

On Livestock:



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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/.

Validation for 2009 LSU District and States Shows. 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:

Tuesday Sept 23 th	Delhi - Northeast District Livestock Show Facility	4PM - 8PM
Wednesday Sept 24 th	New Iberia-Sugar Arena	4PM - 8PM
Thursday Sept 25th	Baton Rouge- Livestock Show Office Facility	4PM - 8PM
Friday Sept 26 th	Lake Charles-Burton Coliseum	10AM - 4PM
Saturday Sept 27 th	Alexandria-Dean Lee Show Facility	8AM - 12PM
Saturday Sept 27 th	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.
- 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 Show during the week of December 1-6, 2008 - tentative 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 **Old Fair Barn (or new barn, if completed)**.
- 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.

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- 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.

July 1.....	Possession Date for Steers, Beef Breeding, Market Lambs, and Breeding Sheep going to State Fair & Educational Award Trip Selection Show
July 17.....	State Fair Validation for Steers, Market Goats, Market Lambs, and Commercial Beef and Dairy Heifers (LSU, b.r, site)
Aug. 1.....	Possession Date for Barrows and Gilts going to Educational Award Trip Selection Show and for Steers going to LSU Shows
Sep. 27.....	All Steers, Beef Commercial Heifers, Market lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does going to LSU must be in exhibitors' possession/last day for validation
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: http://www.statefairoflouisiana.com/livestock.aspx)
Oct. TBA.....	Washington Parish Fair Open Dairy Show
Oct. TBA.....	Greater Baton Rouge (BR) State Fair, 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. TBA.....	Regional Rabbit Show, Napoleonville
TBA.....	Southern Univ. Rabbit Show
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 (at Old or 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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