



Sutton County 4-H Forecast



January 2024



Special points of interest:

- Club News
- Project News
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Monthly calendar

4-H Club Meeting- The next general 4-H meeting will be in March 2024 (after stock show season is over).

County Stock Show Schedule-

Thurs., Jan 4, 2024 3pm - 6 pm Arrival & Weigh-in deadline.

Friday, Jan 5, 2024 7:00am

Rabbits

Market Lamb Show

Market Meat Goat Show

Pee Wee Show

Angora Goat Show

Steer Show

Swine Show

***Clean Up (Immediately Following)**

Saturday, Jan 6, 2024 - 11

(Fund-raising Committee members meet prior)

- 12:00 noon Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon

- 12:45 pm Premium

Awards Presentation To Follow

County Stock Show Reminders-

For 4-H members, livestock shows are one of the most anticipated parts of the year. Preparing your animal for a show begins months in advance. Great care is needed in feeding your animal, practicing showmanship, and making sure your animal is healthy. After all the time and effort that goes into raising your animal, you want to make sure that you have everything you need once you arrive at the show barns.

Here are a few suggestions for items in your show box or rubber tote to keep all of your show supplies together.

1. Grooming tools (brush, comb, soap, etc.); **CANNOT GROOM SHEEP AT COUNTY SHOW**
2. Feed supplies- feed, feed containers, water bucket
3. General Animal First Aid supplies- antibiotic, diarrheal treatments, etc.
4. Disinfectant supplies- it is a good idea to disinfect your animal & supplies after you finish showing.
5. **Barn clean-up.** Please clean your pens after the show. Remove shavings, trash, etc.

ALSO KEEP IN MIND:

□ Exhibitor's **MUST** be registered as 4-H or FFA members in order to be eligible to exhibit your animals at the county show. If you are not already enrolled, go to our county website at <http://sutton.agrilife.org> and click on the link for 4-H Online Enrollment to get enrolled today.

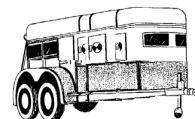
□ **Very Important-** Keep your grades up! If you are not passing at stock show time, you will **NOT** be eligible to show your animal!

Stock Show BBQ Meal-

We will be selling tickets for a BBQ plate during our stock show. This effort is meant to both raise funds and bring our community out to watch the show.

Rifle Raffle-

Our 4-H Club is also selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the stock show. It is an opportunity for a Bergara B-14 rifle. Tickets are \$5 each.



A High Seller Buckle will be awarded the 4-H'er who sells the most tickets!!

Equipment & Shows-

For new 4-H families who may not be aware, we have clippers, blowers, and trimming stands needed to prepare your animal for show. Call me for help, to check out equipment, or so we can coordinate hauling animals.

Contact Pascual for travel plans to the Hill District Grandstand Show.

Major Stock Show Reminders

Arrival time * are tattoos legible? * ear tags

* withdrawal times on meds

* Breeding projects need health papers & breed registration papers (in the exhibitor's name).

- Must be passing to be eligible to show.

Inside Story....



2024 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship. (Dates).

November 1 st	Scholarship Applications OPEN
February 15 th at 11:59 PM	Scholarship Application DEADLINE
April	Interview Selection Notification
April 26-27, 2024	Scholarship Interviews in College Station
June 4 th – 6 th	Awards assembly in College Station

SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES



*****FAFSA did not open until December 31, 2023.** Seniors are encouraged to immediately complete their FAFSA when it opens. The delayed opening should not affect applicants' ability to receive their SAR report in time to submit with their scholarship application. However, if an applicant does not receive their SAR report in time before the deadline, they will get a "preliminary EFC number" before they get their official Report. We encourage all applicants to take a screenshot of your preliminary EFC page and upload the screenshot until your official FAFSA SAR Report is returned. Please contact the Extension Office and Kelly Gideon with the Foundation office to assist. Kelly can help anyone that reaches out **BEFORE** the deadline.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program:

Exceptional student leaders are invited to apply. This program annually rewards up to 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships (up to \$40,000 per recipient). Applications will be accepted only until 3 p.m. Central Time on January 4, 2024. Additional information, eligibility requirements, and the application are available at <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>.

HLSR Hildebran Scholarship- The Houston Livestock Show provides one \$20,000 four-year scholarship award to an outstanding junior market lamb exhibitor at the Houston Livestock Show. Applicants are interviewed. To be eligible, an applicant must be enrolled in an accredited Texas public high school and also be a junior market lamb exhibitor participating in the Houston Livestock Show.

The applicant must graduate at the end of the spring semester immediately following the awarding of the scholarship. The applicant must have taken either the SAT or ACT college entrance examination prior to submission of the application and furnish proof of a minimum SAT score of 1350 or a minimum ACT score of 19.

Important Dates to Remember

December 5, 2023	Application Available Online
January 31, 2024 – 7:59 PM	Online Application Closes
February 15, 2024– 4:59 pm	School Official Submission Closes
May 2024	Recipient selection notification
June 2024	Scholarship Banquet

HLSR Exhibitor Scholarships

In 2024, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (the "Show") will award 30 four-year, \$20,000 Exhibitor Scholarship to outstanding exhibitors in one of the 17 eligible Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Shows. Students must exhibit in the 2024 Show to be eligible.

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded, the Exhibitor Scholarship, an applicant must be a graduating senior in the 2023-2024 school year. The applicant must also be ranked in the top half (1/2) of the graduating class at the completion of the first semester of the senior year. This ranking is to be verified as a part of the official transcript or by an accompanying certification from an appropriate school official. Applicants must have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas college or university (accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) and participate in a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree. Strictly online colleges and universities, even if they are not-for-profit, are not permitted.

2024 Rodeo Austin Leadership Opportunity- opportunities for youth to sing the National Anthem and recite the American, Texas Pledges, the FFA Motto and the 4-H Pledge at the market shows for Rodeo Austin. For those interested, please sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA9AE2AA57-44691184-2024>. You will need to plan to arrive at least 30 mins prior to the start of the species show in which you are volunteering.

Youth interested in singing the National Anthem, submit a video at the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScze0AJEy_FSxjmrO2zwtkOgc6oxPPteCplFil4CQ7LLNTRYw/viewform

If you have questions, please email Cory at Cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu

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4-H Talent Showcase Project 2024!

Previously known as "Share-The-Fun", this project is a competitive event related to the Theater and Performance Arts project. 4-H members have the chance to develop a spirit of cooperation with their fellow 4-H members; develop self-confidence through public performance; stimulate interest in broad-based recreation in 4-H clubs; encourage 4-H members to discover and develop their talents; and to grow socially, culturally, and further develop leadership skills. But most importantly, theater and performance arts is about HAVING FUN!

Seven (7) categories are offered:

Choreographed Routines
4-H Skit

Variety Show
Poetry/Prose

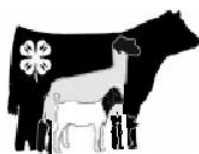
Musical/Instrumental
Solo/Band Performance

Vocal

** Youth can compete as an individual or in a team (2-9 members).

Project Visits

If you would like some help or input, call to set up a time for a project visit. We're here to help you.



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Ag Farm-

Thanks to the families who have been cleaning up the Ag barn. Please keep your areas clean & sweep up after weighing, shearing, etc. The appearance of the facility reflects on YOU! Also, please keep gates closed.

Range Science

Experience the outdoors and learn about plants which are good for wildlife, which plants are poisonous, etc.!

Range science will meet on Feb 27 at 4 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Wool/Mohair Judging

The Wool Contest tests a 4-H member's knowledge and ability to determine the grade, rank, and categorize wool. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to compete and develop skills that can be used on a sheep ranching operation, within the wool industry, or agricultural teaching field.

Judging Teams-

February will be the time to sign up. If interested in judging teams, give us a call. We have wool & mohair judging teams as well as range science and plant id.

Mailing List:

If you are on the 4-H mailing list and would rather read the 4-H newsletter online, please let us know so that we can remove you from the mailing list.

Ask Us About.....

Scholarship Opportunities
Wool & Mohair Judging

Range Science

Something To Think About...New Year's Resolution.

Make a New Years Resolution to be more involved in the 4-H program in 2024. Challenge yourself to make Sutton County 4-H even better in 2024.

How?

By being active: attend club meetings, participate in share-the-fun (comedy, poetry, vocal, etc.), attend leadership labs, run for district office, try out for a judging team.....

Simply take part in the opportunities that exist.

Leadership, community service, fundraisers, new projects...

You will get only as much out of 4-H as you are willing to commit to. And remember, a club is only as fun, as active, or as strong as its members.

Pascual Hernandez
CEA-AG
Sutton County



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 2024						
	1 Extension Office Closed	2 Extension Office Closed	3	4 SCJLS - Weigh-In 3 pm-6 pm GE-Reagan Foundati Scholarship Deadline	5 SCJLS - Starts @ 7 am	6 SCJLS - Awards @ 12 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12 <u>H.D.G.S</u> - Jr Breeding Sheep Arrive (Fredricksberg) <u>TX Jr Angora Goat Show</u> - Arrive (Kerrville)	13 <u>H.D.G.S</u> - Jr. Breeding Sheep Show <u>TX Jr Angora Goat Show</u> - Show (Kerrville)
14 <u>H.D.G.S</u> - Market Lambs Arrive (Llano)	15 Extension Office Closed <u>H.D.G.S</u> - Market Lamb Show & Market Barrows Arrive (Kerrville)	16 <u>H.D.G.S</u> - Market Barrows Show & Market Goats Arrive (Llano)	17 <u>H.D.G.S</u> - Market Goats Arrive & Show Crossbreed Gilts Arrive (Kerrville)	18 <u>H.D.G.S</u> - Crossbreed Gilts Show (Kerrville)	19	20
21 <u>Ft. Worth</u> - Breeding Sheep Show	22	23	24	25 <u>Ft. Worth</u> - Wether Goats & Wether Lambs Arrive	26	27 <u>Ft. Worth</u> - Wether Goats & Wether Lambs Show
28 <u>Ft. Worth</u> - Wether Goats & Wether Lambs Show	29 <u>Ft. Worth</u> - Barrows Arrive	30 <u>Ft. Worth</u> - Steers Arrive	31 HLSR Hildebran Scholarship Closes <u>Ft. Worth</u> - Barrows Show			