

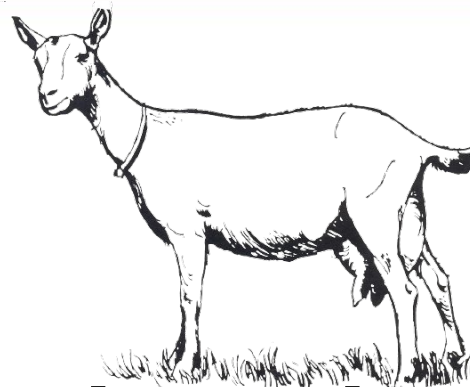
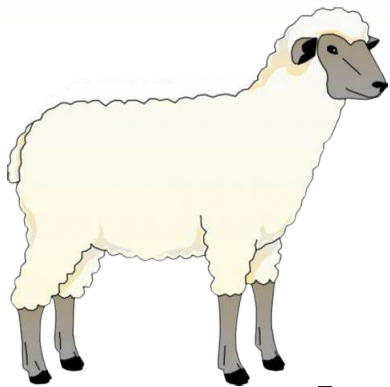


# Livestock Interest Meeting

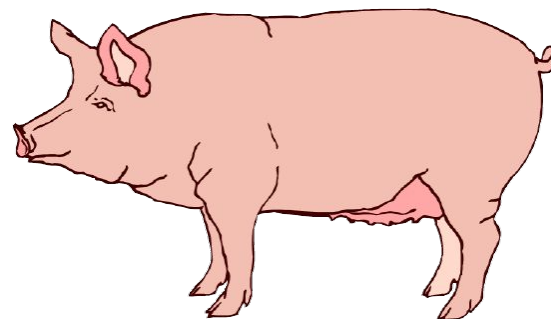
September 11th @ 6PM



**Please make sure you signed in**



**Want to raise a livestock project?**





# Eligible Livestock Projects

Market & Breeding: Cattle, Swine, Goats, Lambs, Chickens, and Rabbits

There are 2 methods for purchasing Livestock Projects

- **Level One-** Lamar Show Draw
  - Animals in this option qualify for the Lamar Show & Auction.
- **Level Two-** Independent Purchase
  - Animals in this option qualify to show in the Showmanship Category of the Show but will not qualify for a sale slot or sell in the Auction.



# Level One- Lamar Show Draw

- Animals in this option qualify for the Lamar Show & Auction.
- All prices set forth by the recommended breeder are based on a fair market value of the exhibition quality of the livestock project and varies amongst all species. Costs can range from year to year and are varied due to animal availability, seasonal influxes of market increases/decreases, and any investment of care that has been given to the animal prior to delivery or selection by the breeder and student.
- Students who select this method of exhibition must adhere to all of the rules and requirements of eligibility of the Lamar FFA Show & Auction.
- This level is recommended for students who have little or no prior experience in livestock project care, maintenance, or exhibition.
- This level is also recommended for those who wish to have more guidance with livestock project selection, feeding, grooming, showmanship, and exhibition requirements.
- Students must always adhere the guidelines in the facilities agreement.



# Level Two- Independent Selection

- Students who select this method are able to freely negotiate the price of their livestock project with their selected breeder. If students would like recommendations of reputable breeders, they may seek the assistance of their supervising teacher. Teachers will NOT aid in the selection of the livestock project but may offer resources for animal selection techniques or guidance.
- The supervising teacher may assist with the student and breeder with coordination of delivery or pick-up. The supervising teacher may also assist with transportation of the livestock project to the Lamar Ag Complex with appropriate planning and approval from the Lamar administration. This option is NOT guaranteed, and students should find an alternative method of transportation or delivery in the event a teacher is unavailable.



## Level Two- Independent Selection Cont.

- Any delivery or transportation of animals by unauthorized visitors will need pre-approval from the supervising ag teacher before arrangements of delivery are made. This means that any breeder or visitor who wishes to enter the complex is required to gain the approval from the supervising teacher prior to their entrance onto the complex. It is the responsibility of the student to gain pre-approval within 48 hours of the scheduled visit/delivery.
- Livestock projects selected through this method must have the supervising teacher give animal health and condition clearance to ensure the animal is deemed in a condition so not to cause any breach in the ag complex biosecurity.
- Students will be eligible to participate in the Lamar FFA Livestock Show and Auction- Showmanship category for their respective species exhibition. The livestock projects will NOT be placed for an auction slot and will NOT sell in the Lamar FFA Livestock Auction. However, students are eligible to earn the respective award(s) for this category. Awards may vary from year to year and are NOT guaranteed as they are a privilege earned on exemplary exhibition of the livestock project.



# Requirements for all Livestock Exhibitors

- **ALL** students must attend the monthly FFA meetings and participate in 10 barn workday hours, 10 fundraising hours, and attend 3 scheduled social events per semester.
- Students must always adhere the guidelines in the Facilities Regulations and Livestock Project Guidelines
- The student will provide to the supervising agriculture science teacher the name and contact information of the person they are choosing to use for advisement for the feed management program (i.e. – livestock breeder, seller, or advisor).
- The student will communicate with the supervising agriculture science teacher (frequency determined by the supervising teacher) in regard to the feed management and exercise practices throughout the entire project period.





# Requirements for all Livestock Exhibitors

- The student will report any illnesses or diseases immediately to the supervising agriculture science teacher. The student will follow all preventative maintenance and vaccination protocols and schedules established by the supervising agriculture science teacher.
- The student will provide prior notification to the supervising agriculture science teacher of any visits to be made to the Lamar Ag Complex by any unauthorized visitor (livestock breeder, seller, or advisor). The student and a parent/guardian must be present at the Lamar Ag Complex during the time of the visit by the livestock breeder, seller, or advisor.



# Cost of Animal- Initial Investment of Animal

- The cost of the livestock project varies between species. Each of the amounts below are a range based on previous year's project purchases and will not guarantee a set price. Prices can change from year-to-year due to changes in market conditions. The following ranges have been recommended for the Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction Draw. These prices are for the cost of the animal, independent from any other associated costs of the project.
  - Cattle - \$1500-2750
  - Lambs & Goats- \$450-700
  - Pigs - \$300-750
  - Rabbits - \$240-\$350
- Chickens are a set price of \$2.00 per bird and are only sold in increments of 25 birds per flock. They are broiler market chickens from the Texas A&M Poultry Science Research Center.



# Purchasing the Animal

- Do not think that paying a high price for an animal alone will assure you of a winning champion. It takes a good feeding program and a lot of hard work, along with the right kind of animal, and good showmanship skills to win a notable title.
- It's helpful if you have flexibility in your budget when purchasing and selecting animals because they can vary in quality and are available at different base prices.
- You may also be taking a financial loss at the completion of the project.
- There is NO GUARANTEE that you will PROFIT from any of the livestock projects.
- Students who select Level 1 will hold all payments (check or cash) until the delivery of the animal and will pay the breeder directly.
- Students who select Level 2 will make any payments directly to the breeder of their choice.



# Animal Associated Prices (Food, Supplies, Vet)

All animal expenses are the responsibility of the owner.

- Animal food and supplies
- Ask your supervising ag teacher about used equipment before buying new items.
- If your animal gets sick or has an accident, all vet bills are the responsibility of the owner, including if the animal does not survive the procedure. Costs to dispose of the animal are at the owner's expense.
- On occasion, animals have died due to illness or injury. While everything possible will be done to prevent this, financial loss can occur.



# Animal Purchasing Timeline (Tentative)

Animals should be purchased or will arrive, if selected in the Show Draw, within the timeframe below:

- **Lambs and Goats Arrive:** End of September or Beginning of October
- **Pigs:** Early November
- **Rabbits:** February
- **Chickens:** February
- **Cattle:** May or June- eligible for the following year's show season

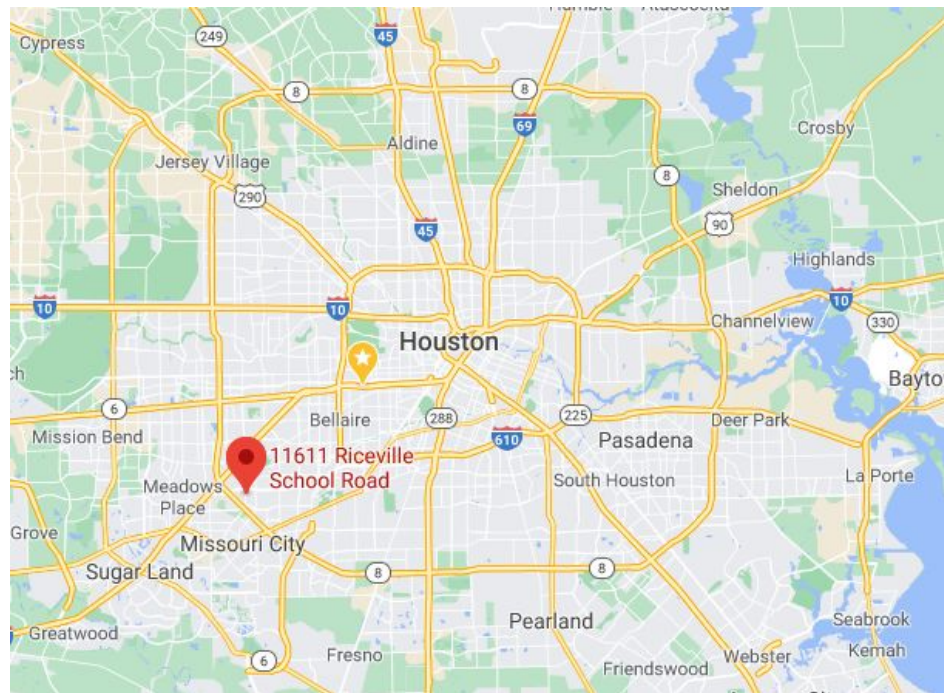




# The Lamar FFA Barn

Lamar FFA barn is located at 11611 Riceville School Rd. ALL livestock projects, excluding rabbits, will be kept on the property. You will receive the passcode to enter the barn upon your animal's arrival.

The Lamar FFA barn is district property. Anyone utilizing or visiting the facilities must adhere to the Facilities Regulations set forth in the Handbook.





# Lamar FFA Barn









# Project Requirements- Lambs & Goats

- Daily feed, water, and hay/alfalfa
- Daily exercise. A detailed plan and show technique information will be given by the supervising Ag Teacher.
- The supervising teacher is Ms. Infante and Mr. Ibrahim
- Normally a 6-7 month project.
- The supervising teacher will provide a detailed list of required supplies, feeds, maintenance equipment, and feed/exercise regimen.
- Animal Order forms and other necessary paperwork will be due Friday, Sept. 20th at 4PM in J112.





# Project Requirements- Pigs

- Daily feed and water
- Daily exercise. A detailed plan and show technique information will be given by the supervising Ag Teacher.
- The supervising teacher is Ms. Skrobarczyk.
- Normally a 5-6 month project.
- The supervising teacher will provide a detailed list of required supplies, feeds, maintenance equipment, and feed/exercise regimen.
- Animal Order forms and other necessary paperwork will be due Friday, Sept. 15th at 4PM in J112.





# Project Requirements- Rabbits & Chickens

- Daily feed and water
- Daily exercise or maintenance. A detailed plan and show technique information will be given by the supervising Ag Teacher.
- This is a 6 week project beginning in the Spring and ends at the Lamar Show & Auction.
- The supervising teacher is Ms. Skrobarczyk(chickens) & Ms. Adams (rabbits)
- The supervising teacher will provide a detailed list of required supplies, feeds, maintenance equipment, and feed/exercise regimen.
- Animal Order forms and other necessary paperwork will be due Friday, Sept. 15th at 4PM in J112.





# Project Requirements- Cattle

- Daily feed, water and hay.
- Daily exercise or maintenance. A detailed plan and show technique information will be given by the supervising Ag Teacher.
- Length of project can range from 1 year to 2 years.
- The supervising teacher is Ms. Infante.
- Only eligible Market Steers are eligible to be sold in the Lamar FFA Show & Auction.
- The supervising teacher will provide a detailed list of required supplies, feeds, maintenance equipment, and feed/exercise regimen.
- Steer interest meeting will occur in March to begin process of acquiring steers for the 2026 Livestock Show.



# Feeding & Feed Train

- **Animals must be fed every single day, twice a day, morning and evening. This includes holidays, weekends, birthday's, anniversaries, etc...**
- Animals must have FRESH feed and water replaced daily.
- Feed Train is an opportunity for students to create a schedule with their supervising teacher to lighten the load of twice daily feedings. Each participating student will be assigned a specific morning for the feed train.
- When students fee their animal the night before, they must leave a container with the morning feed in front of their pen for the assigned student to feed the animals participating in the feed train. If this is not left out, the animal will not be fed. Repeated missed feedings by either the owner forgetting to leave feed or the student not attending the morning feed rotation will be met with disciplinary action.





# Project Inspections & Barn Violations

- All livestock exhibitors will be subject to project inspections. Project inspections will be conducted by all of the agriculture teachers and any unsatisfactory project inspections will be notified to the student by the Project Inspection Report Form.
- Students who receive 3 or more unsatisfactory project inspection reports will be given a demerit.
- Students who receive 1 barn violation report will also be given a demerit. Students who earn more than 1 barn violation for the same offense will not be allowed to obtain merits for their second infraction.
- Students who earn 3 or more demerits will be removed from the program and their livestock project(s) evicted.



# Demerit System

- Livestock exhibitors will have a demerit system with demerits pertaining to their livestock project care, this will be additional to the chapter demerit system.
- When a student earns a demerit, they must earn merits to relinquish their demerits.
- For an in-depth explanation of the demerit system, please refer to the FFA Member Handbook and the Livestock Facilities Regulations Guidelines.



# Animal Guides and More Information

The supervising teachers for each species will provide students with an extensive resource guide to assist them with the ins and outs of each project.

Resources can also be found on [www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)



# Stalling and Pen Priority

- Students will be placed on a limit of animal projects to be shown and kept at the Lamar Ag Complex. For the Lamar FFA Livestock Show & Auction, students will be allowed to show 1 animal of any species and cannot exceed more than 2 animals of different species. For example, students may exhibit 1 lamb and 1 pig, but may not exhibit 2 lambs.
- Animals of current Lamar HS students planning to be exhibited in the Lamar Show & Auction or Lamar Showmanship Show will be assigned first priority.
- Lamar FFA Junior Members exhibiting Lamar Show animals will be stalled for second priority.
- Any Texas Major Livestock Show animals will be assigned last priority and may be limited due to capacity levels.
- Students who would like to exhibit an animal for any Texas Major Livestock Show will be limited to only housing 1 animal of any species.



# The Lamar FFA Show and Auction

The Lamar FFA Show and Auction occurs in April every year. Animals are placed by a professional judge, and buyers come to bid on animals. It takes place on the front lawn of Lamar High School.

To participate in the auction, the student must:

- Raise a Lamar FFA Animal
- **LIVESTOCK SHOW & AUCTION FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENTS ARE TBD**
- Miss no more than 2 FFA meetings ALL YEAR
- Complete all fundraising, barn work day, and social hours



# The Lamar FFA Show and Auction





# Hour Requirements

For all FFA students that paid for a membership, you have to get these hours. Make sure to sign in for each event to receive credit.

- 10 hrs- Barn workdays per semester for **ALL** students (usually held the Saturday after every monthly meeting)
- 10 hrs- Fundraising hours per semester for **ALL** students
- 3 events- Social events per semester



# Social Events

- Social Events are events in which FFA members come together and socialize with one another.
- We want everyone to feel welcome into FFA, therefore we hope you make new and long lasting friendships:)
- Each member must attend at least 3 social events per semester!
- Further information will be sent out per social event

## Upcoming Social Events: (and more to come!)

- Homecoming Football Game with the FFA
  - Date: September 28th
- Spooky Night
  - Date: Friday, October 11th
  - Location: HISD-Lamar Agricultural Facilities
  - Time: 6:00-8:00 PM
- FFA Friendsgiving
  - Date: November 22nd
  - Location: Ms. Infante's ROOM J112
  - Time: 7:30AM-8:20AM
- Holiday Morning Social
  - Date: December 13th
  - Location: Location: Ms. Infante's Room J112
  - Time: 7:30AM-8:20AM





# Homecoming Mum Fundraising Hours

Lamar FFA will be making Homecoming Mums for the Homecoming game on September 28th.

A good way to earn hours is to make mums after school starting September 9th through September 20th it is from 4:10pm-5:10pm. Students will have the opportunity to earn 1 fundraising hours per day.



# Social Media and BAND

Instagram: LamarFFA



YouTube: Lamar FFA



To keep up to date, scan this QR code to join our BAND App. We use this app for chapter communication, upcoming events and updates.



The screenshot shows the BAND app interface. At the top, there are tabs for Post, Albums, Events, Attachments, and Members. The main content area displays a calendar for September 2022. The calendar grid shows dates from 28th to 30th. Events are marked with colored dots and text: a green dot on the 1st for '1st La...', a green dot on the 8th for '1st Bar...', a green dot on the 13th for 'Mandat...', a green dot on the 16th for 'Animal...', and a green dot on the 30th for 'Social ...'. On the right side, there is a section titled 'Upcoming Events' with a list of events: '08 1st Lamar Chapter Meeting (...)' at 6:00 PM, '10 1st Barn Work Day' at 8:00 AM, and '13 Mandatory Livestock Only M...' at 6:00 PM. The bottom of the screen shows a navigation bar with a '5' and other icons.





# FFA DUES

Please submit your FFA Dues through the schoolpay link that will be sent through email or the BAND app. FFA Dues are \$50.

The deadline for dues to be paid is October 7th, 2024



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Questions?