Good Morning Gator Nation!!!

San Antonio is finished, now on to Houston. Congratulations to Freshman Jordan Emmitte on getting Hard Lucked in the Calf Scramble on Wednesday night! Here are our updates for the week:

* **Scramble Catches & New Major Steers/Heifers**
* **FFA Chapter Meeting / Alumni & Parent Meeting**
* **Giveaway Opportunity**
* **AET Record Keeping**
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* **FFA Banquet Committee**
* **FFA Banquet Silent Auction**
* **Scholarship Deadlines**
* **Major Tag Order Time (Already)**

**Activity Calendar**



**Clinic / Show Calendar**



**Weather**

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|  |  |  |  |  | **3/1**54° / 69° | **3/2**62° / 74° |
| **3/3**65° / 74° | **3/4**64° / 76° | **3/5**63° / 79° | **3/7**65° / 75° | **3/8**59° / 74° | **3/9**50° / 70° | **3/10**53° /67 ° |

Looking normal with no extremes this week.

**Scramble Catches & New Major Steers/Heifers**

Anyone that catches at HLSR Calf Scramble, or a if you are planning on getting a Major Show Steer or Heifer, please take note at the Ear Tag Purchase Deadlines and Validation Dates at the bottom of this e-mail. They have been added to the Chapter Calendar, we recommend that you add them to yours as well. If you caught at scramble, you must purchase an ear tag.

You will notice that there are two deadlines / species, an EARLY and a LATE. You can save yourself a few dollars buy purchasing your ear tag on the EARLY cycle. All purchases are done on-line through the Galveston County Agrilife Extension Website.

**FFA Chapter Meeting / Alumni & Parent Meeting**

We will be holding our monthly FFA Chapter Meeting on Wednesday, 6 March in the DHS Vintage Gym. Simultaneously there will be another Dickinson FFA Alumni Interest Meeting in the DHS Library. We ask that all parents & guardians attend the meeting in the library.

**Giveaway Opportunity**



See Ms. Coppola for any questions.

**AET Record Keeping**

Anyone wishing to obtain FFA Awards & Advanced Degrees need to attend AET Record Keeping Thursdays with Ms. Cook. Please see below:



**Eligibility**



**FFA Banquet Committee**



**FFA Banquet Silent Auction**



**Scholarship Deadlines**



**Major Tag Order Time (Already)**

Major show tag orders for Fall 2024 sheep/goat/heifer and 2024-2025 steer are now open. Swine information will be released in the coming weeks.

**ORDER** [**HERE**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/major-show-validation-tag-orders-for-2024-sfot-2024-2025-steer-tickets-852289539957?aff=oddtdtcreator)

**Tag Order Deadlines:**

Sheep/Goat/Steer/Heifer Early: **April 3**

Sheep/Goat/Steer/Heifer Late: **May 28**

Swine Early: **TBA**

Swine Late: **TBA**

**Validation Dates:**

Steer/Heifer: June 25, 4:30pm-6:30pm, at Galveston County Fairgrounds

Sheep/Goat/Swine: June 26, 4:30pm-6:30pm, at Santa Fe Ag Barn

**Sheep/Goat:**

* SFOT 2024 market sheep/goat, registered breeding sheep/goat, and wether/commercial dams/does MUSTorder and validate in June; Optional for Spring 2025 major show sheep/goat.
* Previously validated breeding sheep/goats (registered, wether/commercial) do NOT need to be validated again UNLESS ownership has changed.
* **NEW: If a TGBA/TLBA tag is added, a new tag must be purchased and the animal will have to revalidate.**
* Original registration papers for breeding sheep/goat must be in exhibitor’s name by **June 30, 2024.**

**Heifer:**

* Fall 2024 major show heifers MUSTorder and validate in June; Optional for Spring 2025 heifers.
* All major show heifers will be tagged.
* Previously validated heifers do NOT need to be validated again UNLESS ownership has changed.
* Original registration papers must be in exhibitor’s name by **June 30, 2024.**

**Steer:**

* Fall 2024 & Spring 2025 major show steers MUST order and validate in June. There are **NO** other options for major show steer validation.

**Swine:**

* TBA

For more information, visit: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/4h/major-show/>

Let us know if you have any questions or need assistance. Have a great weekend, and as always,

**GO GATORS!**



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