

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

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TO: BELL COUNTY LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

It is time to place state validation tag orders for lambs and goats going to **2026 Spring Major Shows!**

Bell County **REQUIRES** all FFA and 4-H members to pre-order and pay for Major Show tags prior to validation. Major Show tags are **\$30/each**. Livestock validated for Texas Major Shows are automatically validated for the Bell County Youth Fair at no additional cost during validation. Validation tags for only the county show will be purchased on-site during physical validation for \$5/each. Completing validation does NOT enter livestock in the shows. Major Show entries will be handled through your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher. Bell County Youth Fair entries will be completed online. For more information, please contact your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher.

2026 MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION TAG ORDER DEADLINE	
Due Thursday, August 28th	
Market Lambs Market Goats Breeding Sheep* Wether/Commercial Dams Breeding Goats* Wether/Commercial Does	*Registration Papers Required* For Registered Sheep & Goats The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration is October 1, 2025. A color copy of the original registration papers MUST be sent to meagan.cline@ag.tamu.edu prior to validation.

There are two options for exhibitors to submit tag orders:

- To **order online** and pay by credit card, visit: <https://bell-livestock-coalition.square.site/>
- To **order in person or by mail** and pay with exact cash or check, please complete the attached order form and mail or deliver to the Extension Office with payment, payable to *Bell Livestock Coalition*.

Physical validation will be held at the **Cadence Bank Center** on the dates listed below:

Sheep and Goat Validation: October 21st and October 28th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Special Notes for Sheep and Goat Validations:

- All lambs and goats validated during the 2025 State Fair Validation period including market animals **WILL BE ELIGIBLE** for 2026 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project **MUST** stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor **MUST REVALIDATE** the project within the next validation period.
- Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) and Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag numbers **MUST** be in the animal's ear to be recorded on the validation form at validation. All lambs and goats planning to go to San Angelo **MUST** have TLBA/TGBA tags in their ear and the number recorded on their validation form.
- If a TLBA/TGBA tag is added to the animal's ear after the State Fair show season, then the animal must be re-validated during the Major Show Validation season in order for the TLBA/TGBA tag number to be properly recorded on the Validation Form and eligible for TLBA/TGBA premiums during the spring show season.
- In 2021, Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas announced the introduction of the Roll-over Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goat program. For example, any **BREEDING** animal validated during the State Fair 2021 validation period is eligible to be exhibited by that exhibitor through the State Fair 2024 show season. If ownership changes, then the animal must be re-validated.
- All sheep and goats are eligible for family validation. Registered sheep and goats can family validate if the registration papers have all exhibitors full names listed as owners. Registration paper ownership will determine the exhibitors eligible to show that project.
- All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does will use the same RFID validation tag.

If you have any questions, please contact Meagan Cline at meagan.cline@ag.tamu.edu or (254) 933-5305.

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**TEXAS MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION
TAG ORDER FORM**

Exhibitor Information	Market Lambs	Market Goats	Registered Breeding Sheep	Registered Breeding Goats	Commercial/Wether Dams	Commercial/ Wether Does
Name: _____ Email: _____ Club/Chapter: _____						

_____ @ \$30.00 per Tag
Total number of Sheep and Goat Validation Tags Requested

\$ _____
Total Due

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____
Total Due

CHECK NUMBER/CASH: _____

DATE PAID _____

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TAG ORDER FORM for FFA Chapter _____

*** You must include the names of the exhibitors who ordered tags. Denote 'extra tags' to unassigned tags ordered. ***

Exhibitor(s) Names	Market Lambs	Market Goats	Breeding Sheep	Breeding Goats	Wether Dams	Wether Does	Cash/ Check No.

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