



Stock Show Report

2008-2009



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 27 - October 11: State Fair of Texas, Dallas

October 2 - October 11: Heart of Texas Fair, Waco

October 6: State Goat & Lamb Validation, Leslie Harris' House, 6:00 p.m.

October 11: County Validation and Entries due (everything but swine); Stephens County Pig Sale

October 12: 4-H Meeting

October 26: Stephens County Prospect Lamb Show

November 10 - 14: State Swine Validation

November 13: **Fort Worth Entries Due to Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.**

November 15: County Swine Validation

November 24: **Major Livestock Show Entries Due to the Extension Office**

December 7: Rabbit Validation, 2:00 p.m., Ag Building

January 3: Practice Show

January 8 - 9: County Livestock Show

January 17: Buyer's Appreciation Banquet

January 22 - February 7: Fort Worth Livestock Show

February 9 - 21: San Antonio Livestock Show

February 20 - February 28: San Angelo Livestock Show

March 7 - March 22: Houston Livestock Show

March 19 - March 27: Star of Texas (Austin)

STEPHENS COUNTY STOCK SHOW NEWS

The Stephens County Livestock Show and Sale will be held on January 8 - 10, 2009 at the Stephens County Ag Center. The stock show books are currently available at the Extension Office, stop by and pick yours up. The book contains the schedule for 2009 and the rules and guidelines. The schedule has a few changes from 2008 so be sure to get a copy. The biggest change will be the order of species shown on Friday, the order will be: Lambs, Goats, Cattle, and Swine. All animals will be weighed on Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. Rabbits and chickens will be shown on Thursday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the rest of the projects will be exhibited on Friday. Swine exhibitors will show their animals in breed categories rather than by color. The show arena will be made up of sand, we are working on a few ways to pack it a little better. There are a few other minor changes, if you have any questions please contact the Extension Office.

STEPHENS COUNTY TAG - IN

The validation (tag-in) for the Stephens County Livestock Show will be held on October 11, 2008 at the Stephens County Ag Building between 8 - 10 a.m. Entries to the county show are due at this time for all animals, except swine.

The swine tag - in will be on November 15, 2008. Steers, Lambs, and Goats that have already been state validated do not need to be brought to the barn, but exhibitor must come and enter their livestock for county show. Registered heifers may just bring their papers, but crossbred heifers must bring their animals to be tagged. You must enter your chicken and rabbit projects at this time, even though you will not have purchased them yet. Please do not bring your swine projects until Swine Validation. State validation tags will be utilized at the county livestock show, but all breeding (except registered heifers) and non-state validated animals, must be present at validation.

SWINE VALIDATION

County Swine Validation will be held on November 15 at the Ag Building beginning at 8:00 a.m. All swine projects must be tagged with either a state or county tag to participate in the county livestock show. Swine entries for the county show will be made at this time. If you ordered a State Swine Validation tag we will be contacting you, prior to validation, to tag in your animal. State validated swine do not need to be brought to county tag-in, if they are already tagged, but the exhibitor must attend and enter their animals.

HERDSMAN AWARD

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Herdsman Award Program offered by the Stock Show Board. You must indicate at validation if you want to participate. This is a simple program where you turn in a project record form and give board members a short interview following the stock show, and a board member, County Extension Agent, or Ag Teacher will make at least 2 project visits. The interview consists of the exhibitor giving information on your animal project, what you learned and gained from your experience, and answering a few questions. There are Jr and Sr members chosen in each

category. The winners receive a buckle or jacket, and recognition at the awards banquet. There were not enough participants last year to award all of the prizes, and this is easier than showing an animal, so everyone sign up for the Herdsman Award!!

2008 CALF SCRAMBLES

If you are interested in competing at a calf scramble this year, please contact me. Most entries are due on October 15, 2008. Participants must be at least 14 years old and weigh 100 lbs. Anyone who catches a calf is entitled to a cash award towards purchasing an animal to exhibit at that show the next year. Let me know ASAP if you are interested.



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LIVESTOCK SHOWS

I currently have the dates for Major Livestock Shows, and am including highlights of changes for each show in 2009. You may access the Major Show's websites by going to our Stephens County Extension Website at <http://stephens-tx.tamu.edu/> click on links and then stock shows. Entries for all of these shows, except Fort Worth, will be due to the Extension Office by November 24, 2008. Fort Worth entries are due on November 13, 2008. Entries will be taken anytime in November Monday - Friday,

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., through Nov. 24. If you would like to set up a time after 5:00 to make these, I will be happy to accommodate. Please, just let me know in advance. Late entries will not be accepted or processed, I realize the show deadlines are a couple of days later, but we must process the paperwork and make sure the checks and entries are correct. PLEASE GET YOUR ENTRIES IN ON TIME, OR YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW!

FORT WORTH

County deadline is November 13, 2008!

Entry deadline for show has been moved to November 15, 2008. Steer projects will have a new system of weighing and tagging their own steers, with the 105% weigh back. Junior barrows will have a new arrival schedule: 7 a.m., Tues., Feb. 3 through 9 a.m., Wed., Feb. 4.

SAN ANTONIO

County entry deadline is Nov. 24, 2008!

San Antonio is adding a Dark Crossbred Breed to Jr Market Show. Group 1 includes Berkshire, Duroc, Hamp, Poland, Spot, and Dark Cross. This group will be Feb. 14 - 16. Group 2 includes Chester, Landrace, York, and light-colored cross. This group will be Feb. 17 - 19. All entry fees will be at least \$25.00. And swine projects will be checked for any additives or injections given to the hooves.

HOUSTON

County entry deadline is Nov. 24, 2008!

Entry fees for lambs, goats, barrows, broilers, and turkeys has been increased to \$25. The show will be testing tissue and urine for residue. Kiosks will be utilized for self check-in of the lamb, goat, and barrow shows.

SAN ANGELO

County entry deadline is Nov. 24, 2008!

There are a lot of date changes in San Angelo, check out their website to double check dates. TLBA lambs only and there is a new four breed format. They have

increased the number of barrow classes in the cross and hamp division, and increased the number that will sell. Goats will have an increase in the number of classes.

STAR OF TEXAS

County entry deadline is Nov. 24, 2008!

Weigh backs for lambs and goats have moved from 5 to 4 pounds. Entry fees have been raised from \$20 to \$25.

PRACTICE SHOW

We are also planning a non-competitive practice show the Saturday before the county livestock show. This will give youth the opportunity to practice showing their animals in a show setting. More information will follow on this event.

PROJECT VISITS AND INDIVIDUAL HELP

I will be contacting each of you to set up project visits following tag-in, part of my duties as your advisor is to inspect all of the 4-H livestock projects. I am also available for individual help with selection, feeding, showmanship, or just general questions. Please feel free to contact me for help. 4-H also has clippers for check-out on an as needed basis.

**Leslie Neve
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