



Evangeline Parish 4-H Livestock Lagniappe

STATE FAIR ENTRIES DUE:

August 25 in the 4-H Office, Ville Platte. Entries will be submitted to State Fair before the September 7 deadline. If an entry is not returned in a timely manner, the exhibitor may contact the state fair and submit entries and fees directly to the State Fair.

Items due:

- 1) Open and Junior Entry Form
- 2) Open and Junior Animal Summary
- 3) Copy of Registration Papers
- 4) Payment for Entry Fee (No Cash Please)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 11, 2008 Evangeline Beef Classic
 Oct 23 - Nov 9, 2008 .. State Fair of Louisiana
 Jan 22 - 24, 2009 Evangeline Parish Show/Sale
 Feb 1 - 7, 2009 Southwest District Show
 Feb 14 - 21, 2009 LSU State Livestock Show

EXHIBITOR/PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and/or parent to understand and follow the State Fair of Louisiana and the LSU Livestock Show rules. If there are questions on the understanding of rules, call the 4-H Office and we will be glad to assist you. If you are new to the livestock program, we will meet with you to review rules and guidelines.

The State Fair of Louisiana Catalog can be obtained at:
www.statefairloisiana.com/livestock.html The LSU Livestock Show Catalogs can be obtained on the LSU AgCenter Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com (2009 catalog is not presently available). If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy, call the 4-H Office and we will assist you in obtaining a copy.

POSSESSION DATES FOR LA State Fair

Market Steer May 10, 2008
 Commercial Heifer July 10, 2008
 Market Lambs July 10, 2008
 Market Swine August 10, 2008
 Market Goat July 10, 2008
 Beef, Dairy, Breeding Sheep & Goats .. July 1, 2008
 Beef & Dairy born after Jan1 August 15, 2008

POSSESSION DATES FOR LSU State Livestock Shows

Market Steers September 27, 2008
 Beef Breeding November 5, 2008
 Commercial Heifers September 27, 2008
 Dairy November 5, 2008
 Market Lambs September 27, 2008
 Sheep Breeding November 5, 2008
 Market Swine December 1, 2008
 Swine Breeding December 5, 2008
 Market Goats September 27, 2008
 Breeding Goats November 5, 2008
 Commercial Ewes & Does September 27, 2008

Junior exhibitors must have animals in their possession (housed at exhibitors home or families property, backyard) and under personal daily care (and must not be in possession of a custom fitter) after possession dates. The possession requirement covers the period from the date of possession to the completion of the state show.

If any exhibitor does not have animal(s) in his/her possession based on above rule, the exhibitor must turn in a "Project Possession/Hardship Form" before possession dates (a copy enclosed with this letter). If any exhibitor is to lose possession for ANY REASON during the possession period, a Project Possession/Hardship Form is to be turned in to the 4-H Office BEFORE the situation occurs. If an exhibitor does not follow these guidelines, it could cause an exhibitor to lose eligibility to participate in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Program for one (1) year.

VALIDATION PROCEDURE
2009 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show

Steers, Beef Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does will be validated and classified at regional locations on September 23-27, 2008. Exhibitors may attend any of the listed sites to be validated. The possession date for the listed groups will be September 27, 2008. The proposed validation sites and dates will be as follows:

- Sept 23** Delhi - Northeast District Livestock Show Facility -- 4PM - 8PM
Sept 24 New Iberia-Sugar Arena -- 4PM - 8PM
Sept 25 Baton Rouge- Livestock Show Office Facility -- 4PM - 8PM
Sept 26 Lake Charles-Burton Coliseum -- 10AM - 4PM
Sept 27 Alexandria-Dean Lee Show Facility 8AM - 12PM
Sept 27 Natchitoches-Rodeo Arena -- 3PM - 5PM

- All animals must be tagged and DNA samples collected.
- Any animals previously validated for The State Fair of Louisiana that intends to be exhibited at the 09 LSU State Show will be required to attend an LSU Ag Center Validation site to be validated for the 2009 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show.
- All animal entries declaring a breed classification must be classified at the validation site attended.
- The responsibility of tagging animals and collecting DNA/hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers must be present and can assist.
- Animals must be validated in either the exhibitors name or in family name (Family consist of parents, legal guardians, brothers, and sisters.); if validated in family name when official entry forms are turned in at the parish level the animal validated must be entered in the name of the exhibitor which will show the animal at the District and State Livestock Show.
- September 27th will be the final validation; no animals except Market Swine will be validated for the 2009 LSU AgCenter State Show after completion of September 27, 2008 validation.

- All classifications at all sites will be conducted by the same three classifiers as selected by the LSU AgCenter.

PILOT PROGRAM: Market Hogs will be validated for the 2009 LSU State Livestock Show utilizing the following guidelines. Feedback from agents, ag teachers, exhibitors, parents, and other involved parties following this validation process will be collected and evaluated for future Market Hog validation procedure determinations.

Market Hogs will be validated during the week of December 1-6, 2008.

- All validations must be conducted in the presence and observed by agents/ag teachers.
- Each parish will designate a central location or central locations where market hogs will be assembled and validated.
- All market hogs must be brought to a designated location in the parish where hog will be entered.
- Only validated market hogs will be eligible to be exhibited at LSU AgCenter district and state shows.
- Hogs must be validated in the name of the exhibitor that the hog will be entered.
- The responsibility of tagging animals and collecting DNA/hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers must be present and can assist.
- Market hogs will not be officially classified at these locations; however agents/ag teachers will assist exhibitors in determining correct classification for entries.
- Agents will request tags and validation kits for market hogs from District Show Managers no later than November 1, 2008.
- December 6, 2008 will be the absolute last opportunity to conduct parish market hogs validations for the 2009 LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show.

HARDSHIP STATEMENT

District and/or State Show manager must be notified with in approximately 48 hours of the end of validation if an unforeseen emergency or act of God has prohibited exhibitor from attending validation. After contacting District and/or State Show Manager hardship forms must be immediately filed with supporting material and stating hardship. The deadline for making notifications and filing hardship are **September 29, 2008 4:30PM** for **Beef, Sheep,** and **Goat** species and **December 8, 2008 4:30PM** for **Market Hogs.** 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. (any approved hardships requiring classification will be classified as crosses.)

STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA PROCEDURES

Junior Exhibitor Entry Form and Passes Needed

- Market Animal Summary
(specie, breed, state fair tag #, La. Bred tag #, sex)
- Breeding Animal Summary
(breed, sex, name, d.o.b., reg. #, sire, dam info)
indicate Junior and/or Open entry

Open Exhibitor Entry Form:

- parent & exhibitor sign forms
- copy of registration papers; or documentation from Association indicating register ability:
- personal check to cover all fees made payable to:
Evangeline 4-H Livestock
- **Return to 4-H Office by August 25, 2008**

4-H & FFA Exhibitor Wrist Bands

- 1 pass per junior exhibitor to be worn at all times
- parents and leaders - \$10.00 each to be worn at all times
- vehicle parking pass - \$10.00

Registration Papers:

- copy needed with entries
- exhibitors name only as owner of animal
- original papers needed at fair on show day or written documentation from Association on register ability.

EDUCATIONAL AWARD TRIPS: Louisville, Kentucky and Memphis, Tennessee

Selection for the Livestock Educational Award Trip to Louisville, KY for sheep and beef will be done at the State Fair. Selection for the Dairy Award Trip to Memphis, TN will be in Baton Rouge on a different date.

Information on exhibitor and animal eligibility, registration paper requirements, specific requirements for species, dates, selection process, etc. is located on the livestock show website. Go to www.lsuagcenter.com and click on livestock; go to livestock show; then scroll to Livestock Award Trips for the needed information. For those with no computer accessibility, contact our office so we may print a copy for you.

EVANGELINE PARISH BEEF CLASSIC Beef Breeding & Commercial Heifer Show

The Evangeline Parish Cattleman's Association will sponsor a Beef Breeding, Steer and Commercial Heifer Show October 11, 2008 at the Chauncey Pitre Memorial Building in Ville Platte. Entry fee is \$15 per animal by September 26 or \$25 per animal after September 26. Showmanship fee is \$5.00 paid at entry to ring. For more information contact Todd Fontenot, Assistant County Agent (4-H) at (337) 363-5646 or Michael Fontenot, President, Evangeline Cattleman's Association at (337) 224-6898.

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