



Welcome to the Morgan Co. Jr. Livestock Program. You have started on an exciting path! The Jr. The Livestock Program is a unique opportunity to use live animals to help youth develop. We hope that your years in 4-H and FFA are filled with knowledge, fun, friends, hard work, and memories.

GET REGISTERED

To be an exhibitor in the Jr. Livestock Program, you must first be eight years old and in third grade of the current school year, and enrolled in 4-H or FFA by April 1st by 5:00 p.m. Enrollment in 4-H is done online at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>. Enrollment in FFA needs to be done through the high school FFA Advisor. FFA exhibitors must be enrolled in an agriculture class for the current school year 2023-2024 and an active member of the FFA by April 1, 2024.

GET CONNECTED

Be sure to get all your contact information into the Jr. Livestock so that you can stay up to date on the latest news and events. You can email your info directly to morganjrlivestock@gmail.com (Please include your child's name, a good phone number and what species your child is showing in your email). You can request to join our GroupMe pages on your email as well.

PURCHASE YOUR ANIMAL

You will need to make sure that you have the appropriate place to raise a beef, lamb and/or hog. They need proper shelter (protection from wind, sun, rain, snow, extreme cold), as well as clean water, fresh feed, and a place to exercise. Then you will need to purchase your animal. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A BILL OF SALE WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR ANIMAL. BEEF ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR BRAND INSPECTION AT WEIGH-IN AT THE FAIR. ALL BILL OF SALES ARE REQUIRED WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR THE SPRING SHOW.** There are certain characteristics that you will want to look for when choosing the right animal to buy. Each participant will be sent specific information regarding their species. We will also have several workshops this spring and summer that will provide hands-on learning of these skills. Alternatively, or in addition to, there are many online and surrounding workshops available, so feel free to attend all that you can. You will want to make sure that you purchase an animal old enough to reach the set weight range for your respective species. Hogs should be December/early January born and lambs should be January/February born. These are just general guidelines so please consult with your breeders as they can help you choose the appropriate size animal for your needs.

TAGGING YOUR ANIMAL

Your animals will need to be tagged in by our Livestock Superintendents. A State ID tag is put in your animal's ear. The tag is a way to identify your animal and proves ownership under the state guidelines. Tagging dates are set by the species superintendents. Please see the Important Dates attachment for tagging dates and times.



LIVESTOCK SCALE

There will be two options to periodically weigh your animal this year. First we will have a scale setup at the fairgrounds. You will need to text Leslie at 801-791-5579 to arrange to pick up the scale head. You will have a two hour reservation to haul your animal over, weigh them and return the scale head. We will also have a portable livestock scale that is available for you to use. Brady Peterson keeps this scale at his house. You can text him to reserve it (please text only). You will have a two hour reservation. Please make sure you clean, sanitize and return the scale in a timely manner. Please keep in mind that the portable scale isn't 100% accurate and should only be used to judge their approximate weight. If you want an exact weight, you will need to haul your animal to the fairgrounds and weigh them there.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Seniors: All seniors will be divided into at least three groups per species. Each group will be responsible to put on a workshop for the intermediates and juniors to attend. The purpose of this is to allow the seniors to expand on their knowledge and mentor skills. Each senior group will be led by a species superintendent. If for any reason, a senior cannot help and participate in these workshops, they will have the option to write a 300-word essay on an educational experience of their choice.

Intermediates: All intermediates are required to attend one workshop that is put on by the seniors. If for any reason an intermediate is unable to attend any of these workshops, they will have the option to write a 200-word essay on an educational experience of their choice.

Juniors: All juniors are required to attend one workshop that is put on by the seniors. If for any reason a junior is unable to attend any of these workshops, they will have the option to write a 100-word essay on an educational experience of their choice.

PLEASE NOTE: Seniors must help plan and put on the clinics they are assigned to help at, otherwise they will be required to write an essay. Intermediates and juniors must attend one workshop, per species they are showing, that is put on by the seniors, otherwise they will be required to write an essay. For example, If Jane, who is an intermediate showman, is showing steers and lambs, Jane must attend a steer workshop and a lamb workshop. If Jane is unable to attend either of these workshops, she will be required to write an essay for each species she is showing. The essay must relate to the species you are showing.

QUALIFYING YOUR ANIMAL TO SELL AT THE FAIR

To qualify to sell your animal at the Morgan County Jr. Livestock Sale, exhibitors must have shown EACH participating animal at the Morgan County Jr. Livestock Spring Show, or any other state sanctioned Jr. Livestock show, or other approved show, to be eligible to show at the Morgan County Fair.



RULE UPDATES/IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR 2024

- 1. The minimum weight for hogs has been lowered to 230.**
- 2. If an exhibitor has two animals that are similar or the same in weight as they go across the scale, the exhibitor can declare at that time that they would like to move one of them up to the next weight class if the animals may end up in the same class. If the animals weigh the same, the exhibitor will have to choose which animal will move up. If they are similar in weight (for example one is 245 and the other is 247), the heavier of the two (in this case the 247) will move up to the next class. *The exhibitor must declare this at the scale as their animals are being weighed. No exceptions. It will not be done after classes are posted.**
- 3. The water system in the hog barn will be removed. You will need to bring your own waterers to the Spring Show and the Fair. It has to be something that is made for swine and that can be secured to the pen. The hog superintendents have some examples of waterers that they will show you during our breakout sessions.**

DRESS CODE

The 4-H dress code is a solid white, short or long-sleeved, button down shirt with a collar, a 4-H patch on the left sleeve and black or dark blue pants. **NO HOLES!** You will want to choose boots or other sturdy, closed-toe shoes to protect your feet while exhibiting. You can purchase patches from the extension office for \$1.25 each. The FFA dress code is either a white collared shirt, FFA tie and FFA jacket, or a white collared shirt with the FFA emblem and FFA tie. Black pants are to be worn. **NO HOLES! The following are not allowed: T-shirts, tank tops, tube tops, vests or sleeveless shirts, ripped pants and open toed-shoes.**

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Please ask about our Ambassador Program! This is an amazing opportunity for our youth to give back to the program and help our newest members get off to a great start. To qualify you must currently be in high school, have shown in Jr Livestock for 5+ years, and be currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA in the specific species to which you are applying. Please contact Nicole Reed or Hannah Giles for more info!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Morgan County Jr. Livestock program offers a \$1500 scholarship. You must meet the following criteria to apply: Have been a member of the Morgan Jr Livestock program for five consecutive years



(three years need to be high school); plan to attend a college, university or vocational/trade school; graduate from high school with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; and have taken the ACT. Please watch your email for applications to be sent out or contact a member of the livestock committee for more info.

CARCASS PROGRAM

In order to participate in the Carcass contest during the Jr. Livestock show, the exhibitor must attend one carcass class. Classes are listed on the Important Dates info sheet and schedules will be announced via email and GroupMe. If you have questions, please reach out to Keri Kinghorn or Ben Sessions.

BUYERS AND BOOSTER

Inviting buyers and boosters to our sale is one of the most important roles of exhibitors. Each exhibitor will be assigned one or two buyers to invite. These are assigned based on your buyer or boosters from the previous year. Please make sure these are taken out within a week of receiving your assigned buyer packet. We also encourage you to think of new buyers you can invite. Sit down with your parents and try to think of people or businesses you know that would love to get involved and support our program.

SALE DAY

On the final day of the fair, all the market animals that qualify will be sold at the auction. We will have a mandatory parent and exhibitor meeting at 8am to go over the auction details and assign help where it's needed. All pens, aisles and animals need to be clean. Exhibitors are required to wear their show attire while going through the auction. The sale order is based on how your animal placed in its market class class. All Exhibitors are required to write Thank You cards for each buyer and booster listed on your sale sheet. Thank you cards are due on September 1st by 5:00 pm and are required to be turned in to the Morgan Extension Office before you will receive your check. Support from our buyers and boosters is a huge part of this program's success. Without them, we would not be able to have a sale. All the buyers and boosters' information will be given to you approximately two weeks after the fair. A thank you gift presented in person to your buyer after the fair is also encouraged. We also recommend that you display a thank you poster to your buyer and boosters above your animal's pen the following year.

PORTFOLIOS AND RECORD BOOKS

Each exhibitor is required to submit a completed 4-H Portfolio or FFA record book when your project is complete. This is something that you will want to fill out throughout the entire length of the project. Portfolios are due by 10:00 am August 23rd and must receive red ribbon grade or higher to pass. Portfolios received after August 23rd will result in a \$50 fine which will be taken out of your check. Portfolios received after September 28th will result in disqualification to participate in the Junior Livestock program the following year. There will be several workshops throughout the year to help you prepare your portfolios. Please watch your email for more information.



FFA Record Books – Ask your FFA advisor for guidance in preparing your record book. Record books are due August 23rd and must receive a passing grade. Record books received after August 23rd will result in a \$50 fine which will be taken out of your check. Record books received after September 30th will result in disqualification to participate in the Junior Livestock program the following year.

Your 4-H and FFA advisor can help guide you through this experience. The 4-H office is also an excellent place to get resource manuals for each species. We encourage this to be a project that the family does together.

Be sure to check out our website for the official rules and additional info!

<https://morganjrlivestock.wixsite.com/website>

Please contact your species supervisors with any questions.

Sincerely,

Morgan Jr. Livestock Committee

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