

August 2023



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## THE VICTORIA COUNTY 4-H *CROSSROADS CLOVER*

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HOLY SMOKES! This summer has come and gone. I have no idea where it went and it seems like the days just keep flying by! I hope that you all could find some time to reset before this new 2023-2024 year gets kicked off.

We are intently planning things this year and cannot wait to share new ideas and programs that will be available for our members. More specifically, CLOVER KIDS! Get ready to have more opportunity than ever before in Victoria County.

Historically, now for the past several years, Clover Kids have only really had the opportunity to participate in livestock projects through our Pee Wee Livestock Shows at the Victoria Livestock Show. New this year, Clover Kids will be able to participate in the Food and Nutrition Project with Food Show, Photography, Fashion Show, some Public Speaking events, and Talent Show as well as many more.

The new 4-H year starts September 1st. Please wait until September 1st to enroll/re-enroll UNLESS you are a volunteer. Volunteers can start enrolling now!

So press start, hang on tight and scroll through this month's edition of the monthly 4-H Family Newsletter.

**We are still on summer hours through August.**  
**Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-5:30AM**  
**Closed on Fridays**

*Paige Metton*

4-H Youth Development Agent

# PROJECT UPDATES

## ARCHERY

### **MANDATORY SAFETY/SIGN UP MEETINGS**

Tuesday, September 11 OR Thursday, September 14th  
6:30PM @ 4-H Activity Center (259 Bachelor Drive)

\*NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS MUST ATTEND ONE OF ABOVE MEETINGS TO PARTICIPATE\*  
There is no need to bring any bows to the safety/sign up meetings.



**Cost of the project is \$30**

### **PROJECT MEETINGS/PRACTICES**

Regular practices will be every Monday starting  
Monday, September 18th 6:00PM @ 4-H Activity Center.

\*Barebows assigned to archers who do not have their own bows.



## RIFLE

### **MANDATORY SAFETY/SIGN UP MEETINGS**

Thursday, October 5th OR Tuesday, October 10th  
5:00PM - 6:00PM @ 4-H Activity Center (259 Bachelor Drive)

\*NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS MUST ATTEND ONE OF ABOVE MEETINGS TO PARTICIPATE\*

#### **Project - 6 Safety and Target Shooting Meetings**

Cost of Project Meetings is \$75 (ammo & rifle provided)

Remaining Project Dates: October 12 - October 26 on every  
Tuesday & Thursday

#### **Competition Season - January - April**

Cost of Competition Season is \$350 per participant

\*Fees will be collected in January and more info will be provided  
during the project meetings.

## FOOD & NUTRITION

### **FUN NIGHT**

**@ 6:00PM 4-H Activity Center**

Join us for a night of all things Food & Nutrition with fun games and skills to give you an insight into the project. We will also be giving updates on Food Show & Food Challenge contests.

#### **Project Meetings/Practices**

**September & October @ 4-H Activity Center  
5:30PM**





## VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW & MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW EXHIBITORS

### QUALITY COUNTS

All livestock exhibitors that are showing at the Victoria Livestock Show and/or a Major Livestock Show must take the QUALITY COUNTS TEST. Only exhibitors that are entering 3rd grade (Junior), 6th grade (Intermediate), and 9th grade (Senior) will need to take the test.

\*If you are having any technical issues email [learnonline@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:learnonline@ag.tamu.edu)

\*If you have questions about grade level, DOB, or school/county email [texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu)

## MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW EXHIBITORS

### STATE FAIR OF TEXAS & HEART OF TEXAS ENTRY FORMS DUE

*AUGUST 22 to the EXTENSION OFFICE*

You can find the premium books and other information here:

<https://www.hotfair.com>

<https://bigtex.com>

### 2024 SPRING MAJOR SHOW TAG ORDERS

Heifers, Market Lambs and Goats, Breeding Lambs and Goats, Wether Dams and Does  
*Due August 29 to the Extension Office*

*\*NEW THIS YEAR, Lamb/Goats previously validated for State Fair this past June will not have to be re-validated for Spring Shows and will carry over. UNLESS, a TLBA/TGBA tag has been added.*

Market Hogs, Registered Breeding Gilts, Crossbred Breeding Gilts

*Due September 28 to the Extension Office*

### MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION DATES

Major Lamb & Goat Validation

October 30th @ Pole Barn

4:00PM - 6:00PM

Major Heifer Validation

October 31st @ Diebel Ranch

4:00PM - 6:00PM

Major Hog Validation

November 16th @ Pole Barn

4:00PM - 6:00PM

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## 2024 SPRING MAJOR SHOWS HEIFER TAG ORDER FORM

**ONE PER EXHIBITOR**

**Exhibitor (s) Name (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of the Animals:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FFA Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TAG ORDERS ARE DUE AUGUST 29TH AND \$25 EACH  
AFTER AUGUST 29TH, LATE TAGS ARE \$35**

**NEW THIS YEAR:**

**Heifers will have an actual tag  
in their ear**

**All tags must be purchased in advance to  
guarantee validation.**

**Validation is subject to availability for  
those who do not pre-order.**

**Heifers must be validated if going to Fort  
Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Rio Grande  
Valley, Houston and Austin.**

**Heifers previously validated are still active,  
however, if ownership changes or breed,  
they must be re-validated**

<b># of Tags</b>	
_____	<b>Registered Breeding Heifers</b>
	<b>\$_____ Total Due</b>
<b>Cash or Check</b>	<b>CK#_____</b>

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Make checks payable to :

**Victoria Adult Leaders Association**

and mail form along with payment or hand deliver to the address above.







## 2024 SPRING MAJOR SHOWS LAMB & GOAT TAG ORDER FORM

ONE PER FAMILY

Exhibitor (s) Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**TAG ORDERS ARE DUE AUGUST 29TH AND \$15 EACH  
AFTER AUGUST 29TH, LATE TAGS ARE \$30 EACH**

# of Tags	
_____	Market Lambs
_____	Market Goats
_____	Registered Breeding Sheep
_____	Registered Breeding Goats
_____	Wether or Commercial Dams
_____	Wether or Commercial Does
Total Due \$_____	
Cash or Check	CK# _____

All tags must be purchased in advance to guarantee validation.

Validation is subject to availability for those who do not pre-order.

These tags are for Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston and Austin.

Commercial Wethers/Dams, Breeding Ewes/Does and Market Lambs/Goats must be tagged.

If you validated a lamb/goat this past summer, their tags are eligible to carry over for spring shows and do not have to be re-validated.

If a TGBA/TLBA tag has been added to the currently validated animal, they must be re-validated for the spring shows.

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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## 2024 SPRING MAJOR SHOWS HOG TAG ORDER FORM



**ONE PER FAMILY**

**Exhibitor (s) Name (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of the Animals:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FFA Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TAG ORDERS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 28 AND \$15 EACH  
AFTER SEPTEMBER 28, LATE TAGS ARE \$23 EACH**

**# of Tags**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Market Hogs/Crossbred Gilts**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Registered Gilts**

**\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Due**

**Cash or Check**

**CK#** \_\_\_\_\_

**All tags must be purchased in advance to guarantee validation.**

**Validation is subject to availability for those who do not pre-order.**

**These tags are for Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Texas Elite, Rio Grande Valley, Houston and Austin.**

**Crossbred Gilts, Registered Gilts and Market Hogs must be tagged.**

**NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Make checks payable to :

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**ABSOLUTELY  
NO REFUNDS!**



## Quality Counts Enrollment Instructions

1. To begin, go to: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/login/>

**Helpful Hint:** We recommend using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your internet source.

2. Click "Create an account" underneath the blue Log In button if you do not already have an account with AgriLife Learn. If you do have an AgriLife Learn account, log in at this time.

**Helpful Hint:** You must create or have an account on AgriLife Learn, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!

3. After logging into your account, type "Quality Counts" into the search bar to find the course.

4. On the Quality Counts page, under "Quality Counts Level" click on the drop-down menu to select your grade level: Junior (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), or Senior (Grades 9-12).

**Helpful Hint:** For grade level, please enter the grade you will be entering (if between May- August) or enter your current grade, depending on the time of year you are registering in Quality Counts.

5. Once you've selected your grade level, click the blue "Add to Cart" button. The course is free, but you must go through the checkout process to enroll.

6. Click "View Cart" and then click "Proceed to Checkout".

7. Check the box next to "I agree with the Terms of Use," then click Next.

8. To access your course, click the "View my Order" button and then click on the link next to "Access Course:"

9. At the bottom of the Welcome page, click on "Course Materials"

10. Take the Exhibitor Survey to begin the course.

**Helpful Hint:** It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!

11. Once you have completed the survey, copy the access code provided to you.

**Helpful Hint:** This is NOT your QC number that verifies your course completion. This is a one-time code to open up the learning materials. You will also be emailed this code from [surveys@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:surveys@ag.tamu.edu).

12. Click the arrow in the top, right-hand corner of your screen to move forward.

13. Click the blue "Start Quiz" button and then enter the access code.

14. After submitting the access code, move through the course content by clicking on the arrow in the top, right-hand corner of your screen.

**Helpful Hint:** The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete. You may leave and come back to the course at any time by logging into your AgriLife Learn account.

15. Once you complete the course materials, click "Final Exam" to take the exam.

**Helpful Hint:** You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve 80% or higher.

16. Once you pass the exam, you will receive an email from [texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu) with your VERIFIED Quality Counts NUMBER. It is important you check for and keep this message. You may also contact your CEA/AST to obtain your number if you did not receive the email.

17. Congratulations! You have completed the Quality Counts Journey and your Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

**Helpful Hint:** For questions related to content, scores, and verification, please contact [texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu)

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OFFICE SUMMER HOURS  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
7:30AM-5:30PM  
OPEN DURING LUNCH

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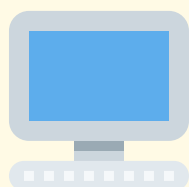
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