

BARNYARD SCOOP

Lafayette Parish 4-H



2023-2024 Show Season Updates

This is a reminder that if you are planning to show at the State Fair of Louisiana (Livestock Show) in Shreveport in the Fall, possession dates and validations are approaching soon. If you plan to show market or commercial animals, you must request validation kits in advance. The 2024 Livestock Schedule can be found on our website. You may also order Ear Tag/Validation kits. If you are ordering kits, you will be required to pay online. Kits will be mailed as soon as we receive our ear tag shipment. Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

2023 Validation Changes:

- Ear Tag/DNA kits can now be requested by filling out online submission form. This form can be found at [Livestock Show \(statefairloisiana.com\)](https://statefairloisiana.com)
- **Exhibitors** can now request/order their own Ear TAG/DNA kits.
- Ear Tag/DNA kits will **not** be mailed until they are paid for in full. Exhibitors can provide credit card information on the new online form or call our office for other payment methods. The cost of Ear Tag/DNA kits will remain \$12.00 per kit. The State Fair of Louisiana will not refund any unused kits. (Please only order what you need!)

Schedule to Order DNA Kits and Ear tags

Market Steers - April 15 thru June 10, 2023
Market Lambs - June 15 thru July 10, 2023
Commercial Ewes - June 15 thru July 10, 2023
Market Goats, Commercial Does - June 15 thru July 10, 2023
Commercial Dairy - June 15 thru July 10, 2023
Commercial Heifers - June 15 thru July 10, 2023
Mtk. Swine, Commercial Gilts – July 15 thru Aug. 10, 2023

DNA SAMPLES AND INFORMATION CARD MUST BE IN THE STATE FAIR OFFICE BY REQUIRED DATE BELOW AND BY CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

- *Market Steers - June 10, 2023*
- *Commercial Heifers - July 10, 2023*
- *Commercial Dairy - July 10, 2023*
- *Market Lambs - July 10, 2023*
- *Commercial Ewes - July 10, 2023*
- *Market Goats - July 10, 2023*
- *Wether Dam Goat - July 10, 2023*
- *Commercial Does - July 10, 2023*
- *Market Swine - August 10, 2023*
- *Commercial Gilts - August 10, 2023*

August 2023

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Dates to Remember:

August 14th – Market Steer Validations Due to 4-H Office

November 6th - Beef and Dairy Commercial Heifer, Market Lamb, Commercial Ewe, Market Goat, and Commercial Doe Validation Due to 4-H Office

December 4th - Market and Commercial Swine Validation Due to 4-H Office

January 18th- Parish Livestock show

January 23rd- District Livestock Show

February 12th- LSU State Livestock Show

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Enroll in 4-H at School This Year

This year 4-H is looking to start club meetings in September. Even though you were a member last school year, you must re-enroll this school year. You will need to re-enroll in 4-H Online after September 1st. Please confirm your address, phone number, email address then select your species, and pay your dues to become an official member.

Any animals that you plan to show at the 2024 4-H livestock shows in January-February 2024 must be in your possession (under your care) and transferred into the exhibitor's name by the designated possession date for that species. Make sure you add the animals to 4-H online.

Electronic Newsletters/Check Junk/Email address

We are now utilizing our new broadcast system in 4-H Online for electronic communication. The system will utilize the email address in the account. If you are not receiving these electronic communications, please check your junk or spam filter or share this with other families. Only email addresses listed in the child's profile will receive this correspondence.

State Fair of Louisiana

State Fair of Louisiana plans to continue with the show with some modifications. The schedule and premium catalog with all details can be found at the link provided. [Livestock Show \(statefairlofouisiana.com\)](http://Livestock Show (statefairlofouisiana.com))

If you are submitting entries online for State Fair of Louisiana, please let us know! If you do not tell us, we will not be aware that you are exhibiting animals, therefore we cannot send a school excuse. Please email Ms. Brandi Feller at bfeller@agcenter.lsu.edu with the species you are showing at the State Fair so he can send your school excuse by Friday October 1st. School excuses will only be sent for the days your species is needed at the show.

Cattle Festival Livestock Show

There will be a livestock show in conjunction with the Cattle Festival this year. The schedule and more details

can be found at the link provided. [Cattle Show \(louisianacattlefestival.org\)](http://Cattle Show (louisianacattlefestival.org))

New Livestock Exhibitors

Know of a new exhibitor that is interested in showing livestock? Have them email Ms. Brandi at bfeller@agcenter.lsu.edu with their contact information, school, grade, and species of interest so they can get important livestock information.

Cattle News

Now is probably the ideal time to begin shopping for beef breeding projects. Beef calves born this spring are nearing weaning age and getting old enough so that a good visual appraisal can be made. Select a calf that is heavily muscled, structurally correct, and moderate in frame size. Be sure to get assistance from someone who has some experience in choosing show calf projects.

If you need help in selecting a beef project, please give us a call. Remember, the possession date for the spring shows is **November 6th**.

Goat and Sheep News

If you haven't purchased your market goat & lamb projects for the spring, be aware that it's getting late to do this. Although possession date is not until **November 6th**, most goats & lambs are purchased/sold during the summer. The longer you wait the fewer animals that will be available to select from. Call us if you need help. We can put you in contact with a local breeder.

If you are planning to show Louisiana Bred Goats to compete for LA Bred awards, you must validate your goats. The deadline to turn in validation forms for the State Fair of Louisiana is July 10th.

Swine News

It is too early to select your market hog projects for the spring show, but it is not too early to begin getting your pens at home ready for when your pigs will arrive. These pigs are being born now and you should be able to begin your shopping in 4-6 weeks. Possession date is **December 4th**.

Possession and Validation Dates

2023 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show **Market** and **Commercial** Validation Procedure:

Kits will consist of a tag and validation envelope. The 2023-24 validation fee is **\$7 per validation**. This fee should be collected from exhibitors when they submit their validations to parish offices. All checks submitted to the Livestock Show Office must be made out to **“Livestock Show Office”**.

Louisiana State Fair:

Market Steers: June 10th

Commercial Does, Market Goats: July 10th

Commercial Heifers, Market Heifers: July 10th

Commercial Ewes, Market Lambs: July 10th

All Registered Breeding Animals: August 1st

Market & Commercial Swine: August 10th

2023 Parish, District, and State Shows:

Market Steers: August 14th

Registered Breeding Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, & Exhibition Poultry: November 6th

Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers: November 6th

Market Lamb & Commercial Ewes: November 6th

Market Goats & Commercial Does: November 6th

Miniature Cattle: November 13th

Market & Commercial Swine: December 4th

Breeding Swine: December 4th

Broilers: 1 Day after hatched (must order with parish/state depending on show)

Validation Hardship Statement

District and/or State Show manager must be notified within seven days after the validation deadline to be considered for a validation hardship. After contacting District and/or State Show Manager hardship forms must be immediately filled with supporting material and stating hardship.

These hardships will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by parish agent, district show manager, and state show manager. Only cases where it is determined to have been unavoidable will the exhibitor be allowed to validate. This decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

Exhibitor Responsibilities:

1. Animals must be in continuous possession of exhibitor from time of validation until the LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show. See rules in 2023-24 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show catalog or consult the livestock show manager for specific possession rules.
2. Exhibitors should request validation kits from agents and ag teachers as per parish guidelines. Each parish LSU AgCenter 4-H office will supply validation kits to exhibitors upon request.
3. Validation will consist of ear tagging animal and pulling a hair sample; hair sample should be placed in a properly identified validation envelope for each animal validated. Validation envelopes must be returned to local LSU AgCenter office with validation fee by specified deadline. The responsibility of tagging animals and collecting DNA/hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers MAY be present and can assist.
4. Animals previously tagged for the 2023 Louisiana State Fair may utilize the State Fair TAG to complete LSU AgCenter State Show validations. All animals must be tagged with an LSU Tag or State Fair tag to be validated.
5. Animals must be validated in either the exhibitors name or in family name (Family consist of parents, legal guardians, brothers, and sisters.). **When official entry forms are turned in at the parish level animals validated in family name must be entered in the name of the exhibitor that will show the animal at the District and State Livestock Shows.**
6. Validation kits and fees are due in the Lafayette LSU Agcenter Office by 4:00pm on the validation/possession date that is listed.



Student Farmers Certification
Louisiana Revised Statute 47:305.24

Louisiana Department of Revenue
Special Tax Programs
P.O. Box 4998
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4998
Phone: (855) 307-3893

Louisiana Revised Statute 47:305.24 provides an exemption from state sales taxes on purchases of feed and feed additives, seeds or plants and fertilizers by student farmers. The statute defines a student farmer as an individual who is under the age of 23 and is a member of a Future Farmers of America chapter or program established by the National Future Farmers of America organization, or a member of a 4-H club or other program established by 4-H. Students in similar types of agricultural programs may also qualify. Please contact the Louisiana Department of Revenue at Sales.Inquiries@la.gov for confirmation of other types of qualifying agricultural programs.

Parish Agents, Agricultural Educators, Advisors or Club Leaders: Please complete this form for each student participating in a qualifying agricultural program who will purchase feed, feed additives, seeds, plants or fertilizers as part of their participation in program activities. Examples of program activities include but are not limited to such activities as cattle show competitions, farm animal show competitions or produce competitions. This certification is not valid unless signed by a parish agent, agricultural educator, agricultural club advisor or agricultural club leader.

Student Farmer: Please retain the original signed certification for your files. Student farmers are required to give a copy of their certification to sellers in order to be exempted from payment of state sales tax on feed, feed additives, seeds, plants or fertilizers.

Sellers: The Student Farmer Certification exempts the sale of feed, feed additives, seeds, plants or fertilizers to qualifying student farmers. It is effective for the school year shown on the certification and it is not valid unless it is signed by a parish agent, agricultural educator, agricultural club advisor or agricultural club leader. This certification will serve as documentation of the purchaser's exempt status in lieu of Form R-1007, *Farm-Related Products* sales tax exemption certificate.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Student Name		School Year 08/01/2023 - 7/31/2024	
Student Address			
City		State	ZIP
Agricultural Program <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H <input type="checkbox"/> FFA <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Parish		School	

I, the undersigned parish agent, agricultural educator, advisor or club leader certify that the above named student is an active and bonafide member of the above named FFA chapter, 4-H Club or other similar student agriculture program.

Certification

Name of parish agent, agricultural educator, advisor or club leader	Parish
Signature	Title

Notice to Seller: report these sales under exemption code 5107.



2023-2024 Junior Beef Grazing Project

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility Requirements:

-To be eligible, an individual must be regularly enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

Participants must adhere to the management and health protocols required by the program. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program.

General Cattle Requirements:

- Four calves will constitute a pen. It is recommended that the total weight of the four calves at the time of weigh-on not exceed 2,500 lbs

Note: Contest superintendents have the authority to mouth the pen of calves registered in the project. Calves determined to be long yearlings or older will not be allowed to compete for awards in the Jr. Beef Grazing Projects.

- Three divisions will be offered:

Division 1 – Steers

Division 2 – Heifers

Division 3 – Bulls

Note: Only one sex can be used in one pen. Example: Four steers, four heifers or four bulls.

- Contestants may (at their option) place one alternate calf in each pen. Alternate animal(s) must be designated at the beginning of the project. The alternate calf's score will be used only if a calf on the project dies.
- Calves must be the property of the contestant. When there is more than one member in a family competing, the animals may be grazed together with cost records shared in proportion to animals grazed. Each contestant's calves must be identified at the beginning of the project with no trading allowed.
- Calves can be from commercial or registered cows and should be born after December 1, 2022. Calves should be weaned at least 30 days prior to weigh-on.
- Contestants may (at their option) have their calves implanted with a growth stimulant at weigh-on.

Note: Not recommended for heifers to be used as replacements in herd.

- Each calf must have an individual identification furnished by the contestant.
 - In addition, a tag will be placed by the LSU AgCenter at the time of weigh-on.
- Heifers in the Junior Beef Grazing Project that have calves at the time of termination will be allowed to complete the project and only animals placed on the project will be weighed off.

Cattle Health Requirements:

Below are the minimum vaccination and health requirements for cattle entering the Junior Beef Grazing Project. All animals must follow these guidelines. A working relationship with a local veterinarian is highly recommended for all producers.

First Working – Approximately 3 Months of Age

Management Practice	Additional Instruction(s)	Suggested Products
Blackleg Vaccination	Required	Calvary 9®, UltraChoice® 7 or 8, Vision 7 or 8® (Or a variation of these products may be approved by the LSU AgCenter)
Viral Respiratory Complex	Optional but recommended at this age. Cows of nursing calves must have received the same product within the past 12 months if administered to calves.	BoviShield Gold 5®, Inforce 3® along with OneShot® BVD, Pyramid 5®, Vista 5 SQ® (Or a variation of these products may be approved by the LSU AgCenter)
Deworm	Required as needed. Speak with an LSU AgCenter member or your veterinarian to determine need for dewormers in your cattle.	Cydectin®, Dectomax®, Eprinex®, Ivomec®, LongRange®, Safe-guard®, Valbazen® (Or another name brand product approved by the LSU AgCenter)
Dehorn	Required	Work with an LSU AgCenter agent or local veterinarian for the best way to minimize stress.
Individual Number - Ear Tag	Required	Any tag that displays the individual animal identification
Fly Control	Recommended as needed	Any product appropriately labeled for cattle.

Second Working– Approximately 6 to 8 Months of Age

Management Practice	Additional Instruction(s)	Suggested Products
Booster Blackleg Vaccination	Required	Calvary 9®, UltraChoice® 7 or 8, Vision 7 or 8® (Or a variation of these products may be approved by the LSU AgCenter)
Viral Respiratory Complex (BRSD, BVD type 1 and 2, IBR, and PI ₃)	Required. Must follow up with a booster if the first dose was not administered at 3 months of age. Calves must have received two rounds of the product prior to shipping.	BoviShield Gold 5®, Inforce 3® along with OneShot® BVD, Pyramid 5®, Vista 5 SQ® (Or a variation of these products may be approved by the LSU AgCenter)
Shipping Fever Complex Vaccination	Required	Nuplura® PH, OneShot®, Once® PMH IN, Once® PMH SQ, Presponse®, Pulmo-Guard® PMH-1, Vista Once® SQ
Deworm	Required as needed. Speak with an LSU AgCenter member or your veterinarian to determine need for dewormers in your cattle.	Cydectin®, Dectomax®, Eprinex®, Ivomec®, LongRange®, Safe-guard®, Valbazen® (Or another name brand product approved by the LSU AgCenter)
Fly Control	Recommended as needed	Any product appropriately labeled for cattle.

Pastures Requirements:

- Winter grazing may consist of any recommended variety of cool-season forage or combinations of cool-seasons forages.
- Calves must be finished out on pasture only. (Calves may be fed silage or hay during bad weather or short grass.) No supplemental feed or ration (solid or liquid ration) may be fed to the cattle during the grazing period. **Minerals** only may be provided to the cattle on the grazing project.
- Follow recommendations prepared by the LSU AgCenter for a winter grazing program for beef cattle in the following publications:
 - #2334 – 2006 Cool Season Pasture and Forage Varieties
 - #2674 – Pasture Fertilization in Louisiana

Official Weigh Stations:

- After all entries are in, the weigh stations will be selected in the area to best serve the interest of the projects entered.

Official Grazing Period:

- Approximately 150 grazing days, with the project starting around December 1st and terminating in mid-May or before sale date and grass availability.

Note: A minimum of 135 grazing days must be completed in order to be eligible to compete for premiums and awards in the state contest.

- Calves may be placed on pasture prior to weigh-on day, but gains made prior to the official weigh-on will not count in contest.

Basis for Scoring the Junior Beef Grazing Project:

- Contestants will receive points based on the following aspects of the project:
 - The total amount of weight gained.
 - Days determined based on grass availability.
 - The cost per pound of gain.
- Contestants will be allowed to enter as many pens in each Division (Steer, Heifer, and Bull) of the Junior Beef Grazing Contest as they desire.
 - The contestant's highest placing pen (total points) in each Division (Steer, Heifer, and Bull) will compete for awards within that Division.
 - Each contestant is eligible to win ONLY ONE DIVISION in the contest each year.
 - If a contestant has the highest points in more than one Division, the contestant's highest scoring pen (total points) will be recognized as their winning pen of that respective Division.
- A minimum of 135 grazing days must be completed in order to be eligible to compete for premiums and awards in the state contest.
- A Project Score Sheet (Form I) must be kept and submitted at the termination of the project. All Project Cost Records (Form II) must be recorded and submitted at the end of the project. A Minimum Project Cost will be developed by the Division of Economics and Resource Development of Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service. Contestants must also submit a Junior Beef Grazing Project Summary (Form III) detailing the methods used in establishing forages, selection of cattle, and management techniques utilized during the project. The Summary should also include any new skills or knowledge gained by the contestant. (Forms I, II, and III are attached.)

NOTE: The Project Score Sheet (Form I), Project Cost Records (Form II), and Junior Beef Grazing Project Summary (Form III) must be submitted at the termination of the project in order to be eligible for awards in the state contest.

Awards for 2023-2024

Awards have not been determined at this time. The Louisiana Junior Beef Grazing Program needs a sponsor(s).

- **500 Club** – Certificate

(Contestants producing 500 pounds of beef per acre)

- **Parish Winner** – Certificate

(Contestant with the greatest number of points in that Parish)

- **Top Pen of Steers** – Certificate

- **Top Pen of Heifers** – Certificate

- **Top Pen of Bulls** – Certificate

Sale (Optional)

Sale of pens will take place in April TBD after final weights have been taken. If participants choose to sale the pens, they cannot back out after March 1st due to marketing of pens.

- **Pictures of Steers must be submitted to buyer**
- **Pictures of Heifers will be needed for marketing purposes**
- **Bulls will be sold individually, not in a group**

Entry forms must be submitted by October 1st, 2023. Entry forms should be mailed to:

Bradley Pousson

bpousson@agcenter.lsu.edu

Area Livestock Agent

10098 Gulf Hwy

Lake Charles, La 70607



ENTRY FORM

JUNIOR BEEF GRAZING PROJECT

NOTE: Entry form must be submitted by October 1st, 2023

Entry form should be mailed to: Bradley Pousson

LSU AgCenter

10098 Gulf Hwy

Lake Charles, La 70607

Scanned and emailed to: bpousson@agcenter.lsu.edu

Contestant's Name _____

Contestant's Address _____

Parish/Chapter _____ 4-H ____ FFA ____

Please indicate the number of pens entered for the contestant. Also indicate the breed and sex of each pen entered if known at this time.

PEN NUMBER	BREED	SEX

Participate in Sale of pens Yes ____ No ____

Parent Signature agreeing to participate in Sale of pens _____

Agent or Instructor _____

Mailing Address _____



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