

Barnyard Scoop

Lafayette Parish 4-H



Enroll in 4-H at School This Year

(Re-)Enrollment will be done electronically through 4-H Online. We successfully transitioned to this enrollment, program management, and event management platform last year. Whether a Member is logging in to manage their record, a Volunteer Leader is completing their training or screening requirements, or a parent is viewing the 4-H program's online event calendar, 4-H Online will bring the Louisiana 4-H community together and keep everyone involved. 4-H Online is fully encrypted; Member and Volunteer information is safe, backed up continuously, and fully secured. You need to join by **October 14th** to make sure you are on the mailing list for the upcoming shows entry forms.

1. More information will be shared, including on www.facebook.com/lafayette4h.com in the next few weeks, by September 1st.
2. All Members previously enrolled through 4-H Online last year will receive detailed instructions on re-enrollment.
3. Choose one project. **If you choose an animal project, you may choose more than one book.**
4. All 4th graders must select the "Discovering the World of 4-H" project.
5. All 5th graders must select the "Exploring the World of 4-H" project.
6. Pay your dues. Check with your school club leader for dues amount and due date.
7. If there is a 4-H club at your school, you must be a Member of that club.
8. **If you plan to participate in livestock or shooting sports, please complete enrollment in 4-H Online as soon as possible; if you are new, please call our Lafayette Parish 4-H Office for program details.**

New Livestock Exhibitors

Are you aware of new livestock Exhibitor families that is interested in exhibiting livestock, please contact us? They will need to contact our office to give us their contact information, school, grade, and species of interest so they can get important livestock information. The 1st Year Exhibitor Meeting (beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine, and poultry) will be Monday, September 26th at 6 p.m. Please contact Mr. Paul at pbongarzone@agcenter.lsu.edu to receive a new Exhibitor packet and further details.

Livestock Advisory Meeting – October 3rd at 6 p.m.

Our next livestock advisory meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3rd. All livestock Exhibitors and their families and Volunteers are invited to attend and help us plan for the upcoming show season. Some of the topics we will discuss include Lafayette Parish show planning, sale, and sale buyer's function. These meetings are open to all interested livestock families.

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Dates to Remember:

September 26th – 1st Year Exhibitor Meeting

October 3rd – Livestock Advisory

November 7th – Beef and Dairy Commercial Heifer, Market Lamb, Commercial Ewe, Market Goat, and Commercial Doe Validation Due to 4-H Office

December 2nd – Market and Commercial Swine Validation Due to 4-H Office

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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 2022-23 validation fee is **\$7 per validation**. This fee should be collected from Exhibitors when they submit their validations to our Lafayette Parish office. All submitted checks must be made out to **“Livestock Show Office”**.

2023 Parish, District, and State Shows

August 15th: Market Steers

November 7th: Registered Breeding Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, and Exhibition Poultry

November 7th: Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers

November 7th: Market Lambs & Commercial Ewes

November 7th: Market Goats & Commercial Does

November 14th: Miniature Cattle

December 2nd: Market & Commercial Swine

December 2nd: Breeding Swine

Broilers must be possessed 1 day after being hatched (must order with parish/state depending on show)

Validation Hardship Statement

If you are inquiring about who should apply for possession hardships, it applies to anyone that is housing animals in a location other than the Exhibitor’s residence referred to as “Off Premise Housing.” Any animals being housed anywhere other than the Exhibitor’s primary residence will need to complete a Possession Hardship Form for review and approval. You will find attached the policy which outlines the process for applying for Off Premise Housing hardships. All hardships originate on the parish level with either the FFA advisor or the parish 4-H Agent. Exhibitors should submit a completed and very detailed hardship form for initial review and approval on the parish level.

Any hardships specifically pertaining to validations, **MUST** be submitted through the parish Agent to the District and/or State Show Managers 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 filed 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.

Most importantly, Exhibitors should apply and receive approval for off premise housing prior to animals being purchased and prior to possession date for the specie being exhibited. Until the possession hardship form is approved at all three levels (parish Agent or FFA advisor and Parish Chairman or School Principal, District Show Manager, and State Livestock Show Manager), it is **NOT APPROVED**.

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 2022-23 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show catalog when available or consult the Livestock Show Manager for specific possession rules.
2. Exhibitors should request validation kits from Agents and ag teachers 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 envelope 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(s). Agents/ag teachers MAY be present and can assist.
4. Animals previously tagged for the 2022 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 Exhibitor’s name or in family name (Family consists of parents, legal guardians, brothers, and sisters). **When official entry forms are submitted 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.**

Change in Email or Mailing Address?

If you do not receive our livestock e-mails or have a change in email address or physical address, please update your profile in 4-H Online. Waiting too long to enroll or update your data may cause you to miss important deadlines! Livestock electronic communications may arrive in your spam or junk email folders, so please monitor. You may contact our office at 337-291-7090 should you have questions.

Livestock Species Directory 2023 Show Season

Have questions about your specie? Each specie will have a lead agent and two adult volunteers that serve as specie reps. The livestock Exhibitor families will be electing a second specie rep. to those listed below and the results will be available by the next livestock advisory meeting on October 3rd; specie reps. serve a two-year term. Livestock Exhibitors and families are encouraged to reach out to their species reps. with questions.

Beef and Dairy Cattle

Lead Agent: Paul Bongarzone pbongarzone@agcenter.lsu.edu
Specie Rep: Lacey Guilbeaux: laceyeguilbeaux@yahoo.com

Sheep and Goat

Lead Agent: Paul Bongarzone pbongarzone@agcenter.lsu.edu
Specie Rep: Jessica Granger: jessvader36@yahoo.com

Swine

Lead Agent: Nicole Gerard ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu
Specie Rep: Tyson Blanchard: ltblanchard@yahoo.com

Poultry

Lead Agent: Nicole Gerard ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu
Specie Rep: Jason Boudreaux jamericanglass@aol.com

State Fair of Louisiana

State Fair of Louisiana will be October 27th – November 13th. The schedule and premium catalog with all details can be found through the link provided: <https://www.statefairloisiana.com/events/2022/2022livestockshow>

The deadline to submit entries is September 30th; late entry submissions after this date will be assessed a fee. If you submit entries, please let us

know! If you do not inform us, we will not know that you are showing; therefore, we will be unable to send a school excuse. Please email Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu by **Friday, October 7, 2022** with the species you are showing at the State Fair so that she can send your school excuse. School excuses will only be sent for the days your species is needed at the show.

Parish Animal Recruitment

As a part of the Lafayette Parish Livestock Sale, the parish animal is a long-standing 4-H tradition where an individual Exhibitor/family raises an animal to benefit the livestock program. The money raised from the sale of this donated animal helps to offset the entire show expenses for the 4-H livestock program. Numerous buyers buy the animal and give it back to continue to re-sell. The selling of this animal allows the program to fund awards and events throughout the year. If this were not in place, we would have to conduct several fundraisers, increase entry fees, etc. to cover the thousands of dollars raised from this auction. This is the culmination of families and the community working together as a team for the program.

The Exhibitor donating the parish animal is usually a high school senior that has been involved in the program for several years. We are still trying to secure an Exhibitor family that would be willing to volunteer an animal for the 2023 show. It could be any specie animal and it does not have to be a senior. If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact us at 337-291-7090 for more details.

Student Farmers Certification

4-H'ers can be exempt from some expenses associated with the livestock project. 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. Access the form at [https://revenue.louisiana.gov/TaxForms/1098\(7_22\)F.pdf](https://revenue.louisiana.gov/TaxForms/1098(7_22)F.pdf) and return to our office for appropriate signature(s).

4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECTS HARDSHIP POLICY AND GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the youth livestock/horse 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 the 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 livestock and horse 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.
- B. Youth (4-H or FFA Member) should do the majority of 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 - 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 to 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 Lambs; Breeding Sheep; Market Goats; Breeding Goats; Dairy
 - 3. November 1 - Market Steers
 - 4. June 1 – Horses

Category III - 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 can not 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 (i.e., 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 due to 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.

2. Exceptions at the State Show:

- a. Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to show in class and in the championship drive only if the Exhibitor cannot show due to illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family. The State Livestock Show Manager and/or Show Superintendents shall approve or disapprove these requests.
- b. Academic conflicts (School Test, Academic Contest, ACT, etc.) will be considered for the State Show.
- 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/State Livestock Show Leader. Hardships requiring Management Council approval should be routed through the State Livestock Show manager.

DECISION MAKING RESPONSIBILITY:

District Livestock Show Manager / State Livestock Show Leader shall have the responsibility and authority to approve or deny hardship request.

Hardships falling outside the hardship guidelines may be recommended by the District Livestock Show Manager / State Livestock Show Leader to the Management Council for consideration.

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Management Council shall have the final authority on all hardships; they will also have authority to approve or deny request that are not defined in the guidelines.