McLennan County Livestock Newsletter

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2023 State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Validation

For the 2023 State Fair animals we will validate them on June 27th at the West Auction Barn exact time TBA. This will be for all State Fair market and breeding Sheep & Goats. Remember these tags are also good for all the spring majors and county show this year too. If you have issues or conflicts, please contact the validation committee

prior to June to make arrangements.

2023 State Fair of Texas & HOTFR Swine Validation

For the 2023 State Fair animals we will validate them on June 27th at the West Auction Barn exact time TBA. This will be for all State Fair market and breeding swine, as well as breeding gilt for Heart O' Texas Fair. If you have issues or conflicts, please contact the validation committee prior to June to make arrangements.

2023/2024 Major Show Steer & Heifer Validation

Major Show Steer & Heifer Validation will be held at the following dates and locations. Times will be sent at a later date. Remember new this year all heifers must physically tagged so we will have to unload them and run them through the chute at validation to put tags in them so please plan accordingly

- June 19th in Bruceville Eddy at Boyd Williams
- June 27th at West Auction Barn

If you have issues or conflicts, please contact the validation committee prior to June to make arrangements.

Scholarships

McLennan County GO Texan Scholarship due April 15th

To apply click link: <u>https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2023/01/2023-McLennan-</u> County-Go-Texan-Scholarship-Application-Fillable.pdf

McLennan County 4-H Adult Leaders Scholarship- Due to Extension Office by April 3, 2023

To apply click link:

https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2023/01/2023-Adult-Leaders-Scholarship-

Fillable.pdf

Steers

Validation- June 19th at Boyd Williams & June 27th at West Auction Barn MCJLS Only Validation- September

<u>Heifers</u>

Summer Validation – June 19th at Boyd Williams & June 27th at West Auction Barn

Fall Tag Orders Due- August

Fall Validation

Sheep & Goat

State Fair Validation – June 27th at West Auction Barn 2024 Major Tag Orders Due- August 2024 Major & MCJLS Validation- October

<u>Swine</u>

State Fair Validation – June 27th at West Auction Barn 2024 Major Tag Orders September 2024 Major Show & MCJLS Validation

Broilers

State Fair orders due by May 15th Major Show Orders due MCJLS only Orders du

Turkeys

Major Show Orders due MCJLS Only Orders due

Rabbits

MCJLS Breed Date MCJLS Validation

Show Entry Information

Fall Major Show entry deadlines
 West Texas State Fair- July 18th
 Heart O' Texas Fair & State Fair of Texas- August 2nd
 Spring Major Show entry Deadline
 All Major Shows (Ft. Worth, Odessa, San Angelo, San Antonio, Elite, Houston & Austin) Due November 8th

2024 MCJLS- Entries due December 5th

All tag order forms can be found at the following link: https://mclennan.agrilife.org/links/4-h/4-h-projects/livestock-news/

Major Show Judges

2023 State Fair of Texas

Mkt Steers- Kyndal Reitzenstein Mkt Lambs- Steve Sturtz Mkt Goats- Skylar Scotten Mkt Swine- Maverick Squires Broilers- Bryce Leopold

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2023 PROGRAM DATES

PHASE I

Poultry Ambassador Short Course Texas A&M University: June 19-22, 2023 Equine Ambassador Short Course

Texas A&M University: June 22-25, 2023 Livestock Ambassador Short Course Texas A&M University-Kingsville: June 26-29, 2023 Texas A&M University: July 17-20, 2023 West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University: July 24-27, 2023 National Livestock Ambassador Short Course Texas A&M University: July 10-13, 2023

Applications will be available online at www.texasyouthlivestock.com

PHASE II

Texas 4-H Capitol Leadership Experience February 27-28, 2023 *Invitation Only*

> Advocacy Academy June 12-14, 2023

International Experience August 2-12, 2023 *Tentative*

Ambassador Mentors All Short Courses & Advocacy Academy

Applications will be available via email Open: March 1, 2023 | Close: May 15, 2023



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National 4-H Livestock

Ambassador Program

Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program



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Houston Livestock Show

Breeding Gilts

Karly Willenborg- 5th place Duroc Aubrey Barak- 6th place Poland China & 4th place Spot

Breeding Sheep

Wyatt Scoggins- 3rd place Dorper Calee Scoggins- 5th place Dorper Wyatt Jager- 1st, 2nd. & 2nd White Dorper Lucille Niles- 6th place Southdown

Breeding Heifers

Harris Kelly- 5th place Chianina Kate Swain- 6th place Shorthorn Ellie Swain- 3rd place ORB Elizabeth Caffey- 4th place Maine Paisley Groschke- 2nd place Maine Jacob Fulp- 12th place Charolais Savannah Kelly- 17th place Charolais Hannah Ivy- 11th place Charolais Emily Fulp- 9th place Charolais Emma Caffey- 3rd place Charolais Lexi Huse- Reserve Division Charolais Duke Groschke- 2nd place Charolais Hayleigh Gerik- 4th place Charolais Laken Schill- 7th place Charolais Keston Gerik- 13th place Red Angus Emily Minchew- 6th place Polled Hereford Maysen Holland- 8th place Polled Hereford Quinnlan Dieterich- 4th place Hereford Kennedi Gordon- 3rd place Hereford Paytyn Welle- 3rd place Grey Brahman Heston Sauls- 4th place Grey Brahman Sophia Davis- 3rd place Red Brahman Keen Swaner- 3rd place Red Brahman Aubrey Johnson- 4th place Beefmaster Aiden Smith- 5th place Simbrah Randee Freeze- 5th place Simbrah Ross Donaho- Reserve Division Brangus

Market Swine

Kolt Austin- 6th place Chester White Jorgia Whitt- 6th place Other Cross Taylor Gohlke- 6th place Yorkshire Rachel Smith- 7th place Other Cross Katie Willenborg- 9th place Other Cross

Market Goat

Caiden Meurer- 7th place Emma Mutina- 2nd place Raelynn Ward- 9th place Clegg Bays- 8th place

Market Sheep

Emma Mutina- 13th place Southdown Raelynn Ward- 1st place Medium Wool Madison Mutina- 9th place Medium Wool Taylor Gohlke- 6th place Medium Wool

Market Steer

Paisley Groschke- 4th place ABC **Poultry**

Owin Boe

Owin Boehme- 33rd place Cockerls Jared Ray- 42nd place Turkey Hen

Rodeo Austin Livestock Show Breeding Heifers

Ross Donaho- 2nd place Brangus Lexi Huse- 3rd & 1st place Charolais Emma Hardin- 2nd & 3rd place Charolais Hannah Ivy- 2nd place Charolais Hayleigh Gerik- 3rd place Charolais Kimber Fuessel- 3rd place ORB Karsen Fuessel- 3rd place ORB Aiden Smith- 3rd place Simbrah

Market Goats

Landry Hollingsworth- 1st place Raelynn Ward- 2nd place Clegg Bays- 6th place

Market Lambs

Madison Mutina- Reserve Southdown Addison Coleman- 4th place Southdown Raelynn Ward- 2nd place Medium Wool

Market Swine

Karley Willenborg- 3rd place Yorkshire

HOW TO HANDLE SPRINGTIME SHEDDING

Springtime. The trees grow new leaves and the yard sprouts fresh blades of grass, but did you know your calf is growing a new coat too? No matter if you have just purchased that new show steer, new show heifer, or preparing for the second show season with your current heifer, getting that winter coat and baby hair off is an important step to remember.

In order for your calf's new hair to grow in healthy and shiny for show season, it's important to begin a daily shedding regimen — usually around March or April. Body clipping isn't necessary for the removal of dead hair; all you need is a highquality shedding comb. While most of the calf's body will shed a lot of hair that will need removed, never use a shedding comb on the legs, tailhead or flank hair because this hair is hard to grow back. If you do choose to body clip one to remove the hair remember to leave the belly, legs, and tail head hair.

When using your shedding tool, brush your calf in the direction of hair growth to remove the dead hair. Brushing against the direction of hair growth with a sharp tool could damage or remove healthy hair. We recommend a livestock shedding comb because the rounded tips of the teeth will not get caught or pull out the good healthy hair yet the evenly spaced teeth ensure the dead hair follicles get removed (Side note: These comb is great for dogs too!). The non-slip rubber grip is also a great safety feature. Sullivan's and Weavers both make a version of this comb that works really well.

When you comb your calf every day, your chances of having the best coat come show season go way up! Be sure to continue your daily rinsing/washing and drying routine during and after shedding and throughout show season for the best







Some people are born with the natural ability to pick out quality show livestock. Others develop the talent over time. Regardless of your current skill level, one thing that can help young livestock exhibitors trying to pick out their next show lamb prospect is to find out what the lamb's parents look like and what past winners those genetics have produced. "The key is to ask the breeder to see that lamb's mom and to possibly see that lamb's dad while you are there on the farm, get as much information as you can about those pedigrees, study those pedigrees and find out what those bloodlines have produced in the past. A lot of predictability is based on past performance – ask about the mom's track record," said Sam Silvers, BioZyme[®] Inc., Area Sales Manager in West Texas. Silvers has raised and placed numerous winning lambs for exhibitors at the Texas majors and across the U.S.

After you know the past performance of the lamb's sire and dam, Silvers offers advice on three phenotypic factors an exhibitor should look for in a prospective show lamb.

1. Structure. Make sure the lambs are level hipped and run up hill. As for neck placement, make sure they have a smooth shoulder, and their neck comes out of their blades right. Make sure they are correct on their feet and legs; they should not toe in or toe out or hock in or hock out. Structure – as for most species – needs to be of upmost importance.

"Take time and look at them. If there is one you are really interested in, ask the breeder to put it in a separate pen by itself to make sure there are no structural issues. It is hard to evaluate structure in a pen of 50 lambs or when they set it up on a profile," Silvers said.

2. Muscling. Although it can be challenging to look for muscle when lambs are so little, you can still get an idea of muscle shape and mass from their rack shape. Is there a groove running down its back? That is a good indicator of muscle shape. Silvers said one of the biggest indicators of future muscle is from the size and shape of the lamb's forearm. He also encourages prospective buyers to handle the lamb over its rack, loin and through its leg, to gauge muscle. Especially if you are at a sale, handling is a good way to determine true muscle versus condition, as some consignors like to add extra "bloom" to make sure their lambs look their best on sale day. Although you don't want a lamb that is too green, buying one early on that is heavy in its finish is not good either.

3. Bone. In the show ring, it is important to make sure that lambs are heavy-boned and stand on a big foot. Bone can also be an indicator of future growth and performance.

Once you know the past performance of the lamb's parents, and have evaluated structure, muscling and bone, Silvers said there are just a few more things to look for when selecting your show lamb prospect. Make sure the lamb is not overly parrotmouthed or has issues with coccidia or pinkeye. It is always best to have open dialogue with the breeder you are buying lambs from. Ask if the lamb is current on its shots for deworming, overeating, tetanus and if it has been treated for cocci. Finally, Silvers reminds lamb shoppers to have a budget and stick to a budget that is in-line with the goals established. He said there is no need to go over budget for any show.

"There's a lot of sheep out there. If the first one you like is not within your budget or your means, go somewhere else. Or ask that breeder if they have something within your budget. Find a breeder that you feel comfortable with that is willing to work with you," Silvers said.

Now that you've selected and purchased your show lamb projects and brought them into your barn, it's time to start working on a nutrition management plan. To get them started right, you want to keep them eating and drinking every day. Once you get your show lambs home, introduce them to Vita Charge[®] Liquid Boost[®] in their water. Liquid Boost supports digestive health and promotes feed and water intake during times of stress and recovery. It contains Amaferm[®], a precision-based prebiotic that is research-proven to combat stress by supporting the animal's own immune system, significantly increasing intake and nutrient utilization. Liquid Boost can be added to water or mixed in with feed. It's also a good idea to give them a dose of Vita Charge Paste, even before you haul them to your barn, as a way to help them cope with the stress of transportation and a change in their environment.

Another way to make sure your lambs get the Amaferm advantage every day is to add Sure Champ[®] Spark[®] to their diet. Sure Champ Spark is a pelleted supplement that continues to drive appetite. Both the Sure Champ and Vita Charge Liquid Boost also contain MOS to trap bad bacteria, limiting their ability to do harm to the gut.

There are many approaches to halter breaking but we've found that there are some key mistakes to avoid.

1. Keep them from getting their head away from you.

Let's be honest, a halter on a calf is a great big bluff. You may weigh all of 90 pounds while your calf weighs 650. If they really want to or learn to get away, they will. The key is to trick them into thinking they can't get away. One way of accomplishing this is to keep control of their nose. If a calf gets his head down and away from you, only Superman will have the strength to get control again. When they are trying to avoid leading, they will sometimes drop their heads, hug a fence or try to run through you. All of these are horrible habits that you can't allow. Out smart your calf and learn to anticipate what he is going to do before you allow it to become a problem. For example, if he leans toward or rubs on the fence as you lead him, keep pulling or pushing him away until he figures out where you'll allow him to walk comfortably.

2. Don't lead him too close to his head at first.

Cattle get intimidated when you are too close to their heads before they are used to it. Unlike dogs, cats or horses, cattle don't really like you to touch their heads, especially when you are first handling them. Your local county weigh in is the best place to see this in action. There is a kid's dad leading his calf with a 10 foot rope that's covered in mud, leather gloves and a death grip on the halter. The calf is green broke at best and it becomes a big wrestling match. The dad "leads" the calf down the alley. As the calf speeds up, so do the feet of the guy leading him. The dad has no leverage on the calf. If he'd just get back on that rope, he'd give the calf a little time to process what is happening. Plus, as long as the calf doesn't get his head down and away, he has more leverage. Think about it from the calf's perspective: There is a guy hanging on my face and as I try to move away, he stomps his feet while running toward me and scares me more.

3. Don't use a rope that is too thin when halter breaking.

Frank makes halter breaking halters out of thicker rope than what we use later on. When you tie them up for the first few times, they will pull against the rope. Depending upon how stubborn they are, they may lay back on the rope for quite some time. They can break their ears or develop nasty lumps under their jaws if you use a regular rope halter during this stage.

4. Don't start out tying them up with heads to high

When we first put halters on babies, we like tie them in a narrow ally with heads level to allow them to get used to the halter and being tied. We do this for several days for 2-3 hours at a time. Once they stop fighting the halter, we will take them out of the ally and continue to tie head level until the become comfortable with this and then we will transition to tying their heads higher.

5. Don't just tie and leave them alone

While calves are tied up we like to work to desensitize them, we will scratch on them with a show stick, we will use blow dryer on them, and comb on them to help get them used to these different things. Go slow and don't rush things, this is all new to them and some take longer to adjust than others.







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| | | | October 2023 | | | | |
| 1 HOTFR Scholarship Steer Show-8am | 2 HOTFR Premium Steer Show- 8am | 3 SFT Broiler Arrival- 6-8am Broiler Sith Sam | 4 SFT Wave 3 swine a m ival- 4.7am Swine Check in: 8.11am | 5 SFT Mitt Steer Show- 8am Met Suize Show-0am | 6 HOTFR Lemb Annuel-Bann-1pm Lemb Check in - 10am-2em | 7 HOTFR Scholarship Lamb Show-Bam | |
| SFT Mit Gost Arrive- 6-11am Mit Barrow Show- 9am Mit Gost Check In- 11am-2pm | SFT Ware 2 Swine Arrine- 4-7 am Swine Check in- 8-11 am Mit Goet Show- 8am | Mkt Barrow Show- gam Steer Arrival- 10am-5pm | | | m-3pm 4pm | SFT Prospect Steers Classify 8am Steer Showamanhip- 11am Steer Shwo- 3pm (american & British) | |
| 8 HOTFR Premium Lamb Show-Bam Breeding Sheep Arrive- 5-Bam Steer Show-Bam Breeding Sheep Check in-9am- 12pm | 9 HOTFR Gost Arrivel-8-11sm Gost Check in - 10sm-12pm Wether Doe Show - 1pm Gost Showmanship- efter Doe show SFT Amirel- Breakman & Simbrah-5-11sm Ladjing Contest in - 11sm-2pm Jungjing Contest 1: 30pm Jungjing Contest 1: 30pm | 10 HOTFR Scholarship Goat Show-Sam FarAM- Simbrah & Brakman show-8am Breeding Sheep Show-9am | FR ium Goat Show-Sam r showmanship- Sam Brahman & reh Show | FR e Amiral-10am-3pm e Check in-11am-4pm e Showmanship-5pm s Speaking r Amiral-1-5pm (beefmaster, pus, Red Brangus, Gert, ARB) | FR and GH Show- Sam and GH Show- Sam bred GH Show- following and Snot Check in-5-11am Anval- Samnoon (beetimester, Anval- Samnoon (beetimester, Areck in-14pm Check in-14pm | 14 HOTFR Scholarship Swine Show- 8am FarAm breeding Goat Show-9am ParAm Heifer Show- noon Beefmaster & Brangus | |
| 15 HOTFR Premium Swine Show-8am SFT Youth thereding Goet Show-8am Red Branque & Gert Youth Heiter Showmanship | 16 SFT Wether Dam & Doe Arrival: 5-8em Wether Dam & Doe Arrival: 5-8em Hether Dam & Doe Check In: 9-11am Wether Dam & Doe Shommenship- 3em | 17 SFT Wether Dam & Doe Show- 9am | 18 SFT Heifer Amval- 11am-2pm (Angus, Char, Chi, Hereford, Limi, Mäine, P. Hereford, R. Angus, Shorthom, Simi, & ORB) | 19 SFT Heifer Arrival- 7-11am (Angus, Char, Chi, Heneford, Llmi, Maine, P. Heneford, R. Angus, Shorthom, Simi, & ORB) Simi, & ORB) Heifer Check in- 11am-2pm Beneding Gitt Arrival- 10pm-12am | 20 SFT PanAM Heiter Show-Bam- Angus, R. Angus, Heretord, P. Heretord, Gitt Check in- 11am-1pm Gitt Showmanship-4pm | 21 SFT ParAM Git Sow- 8am Heifer Show-Chi, Limi, Maine, Heifer Show-Chi, Limi, Maine, Angus, 8. Hereford Youth Purebred Gill Show- 3pm | |
| 22 SFT Heifer Show-Bam- Char, Simi, ORB, P. Hereford, R. Angus, Shorthom Crossbred Gilt Show-Bam | 33 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 21 | 28 | |
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Fall Major Show Calendar

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Jackpot Shows



16th Annua TEAGUE YOUNG FARM MEMORIAL BASH LAMB & GOAT SHOW Saturday May 27th, 2023 SCHEDULE SHOWMANSHIP **ENTRY FEES** 8am - Scales Open RING A: \$30 \$5 at the gate 9am - Weight Cards & RING B: \$30 Peewee is Free Entries Due Prizes in both rings 10am - Show begins with Buckles in Ring B Showmanship **Must show in Ring A JUDGES to show in Ring B** JIMMY KEY BRAYDEN HAWKINS W.L. Moody Reunion Grounds CONSSESSIONS East HWY 84 Fairfield, Texas MI MESA FMI Thomas Cannon (903) 879-5786 or Cory Shaw (254) 747-2430 KAUFMAN FFA FFA ALUMNI RESENTS 2023 OVERALL WARD HEIFERS **4** Breed Forma STEERS: ision Form 29 APRIL Format KAUFMAN CO. FAIRGROUNDS SHOWMANSHIP BUCKLES SHOWMANSHIP - \$10 HEIFERS, STEERS AND PIGS REGISTRATION: 7-9AM | \$35 ENTRY FEE SHOWS BEGIN AT 10:00AM CONTACTS: BRANDON BUSBY (972) 849-0165 | JIM HOWELL (469) 719-0440 AMY QUINN 214] 533-8199



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SHOWMANSHIP: PEEWEE, JUNIOR (3-8th), SENIOR (9-12th)

SHOW LOCATED AT 201 E SEVENTH ST, CLIFTON, TX 76634

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<u>Upcoming Events:</u> Tag Order Deadlines:

State Fair Broiler Orders-May 15th

Validation Dates: Steers- June 19th & 27th

Heifers- June 19th & 27th

State Fair animals- June 27th

Show Entry Dates

West Texas Fair Entries-July 18th

State Fair & Heart O' Texas Fair Entries- August 2nd

Show Dates

2023 State Fair of Texas

September 29th - October 22nd -Mkt Lamb- 9/29-9/30 -Mkt Goat- 10/1-10/2 -Mkt Steer- 10/3-10/5 -Mkt Swine Wave 1-9/30-10/1 Wave 2 -10/2-10/3 Wave 3- 10/4-10/5 -Poultry-10/3 -Heifers Brahman& Simbrah- 10/9-10/11 All other Americans- 10/12-10/15 Exotic & British- 10/18-10/22 -Breeding Sheep & Goat Registered Sheep- 10/8-10/10 Wether Dam- 10/16-10/17 Wether Doe- 10/16-10/17 -Breeding Gilt- 10/19-10/22 2023 Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo

September 27th- October 15th

- Heifers- 9/27-9/29
- Steers- 9/30-10/2
- Lamb- 10/6-10/8
- Goat- 10/9-10-11
 - Swine- 10/12-10/15

2023 West Texas State Fair September 7-16, 2023 2023 Brazos Valley Fair October 13-22, 2023

2024 Sandhills Livestock Show January

2024 MCJLS

2024 Ft. Worth Livestock Show January 12th- February 3rd

2024 San Antonio Livestock Show February 8-25, 2024

2024 San Angelo Livestock Show

2024 Elite Gilt Showcase

2024 Houston Livestock Show February 27- March 17, 2024

2024 Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

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