



Welcome to the Morgan Co. Jr. Livestock Program. 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 April 1st 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 FFA Advisors, Mrs. Giles or Mr. McCormick.

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, current grade in school, 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 steer/heifer, lamb and/or hog. They need shelter (protection from wind, sun, rain, snow, extreme cold), as well as clean water, fresh feed, and a place to exercise. After you purchase your animal **PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET A BILL OF SALE. STEERS/HEIFERS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR BILL OF SALE/BRAND INSPECTION AT WEIGH-IN. ALL BILL OF SALES ARE REQUIRED WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR THE JUNE SHOW.** 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

We have a portable livestock scale available. Brady Peterson keeps this scale at his house and 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. We highly recommend



purchasing a scale of your own. They sell them on Amazon and Walmart.com and are usually pretty affordable. If you need any scale recommendations, please send us an email.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Exhibitors must complete educational requirements for their age group. If showing multiple species, they must attend a workshop or submit an essay for each one. Carcass workshops do not count. Workshop dates will be announced soon.

- **Senior Exhibitors (9-12 grade)** are required to attend a mandatory workshop conducted by the species supervisors. If they are unable to attend the workshop for any reason, they may opt to submit a 300-word essay on an educational experience of their choice.
- **Intermediate Exhibitors (6-8 grade)** are required to attend a mandatory workshop conducted by the species supervisors. If they are unable to attend the workshop for any reason, they may opt to submit a 200-word essay on an educational experience of their choice.
- **Junior Exhibitors (3-5 grade)** are required to attend a mandatory workshop conducted by the species supervisors. If they are unable to attend the workshop for any reason, they may opt to submit a 100-word essay on an educational experience of their choice.

QUALIFYING YOUR ANIMAL TO SELL AT THE FAIR

To be eligible to participate in the Morgan County Fair, exhibitors must have shown EACH participating animal at the Morgan County Spring Show, another state-sanctioned Jr. Livestock Show, or a Jackpot Show approved by their Species Supervisors. Exhibitors are required to provide proof of attendance at any show other than the Morgan County Spring Show. They must submit a class list that includes the exhibitor's name, tag number, and weight for each participating animal. This requirement must be completed by July 15, 2025.

RULE UPDATES FOR 2025

Any extra animals can be taken home following their show. This needs to be done by 8:00 pm on the day of their show or they will have to remain at the Fairgrounds until 8:00 pm on Saturday.

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!**

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

The carcass contest is judging the animal meat quality by using an ultrasound machine which measures the meat and fat ratio and this compared to industry standards. 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.

SHOW DAYS

Each exhibitor is expected to show in showmanship class along with market class. Pens need to be cleaned everyday and all animals must have water available at all times. Species superintendents might send out emails or groupme messages asking for volunteers to help out in different areas. Please help out if you can.

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.

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 2nd by 5PM 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.

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 by 10AM 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 29th 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 29th 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 additional info! <https://morganjrlivestock.wixsite.com/website>

Please contact your species supervisors with any questions.

Sincerely,

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