Barnyard Scoop

Lafayette Parish 4-H

Enroll in 4-H at School

If you haven't completed your enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year, this will be the final correspondence you receive from our office. Please address this *immediately* to ensure you don't miss any important information. Enrollment/reenrollment will be done electronically through 4-H Online. 4-H Online is fully encrypted; Member and Volunteer information is safe, backed up continuously, and fully secured.

1. Information has been shared with school club leaders and at www.facebook.com/lafayette4h.
2. All members previously enrolled last year have received instructions on how to re-enroll. New members have received detailed instructions on how to create your family profile and enroll.
3. You will need to enroll in your primary club (your school) and the Lafayette 4-H Livestock Club.
4. If you choose an animal project as part of the Livestock Club, you may also choose a second project.
5. All 4th graders must select the "Discovering the World of 4-H" project.
6. All 5th graders must select the "Exploring the World of 4-H" project.
7. Only one book will be provided, additional books can be purchased at the office for $3.00 each.
8. Pay your state/parish dues in 4-H Online. Check with your school club leader for school dues amount and due date.
9. If there is a 4-H Club at your school, you must be a member of that club. If there isn't, you will need to enroll in the Member-at-Large club.
10. **If you are new, please call the Lafayette Parish 4-H Office for program details.**

New Livestock Exhibitors

Exhibitors and parents will be responsible for checking in upon arrival at each show. You must obtain and provide up-to-date health papers from a veterinarian for each of the shows. If you are showing a registered breeding animal, you must have your registration papers with you at check-in. Market animals will be expected to weigh in at arrival to determine which weight class they'll be shown in.

If you know anyone that is interested in showing livestock, please have them email Camden Oglesby at coglesby@agcenter.lsu.edu. They should include their contact information, school, grade, and the species they are interested in to receive important livestock information.

October 2026

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Dates to Remember

October 2026
29-11/15 Louisiana State Fair
31 Validation Event for Commercial Heifers, Ewes, Does, & Hogs and Market Lambs, Goats, & Hogs

November 2026
3 Validation Event for Commercial Heifers, Ewes, Does, & Hogs and Market Lambs, Goats, & Hogs
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Premier Exhibitor Program

The Premier Exhibitor Program is designed to place emphasis and recognition on the exhibitor's knowledge and skills in the 4-H/FFA beef, dairy, goat, poultry, sheep and swine projects. We will be having our first of two Premier Exhibitor workshops on November 12th at the Lafayette office.

Validation Change & Procedure!

Beginning with this livestock show season, a 4-H agent or FFA advisor must be present when DNA samples are collected during the validation process. To ensure this requirement is met, Parish-wide validation events will be held at Blackham Coliseum on the following dates:

- **October 31st, 2026, 8 – 9:30 AM** – Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs & Commercial Ewes, Market Goats & Commercial Does, Market Hogs & Commercial Hogs

- **November 3rd, 2026, 5 – 6:30 PM** – Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs & Commercial Ewes, Market Goats & Commercial Does, Market Hogs & Commercial Hogs

- **November 21st, 2026, 8 – 9:30 AM** – Market Hogs & Commercial Hogs

- **November 23rd, 2026, 5 – 6:30 PM** - Market Hogs & Commercial Hogs

Please RSVP for the session you will attend in advance. This can be done by completing the form at this link: 2026 RSVP for Lafayette Parish Validation Events – Fill out form

A DNA validation kit is required for each animal being validated. A validation kit consists of an ear tag, an envelope, and a validation card. A validation kit costs $7 and must be paid for by check or money order. Checks/money orders must be made out to "Livestock Show Office". No cash will be accepted. *Payment is required at the validation event.*

Animals DNA validated for the State Fair still need to be validated for the LSU AgCenter Shows, but do not need a new tag. If an animal already has a State Fair tag, please email Camden Oglesby the tag number at coglesby@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Validation/Possession Deadlines

Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs & Commercial Ewes, Market Goats & Commercial Does:
November 9, 2026
Must be validated by exhibitor and submitted to Parish LSU AgCenter Office on or by November 9th, 2026.

Market & Commercial Hogs:
December 1, 2026
Must be validated by exhibitor and submitted to Parish LSU AgCenter Office on or by December 1st, 2026.

Rabbit Meat Pens:
January 19, 2027
Must be validated by the exhibitor in 4-H Online on or by January 19, 2027.

Breeding Animal Possession Dates

November 9, 2026:	Beef, Sheep, Goat, Dairy Breeding
November 16, 2026:	Miniature Cattle
December 1, 2026:	Market Hogs, Swine Breeding, Exhibition Poultry
December 18, 2026:	Exhibition Rabbits

Housing Hardship

Exhibitors and parents, please read the Hardship Policy attached to this broadcast. These are the guidelines that will govern hardship procedures such as replacement of an injured or deceased animal or conflicts with the show and extenuating circumstances. If you are inquiring about who should apply for a housing hardship, they apply to anyone housing animals in a location other than the exhibitor's residence. This is referred to as "Off Premise Housing". Any animal housed outside of the exhibitor's primary residence requires a Hardship Form to be filled out, reviewed, and approved. **All housing requests must be made prior to possession date.**

All hardships originate at the parish level with either the FFA Advisor or the parish 4-H Agent. Exhibitors should submit a completed and detailed hardship form for initial review and approval at the parish level. Most importantly, exhibitors should apply and receive approval for off-premises housing before purchasing animals and before the possession date for the species being exhibited. Until the Hardship Form is approved at all three levels—parish level (4-H Agent or FFA Advisor & Parish Chair or School Principal), District Show Manager, and State Livestock Show Leader—it is NOT APPROVED.

Validation Hardship

For hardships specifically related to validation, the form must be submitted through the parish agent to the District and/or State Show Managers no later than seven days after the validation deadline. After contacting the District and/or State Show Managers, hardship forms must be immediately filed with supporting materials. These

hardships will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the parish 4-H Agent, District Show Manager, and State Show Manager. Only in cases deemed unavoidable will validation hardships be approved. This decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Parish and State Broilers

Broilers are market (meat) birds which are raised for and judged on the quality of the meat which they will potentially produce. A 4-H member raises 15 to 25 chickens (broilers) to produce meat. This short-term project lasts only six to nine weeks. Broilers raised for this project are bought as 1-day-old chicks. Based on the length of our show season, families have the option to show a set for our Parish Show and an additional set for State. Parish Broiler Order forms and payment are due on October 22nd and State Broiler Order forms and payment are due on December 7th. Bring all forms and payment to the Lafayette office.

Livestock Show Catalog

The Livestock Show Catalog can be viewed on the LSU AgCenter website. It is very important that every exhibitor family is familiar with this catalog. The website link can be found at 2027 Livestock Show Catalog.

Steps for Entering Animal Information in 4-H Online

1. **Log In**: Access your profile in 4-H Online using the same login details as when you enrolled.
2. **Registered Breeding Animals**:
    - Enter animal information by the possession deadline.
    - Upload registration papers by the possession deadline. *This must be a clear scan of the front and back of the registration paper (even if the back is blank).* If papers are pending, upload the "Registration Papers Pending" form and use "pending" as the registration number.
    - Ensure the actual registration papers are received in the Lafayette Office within 30 days after the possession deadline.
    - Note: You cannot enter animals into the system after the possession deadline.
3. **Market and Commercial Breeding Animals**:
    - Enter animal information by the validation deadline.
    - Submit DNA/hair sample and validation fee at an upcoming validation event.
    - Note: You cannot enter animals into the system after the possession deadline.
4. **General Requirements**:
    - All animals (breeding and market) must be entered in 4-H Online by the possession/validation deadline for that species.
    - Animals requiring validation will only be approved after Agents receive the validation envelope, card, and payment.
5. **Field Adaptations in 4-H Online**:
    - **Home Raised**: Select "Yes" if the animal is Louisiana Bred.
    - **License Number**: Enter the Louisiana Bred Tag Number.

YQCA

All participants in livestock projects must complete the YQCA certification. This certification ensures that you are knowledgeable about animal care and welfare. Once you have completed the YQCA training, download your certificate and upload it to FairEntry along with your certification number. For more information and to complete the training, visit YQCA or click on this link: YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals.

Silent Auction

We run a silent auction during the Lafayette Parish Livestock Show that generates funds for the program. The silent auction donation form is attached to this broadcast. Please email any completed forms to Camden Oglesby at coglesby@agcenter.lsu.edu by **January 8th, 2027.** Please provide any donated products, services, gift baskets, etc. to Keri Barousse *on or before the first day of the Show*. We will also run a gift card raffle. To donate a gift card, please email a completed silent auction form to Camden Oglesby by **January 8th, 2027** and provide the gift card to Keri Barousse *on or before the first day of the Show*. Proceeds from the silent auction and gift card raffle go back into the entire Livestock Program. Thank you for your support!

Lafayette Show Sponsorship

We are soliciting sponsors for the 2027 Lafayette Parish Livestock Show. This year, there will be a new sponsorship process and form. The new sponsorship form is attached to this broadcast. Sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions, please contact the Lafayette office at (337) 291-7090. *Please do your part to help recruit a sponsor!*

Parish Animal

As a part of the Lafayette Parish Livestock Sale, the parish animal is a long-standing 4-H tradition where an individual exhibitor/family raises an animal to benefit the livestock program. The money raised from the sale of this donated animal helps to offset the entire show expenses for the 4-H livestock program. Numerous buyers buy the animal and give it back to continue to re-sell. The selling of this animal allows the program to fund awards and events throughout the year. If this were not in place, we would have to conduct several fundraisers, increase entry fees, etc. to cover the thousands of dollars raised from this auction. This is the culmination of families and the community working together as a team for the program.

The exhibitor donating the parish animal is usually a high school senior that has been involved in the program for several years. We have secured an exhibitor family for the following:

2027- Allie Hebert
2028 - _____
2029 - _____

If you would like to sponsor the parish animal for 2028 or beyond, please contact us at (337) 291-7090 for more details.

State Fair of Louisiana School Excuses

School excuses for the 2026 State Fair of Louisiana have been sent out for those who requested an excuse.

Beef & Sheep Educational Award Trip

Cattle and sheep being exhibited at the NAILE must be brought to the LSU AgCenter Doyle Chambers Central Research Station (3037 Ben Hur Rd. Baton Rouge, LA 70820) on Sunday, November 8, 2026. Youth attending the trip must be brought to Baton Rouge on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. All cattle must have a BVD-PI test done and cattle must have a USDA 840 RFID tag. The negative test results must be indicated on the animal's health papers by the veterinarian. Email Camden Oglesby at coglesby@agcenter.lsu.edu for complete details.

4-H Farm Tour

We will once again have our annual Lafayette 4-H Farm Tour. A separate broadcast will be sent out with trip and registration information once details are finalized.

LA Regulations for 4-H/FFA Shows

Health certificates (CVI) are required for entry into all LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA livestock shows in Louisiana. CVIs may be checked by LDAF personnel at district and state shows. Heightened biosecurity should always be practiced at livestock shows. Always notify your veterinarian or show personnel if your animal becomes ill or if you notice sick animals at the show. Be sure to be familiar with both general and species specific CVI regulations. The official regulations document is attached to this broadcast.

2026-27 Show Season Parish Livestock Directory

Do you have any species specific questions? Livestock species are represented by a lead 4-H agent and two species representatives. Each species representative is a trained adult volunteer with a child currently in the livestock program. Livestock families are highly encouraged to reach out to their lead agent and species representatives with questions.

Beef and Dairy Cattle

Lead Agent – Camden Oglesby: coglesby@agcenter.lsu.edu
Species Rep. – Kaleb Vice: kv8807@yahoo.com
Species Rep. – Jeff Broussard: jeffrey.broussard@f-e-t.com

Sheep and Goat

Lead Agent – Camden Oglesby: coglesby@agcenter.lsu.edu
Species Rep. – Hannah Puckett: kyrnapuc@gmail.com
Species Rep. – Blake Chachere: chachereblake@yahoo.com

Swine

Lead Agent – Nicole Gerard: ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu
Species Rep. – Hannah Duplantis: hannaherichard@yahoo.com
Species Rep. – Mia Begnaud: mrg5914@yahoo.com

Poultry

Lead Agent – Nicole Gerard: ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu
Species Rep. – Courtney Allis: courtney.allis@gmail.com
Species Rep. – Keri Barousse: jeweledgypsy@gmail.com

The LSU AgCenter is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Should you need ADA Accommodations, please contact the Lafayette 4-H Office at (337) 291-7090 no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled event.