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Introduction

With the 2009 4-H/FFA Livestock shows just around the corner, there are a few last minute items that need your attention. These are very important. Please read carefully.

Each of you should have already received rules and schedules for all three of the upcoming shows. Refer to your last letter and your LSU Livestock Show catalog or the LSU AgCenter website www.lsuagcenter.com.

Please be aware of important rule changes made over the last few years that may affect you. These are detailed in your LSU catalog. Furthermore, the state show fee schedule fact sheet is attached. These fees will be collected once you arrive at the state show in Gonzales.

The Acadiana District Livestock Show programs will be available during the Parish Show. The traffic flow plan as well as the District rules and regulations will be in this program. Please remember what you entered because no additions or substitutions will be allowed!!!

Manage Show Pig Stress for Success

Stress in hogs can be caused by factors such as the presence of the stress gene (halothane), heavy muscling, restriction of feed and water, and rough handling. Stressed pigs may have a decreased appetite and go off of feed, start to have dry/flaky skin and "frayed" hair, and refuse to cooperate when handled.

Traveling to a show and the change in a hog's routine and environment can be stressful in itself, so it is important that show hogs are handled carefully and as gently as possible. This is why it is so important to practice driving them and exercising them prior to the show so that they become used to the show stick and have the endurance to withstand the duration of the show. You should try to build up to at least 20 minutes of walking a day by the time the shows start. Try to be sure that your hog doesn't get overheated.

Any abrupt changes in a hog's diet can also result in stress. So, if you are increasing or decreasing the amount of feed a hog is fed or changing feed products, do so gradually. If you have a hog on the heavy end and are concerned with it being overweight, check with your feed dealer for a holding ration, and again, make any changes in feed gradually. Also, never restrict a hog's water intake. A hog weighing 200 pounds should be drinking 2-3 gallons a day.

When using animal health products, medicated feeds, and feed additives, be sure to read labels carefully and administer these products at proper levels and during the proper phase of growth. Use muscle enhancing products such as PayLean with caution. While such products certainly have their benefits and promote faster growth, increased feed efficiency, and leaner, heavier muscled carcasses, they may result in compromised soundness.

If a hog is already heavy muscled, high protein additives such as PayLean may result in stiff muscles and joints. While a judge places great emphasis on muscling, they also want hogs that can function and walk with ease. If a hog begins to get stiff you may consider quitting feeding the additive and/or reducing their total protein consumption, but taking a hog off of the additive as well as feeding the additive for too long could result in "melting". Every hog is different, so, be sure to feed these muscle enhancing additives only if needed, only as directed, and with caution.

Parish Show Update:

Attn: Market & Breeding Exhibitors

We are asking for your help and continued support during our upcoming show and sale. The specie representatives will be in contact with their exhibitors soliciting help for our show. We will need plenty of help with the setup and cleanup of the buyers luncheon. All exhibitors and parents are asked to help beginning on Friday afternoon at 5:00PM in the Archery Building. **Remember, the whole program benefits from our sale, not just the market animal exhibitors.** Lets all do our part to have a successful livestock program.

Silent Auction

The livestock advisory board recently voted to continue implementing a silent auction at our Parish Livestock Show and Sale. It will be conducted during the Saturday events of the parish sale. We are currently soliciting a total of about fifteen (15) items (C.D.'s, feed, equipment, tack, show supplies, etc.) for this purpose. More details will be announced during our parish show. If you are willing to donate items or have questions, please contact the coordinators Patty LeBlanc at 278-0271 or Kate Guidry at 277-6077. We appreciate your cooperation and continued support for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Buyer's Social "Sweets"

The help of volunteers will be needed to make the program a success. We will need volunteers to help set-up and to make contributions for the dessert of your choice. If you like to bake, please assist us for the social or purchase a dessert for the social. Specie representatives will be contacting each exhibitor family to assist.

Message from Sale Committee

This year's sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, and you should have already begun to contact buyers. Remember, it is much easier, and more productive to solicit donations, and sell parts (one-half, one-quarter, etc.) of an animal, than it is to find a single whole animal buyer. If you did not secure your own buyer last year, and someone or a business purchased your animal **DO NOT CONTACT THAT PERSON.** These businesses have been contacted by members of the Advisory Committee, and they are continuing to make their effort.

Those businesses and individuals your family does business with are all potential donors (i.e. insurance agents, grocers, relatives, etc.). Although not very many of these examples will probably prove to be a whole animal buyer, they very likely will be able to provide you with a donation toward your project.

If you have not yet begun, start immediately getting verbal commitments from prospective donors and partial buyers. The responsibility for getting your animal sold rests squarely on your shoulders. Face to face contact is best, and we do not advocate the use of letters. Please do not be under the impression that someone will automatically be there to buy your animal.

Market Animal Exhibitors

Market animal exhibitors, have you obtained a buyer for each of your animals? Keep working. You still have time to contact buyers. Market animal exhibitors will also be required to complete and turn in their sale information sheet within 30 minutes of the conclusion of that specie show in order to make the sale. If you are showing more than two animals, remember that only two can sell.

At the conclusion of the sale, all sales are final. No additional money will be allowed to be added to any exhibitor after January 31.

Resale Animals

Parents and friends! If any of you are interested in purchasing a resale animal at our Parish Sale, you will have to contact Charles Hebert prior to the Sale. If we have not heard from you, we will assume that you are not interested. This includes the family of the exhibitor. This has become a problem in recent years, due to trying to contact everyone after the sale. This has even delayed our billing. Please let us know prior to or on **January 31** at our Parish Sale or you will not be guaranteed an animal.

Parish Arrival

You may bring tack and set up your pens/tie spaces on **Wednesday, January 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

All sheep, goats, and hogs must arrive **on Thursday, January ²⁹ from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Beef may continue to arrive on **Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

Tie/Pen Assignments & Bedding

Attached is a diagram of the tie/pen assignments. They are similar for both the parish and district shows. Assignments are based on the total number of animals entered in the Acadiana District Livestock Show.

The bedding material is already in place for the parish show. The shavings for goats, sheep and swine is the same as last year. **If you choose to utilize fresh shavings, each individual will need to furnish their own.** We must use only those pens assigned to Lafayette Parish.

Sheep & goats are housed in the swine barn because of the buyer's social being held in the sheep/goat barn.

Anyone caught using or dirtying a pen not assigned to them will be assessed a \$25 fee per pen.

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School Excuses

School excuses have been sent for the Parish and District shows. Poultry exhibitors are excused for the Parish Show **ONLY**. They were faxed and mailed to the schools this week. State excuses will be mailed following the district show. Exhibitors showing more than one specie will need to inform agents of your state show plans during the parish show.

Health Papers

Health papers will be checked upon arrival at the Parish and District Shows. For the District Show all trucks and trailers hauling livestock must report to **Cajun Dome parking lot through Gate 3 from Congress Street**. As stated in your last letter, all exhibitors are required to get their own health papers.

Exhibition bird exhibitors, remember that exhibition birds must be tested negative for "pullorum typhoid"; and all poultry must have health certificates as well. If your vet requires to have leg bands/identification call Angie to request leg bands.

Premier Exhibitor

An information letter about the premier exhibitor program was mailed out in early November to announce the Premier Programs. The parish contest will be Thursday, January 29 at 4:00p.m.

All those members that entered were mailed the specific rules for the contest in early January.

State Show Exhibitors

All exhibitors, you must indicate to the agents before you leave the District Show exactly which animals will/will not be going to Gonzales. Giving the wrong total number for Lafayette to the State Show could disqualify us from clean aisle competition, so please be accurate.

Good luck and contact us at 291-7090 if you have any questions.

Hard Work Appreciated

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped with the Barn Work Day on January 19th. Parents, we want you to know how hard your children worked that day. We were able to take down the horse stalls from the rodeo in record time and clean up more garbage than we've seen in years. These young volunteers along with the parents who were able to come proved that they are



definitely not afraid of hard work and know how to work well as team. We sincerely appreciate those of you who were able to spend the morning helping us prepare the grounds for upcoming shows.



Livestock Leadership Program

With livestock show time quickly approaching, most of you are making good progress with your projects but we realize some of you, especially our newer exhibitors, still need a little help. With this in mind, we are working to implement a new Livestock Leader Program in Lafayette Parish. The program will operate in the following manner.

1. The Livestock Specie Representatives and Junior Rep's will coordinate the program. They have been working with us to recruit potential Project Leaders (older, experienced 4-H'ers, 4-H Livestock alumni, leaders, etc.) And to locate younger inexperienced 4-H'ers who need help.
2. Livestock Project Leaders are adults, alumni or youth who help exhibitors with their projects. This help includes everything related to showing livestock including weighing animals, teaching showmanship, livestock show questions, or educating others about animal health and nutrition, etc. This does not include family members helping other family members (example: sister helping brother or parent helping son/daughter). We are encouraging this wholeheartedly as this is an example of good sportsmanship and brotherhood, especially in a time when the world needs as much of this as possible.
3. If you are interested in becoming a project leader, or you are already doing some of this work, call us at the 4-H office and we will put your name on the project leader list. Your name will be on a list of possible people to contact for livestock help. If you want help with your livestock project, do not hesitate to contact these volunteers.

CATTLE

Specie Representatives

Tommy Clark - 873-3300

Tracey Deville - 322-6459

Youth Representatives

Niki Dutile

Dru Broussard

SWINE

Specie Representative

Joel Guidry— 896-7264

Harold Green—332-4195

Youth Representatives

Cole Guidry

Ashley Johnson

POULTRY

Specie Representative

Shawn Daspit—896-3990

Mark Simon—856-0146

Youth Representatives

Bailey Snyder

Karl Simon

GOAT

Tammy Richard—344-1410

Leah Gudiry—873-9747

Youth Representatives

Valerie Guidry

Jade Daspit

SHEEP

Specie Representative

Amber Latiolais - 896-9211

Youth Representatives

Quintin Trahan

Chelsea Trahan

Swine Grooming Rule

Please make note of the swine grooming rule in the LSU Show Catalog.

There should be no purple oil, mineral oil, baby oil, WD40, and/or other oils as well. We will allow show sheen, water, and/or water/alcohol.

If an exhibitor enters the makeup area with oil on their pig, they will be given the option to wipe it off. If they refuse, they will be excused from the makeup area and not be allowed to show. We need everyone's assistance in communicating this new rule to all our swine exhibitors and their families.

Show Time Health Review

Steve Nicholson, Retired DVM

Extension Veterinarian

What to Expect. . .

Young cattle are likely to become infected with viruses which affect the respiratory tract. Most would recover without treatment but the possibility of secondary bacterial pneumonia (shipping fever) prompts the need to treat. When pneumonia is present a full course of antibacterial treatment (3-5 days) is in order.

Antibiotic residues and slaughter withhold periods are of major concern in market steers. Treatments should be administered by an adult and a written record kept. Respiratory vaccines do not guarantee protection. Pigs are likely to encounter TGE virus (diarrhea!) and influenza virus (cough!). Vaccines are available. Pig fights may cause lameness, lacerations. Streptococcus suis meningitis may kill several pigs. Several years ago, high humidity and high temperatures produced severe heat stress in some pigs.

Lambs need overeating booster. Tetanus vaccination would have been good idea. Pneumonia must be treated promptly. Do not let lambs get into feed sacks because grain overload or "acidosis" is a common cause of death at the show.

Use of dexamethazone or other corticosteroids to "firm up" a lamb may cause severe ulceration of the abomasum (fourth stomach). Lambs that are "dried out" may later suffer water intoxication of electrolyte imbalance.

Caution Needed!!

Animals who will be returning from the show to a commercial or pure bred herd may introduce a serious disease. A two to four week period of isolation may help.

Transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE) will wreck a farrowing operation by killing most pigs under two weeks of age. The virus can travel on your boots and coveralls as well. Winter dysentery and pneumonia brought home by show cattle can be a financial hurt for dairy and beef herds. Even diseases like ringworm (fungus) and warts (virus) can spread through a herd and become more than a nuisance.

Common Questions Asked in Regards to the Parish Sale

Q. Who pays for the processing of the animal?

A. The answer to this question is to be determined by the buyer and the exhibitor, and/or parents. The majority of the time the buyer pays for the processing. In some cases, the exhibitors pay for the processing as a thank you gesture. Make sure that this is discussed prior to the animal being delivered to a slaughter house.

Q. How much does it cost to have an animal slaughtered?

A. The cost for a hog to be processed and wrapped would be approximately \$75-\$80. This would depend on the weight of the animal. A lamb or goat would cost approximately \$40-\$50, depending on the weight of the animal.

Q. How long should I wait before delivering my animal to the designated slaughter house?

A. According to the parish rules, **you should wait at least one week after the animal's final show.** This is if the animal has not been on any medication or medicated feed. In addition, the exhibitor should contact the buyer and the slaughter house to determine when would be the best time to deliver the animal.

Q. What is a withdrawal period?

A. A withdrawal period is the amount of time one should WAIT before slaughtering an animal.

Make sure to read the label on all medications. This would include medicated feed, drugs, etc.

Q. How long does it take to process (slaughter) an animal?

A. Usually a rule of thumb is no longer than 10 days. After 10 days the meat should be ready to be picked up.

Make sure that you have open communication between the slaughter house and the buyer. It is a very good suggestion that when you drop off your animal at the slaughter house, that you leave the buyers name and phone number.

Please read the enclosed Lafayette Parish Sale brochure. It should answer any additional questions in regards to the sale. This brochure can be duplicated if needed.

General Information

Market animal exhibitors, please pay close attention to minimum and maximum animal weight limits for all three shows. These have been sent to you in the November issue. It is probably a good idea to weigh your animals at least two or three times between now and the shows.

If you need a scale to weigh your lamb or hog, Lafayette 4-H and FFA scales are located at the following locations. Contact these people about borrowing a scale. (Refer to your November Barnyard Scoop for policy.)

North and East Lafayette Parish

Ron Dickerson – 896-0893

West Lafayette Parish

Allen Guidry—981-1949

South Lafayette Parish

Stan Dutile – 291-7090

Market animal exhibitors, **don't forget**, you are responsible for finding a buyer to come to our sale and purchase your animal. Begin making personal contacts with businesses and individuals **NOW!!!** Refer to the "Message from the Sale Committee" article.

This year our Buyer's Luncheon on **Saturday, January 31**, will be at **11:30 AM**. We will need parents to assist with set up, serving, clean up, etc. Please contact **Ms. Judy Green (332-5595)**.

Angola Rodeo

As requested by our 4-H members, a trip is being planned to attend the Spring Rodeo at the Angola State Penitentiary on Saturday, April 18th. All livestock and horse exhibitors and their parents are invited. We will be traveling as a group by school bus. The show begins at 2:00 p.m.

Further details will be mailed to those who pre-register. If you would like to attend, please complete the attached form and send this along with \$20 per person by Monday, February 9th.

Sincerely,

CHARLES HEBERT

Charles Hebert
County Agent
Lafayette Parish 4-H

Angie Arnould

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County Agent
Lafayette Parish 4-H

Nikki Mouch

Nikki Mouch
Assistant 4-H Agent
Lafayette Parish 4-H

LSU Vet School Open House

We would like to invite you and your family to attend a special event at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine on **Saturday, February 7, 2009!** Open House 2009 is an opportunity for everyone in the family to explore the fantastic world of veterinary medicine and the latest developments in animal health care and welfare.

It will be conducted at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine facility located at Skip Bertman Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70803 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

Our self-guided tour allows you to experience the future of veterinary medicine. So, plan a few hours to see the following demonstrations and much more!!!

Cancer Treatment Unit

Equine Treadmill

Teddy Bear Repair

Info for Prospective Students

Petting Zoo

Raptor Rehabilitation

Canine Parade of Breeds

Hildy, the Fistulated Cow

Equine Parade of Breeds

Anatomy Laboratory

Exotic Pets

Children's Wall Mural

For more information on the open house you may contact Gretchen Morgan or email her at gmorgan@lsu.edu, **Open House Chairperson** at 225-578-9900 or visit the website at http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/open_house.htm. Admission will be free and they do welcome groups. If you are interested in making a donation, they are welcomed and appreciated.

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**To
Sheep
Barn**

Jeanne D.

Kalli G.

**Michael D. &
Casey P.**

Michael D.

Ty M.

Jeanne D.

Kalli G.

Hannah R.

Lance M.

Jacob S.

Kalli G.

Lani D.

Lance M.

Jacob S.

Kalli G.

Dru B.

Logan R.

Ty L.

Kalli G.

Coy G.

Logan R.

Ty L.

Gabrielle B.

Cole G./Coy G.

Logan R.

Miles C.

Caleb B.

Cole G.

Jacob H.

Miles C.

Brandon A.

Cody S.

Gavin R.

Taylor G.

Russel L.

Taylor J.

Olivia G.

Ty T.

Niki & Jessica

Tyler L.

Brock G.

Ty T.

**To
Beef
Barn**

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