housed on exhibitors' family property (**owned, rented, or leased**) and must be under the exhibitor's daily care (**feeding & care**) by the possession deadline.

IF FOR SOME REASON YOUR ANIMAL IS NOT IN POSSESSION AS INDICATED ABOVE (HOUSED ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY, ETC.) THEN YOU MUST COMPLETE THE "4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECT POSSESSION/HARDSHIP FORM" AND TURN IT IN ALONG WITH YOUR ENTRY FORMS.

Exhibitors and parents please read the Hardship Policy attached. These are the guidelines that will govern hardships such as replacement of an injured or deceased animal, and conflicts with shows and extenuating circumstances.

Farm Tour Thanksgiving Week

The Annual Farm Tour will be held on **Monday, November 21st**. All exhibitors and family members are invited.

To sign up, complete the attached **Farm Tour Registration Form** and send a check for **\$20/person**.

Farm Tour Itinerary—Monday, November 21st

8:00 a.m. Load Bus at "Cabbage Patch"

9:30 a.m. Louisiana 4-H Museum in Mansura

10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – DelMar Farms in Moreauville

4:00 p.m. – Arrive back at Blackham Coliseum

You may want to bring shopping money to purchase fresh produce for your Thanksgiving meal!

Beef Cattle News



In preparation for the spring shows, a Spring Cattle **Hoof Trimming Clinic** is tentatively scheduled for **Friday, December 2nd**. We will be sending out more details in the December newsletter.

All **market steers** must be shorn to not more than 1/4" on any part of the animals body, excluding the tail switch. The switch may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. All entries will be checked at time of mouthing for conformity of the 1/4" or less of hair. All steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated from competition.

Jackpot Livestock Shows

- ♦ **Harry Laws Classic** in Port Allen on November 4-5 (dairy, beef, steers, lambs, goats).
Call Nikki Mouch at 225-200-5300.
- ♦ **Jim Bowie** in Opelousas on **November 18-19** (beef, lambs, goat, & dairy) Contact Cindy Prather at 337-945-2585 or Lou Ann McKeiver at (337)948-0561.
- ♦ **Evangeline Beef Classic** on **November 20** in Ville Platte. Contact: Todd Fontenot 337-363-5646.
- ♦ **Red River Rumble on November ?** in Alexandria at Dewitt Livestock Facility. Beef & Goats Only. Contact Rodney Johnson at (318)767-3968; (318)229-9514.
- ♦ **McNeese Jackpot** in Lake Charles on **December ?**. Contact: Tommy Shields (337)377-3842.





MANDATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Over the past twelve months the State Livestock Ethics Committee has been working on a program for livestock exhibitors to promote proficiency in 4-H and FFA members work in animal, dairy, and poultry science projects. The program also promotes positive character and ethical behavior on the part of exhibitors, parents, Agents, Ag Teachers, and project leaders. At the 2010 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show the Quality Assurance and Ethic's Certification was piloted with very positive feedback. Some changes were made to the piloted version and we believe it is ready to be released and implemented; becoming part of our LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show Programming for the 2012 show season and all future show seasons.

The QAEC program can be accessed at the following website: <http://qaec.lsuagcenter.com> . Exhibitors MUST go to this site and complete the general tutorial and a tutorial for each of the specie(s) that they plan to exhibit. When the website is first accessed exhibitors will complete a general Quality Assurance and Ethics tutorial; on completion of this tutorial they will be allowed to print an affidavit showing they have completed this portion. **This affidavit must be signed by exhibitor and a copy must be turned in at time of entry.** There are additional tutorials for Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Dairy, and Poultry within the QAEC program. Upon Completion of each tutorial the exhibitor will be able to print a copy of their certification showing they have successfully completed the Quality Assurance and Ethic's Certification. **Exhibitors will be required to attach a copy of their signed affidavit and certification to their entry!**

Entry Form Information

Entry forms are enclosed to properly enter your animal(s) for the upcoming spring shows. **The deadline to get these forms back to the 4-H Office is Nov. 15th.**

There will also be an entry fee of **\$10.00 per head** for both the Lafayette Parish and the Acadiana District Livestock Show. Parish: pen of broilers is \$10 & exhibition birds are \$2 each.

A fee form and a check list are enclosed for you to submit your fees along with your entries.

Please review and follow the instructions in completing entries for the spring shows. Also, please be aware of entry fees for the state show. Entry fees for the state show will be collected when you arrive in Gonzales, except for exhibition poultry which is due with the entry form.

ENTRY PROCESS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

1. Complete the entry check list, fee form to calculate the total amount of fees for both shows and return it to us.
2. Individual entry form **must** be completed **in its entirety** by the exhibitor and parent or guardian and returned to the 4-H agent on or before **Nov. 15th**.
2. A **copy of the original registration paper** for each breeding animal entry **must** be returned with the entry form to the 4-H agent by the deadline. If no papers are available, refer to rule three.
3. **If an exhibitor does not have the registration paper at the time paperwork is due, they must furnish a letter from the respective breed association stating:**
 - A. Full name of the exhibitor
 - B. Date of birth of the animal
 - C. Full registered name of the animal
 - D. Breed of the animal
 - E. Registration number of the animal (if possible)
 - F. Sex of the animal
 - G. Date of Sale/Transfer/Ownership
4. Each entry **must** be signed by the exhibitor **and** a parent or guardian.
5. A check or money order **must** accompany the entry forms when returned to the 4-H Office. Please make payable to **Lafayette 4-H Foundation**.
6. For an exhibitor to receive a premium check, they **must** have a Social Security Number listed on their entry forms. Please note that no one other than the 4-H Agents, Secretary and the State Office will see this information, so be sure to complete this blank on the entry forms.
7. Mail entry forms to: **4-H Livestock Shows, Angie Arnould, 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA, 70501.**

Entries received after the final deadline will have to complete a "Parish Hardship Form" and submitted to the advisory board to receive approval.

Checklist-"So, what do I turn in ..

- ◆ Entry Checklist
- ◆ Entry Fee Form
- ◆ Entry Forms
- ◆ Entry Fees Paid in the Form of a Check or Money Order
- ◆ Registration Papers for Breeding Animals (or Letter from Breed Association with Animal Information)
- ◆ Exhibitor Code of Conduct
- ◆ Signed Livestock Show Affidavit
- ◆ Signed Quality Assurance & Ethics Certificate for each/every specie you show
- ◆ Hardship Form—if your animal is not housed at your residence.



Swine Showmanship Tips

The best swine showmen are the ones who spend the most time with their pigs. You should spend time "bonding" with your pig everyday from the time of purchase by brushing your pig and hand feeding it as opposed to using an automatic feeder.



Training should be begin as soon as possible & at least 4-6 prior to the first show. Spend 15-30 minutes each day with each hog walking and practicing showmanship. Walking will help build endurance and stamina so that the hog will not get tired or frustrated in the show ring. Walking will also help tone muscles and burn off excess fat.

When you first turn your hog out of its pen for training, allow it a few minutes to run around and burn off some excess energy. That will help the hog to focus better when you start working it with the show stick.

You should only use your stick on the front 1/2 of the hog. Be sure to never touch the loin, rump, or ham area because those are where the highest quality cuts of meat are found and you want to avoid potential bruising in those areas. To drive them, tap the stick behind the shoulder or lightly between the shoulder blades. To turn them left, tap them on the left jowl, and to turn right, tap on the left jowl.

Once I inquired to see what some of the best showmen in the state were doing to prepare their hogs for showmanship. A past winner of the senior division at LSU walked her pigs every morning before school and every evening when she would return home. If she skipped a morning, she worked them twice as long in the evening to make up for the missed training time. Her dedication and time commitment is what gave her that competitive advantage.

Poultry News

By selecting the poultry project when you completed the 4-H Enrollment Card, you indicated to us that you plan to show poultry at the Spring 4-H livestock shows. There are two types of poultry projects that 4-H'ers can raise and exhibit. These projects are the **exhibition bird project** and the **broiler projects**. These are discussed as follows:

EXHIBITION BIRDS

Exhibition birds are purebred chickens and can be of either standard bred or bantam varieties. Exhibitors must acquire their exhibition birds by November 6.

TO ENTER EXHIBITION BIRDS, YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE JUNIOR POULTRY SHOW ENTRY FORM, which is due **November 15TH**.

Make a copy of your entry form so you can remember what you entered. Exhibition birds may be shown at the Parish Show and the State Show. The entry fee for exhibition poultry is \$2/bird for parish and \$3/bird for state. An entry is limited to either two varieties of bantams or two varieties of standards or a combination of one variety of bantam and one variety of standard bred poultry.

An exhibitor may exhibit no more than 2 cocks (males over one year of age), 2 hens (females over one year), 2 cockerels (males less than one year), and 2 pullets (females less than one year) of any variety. Be sure to indicate on the form whether the birds are standard or bantam.

BROILERS—PARISH & STATE SHOW

Broilers are market birds which are raised for 6 weeks and judged on the quality of the meat which they will potentially produce.

Parish Broilers

These chicks must be purchased through the 4-H office and the order deadline is November 1st. The parish chicks **will be delivered (approximately) December 8th**. An exhibitor may enter a total of two pens (a pen is 3 broilers) per full order. The pens must be either all pullets or cockerels. The minimum weight is 9 pounds per pen. The Broiler entry fee for parish is \$10 per pen.

LSU Broilers

A separate set of broiler chicks will be purchased for the state show through the 4-H office. The cost is **40¢ per chick**. An exhibitor may enter one pen of pullets and/or one pen of cockerels. This same exhibitor may also enter standard bred and bantam poultry. (See special rules for bantam and standard bred poultry). An entry must consist of three broilers (either 3 pullets or 3 cockerels). The minimum weight per pen at the state show 9lbs.

At the state show, only pens obviously close to or under 9 lbs. will be weighed. All underweight pens of broilers will be disqualified and must be removed from the poultry barn immediately. Only birds entered and qualified for the show will be penned in the poultry exhibit area. No extra birds will be permitted in the poultry barn.

All entries in the poultry department must be leg banded with a tamper-proof band provided by the LSU livestock show, prior to entering the poultry barn at the show. These bands must be ordered from the livestock show office. Agents and FFA Advisors and teachers with broilers will need to request the bands. The entry must have been purchased through the LSU AgCenter Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, Animal Science Division and must have been grown by the exhibitor.

In order to enter broilers in the State Show, exhibitors must complete and return the enclosed State Show Broiler Chick Order and Entry Form. Send it in along with payment (check or money order) for 40¢ per state chick ordered. Make check or money order payable to **Lafayette 4-H Livestock Fund**. All forms and fees are due back in the 4-H office no later than **November 15th**. **ORDERS WITHOUT FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

All exhibition poultry fees are due with your entry forms by November 15th for both parish and state.

All forms regarding poultry should be mailed to 4-H Poultry Show, Angie Arnould, 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA, 70501. If you have questions, call Ms. Angie.

Broiler Chick Guidelines

1. Preheat Brooder to 85-90 F (at bird height) 24 hours before birds arrive.
2. Fill feeders and waterers 1 hour before chick arrival so they'll be at the right temp.
3. Use show-type rations. Be consistent - do not switch feeds several times during feeding period.
4. Utilize a vitamin supplement in the water during days 1-3 to help chicks overcome travel stress.
5. Introduce each bird to the water and feed by placing their beak in water then in feed.
6. Monitor temperature and bird activity often during first few days to make sure no drafts or excessive heat is present.
7. Lower temperature as birds begin to feather. Optimum performance of broilers has been seen at 70-78 F.
8. Remember that chicks require a minimum of 1 square foot of space/chick.
9. Supply chicks with clean dry shavings at all times.
10. Supply chicks with clean water and feed at all times.



Small Animal Scale Policy

Three small animal scales are located throughout the parish for use by any Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor. The purpose of the small animal scales is for exhibitors to have direct and equal access for weighing their current market goat, lamb and/or market swine projects. The scales are strategically located at exhibitors' homes for easy access by all exhibitors.

These families that have scales are:

(contact in advance, not the day of pick-up)

NW & West Lafayette Parish: Dwayne Martin – Carencro FFA Scale – 896-0893

South Lafayette Parish: Jud Judice—207-0817

SW & West Lafayette Parish: Allen Guidry—981-1949

As of now, they have agreed to:

1. Allow any Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA market goat, lamb, & swine exhibitors to use the scale, regardless of where that exhibitor may live.
2. House the scale out of the weather.
3. Allow easy access to borrowing the scale, if they are not home.
4. Inform the exhibitor of who took the scale, if the scale is unavailable.

Exhibitors who wish to use the scale must agree to:

1. Clean the scale before returning it.
2. Let the family who is housing the scale know that you have the scale and the time and day you took it (each and every time) if no one is home when you borrow it.
3. Return the scale promptly, preferably the same day or the next day.
4. Store the scale under shelter if keeping it overnight.

Scale Guidelines

1. The use of the scale will be strictly on a 1st Come 1st Serve basis. Exhibitors should not call to reserve the scale, but only to see if the scale is available.
2. Community weighing (or weigh chains) is encouraged over one individual weighing their own animal. If someone wants to take a scale and weigh several exhibitors' animals on a regular basis (form a weigh chain), they need to inform the person housing the scale of that fact so that others may know about the chain. Also, contact Ms. Angie at the 4-H office so that we can also publicize the weigh chain.
3. Be courteous to others! Using the parish scales is a privilege. **Private use is strictly prohibited at all times.** The scale should not be used for other activities other than 4-H/FFA projects. Depriving others of the use of the scale (or hogging the scale), is not fair and will not be tolerated. Excessive abuse of this privilege may result in a family being denied use of the scale by the Lafayette Parish 4-H office.
4. Any comments or suggestions about use of the parish scales should be directed to the Lafayette Parish 4-H office.

Closing Remarks

Farewell partner, till we meet on the trail again.....If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Angie at the Lafayette LSU AgCenter, 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

Angie Arnould

Angie Arnould
Associate County Agent, 4-H Youth Development
Lafayette Parish

Please Note:

It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion or disability. If you have a disability which requires special attention for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette Parish Office at 291-7090.

Calendar of Events

**Mark Your
Calendar Now!**

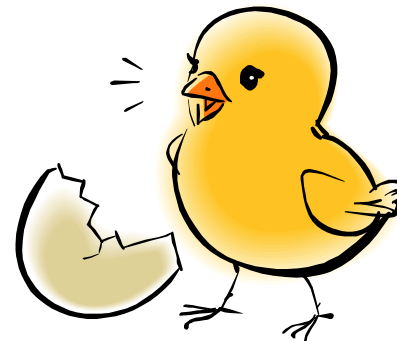
November 1	Possession Date: Exhibition Poultry
November 3	Parish Broiler Order Form Due
November 4	Validation of Market Goats & Lambs & Commercial Does, Ewes, & Heifers
November 7	Possession Date: Registered Breeding: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, & Goats
November 15	LSU Broiler Order Forms Due
November 15	Spring Livestock Entries Due, 4-H Office
November 21	Annual Farm Tour, 4-H Museum, DelMar Farms
December 2	Validation/Possession Date for Market Swine
December 2	Livestock Hoof Trimming Clinic
December 3	Possession Deadline for Swine Breeding Animals
December 7	Livestock Advisory Meeting
December TBA (8)	Parish Broiler Pick-up
January 2	Premier Exhibitor Training #1, 4-H Office
January 5	LSU Broiler Pick-Up, 4-H Office
January 9	Premier Exhibitor Training #2, 4-H Office
January 12-15	Mid-Winter Fair Rodeo, Blackham Coliseum, Lafayette, LA
January 16	M.L.K. Holiday, Barn Work Day/Show Set-Up
January 19-21	Parish Livestock Show & Sale, Blackham Coliseum (Animals arrive Thursday evening, show Friday, sale Saturday)
January 25-28	Acadiana District Livestock Show, Blackham Coliseum
February 11-18	State Livestock Show, Gonzales, LA
February 24	Parish 4-H Record Books Due, 4-H Office
March 2	Livestock Advisory Mtg., 4-H Office



Attachments:

LSU Broiler Order Form, Farm Tour Registration Form, Hog Classification, Hardship Policy and Guidelines, Livestock Program General Rules, Premier Exhibitor Entry Forms, Livestock Exhibitor Responsibility/Statement And Code of Conduct, Livestock Entry Check List, Livestock Fee Form, Livestock Entry Form, Parish Poultry Entry Form, LSU State Exhibition Poultry Entry Form, LSU State Broiler Entry Form, Hardship Form

LSU Broiler Chick Order Form



Deadline: November 15

Name: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____

Number of State Show Chicks needed:

_____ X \$.40 = _____ (Total check)

To order: Complete this form and return with payment (**make checks payable to "Lafayette 4-H Foundation" & separate from other entry fees**)
NO LATER THAN November 15.

Send to: LSU AgCenter
c/oAngie Arnould
1010 Lafayette St., Ste.
Lafayette, LA 70501

Annual 4-H Farm Tour

Come join our Annual 4-H Farm Tour on **Monday, November 21**. We will travel by bus and tour the Louisiana 4-H Museum in Mansura, We'll also visit WesMar Farms in Moreauville, <http://www.wesmarfarms.com/>. WesMar is a licensed dairy, where you can try your hand at milking goats and enjoy taste-testing cheeses.



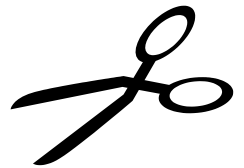
We will depart from the "Cabbage Patch" parking lot behind the Master Gardener Garden, next to Blackham Coliseum, at the corner of Coliseum Rd. and St. Landry at 8:00 a.m. and will return at 4:00 p.m.

A \$20 fee is being charged to cover lunch and the fees assessed by the farm. You may want to bring money to purchase fresh produce while touring these farms.

Follow-up information will be mailed out to those who pre-register. Please contact us at 291-7090, in you have any questions.

You can friend the Louisiana 4-H Museum and WesMar Farms on facebook.

4-H Farm Tour Registration Form



Name: _____

Email Address: _____

of Family Members Attending Farm Tour: _____

Cost: _____ X \$20/person

Total Amount: _____

Submit this form and check (**made payable to Lafayette 4-H Foundation**) for fees **by November 15th** to:

4-H FARM TOUR
1010 LAFAYETTE ST., STE. 325
LAFAYETTE, LA 70501

Hog Classification

All hogs must be brought to the classification area clean.

Market Hog Classification

I. Hampshire

- A. Must be black with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt must totally encircle the body with at least white hairs touching.
- B. Must possess Hampshire Breed character (ears must be erect and not rounded).
- C. Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead. White hair is allowed on the front of the snout surrounding the nostrils, but the white is not allowed to break the rim of the nose. This includes no white on tail.
- D. Must NOT have any white hair above the hocks.
- E. Must NOT have any white hair past the navel.
- F. Must NOT have any red hair.

II. Yorkshire

- A. Must be white and possess Yorkshire Breed character (ears must be erect).
- B. Must NOT have any colored hair other than white.
- C. All colored skin pigmentation combined cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.

III. Duroc

- A. Must be red and possess Duroc Breed character (ears must be down and medium size).
- B. Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
- C. All black skin pigmentation combined cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.
- D. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.

AOB (Any Other Breed)

I. Landrace

- A. Must be white and possess Landrace Breed character (ears must be down).
- B. Must NOT have any color hair other than white.
- C. Combined skin pigmentation cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.

II. Chester White

- A. Must possess Chester White Breed character.
- B. Must be solid white, combined skin pigmentation other than white cannot be larger than one U. S. minted ½ dollar.
- C. Ears must be down and medium size.
- D. Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags.

III. Spotted

- A. Must be black and white.
- B. Must possess Spotted Breed character.
- C. Ears must not be erect.
- D. Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible.
- E. No solid black head from ears forward.
- F. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.

IV. Poland China

- A. Must possess Poland China Breed character.
- B. Must be black with six white points (face, feet and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one black leg and be determined as a Poland China. Tail docking is permissible, eliminating that white point.
- C. Must have ears down.
- D. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation.
- E. Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
- F. Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering with possible ear tags are ineligible.

V. Berkshire

- A. Must be black and white hog with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire Breed character.
- B. Must have white on all four legs, face and tail (unless tail is docked).
- C. Must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
- D. Must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
- E. White is allowed on the ears, but NO solid white may appear on the ears.
- F. One occasional splash of white may appear only on the lower one-half of the body.

NOTE: These Market Hog Classification criteria are based on the National Swine Registry Barrow Show Classification Guidelines with a few modifications. A cross is any hog not meeting any of the aforementioned criteria.

4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECTS HARDSHIP POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Revised—October 20, 2011

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the youth livestock program is to develop responsibility, dedication, decision-making, leadership, trustworthiness, sportsmanship and citizenship through the possession and personal care of a live animal project. The youth (4-H or FFA member) will have many educational opportunities and activities to learn about animal agriculture and develop life skills. We are striving for maximum contact with animal and participation in educational activities.

HARDSHIP POLICY:

The ability of the youth to provide personal care for the animal is a major goal in the livestock projects. The guiding concern in granting permission for hardship requests should be the education and development of the youth. Concern for ensuring that the animal is shown has minimal importance in granting hardships.

GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING HARDSHIPS:

Category I - Possession of Animals

- A. Animal should be housed within a reasonable distance to allow youth to interact with the animal project on a positive basis. Housing at public stables or training facilities is allowed. But exhibitors are required to do a majority of the work. When horses are not housed at the exhibitor's property, the agent should be notified of the location of the horse.
- B. Youth (4-H or FFA member) should do most of the work and care for the animal project.
- C. All housing requests must be made prior to possession date.
 1. Residential restrictions will be considered.
 2. Opportunities for housing will be considered.
- D. Animals housed across the parish line must be recommended by both agents and/or FFA advisors.

Category II - Registration papers on Grade Horse Certificates

- A. Registration papers and grade horse certificates must be completed and filed with the 4-H agent or FFA advisor by April 1st of the show year.
- B. Registered horses that do not have papers available will be considered.
- C. Registration papers or grade certificates not completed by the possession date because of uncontrollable circumstances will be considered.

Category III - Replacement of Injured or Deceased Animals

- A. Injured animals must be checked and verified by the 4-H Agent and/ or FFA Advisor or veterinarian.
- B. The replacement animals should be of comparable quality. Replacement of animals will be considered only for those exhibitors with one animal project per species.

- C. Replacement animals must be obtained by the following dates:
 - 1. January 3 - Market Hogs; Breeding Swine
 - 2. December 15 - Beef Breeding; Market Goats & Lambs; Breeding Goats & Sheep; Dairy.
 - 3. November 1 - Market Steers
 - 4. June 1 - Horses
- D. Exhibitors may enter multiple horse at the district show and scratch those not shown at the show.

Category IV - Conflicts with Show and Extenuating Circumstances

Exhibitors must show their own animals. Exceptions will be made only in the following cases and with the proper approval. In all cases, when the exhibitor cannot show his/her own animal, the exhibitor must have a bona fide 4-H or FFA member to show in his/her place. If the animal qualifies for the championship classes and the exhibitor is unable to show the animal, the same individual exhibiting in class must show the animal in the championship class.

- 1. Exceptions at the District Show:
 - a. Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to qualify only for the State Show (not eligible for champion at District Show - Ribbon Group Only) if the exhibitor is not present due to school conflicts (academic, athletic and other school-related activities).
 - b. Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to show in class and in the championship drive only if the exhibitor cannot show because of illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family. In the case of illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family, the exhibitor or representative shall make the request to the agent/FFA advisor and District Livestock Show manager. The District Livestock Show manager has the authority to approve or disapprove last-minute requests.
 - c. To obtain an exception for school conflicts and physical handicap, the exhibitor must file a Livestock Project Possession/Hardship Form and have the proper approval prior to the District Show.

HARDSHIP PROCEDURE

Youth and/or parent must fill out hardship form and include all pertinent information. The form must be signed by the youth, parent and/or guardian, agent/FFA advisor, parish chair/school principal and approved by the District Show manager. Hardships should be routed through the State Livestock Show manager.

DECISION MAKING RESPONSIBILITY:

- 1. District Show managers shall have the responsibility and authority to process and approve all hardships within the guidelines, with the exception of Category IV.
- 2. Hardships falling outside the hardship guidelines may be recommended by the District Show manager to the Livestock Show manager.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

- 1. The Livestock Show manager shall have the final approval for all hardships.
- 2. The hardship form can be found on the Livestock Show Web page at www.lsuagcenter.com.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
LAFAYETTE PARISH 4-H/FFA
LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

1. All rules and regulations in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show catalog shall be adhered to in the conduct of the Parish Livestock Program and the Parish Show and Sale unless otherwise stated in the Parish Rules and Regulations.
2. In matters not covered by specific rules and in matters concerning the interpretation of a specific rule or rules, the decisions of the 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors in charge will prevail.
3. All violators of rules and regulations governing 4-H/FFA livestock shows will be penalized. Penalties will be levied by the 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors in charge at their discretion and in relation to the severity of the violation.
4. Each exhibitor, when attending any out-of-town 4-H/FFA livestock show or activity, must have a parent or other adult responsible for the exhibitor's supervision and must indicate this to the agent in charge.
5. Each exhibitor and a parent or guardian must sign the Livestock Exhibitor Responsibility & Code of Conduct standard for all 4-H events.
6. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or of illegal drugs by exhibitors at 4-H/FFA livestock events is expressly prohibited. Violators of this rule or other rules concerning conduct will be penalized by the 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors in charge and their names submitted to school authorities for further disciplinary action.
7. Only bona fide 4-H and FFA members in Lafayette Parish will be allowed to participate in the Parish Livestock Show and Sale. To be a bona fide member, an exhibitor must reside and/or attend school in Lafayette parish and must officially enroll in 4-H or FFA in Lafayette Parish at the school or as a member-at-large during the beginning of each school year.
8. Excuses for exhibitors to miss school during certain livestock events will be sent in advance by the 4-H Agents or FFA Advisors to the appropriate school principals. However, it is the responsibility of the child and the parents to inform teachers, to check with the school office to see if the excuse has arrived and to make sure the child is officially excused before any days are missed. Exhibitors are also expected to make up any school work missed during their absence.
9. Livestock shows and tentative days for which exhibitors showing at these shows each year will be excused if necessary are listed below:
 - Sugarcane Festival – 1 day, Friday
 - Cattle Festival – none
 - Louisiana State Fair – 2 days, based on show schedule
 - Parish Show & Sale – 1 day, Friday
 - District Show – 2 days, Thursday & Friday
 - State Show – 3 days, based on show schedule and animals being shown
10. All shows and days excused are subject to change based on each respective show schedule.

RULES & REGULATIONS
LAFAYETTE PARISH 4-H/FFA
LIVESTOCK SALE

1. All rules and regulations stated in the LSU Agricultural Center Livestock Show Catalog, the General Rules and Regulations, Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Program, and the Rules and Regulations, Lafayette Parish.
2. Each exhibitor will be limited to selling 2 animal lots with a limit of 1 steer lot and a limit of 2 lots of any other specie if a steer is not sold. (Examples are as follows: 1 steer, 1 lamb: 1 lamb, 1 hog: 2 hogs: 1 lamb, 1 pen of broilers.)
3. All exhibitors are responsible for completing and turning their sale information sheet(s) **within 30 minutes** of the conclusion of that specie show **in order to make the sale**. The sale information sheets are given to all exhibitors at weight-in of each specie at the parish show.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for indicating which animals they will sell before leaving the show grounds the day of the Parish Show.
5. Once an animal has been committed to the sale, listed in the sale order, and the sale order printed, no changes will be accepted without payment of the 5% assessment fee.
6. Failure to pay assessment fee or other bills by an exhibitor or parent will result in the prohibition of the exhibitor from future sales, as well as the possibility of other disciplinary action.
7. All animals must meet the requirements for possession, ownership and eligibility as stated in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Catalog and must be within the Parish weight limits stated in the Rules and Regulations, Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Show.
8. All animals must place in a Purple Ribbon or Blue Ribbon category at the Parish Show to be eligible for sale.
9. Each exhibitor will be responsible for running his/her own animal through the sale arena unless written notification is made prior to the sale or the exhibitor is sick or temporarily physically handicapped.
10. Once an animal passes through the sale ring and is sold, that sale is final. "No Sales" on animals are allowed.
11. Each exhibitor will be responsible for contacting the buyer of his/her animal through personal contacts, phone calls, letters, etc. The Livestock Advisory Committee is not responsible for selling neither market animals nor collection thereof. **It is the livestock exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that the sales committee has updated contact information for their buyer used in invoicing. Sale will be voided on any animal which payment is not received for within 90 days of invoicing, and collecting payment will become the responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor once that 90 days has passed.**
12. Each exhibitor will be responsible for contacting the buyer of his/her animal after the sale, arranging delivery, and contacting the 4-H Office immediately upon delivery of the animal.
13. Each exhibitor will be required to hold his/her animal for at least one week after the animal's final show before delivering to the buyer or to slaughter, unless otherwise desired **in writing** by the buyer of the animal.
14. Each exhibitor will be required to deliver their "thank you" note and buyer's picture to their buyer before they can collect their payment check.
15. All animals that sell must remain at the show facility until the completion of the sale. If an animal leaves the premises prior to the completion of the sale a 20% assessment fee will be charged to the exhibitor.



PREMIER EXHIBITOR NEWS

A premier exhibitor program will be conducted at the Parish, District and State Livestock Shows. These programs are based on the knowledge and skills that an exhibitor knows in their project area. Participation in these programs are voluntary, but additional awards will be given to winners. Winners will be recognized from each of the livestock species that are exhibited at the different show levels. The contest will consist of the exhibitors earning points from each of the following: an exam, skill-a-thon activity, showmanship and at Parish, a "Showing Character" session.

LAFAYETTE PARISH PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM— General Rules

Open to all exhibitors ages (9 years and older)

Programs are available in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goat, and poultry

Must participate in at least one session of "Showing Character"

ACADIANA DISTRICT PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM — General Rules

Open to all exhibitors in high school. (Grades 7-12)

Programs available in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goat, and poultry

STATE PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM— General Rules

Open to all exhibitors in high school (Grades 9-12)

Programs available in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goat and poultry.

In order to prepare for these premier exhibitor tests, it is very important for exhibitors to attend the "Premier Exhibitor" special study sessions that will be offered before the big test day. The location of each of the sessions will be at the LSU AgCenter, Lafayette Office. If for some reason you cannot participate in both these sessions, please make it a priority to participate in at least one of the sessions. The dates are as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Feeds & Nutrition

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012: 5:30-7:00 PM (SUPPER PROVIDED)

Anatomy & Physiology

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012: 3:00 - 4:30 PM (9-12th Grade ONLY CRAM SESSION)

Enclosed you will find an entry form/resume form for each of the different levels of the program. If you are interested in any of the programs, you must submit an entry/resume form for each program with which you meet the requirements. The entry forms should be received in the LSU AgCenter office by close of business on Monday, November 15, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact us at 337-291-7090.

Sincerely,

Angie Arnould

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County Agent

4-H Youth Development

Charles Hebert

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LAFAYETTE PARISH LIVESTOCK SHOW
PREMIER EXHIBITOR ENTRY FORM —> 4th -12th Grade

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ 4-H _____ FFA _____

PARISH _____ FFA CHAPTER _____

BIRTHDATE _____ AGE AS OF JANUARY 1st _____ SCHOOL GRADE _____

This form should be returned to your Parish 4-H Agents Office by November 15.

I am a previous winner of the parish premier exhibitor program and want to participate as a practice only.

_____ YES _____ NO

Please circle the specie(s) that you wish to compete in the Lafayette Parish Livestock Show Premier Exhibitor Program:

BEEF DAIRY GOAT POULTRY SHEEP SWINE

List any special needs, which may be needed during the Premier Exhibitor Program:

I understand the rules and regulations of the Lafayette Parish Livestock Show Premier Exhibitor Program and agree to abide by them. By signing this form, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations.

Exhibitor Signature _____

Parent Guardian Signature _____

Agent Signature _____

Completing this form will only enter you in the Lafayette Parish Livestock Show Premier Exhibitor Program. A separate Resume/Entry Form must be completed for the District and State Premier Exhibitor Program.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

ACADIANA DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW
PREMIER EXHIBITOR ENTRY FORM —> 7th – 12th Grade

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ 4-H _____ FFA _____

PARISH _____ FFA CHAPTER _____

BIRTHDATE _____ AGE AS OF JANUARY 1 _____ SCHOOL GRADE _____

This form should be returned to your Parish 4-H Agents Office by November 15.

I am a previous winner of the district premier exhibitor program and want to participate as a practice only.

_____ YES _____ NO

Please circle the specie(s) that you wish to compete in the Lafayette Parish Livestock Show Premier Exhibitor Program:

BEEF DAIRY GOAT POULTRY SHEEP SWINE

List any special needs, which may be needed during the Premier Exhibitor Program:

I understand the rules and regulations of the Acadiana District Livestock Show Premier Exhibitor Program and agree to abide by them. By signing this form, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations.

Exhibitor Signature _____

Parent Guardian Signature _____

Agent Signature _____

Completing this form will only enter you in the Lafayette Parish Livestock Show Premier Exhibitor Program. A separate Resume/Entry Form must be completed for the District and State Premier Exhibitor Program.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.



LSU AgCenter/LCES

Premier Exhibitor Entry Form (9th—12th Grade Only)

NAME _____ SS# _____

BIRTH DATE _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ 4-H _____ FFA _____

PARISH _____ FFA CHAPTER _____

GRADE IN SCHOOL _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

The entire resume must be filled out in your own handwriting. List only information and activities that occurred during the past calendar year. List only activities, shows, and awards that pertain to this project. Use a separate entry form for each species entered.

Circle One of the Following:

BEEF

SWINE

POULTRY

DAIRY

SHEEP

GOATS

HORSE

Description and Size of Project (Describe your project):

Educational and Leadership Activities (Workshops, clinics, demonstrations, etc.):

Livestock Shows and Exhibitions Participated In:

Awards and Achievements (Show placings, contests, field days, etc.):

Signature of Exhibitor

Date

I certify that the above exhibitor is a member in good standing and has met all the requirements for the above project.

Signature of Agent/FFA Advisor

Date



*Livestock Exhibitor
Responsibility Statement
And Code of Conduct*

Lafayette Parish
1010 Lafayette St., Ste 325
Lafayette, Louisiana 70501
(337) 291-7090

Purpose of Livestock Projects

The LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service strongly support the many 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors and their livestock projects. The livestock projects (1) are tools for the development of life skills by 4-H and FFA members. (2) provide an opportunity to expand their knowledge of livestock production and management, (3) improve and enhance livestock production in Louisiana. Therefore, the purpose of the 4-H livestock program is to provide opportunities for young people to develop character and life skills. Character traits identified are: leadership, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, honesty, integrity, self-esteem and citizenship. Youth develop life skills and character traits when they are involved in each phase of the livestock project from selection through the show ring. The 4-H or FFA member is deprived of valuable experience and development of these life skills when she/he is not the primary daily caretaker of animals as well as the primary person involved in fitting, grooming and showing of the project animal. Any assistance provided by others in the care, grooming, fitting or showing of project animals should be to instruct or teach. Adults are given the responsibility and duty to ensure that all livestock project activities and practices involving the 4-H or FFA member will result in building positive character traits and life skills.

Alcohol Policy

The LSU AgCenter adheres to a zero-tolerance policy concerning the possession or consumption of alcohol during livestock shows and other associated events sponsored or cosponsored by the AgCenter. This policy applies to all events. Our faculty and staff have been asked to make a concerted effort to enforce this policy, which prohibits possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. We ask all agents, FFA advisors, club leaders and parents to join us in that effort. Please help us provide quality educational activities that are free from the potential problems and dangers associated with alcohol. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Wholesome Assurance Statement

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. ***Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocations.** Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA-established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives or other chemicals. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass will be considered fraud.

For Your Information: State Law “Act 461” Became Effective August 15, 1998

This law prohibits tampering with livestock. “Tamper” means any of the following:

- A. The injection, use or administration of any drug or other internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid or liquid, to livestock for the purpose of concealing, enhancing, transforming, or changing the true conformation, configuration, condition, natural color or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than it actually is.
- B. The use of administration, for cosmetic purposes, of steroids, growth stimulants, or internal artificial filling, including paraffin, silicone injection, or any other substance.
- C. The use or administration of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system of the livestock, unless administered or prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of an illness or an injury.
- D. The use or administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes.
- E. The surgical manipulation or removal of tissue so as to change, transform, or enhance the true conformation, configuration, or natural color of the livestock unless the procedure is considered an accepted livestock management.

The tampering of animals falls under the Cruelty to Animals; simple and aggravated part of ACT 461, which states:

- A. Any person who intentionally or with criminal negligence tortures, maims, mutilates, or maliciously kills any living animal, whether belonging to himself or another, shall be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.
- B. Any person who tampers with livestock at a public livestock exhibition or at a private sale shall also be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.
- C. Any person who causes or procures to be done by any person any act designated in this Subsection shall also be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.
- D. Whoever commits the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars or more than twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than ten years, or both.
- E. For purposes of this Subsection, where more than one animal is tortured, maimed, mutilated, or maliciously killed or where more than one head of livestock is tampered with, each act comprises a separate offense.

Responsibilities and Conduct of Conduct

Rules and regulations governing 4-H events will be discussed by agents and leaders with 4-H'ers before the event.

4-H'ers are under the supervision of their parents, volunteers helping with the event and all Extension personnel. Each club member will be expected to participate fully in all programs and uphold exemplary standards of behavior.

The following may be grounds for suspension of the 4-H exhibitor's participation in parish, district, regional and state events for up to 12 months:

- Possession or use of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, pocket/hunting knives, fireworks or fire-arms (except for approved 4-H events; example: Shooting Sports, Sports Fishing, etc.).
- Misuse or abuse of public or personal property. (Individuals responsible will also be required to pay for damages.)
- Disrespect for the authority of parents, agents, volunteer leaders and specialists (such as failing to follow specific rules or instructions for the event or using abusive language).
- Unauthorized absence from the premises of the event.
- Unauthorized use of vehicles during the event.
- Breaking curfew or disturbing the peace (for example, being out after curfew as specified by Louisiana State Law).

Realizing these guidelines are not all inclusive, the LSU AgCenter reserves the right to adjust these policies.

Decisions on discipline will be the responsibility of the Extension agent(s) coordinating the event in consultation with others designated as supervisors.

If a 4-H'er is found in violation of the rules the Extension agent(s) will take necessary action beginning with parish chair and regional director. Necessary action may include the involvement of your local law enforcement as well as your school system. Recommendations for suspension from participation in parish, district and state events will be subject to approval by the director of Extension.

Date

Signature of 4-H'er

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Adopted 10/30/06

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