



Welcome to the Morgan Co. Jr. Livestock Program. You have started on an exciting path! The Jr. 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 March 31st at 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 ag teacher.

PURCHASE YOUR ANIMAL

You will need to make sure that you have the appropriate place to raise a steer, 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. STEERS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR BILL OF SALE AT WEIGH-IN. ALL BILL OF SALES ARE REQUIRED WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR THE JUNE 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/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.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Seniors: All seniors will be divided into 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 an essay on an education 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 an essay on an education experience of their choice.

Juniors: All juniors 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 an essay on an education 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 June Show, or any other state sanctioned Jr. Livestock show, or other approved show, in addition to the Morgan County Fair.

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 and open toed shoes.**

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. 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.

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 August 22nd and must receive red ribbon grade or higher to pass. Portfolios received after August 22nd 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 22nd and must receive a passing grade. Record books received after August 22nd will result in a \$50 fine which will be taken out of your check. Record books received after September 28th will result in disqualification to participate in the Junior Livestock program the following year.

PORTABLE LIVESTOCK SCALE

We have one portable livestock scale that is available to 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. If you notice something is broken, please let Brady know right away so that we can get it repaired. Weighing your animal on a regular basis will help you ensure that they make weight for the Fair. Please keep in mind that portable scales can be inaccurate. It will give you an idea of the weight range your animal is at. We cannot guarantee that this portable scale will give you an accurate weight.

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, Hannah Giles or Shyanne Rees 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 and schedules will be announced via email and GroupMe. If you have questions, please reach out to Keri Kinghorn or Ben Sessions.



SALE DAY

On the final day of the fair, all the market animals that qualify will be sold at the auction. This is the day that you have all worked so hard for! You will wash and prepare your animal and follow the same dress code as you did for the show. Each exhibitor will go through the auction in a certain order, which is based on how your animal is placed in its market class. As soon as you secure your animal after going through the auction, thank your buyer for their support. Most importantly, after the fair is over, promptly follow up with a handwritten thank you note to your buyers and boosters. Thank you cards are due on September 1st 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 after the fair is also encouraged. We also encourage you to display a thank you poster to your buyer and boosters above your animal's pen 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 additional info! <https://morganjrlivestock.wixsite.com/website>

Please contact your species supervisors with any questions.

Sincerely,

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