

# On Livestock:



a newsletter for 4-H and FFA youth, parents, and leaders provided by the East & West Feliciana 4-H Offices, 4419 Idlewild Rd., Clinton, 70722. or POB 1934, St. Francisville, 70775. Ph: 225-683-3101 or 635-3614

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**Educational Award Trips.** 4-H'ers must be between 12 and 18 years, inclusive, on January 1, 2008 to compete in the Beef, Sheep, or Swine Trips; for Dairy and Horse, the ages are between 9 and 19 years. There are many rules/dates for these trips, so please phone me for additional info. Last year's Rules and Regulations for these trips are on the LSU Livestock Office Website at: [lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/departments/Livestock\\_Show\\_Office/](http://lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/departments/Livestock_Show_Office/).

**Market Hog Validation:** Market Hogs will be validated for the 2009 LSU State Show during the week of December 1-6, 2008 - Validation date for East and West Feliciana Market Hogs will be **December 5**.

- The tentative central location where market hogs will be assembled and validated is the **new livestock barn in St. Francisville**.
- Only validated market hogs will be eligible to exhibit at LSU AgCenter district and state shows.
- 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 on Dec. 5; however agents/ag teachers will assist exhibitors in determining correct classification for entries.
- I will request tags and validation kits for market hogs from District Show Managers no later than November 1, 2008.
- December 5, 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.)

## **Calendar of Upcoming 2008-2009 Selected Events/Activities.**

Oct. 23-Nov9.....	La. State Fair, Shreveport: Beef, Lamb, Steers & Sheep must exhibit at State Fair to compete in Beef & Sheep Ed. Award Trips Elimination Shows (see La State Fair Website: <a href="http://www.statefairoflouisiana.com/livestock.aspx">http://www.statefairoflouisiana.com/livestock.aspx</a> )
Oct. TBA.....	Washington Parish Fair Open Dairy Show
Oct. 23-Nov2.....	Greater Baton Rouge (BR) State Fair, Beef, Sheep & Goat Shows
Nov. 1.....	Possession date for Breeding Animals: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Fancy Poultry, going to LSU
Nov. 1.....	Jr. Beef Grazing Project Entries Due
Nov. 8.....	Orders for Broilers going to LSU due
Nov. 21-22.....	Jim Bowie Show, Opelousas – Beef, Dairy, Steers, Comm. Heifers, Market & Breeding Goats and Lambs
Nov. 24.....	Regional Rabbit Show, LaFourche Parish Fair Grounds
TBA.....	Southern Univ. Rabbit Show

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- Nov. 30..... Possession date for Beef Breeding, Dairy, Market Goats & Market Lambs going to Southern
- Dec. 1..... Possession date for Market Hogs going to LSU
- Dec. 5..... Validation for Market Hogs going to LSU (New Fair Barn, St. Fran.)
- Dec. 1..... Start Jr. Beef Grazing Projects
- Dec. 15 ..... Possession date for Market Hogs going to Southern
- TBA..... Jackson, MS Show
- Jan. TBA..... Bi-Parish Mini Farm & Livestock Show (tent – 23-24 Jan)
- Feb 5-7..... South Central District Show, Lamar-Dixon Expo Ctr., Gonzalez
- Feb. 14-21..... LSU Jr. Show, Gonzalez
- Mar. TBA..... Southern Univ. Livestock Show

Please phone me for more information or clarifications.

Sincerely,



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