



# The Lafayette Parish 4-H Barnyard Scoop



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**Deadline for Livestock Entries: November 15th!**

## Welcome & General Information

We are ready to begin the 2008-09 Livestock Show season once again! Our records show that you have joined 4-H and enrolled in one or more of the livestock projects. **The Parish Show and Sale is January 29-31; the District Show is February 4-7; and the State Show is February 14-21, 2009.**

All 4-H'ers enrolled in the beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine and poultry projects will receive this newsletter periodically. These letters will include educational and informative information on such topics as nutrition, feeding, health, showmanship and reproduction in all species.

The title of our newsletter "Barnyard Scoop" is defined as follows: **Barnyard—Fenced area adjoining a barn; Scoop—a deep shovel or similar implement used for digging, dipping or shoveling.**

After reading the definitions, one should be able to identify the motive of this newsletter. Four-H'ers in the livestock project(s) can and are encouraged to send in articles to inform others on tips or ideas which can come from your project books or magazines.

## Mandatory Livestock Validation

The LSU Livestock Show Office has begun a mandatory validation of all market and commercial livestock.

All market goats, lambs, and steers, and all commercial does, ewes, and heifers had to be tagged and validated this past September to be eligible for the LSU Spring Livestock Shows.

All **market hogs** will be validated at Blackham Coliseum on **Friday, December 5th, from 4—7 p.m.** For more information, call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

You can send your articles to **Barnyard Scoop, Angie Arnould, 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA, 70501.** Please include your name and phone number with the article no longer than 1/4 page.

In the coming months, you will receive more livestock news from this office. You should begin to recognize our envelopes. When you receive a letter from us, be sure to open it and read the enclosed material as soon as possible. Be sure to adhere to all deadlines, regulations and follow all instructions each time you receive a letter. **Parents, be sure to read each letter your child receives.**

In addition, 4-H livestock information is printed each month in the 4-H *Hotline* which you receive at your school 4-H Club meeting. Reading the Hotline and the mail you receive from this office will keep you informed and up to date with our program. It is your responsibility to become familiar with all rules that govern the program and to keep yourself informed.

## What is the Purpose of 4-H Livestock Projects?

To **develop responsibility, dedication, decision-making, leadership, trustworthiness, sportsmanship and citizenship** through the possession and personal care of a live animal project. The youth will have many educational opportunities and activities to **learn about animal agriculture and develop life skills.** We are striving for maximum contact with animal and participation in educational activities.

Source: Livestock & Horse Premium List (Show Catalog)

## AgCenter Information

The 4-H Agents are looking forward to another exciting year with the 4-H Livestock Program. They are also very busy with monthly 4-H club meetings for over 50 4-H clubs here in Lafayette Parish. Below, you will find a list of their support and availability at upcoming livestock events.

**Livestock Home Visits** - Agents will be visiting 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year exhibitors. Other visits may be made at the request of the exhibitor's family.

**Small Animal Livestock Clinic & Mock Showmanship Competition**—Agents coordinate & host.

**Cajun Classic** - Agents coordinate Beef Clinic and assist with show.

**Livestock Sale** - Agents annually recruit & utilize parents/volunteers to assist in the billing and invoicing process.

**Parish & District Livestock Shows** - Agents coordinate along with the assistance of numerous parents/volunteers.

**State Livestock Show** - Agents will attend parts of show. Specie rep's are also available to assist.

**Barnyard Bash** - Agents coordinate with the assistance of many parents/volunteers.

We appreciate all of the volunteer efforts that make these events possible. Our program currently operates with the help of many volunteers and we thank them and hope each family will do their part to make the 4-H livestock program the best it can be!

## Champions Test Drug-Free

LSU State Show rules mandate that all champion animals be drug tested for illegal substances.

In addition, show management reserves the right to randomly drug test any animal on the grounds at the state show.

The 2008 State Show drug results all came back clean, as well as carcass inspections.



## State Livestock Show Schedule & Catalog

The LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Catalog & Schedule of Events is available on line. Exhibitors who have computer/printer access, please download and print your own copy from the website at [www.lsuagcenter.com/livestockshow](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/livestockshow).

If you do not have the capability of printing your own copies, please contact the 4-H office at 291-7090.

## Possession /Hardship Policy

Exhibitors must have animals in their possession and under their personal care (and must not be in possession of a custom fitter) after possession dates. This means that exhibitors must have their animal in possession and housed on exhibitors' family property (**owned, rented, or leased**) and must be under the exhibitor's daily care (**feeding & care**).

**IF FOR SOME REASON YOUR ANIMAL IS NOT IN POSSESSION AS INDICATED ABOVE (HOUSED ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY, ETC.) THEN YOU MUST COMPLETE THE "4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECT POSSESSION/HARDSHIP FORM" AND TURN IT IN ALONG WITH YOUR ENTRY FORMS.**

Exhibitors and parents please read the Hardship Policy attached. These are the guidelines that will govern hardships such as replacement of an injured or deceased animal, and conflicts with shows and extenuating circumstances.

## Beef News

In preparation for the spring shows, a Spring Cattle Hoof Trimming Clinic is tentatively scheduled for **January 8, 2009**. We will be sending out more details in the December newsletter.

The Cajun Classic Beef/Dairy Show will be held December 12-13, at Sugarena in New Iberia. A beef clinic is tentatively scheduled to be on the Friday night of this show.

All market steers must be shorn to not more than 1/4" on any part of the animals body, excluding the tail switch. The switch may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. All entries will be checked at time of mouthing for conformity of the 1/4" or less of hair. All steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated from competition.

Now is the time to begin thinking about beef grazing projects for the coming year. Most of you are in the process of preparing land for the rye grass. This may be the year that it will pay to carry those weaned steer calves over on rye grass. The project will begin December 1<sup>st</sup> and end in early May. If any of you are interested please contact Ms. Nikki Mouch by the end of this week for more information.

## Youth Committee Meets

The Livestock Youth Educational Committee met in September to discuss some educational activities and clinics that they would plan to assist with this year. Some of the topics that were discussed were clinics, premier exhibitor workshops, and the Farm Tour.

The Annual Farm Tour has been moved to the spring for this year. You will be receiving more information in regard to these programs in the coming months. We encourage members and parents to become involved in your program.

## Goat, Hog, Sheep Clinic

A livestock clinic for goats, hogs, and sheep will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Blackham Coliseum. This is a great opportunity for exhibitors and their families to gain more knowledge about their projects and learn how to prepare for the upcoming shows.

Purina is co-sponsoring the clinic covering topics such as feeding and nutrition, vet/health care, grooming, and showmanship. A meal is also being provided.

An optional mock showmanship competition will be held where exhibitors can receive one-on-one feedback to improve their skills, and prizes will be awarded to the top exhibitors.

3:00—4:30	Swine Clinic
3:00—4:00	Sheep Clinic
4:00—5:00	Goat Clinic
5:00 p.m.	Mock Showmanship Competition
	Show Order: Sheep, Goats, Swine
6:00 p.m.	Meal, Time for Questions

## Premier Exhibitor Rules

The rules for the Premier Exhibitor Contest will be mailed out mid-November. It will include the parish, district and state contests. Each of the programs are similar; however, they each have their unique qualities. These programs are open to different species, age groups and grade levels.

**Parish Premier Exhibitor**—Open to all exhibitors, ages 9 and older. Programs available in beef, dairy, goat, poultry, sheep and swine. **District Premier Exhibitor**—Open to all exhibitors in high school (7-12 grade) Programs available in beef, dairy, goat, sheep and swine. **State Premier Exhibitor**—Open to senior level exhibitors (9-12 grade) Programs available in beef, dairy, goat, poultry, sheep and swine.

Please read through all the rules and if you have any questions, please contact one of us at 291-7090.

**THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN ALL ENTRY (RESUME) FORMS IS December 5, 2008.**

## Advisory Committee

Advisory Committees are the key to a successful program. The committee's overall purpose is to advise and make recommendations to Extension Staff to improve the parish program. The committee should assume responsibility in assisting Extension personnel in planning, executing and evaluating programs.

We are requesting your involvement in the upcoming livestock advisory meeting. The meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 3**. It will begin at 6:00 PM in the Lafayette Parish LSU AgCenter Office. The office is located at 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, in the Lafayette Parish Government Building. Some of the items to be discussed are:

Show & Sale Set-Up & Operations; Volunteer Recruitment/Volunteer Plan; Buyer's Social; Publicity; Sale Transactions; & Educational Programs.

Specie representatives and Jr. Representatives are:

### Cattle

Tommy Clark (873-3300); Tracey Deville (322-6459); Niki Dutile (Youth Rep.); Dru Broussard (Alternate)

### Sheep

Amber Latiolais (896-9211); Quintin Trahan (Youth Rep.); Chelsea Trahan (Alternate)

### Goats

Tammy Richard (235-8541); Leah Guidry (873-9747); Jade Daspit (Youth Rep.); Valerie Guidry (Alternate)

### Swine

Joel Guidry (896-7264); Harold Green (332-4195); Jeanne Deville (Youth Rep.); Cole Guidry (Alternate); Ashley Johnson (Youth Rep)

### Poultry

Sean Daspit (896-3990); Mark Simon (856-0146) Karl Simon (Youth Rep.); Bailey Snyder (Alternate)

Lafayette County Agents and Ag Teachers serve as ex-officio members.

If any committee member is unable to attend, please contact one of us at 291-7090.

## Jackpot Livestock Shows

Here are some jackpot show livestock this year. These are the shows that **will be held** that we know of.

- ♦ **Jim Bowie** in Opelousas on **November 21-22** (beef, sheep, goat & dairy) Contact Cindy Prather at 337-945-2585 or Alison Muller at (337)948-0561.
- ♦ **McNeese Jackpot** in Lake Charles on **December 6**
- ♦ **LA 4-H Centennial Classic (sheep & goats only)** in Abbeville on **November 22nd** - Contact Hilton Waits at 898-4335.
- ♦ **Cajun Classic** in New Iberia on **December 12-13** (Beef Show Only). 337-291-7090.

# Poultry News

By selecting the poultry project when you completed the 4-H Enrollment Card, you indicated to us that you plan to show poultry at the Spring 4-H livestock shows. There are two types of poultry projects that 4-H'ers can raise and exhibit. These projects are the **exhibition bird project** and **the broiler projects**. These are discussed as follows:

## **EXHIBITION BIRDS**

Exhibition birds are purebred chickens and can be of either standard bred or bantam varieties. Exhibitors must acquire their exhibition birds by November 5.

**TO ENTER EXHIBITION BIRDS, YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE JUNIOR POULTRY SHOW ENTRY FORM**, which are due **November 15**.

Make a copy of your entry form so you can remember what you entered. Exhibition birds may be shown at the Parish Show and the State Show. The entry fee for exhibition poultry is \$2.00 per bird. An entry is limited to either two varieties of bantams or two varieties of standards or a combination of one variety of bantam and one variety of standard bred poultry.

An exhibitor may exhibit no more than 2 cocks (males over one year of age), 2 hens (females over one year), 2 cockerels (males less than one year), and 2 pullets (females less than one year) of any variety. Be sure to indicate on the form whether the birds are standard or bantam.

## **BROILERS—PARISH & STATE SHOW**

### **Parish Broilers**

Broilers are market birds which are raised for 6 weeks and judged on the quality of the meat which they will potentially produce. These chicks must be purchased through the 4-H office. The cost is **\$1.10 per chick and will be delivered on December 19th**. An exhibitor may enter a total of two pens (a pen is 3 broilers) per full order. The pens must be either all pullets or cockerels. The minimum weight is 9 pounds per pen. The Broiler entry fee is \$10.00 per pen.

### **LSU Broilers**

A separate set of broiler chicks will be purchased for the state show through the 4-H office. The cost is **35¢ per chick**. An exhibitor may enter one pen of pullets and/or one pen of cockerels. This same exhibitor may also enter standard bred and bantam poultry. (See special rules for bantam and standard bred poultry). An entry must consist of three broilers (either 3 pullets or 3 cockerels). The minimum weight per pen at the state show 9lbs.

At the state show, only pens obviously close to or under 9 lbs. will be weighed. All underweight pens of broilers will be disqualified and must be removed from the poultry barn immediately. Only birds entered and qualified for the show will be penned in the poultry exhibit area. No extra birds will be permitted in the poultry barn.

All entries in the poultry department must be leg banded with a tamper-proof band provided by the LSU livestock show, prior to entering the poultry barn at the show. These bands must be ordered from the livestock show office. Agents and FFA Advisors and teachers with broilers will need to request the bands. The entry must have been purchased through the LSU AgCenter Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, Animal Science Division and must have been grown by the exhibitor.

In order to enter broilers in the Parish and State Shows, exhibitors must complete and return the enclosed Parish & State Show Broiler Chick Order and Entry Form. Send it in along with payment (check or money order) for \$1.10 each for parish chicks and 35¢ per state chick ordered. Make check or money order payable to **Lafayette 4-H Livestock Fund**. All forms and fees are due back in the 4-H office no later than **November 12th**. **ORDERS WITHOUT FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

All exhibition poultry fees (\$2/bird/show) are due with your entry forms by November 15th for both parish and state.

All forms regarding poultry should be mailed to 4-H Poultry Show, Angie Arnould, 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA, 70501. If you have questions, contact Ms. Angie.

### **Broiler Chick Guidelines**

1. Preheat Brooder to 85-90 F (at bird height) 24 hours before birds arrive.
2. Fill feeders and waterers 1 hour before chick arrival so they'll be at the right temp.
3. Use show-type rations. Be consistent - do not switch feeds several times during feeding period.
4. Utilize a vitamin supplement in the water during days 1-3 to help chicks overcome travel stress.
5. Introduce each bird to the water and feed by placing their beak in water then in feed.
6. Monitor temperature and bird activity often during first few days to make sure no drafts or excessive heat is present.
7. Lower temperature as birds begin to feather. Optimum performance of broilers has been seen at 70-78 F.
8. Remember that chicks require a minimum of 1 square foot of space/chick.
9. Supply chicks with clean dry shavings at all times.
10. Supply chicks with clean water and feed at all times.



## Entry Form Information

Entry forms are enclosed to properly enter your animal(s) for the 2009 spring shows. **The deadline to get these forms back to the 4-H Office is November 15th.**

There will also be an entry fee of **\$10.00 per head** for both the Lafayette Parish and the Acadiana District Livestock Show.

**A fee form and a check list are enclosed for you to submit your fees along with your entries.**

Please review and follow the instructions in completing entries for the spring shows. Also, please be aware of entry fees for the state show. Entry fees for the state show will be collected when you arrive in Gonzales, except for Exhibition Poultry whose fees are due with the entries.

### ENTRY PROCESS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

1. Complete the entry check list, fee form to calculate the total amount of fees for both shows and return it to us.
2. Individual entry form **must** be completed **in its entirety** by the exhibitor and parent or guardian and returned to the 4-H agent on or before **November 15th**.
2. A **copy of the original registration paper** for each breeding animal entry **must** be returned with the entry form to the 4-H agent by the deadline. If no papers are available, refer to rule three.
3. **If an exhibitor does not have the registration paper at time paperwork is due, they must furnish a letter from the respective breed association stating:**
  - A. Full name of the exhibitor
  - B. Date of birth of the animal
  - C. Full registered name of the animal
  - D. Breed of the animal
  - E. Registration number of the animal (if possible)
  - F. Sex of the animal
  - G. Date of Sale/Transfer/Ownership
4. Each entry **must** be signed by the exhibitor **and** a parent or guardian.
5. A check or money order **must** accompany the entry forms when returned to the 4-H Office. Please make payable to **Lafayette 4-H Livestock Fund**.
6. For an exhibitor to receive a premium check, they **must** have a Social Security Number listed on their entry forms. Please note that no one other than the 4-H Agents, Secretary and the State Office will see this information, so be sure to complete this blank on the entry forms.
7. Mail entry forms to: **4-H Livestock Shows, Angie Arnould, 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA, 70501.**

**Entries received after the final deadline will have to complete a "Hardship Form" and submitted to the advisory board to receive approval.**

## Checklist - "So, what do I turn in?"

Below is a check list of forms in this newsletter to remind you what you need to submit in order to show at the Spring livestock shows.

1. 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Entry Form – required for all Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy and Goats.
2. Livestock Exhibitor Responsibility Statement—required for all Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goat and Poultry.
3. Parish & District Show Entry Fee Form – required for all Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy and Goats.
4. Junior Poultry Show Entry Form – required for all Exhibition Poultry.
5. 4-H/FFA Livestock Project Possession/Hardship Form; complete and return, only if applicable.
6. Broiler Entry Form – required for all broilers (Parish & State)



All forms, entry fees, and copies of original registration papers for breeding animals are to be turned in to the 4-H Office **no later than November 15th**. Please send all of the aforementioned to: 4-H Livestock Shows, Angie Arnould, 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325, Lafayette, LA, 70501.

## Closing Remarks

Farewell partner, till we meet on the trail again.....If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Angie or Ms. Nikki at the Lafayette LSU AgCenter, 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

*Angie Arnould*

Angie Arnould  
Associate County Agent, 4-H Youth Development  
Lafayette Parish

*Nikki Mouch*

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Assistant County Agent, 4-H Youth Development  
Lafayette Parish

### **Please Note:**

It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion or disability. If you have a disability which requires special attention for your participation in any aforementioned activity, please contact the Lafayette Parish Office at 291-7090.

## Calendar of Events

**Mark Your  
Calendar Now!**

November 10	Possession Date: Exhibition Poultry & Breeding: Beef, Dairy, Sheep & Goats
November 12	Broiler Order Forms Due
November 15	Goat, Sheep, Swine Educational Clinic, Blackham Coliseum
November 15	Spring Livestock Entries Due, 4-H Office
November 16-22	National Poultry Judging Competition, Louisville, Kentucky
December 1	Possession Deadline for Swine Breeding Animals
December 3	Livestock Advisory Board Meeting
December 5	Validation/Possession Date for Market Swine
December 12-13	Cajun Classic Beef Show & Livestock Clinics, Sugarena
December TBA (16-20)	Parish Broiler Pick-up
January 5	Showing Character Meeting, Premier Exhibitor Training, 4-H Office
January TBA (5-9)	LSU Broiler Pick-Up, 4-H Office
January 5	State Livestock Records Due, 4-H Office:
January 8	Livestock Hoof Trimming Clinic
January 15-18	Mid-Winter Fair Rodeo, Blackham Coliseum, Lafayette, LA
January 19	Showing Character Meeting, Premier Exhibitor Training, 4-H Office
January 19	M.L.K. Holiday, Barn Work Day/Show Set-Up
January 29-31	Parish Livestock Show & Sale, Blackham Coliseum (Animals arrive Thursday evening, show Friday, sale Saturday)
February 4-7	Acadiana District Livestock Show, Blackham Coliseum
February 14-21	State Livestock Show, Gonzales, LA
February 26	Livestock Advisory Mtg., 4-H Office
February 27	Parish 4-H Record Books Due, 4-H Office



### **Attachments:**

LSU AgCenter 2008 Rule Changes, Small Animal Scale Policy, Hog Classification, Hardship Policy and Guidelines, Livestock Program General Rules, Livestock Entry Check List, Livestock Fee Form, Livestock Exhibitor Responsibility/Statement And Code of Conduct, Livestock Entry Form, Exhibition Poultry Entry Form & Broiler Entry Form

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**THE LAFAYETTE PARISH 4-H  
BARNYARD SCOOP**  
**Newsletter Attachments**

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**NOTE:** All exhibitors must be a current 4-H club member in Lafayette Parish for the 2008-2009 school year. Entry forms and fee forms were mailed to members that are currently enrolled in the beef, dairy, goat, lamb, or swine projects to verify their membership.

## Approved LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show Rule Changes To Be Implemented at 2009 Show

1. Allow former Louisiana 4-H and FFA Members & Louisiana leaders (NOT PAID PROFESSIONALS) to assist exhibitors in all aspects of showing (to include grooming).
2. Adopt in the Dairy division the pilot project used in 2008, allowing the use of a signed affidavit by the current owner, Jr. Exhibitor and parent assuring that the exhibitor is in possession and has ownership of the animal for the purpose of exhibiting at the 4-H junior parish, district, and state livestock shows.
3. Announce the top 5 swine premier exhibitors at the end of the day on Friday when they announce the cross light weight division champions so that those who are finished showing and do not make the cut for top 5 can go home.
4. Allow exhibitors to show three market pigs at the State show without one having to be a barrow! St. Charles.
5. All dairy goats must be slick sheared.
6. Commercial Dairy Replacement heifers change the weight range to minimum of 150 lb and maximum of 1,000 lb.
7. No deceased birds will be judged. Entries can only receive awards for placing received prior to time of death. EX: If a pen of broilers make it to the final judging of fifteen and a bird dies in the pen during judging the pen with the deceased bird will place 15<sup>th</sup>.)
8. Require each exhibitor to be present and part of the group when their pen of birds is presented to be evaluated by the official judge.

### ***Small Animal Scale Policy***

Three small animal scales are located throughout the parish for use by any Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor. The purpose of the small animal scales is for exhibitors to have direct and equal access for weighing their current market goat, lamb and/or market swine projects. The scales are strategically located at exhibitors' homes for easy access by all exhibitors.

These families that have scales are:

**NW & West Lafayette Parish:** Dwayne Martin – Carencro High – 896-6049

**South Lafayette Parish:** Stan Dutile — 291-7090

**SW & West Lafayette Parish:** Allen Guidry—981-1949

As of now, they have agreed to:

1. Allow any Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA market goat, lamb, & swine exhibitors to use the scale, regardless of where that exhibitor may live.
2. House the scale out of the weather.
3. Allow easy access to borrowing the scale, if they are not home.
4. Inform the exhibitor of who took the scale, if the scale is unavailable.

Exhibitors who wish to use the scale must agree to:

1. Clean the scale before returning it.
2. Let the family who is housing the scale know that you have the scale and the time and day you took it (each and every time) if no one is home when you borrow it.
3. Return the scale promptly, preferably the same day or the next day.
4. Store the scale under shelter if keeping it overnight.

#### Scale Guidelines

1. The use of the scale will be strictly on a 1st Come 1st Serve basis. Exhibitors should not call to reserve the scale, but only to see if the scale is available.
2. Community weighing (or weigh chains) is encouraged over one individual weighing their own animal. If someone wants to take a scale and weigh several exhibitors' animals on a regular basis (form a weigh chain), they need to inform the person housing the scale of that fact so that others may know about the chain. Also, contact Ms. Angie at the 4-H office so that we can also publicize the weigh chain.
3. Be courteous to others! Using the parish scales is a privilege. **Private use is strictly prohibited at all times.** The scale should not be used for other activities other than 4-H/FFA projects. Depriving others of the use of the scale (or hogging the scale), is not fair and will not be tolerated. Excessive abuse of this privilege may result in a family being denied use of the scale by the Lafayette Parish 4-H office.
4. Any comments or suggestions about use of the parish scales should be directed to the Lafayette Parish 4-H office.

# Hog Classification

**All hogs must be brought to the classification area clean.**

## Market Hog Classification

- I. Hampshire
    - A. Must be black with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt must totally encircle the body with at least white hairs touching.
    - B. Must possess Hampshire Breed character (ears must be erect and not rounded).
    - C. Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead. White hair is allowed on the front of the snout surrounding the nostrils, but the white is not allowed to break the rim of the nose. This includes no white on tail.
    - D. Must NOT have any white hair above the hocks.
    - E. Must NOT have any white hair past the navel.
    - F. Must NOT have any red hair.
  - II. Yorkshire
    - A. Must be white and possess Yorkshire Breed character (ears must be erect).
    - B. Must NOT have any colored hair other than white.
    - C. All colored skin pigmentation combined cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.
  - III. Duroc
    - A. Must be red and possess Duroc Breed character (ears must be down and medium size).
    - B. Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
    - C. All black skin pigmentation combined cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.
    - D. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.
- AOB (Any Other Breed)
- I. Landrace
    - A. Must be white and possess Landrace Breed character (ears must be down).
    - B. Must NOT have any color hair other than white.
    - C. Combined skin pigmentation cannot be larger than one U.S. minted ½ dollar.
  - II. Chester White
    - A. Must possess Chester White Breed character.
    - B. Must be solid white, combined skin pigmentation other than white cannot be larger than one U. S. minted ½ dollar.
    - C. Ears must be down and medium size.
    - D. Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags.
  - III. Spotted
    - A. Must be black and white.
    - B. Must possess Spotted Breed character.
    - C. Ears must not be erect.
    - D. Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible.
    - E. No solid black head from ears forward.
    - F. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
  - IV. Poland China
    - A. Must possess Poland China Breed character.
    - B. Must be black with six white points (face, feet and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one black leg and be determined as a Poland China. Tail docking is permissible, eliminating that white point.
    - C. Must have ears down.
    - D. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation.
    - E. Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
    - F. Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering with possible ear tags are ineligible.
  - V. Berkshire
    - A. Must be black and white hog with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire Breed character.
    - B. Must have white on all four legs, face and tail (unless tail is docked).
    - C. Must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
    - D. Must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
    - E. White is allowed on the ears, but NO solid white may appear on the ears.
    - F. One occasional splash of white may appear only on the lower one-half of the body.

**NOTE:** These Market Hog Classification criteria are based on the National Swine Registry Barrow Show Classification Guidelines with a few modifications. A cross is any hog not meeting any of the aforementioned criteria.

## 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECTS HARDSHIP POLICY AND GUIDELINES

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### **OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of the youth livestock 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 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 the livestock 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. Housing at public stables or training facilities is allowed. But exhibitors are required to do a majority of the work. When horses are not housed at the exhibitor's property, the agent should be notified of the location of the horse.
- B. Youth ( 4-H or FFA member) should do most of the 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 - Registration papers on Grade Horse Certificates**

- A. Registration papers and grade horse certificates must be completed and filed with the 4-H agent or FFA advisor by April 1, 2007.
- B. Registered horses that do not have papers available will be considered.
- C. Registration papers or grade certificates not completed by the possession date because of uncontrollable circumstances will be considered.

#### **Category III - 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 for 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; Dairy.
  - 3. November 1 - Market Steers
  - 4. June 1 - Horses
- D. Exhibitors may enter multiple horse at the district show and scratch those not shown at the show.

#### **Category IV - 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 cannot 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 (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 because of 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.

#### **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. Hardships should be routed through the State Livestock Show manager.

#### **DECISION MAKING RESPONSIBILITY:**

- 1. District Show managers shall have the responsibility and authority to process and approve all hardships within the guidelines, with the exception of Category IV.
- 2. Hardships falling outside the hardship guidelines may be recommended by the District Show manager to the Livestock Show manager.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

- 1. The Livestock Show manager shall have the final approval for all hardships.
- 2. The hardship form can be found on the Livestock Show Web page at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com).

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**LAFAYETTE PARISH 4-H/FFA**  
**LIVESTOCK PROGRAM**

1. All rules and regulations in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show catalog shall be adhered to in the conduct of the Parish Livestock Program and the Parish Show and Sale unless otherwise stated in the Parish Rules and Regulations.
2. In matters not covered by specific rules and in matters concerning the interpretation of a specific rule or rules, the decisions of the 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors in charge will prevail.
3. All violators of rules and regulations governing 4-H/FFA livestock shows will be penalized. Penalties will be levied by the 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors in charge at their discretion and in relation to the severity of the violation.
4. Each exhibitor, when attending any out-of-town 4-H/FFA livestock show or activity, must have a parent or other adult responsible for the exhibitor's supervision and must indicate this to the agent in charge.
5. Each exhibitor and a parent or guardian must sign the Livestock Exhibitor Responsibility & Code of Conduct standard for all 4-H events.
6. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or of illegal drugs by exhibitors at 4-H/FFA livestock events is expressly prohibited. Violators of this rule or other rules concerning conduct will be penalized by the 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors in charge and their names submitted to school authorities for further disciplinary action.
7. Only bona fide 4-H and FFA members in Lafayette Parish will be allowed to participate in the Parish Livestock Show and Sale. To be a bona fide member, an exhibitor must reside and/or attend school in Lafayette parish and must officially enroll in 4-H or FFA in Lafayette Parish at the school or as a member-at-large during the beginning of each school year.
8. Excuses for exhibitors to miss school during certain livestock events will be sent in advance by the 4-H Agents or FFA Advisors to the appropriate school principals. However, it is the responsibility of the child and the parents to inform teachers, to check with the school office to see if the excuse has arrived and to make sure the child is officially excused before any days are missed. Exhibitors are also expected to make up any school work missed during their absence.
9. Livestock shows and tentative days for which exhibitors showing at these shows each year will be excused if necessary are listed below:
  - Sugarcane Festival – 1 day, Friday
  - Cattle Festival – none
  - Louisiana State Fair – 2 days, based on show schedule
  - Parish Show & Sale – 1 day, Friday
  - District Show – 2 days, Thursday & Friday
  - State Show – 3 days, based on show schedule and animals being shown
10. All shows and days excused are subject to change based on each respective show schedule.

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## Rules & Regulations

### Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Show

1. All rules and regulations stated in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show catalog and the General Rules and Regulations, Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Program will be adhered to unless otherwise stated.
2. All exhibitors must have possession of their animals as listed in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show catalog and must complete and return entry forms to the 4-H Agents or FFA Advisors in charge before the designated deadline date.
3. Exhibitors must show their animals at the Parish Show to be eligible to show at the District Show unless the child or animal is sick or temporarily physically handicapped or unless an explanation is submitted by the parent to the agent in charge prior to the show.
4. An exhibitor must show his/her own animal in regular classes except under conditions listed in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show catalog.
5. An exhibitor must show his/her own animal in all showmanship classes.
6. A 11:00 PM youth curfew and camper quiet time will be enforced by security on the show grounds. After that time 4-H/FFA members must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
7. All livestock animals must be housed and remain on show facilities during the entire show.
8. An exhibitor whose market animal is over or under weight will be allowed to show in showmanship at the Parish Show.
9. Weight limits for market animals for the Parish Show shall be based on those limits set by the District and State Shows. There are no longer maximum weight limits for steers and lambs but minimum limits will be enforced. For hogs both minimum and maximum weight limits will be enforced. (Exception for hogs: A 5% weight tolerance will be observed for the maximum weights. The tolerance is to compensate for any possible scale error). Current weight limits appear below:

SPECIE	PARISH		DISTRICT		STATE	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Steers	850 lbs	none	850 lbs	none	850 lbs	none
Lambs	80 lbs	none	80 lbs	none	80 lbs	none
Goats	50 lbs	none	50 lbs	none	50 lbs	none
Hogs	180 lbs	285 lbs	200 lbs	285 lbs	215 lbs	285 lbs
Broilers Pen of 3	9 lbs				9 lbs	
Comm. Heifers	500 lbs.	none	500 lbs.	none	500 lbs.	none

10. An entry fee of \$10 per animal or per pen of broilers and \$2 per exhibition bird will be assessed.
11. There will be no re-weighs at the Parish Show once an animal leaves the scale area.
12. No feeding, watering, grooming, etc. will be allowed in the scale area during official weigh-in.
13. The maximum number of market animals an exhibitor will be allowed to show at the Parish, District and State is as follows:

**Currently these numbers are as follows:**

Parish Show.....3 steers, 4 goats, 4 hogs, 3 commercial heifers, 4 lambs, 2 pens of broilers

District Show....3 steers, 3 goats, 3 hogs, 2 commercial heifers, 3 lambs

State Show.....3 steers, 3 goats, 3 hogs, 2 commercial heifers, 3 lambs, 2 pens of broilers

14. Any individual or group will be allowed to donate an award to the champion of any specie. It will not be a recognized show award but will be allowed to be given in the show ring with credit given to the donor. Any individual or group must give written notice of award at least 30 days prior to the Parish Show.
15. All animals arriving on the show grounds will not be allowed to leave until the conclusion of the show. Those animals that commit to the sale must remain until the conclusion of the sale. Refer to Rules & Regulations, Livestock Sale rule 14 for specifics.
16. Special Rule: Broilers must be ordered through the 4-H Office prior to November 15 each year. Parish broilers can be shown and sold at the Parish Show and Sale (maximum of 2 pens).

**RULES & REGULATIONS**  
**LAFAYETTE PARISH 4-H/FFA**  
**LIVESTOCK SALE**

1. All rules and regulations stated in the LSU Agricultural Center Livestock Show Catalog, the General Rules and Regulations, Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Program, and the Rules and Regulations, Lafayette Parish.
2. Each exhibitor will be limited to selling 2 animal lots with a limit of 1 steer lot and a limit of 2 lots of any other specie if a steer is not sold. (Examples are as follows: 1 steer, 1 lamb: 1 lamb, 1 hog: 2 hogs: 1 lamb, 1 pen of broilers.)
3. All exhibitors are responsible for completing and turning their sale information sheet(s) **within 30 minutes** of the conclusion of that specie show **in order to make the sale**. The sale information sheets are given to all exhibitors at weight-in of each specie at the parish show.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for indicating which animals they will sell before leaving the show grounds the day of the Parish Show.
5. Once an animal has been committed to the sale, listed in the sale order, and the sale order printed, no changes will be accepted without payment of the 5% assessment fee.
6. Failure to pay assessment fee or other bills by an exhibitor or parent will result in the prohibition of the exhibitor from future sales, as well as the possibility of other disciplinary action.
7. All animals must meet the requirements for possession, ownership and eligibility as stated in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show Catalog and must be within the Parish weight limits stated in the Rules and Regulations, Lafayette Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Show.
8. All animals must place in a Purple Ribbon or Blue Ribbon category at the Parish Show to be eligible for sale.
9. Each exhibitor will be responsible for running his/her own animal through the sale arena unless written notification is made prior to the sale or the exhibitor is sick or temporarily physically handicapped.
10. Once an animal passes through the sale ring and is sold, that sale is final. "No Sales" on animals are allowed.
11. Each exhibitor will be responsible for contacting the buyer of his/her animal through personal contacts, phone calls, letters, etc. **The Livestock Advisory Committee is not responsible** for selling neither market animals nor collection thereof.
12. Each exhibitor will be responsible for contacting the buyer of his/her animal after the sale, arranging delivery, and contacting the 4-H Office immediately upon delivery of the animal.
13. Each exhibitor will be required to hold his/her animal for at least one week after the animal's final show before delivering to the buyer or to slaughter, unless otherwise desired **in writing** by the buyer of the animal.
14. Each exhibitor will be required to deliver their "thank you" note and buyer's picture to their buyer before they can collect their payment check.
15. All animals that sell must remain at the show facility until the completion of the sale. If an animal leaves the premises prior to the completion of the sale a 20% assessment fee will be charged to the exhibitor.

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*Livestock Exhibitor  
Responsibility Statement  
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**Purpose of Livestock Projects**

The LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service strongly support the many 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors and their livestock projects. The livestock projects (1) are tools for the development of life skills by 4-H and FFA members. (2) provide an opportunity to expand their knowledge of livestock production and management, (3) improve and enhance livestock production in Louisiana. Therefore, the purpose of the 4-H livestock program is to provide opportunities for young people to develop character and life skills. Character traits identified are: leadership, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, honesty, integrity, self-esteem and citizenship. Youth develop life skills and character traits when they are involved in each phase of the livestock project from selection through the show ring. The 4-H or FFA member is deprived of valuable experience and development of these life skills when she/he is not the primary daily caretaker of animals as well as the primary person involved in fitting, grooming and showing of the project animal. Any assistance provided by others in the care, grooming, fitting or showing of project animals should be to instruct or teach. Adults are given the responsibility and duty to ensure that all livestock project activities and practices involving the 4-H or FFA member will result in building positive character traits and life skills.

**Alcohol Policy**

The LSU AgCenter adheres to a zero-tolerance policy concerning the possession or consumption of alcohol during livestock shows and other associated events sponsored or cosponsored by the AgCenter. This policy applies to all events. Our faculty and staff have been asked to make a concerted effort to enforce this policy, which prohibits possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. We ask all agents, FFA advisors, club leaders and parents to join us in that effort. Please help us provide quality educational activities that are free from the potential problems and dangers associated with alcohol. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

**Wholesome Assurance Statement**

The use by non-veterinarians\* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. **\*Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocations.** Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA-established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives or other chemicals. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass will be considered fraud.

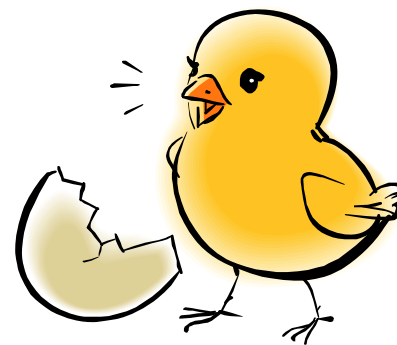
**For Your Information: State Law “Act 461” Became Effective August 15, 1998**

**This law prohibits tampering with livestock. “Tamper” means any of the following:**

- A. The injection, use or administration of any drug or other internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid or liquid, to livestock for the purpose of concealing, enhancing, transforming, or changing the true conformation, configuration, condition, natural color or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than it actually is.
- B. The use of administration, for cosmetic purposes, of steroids, growth stimulants, or internal artificial filling, including paraffin, silicone injection, or any other substance.
- C. The use or administration of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system of the livestock, unless administered or prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of an illness or an injury.
- D. The use or administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes.
- E. The surgical manipulation or removal of tissue so as to change, transform, or enhance the true conformation, configuration, or natural color of the livestock unless the procedure is considered an accepted livestock management.



## Broiler Chick Order Form



**Deadline: Wednesday, November 12**

Name:

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School:

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Phone:

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Number of Parish Show Chicks needed:

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.10 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total parish)

Number of State Show Chicks needed:

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$.35 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total state)

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= \_\_\_\_\_ (Total check)

**To order:** Complete this form and return with payment (**make checks payable to "Lafayette 4-H Livestock"**)  
NO LATER THAN November 12, 2008.

Send to: LSU AgCenter  
c/o Angie Arnould  
1010 Lafayette St., Ste.  
Lafayette, LA 70501