Good Morning Gator Nation!!!

Couple of quick updates as we start the Spring Break Stampede:

* **Barn Gate Adjustments**
* **HLSR Steers**
* **Major Swine Ear Tag Order Deadlines**
* **SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON STATE FAIR OF TEXAS TAG ORDERS & VALIDATION DATES**
* **Galveston County Fair Clean-Up Day**
* **AET Record Keeping**
* **Academic Eligibility**
* **FFA Banquet Committee**
* **FFA Banquet Silent Auction**
* **Scholarships**

**Activity Calendar**

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**FFA Meeting / Specie Clinic / Stock Show Calendar**

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**Barn Gate Adjustments**

Request have been submitted extending everyone’s barn gate access time as we usually do over Spring Break. If for some reason the gates do not respond correctly notify me directly. The side walk-thru gate will be unlocked allowing access if this were to occur.

**HLSR Steers**

Mr. Edenfied & Mr. Robinson will be ARRIVING at the barn at 3 am on the respective days for Move-In. Trucks must leave the barn before 4 am. Be there in time to load beforehand so that we do not miss our window.

Here is what we have put together for steers heading to HLSR. Students need not worry about riding through staging as we will likely be out there for several hours. We will communicate with everyone via text to notify you of:

* What stall assignments we are given
* When we are about to leave staging
* When we are about to arrive at the NRG Center Loading Dock

Please be in place and ready to unload cattle & tack as soon as we are granted access to the loading dock. HLSR officials are usually very strict about the amount of time taken up in the loading/unloading area.

*(Anyone wishing to stow any tack in the showbox, it will be in the trailer. Be sure to get your tack in the showbox before departure. Any feed can go in the tack room of the gooseneck)*

**Wave #1**

Sunday – 10 March

* 4:00 am: Depart DHS Barn (Mr. Edenfield will stage at Airport Road and notify exhibitors of penning assignments and when he is about to be released to unload at NRG Center. Be on standby to unload cattle & tack upon his arrival to the NRG Loading Dock)
* 1 am Move-In
* 1 pm Steer Classification **Main** **Arena**

Monday – 11 March

* 8 am Scramble Steer Show **Main** **Arena**
* 11 am Market Steer Show (Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Shorthorn, ABC) **Main Arena [Diaz, Mathis, Abbott, Larr]**

Tuesday – 12 March

* 8 am Market Steer Show (Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah) **Main** **Arena [McKibben, Hall, McCollum]**
* Release upon completion of show

*(Anyone wishing to stow any tack in the showbox, it will be in the trailer upon return from Wave #1. Be sure to get your tack in the showbox before departure. Any feed can go in the tack room of the gooseneck)*

**Wave #2**

Wednesday – 13 March

* 4:00 am: Depart DHS Barn (Mr. Robinson will stage at Airport Road and notify exhibitors of penning assignments and when he is about to be released to unload at NRG Center. Be on standby to unload cattle & tack upon his arrival to the NRG Loading Dock)
* 1 am Move-In
* 1 pm Steer Classification **Main** **Arena**

Thursday – 14 March

* 8 am Scramble Steer Show **Main** **Arena**
* 10 am Market Steer Show (Limousin, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Angus, Red Angus, Black Cross, Red Cross) **Main Arena [Fernandez, Williams]**

Friday – 15 March

* 8 am Market Steer Show (Other Crossbred) **Main** **Arena**
* 1 pm Release Non-Placing Steers

Take note of these changes to HLSR Official Rules for the Junior Scramble & Market Steer Shows for 2024:

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**Major Swine Ear Tag Order Deadline**

Galveston County Agrilife Extension has elected to match up the Major Swine Ear Tag Order Deadlines with that of Sheep, Goats, & Cattle. All Summer Major Tags must be ordered by:

Tag Order Deadlines:

ALL SPECIES Early: April 3

ALL SPECIES Late: May 28

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

**Swine:**

* Fall 2024 major show market swine and registered/crossbred breeding gilts MUST order and validate in June.
* Original registration papers for breeding gilts must be in exhibitor’s name by July 1, 2024.

All Deadlines & Validation Dates have been uploaded/updated into the FFA Calendar: <https://dickinson.ffanow.org/AETcalendar.aspx?ID=72461>

**EAR TAG & VALIDATION DATE ADJUSTMENTS**

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**Galveston County Fair Clean-Up Day**

Hello Everyone,

The Galveston County Fair and Rodeo needs you, your club/chapter members and parents to help us get the livestock pavilion ready for the 2024 Fair.

March 23, 2024 starting at 9 am - Lunch will be provided

Please bring shovels, rakes, pitchforks, wheelbarrows, weed eaters,  etc.

We look forward to a day of fellowship and working with each of you!

**THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS NEEDED TO EARN YOUR LONE STAR FFA DEGREE!!!**

**AET Record Keeping**

Thursdays after school or during Gator Time in H103

For students interested in being the Chapter Star Greenhand, Star Chapter, and Star Lonestar- you MUST apply and have an updated record book.

For students who have been in high school FFA for 3+ years

- this is the time to get your record book up to date so you can receive your Lonestar Degree at this year’s Texas FFA Convention

**Academic Eligibility**

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**FFA Banquet Committee**

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**FFA Banquet Silent Auction**

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**Scholarships**

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**Have a great and restful Spring Break! Good luck to everyone @ HLSR, and as always,**

**GO GATORS!**

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