

4-H Livestock Project Tips



- ◆ From now until L.I.F.E check the weight of your project at least weekly and more often if needed.
- ◆ Become very familiar with minimum and maximum weights for your livestock project. Please refer to the 2012 L.I.F.E. weights, etc. in the L.I.F. E. rules and regulations. Call the Extension office if you need a copy.
- ◆ Become familiar with your feed label and any withdrawal times. The drug, chemical or feed additive is to be withdrawn for the number of days listed on the label before the animal is checked in at L.I.F.E.
- ◆ Become familiar with 2012 L.I.F.E. schedule of events (enclosed). Be sure to arrive early at least **one hour** prior to sifting and judging of your project and earlier if possible.
- ◆ Parent passes may be purchased directly from the L.I.F.E. office. Call the L.I.F.E. office at 722-9948 for passes starting on **February 1, 2012**.
- ◆ Check with your school principal regarding excused absences and submit your Declaration of Eligibility Form by the deadline of **February 27, 2012** at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Call your **club 4-H project leaders or County Extension Agents** should you have any questions about your livestock project or if something is bothering you about your livestock project or projects.
- ◆ Consult with your veterinarian on health related matters.
- ◆ Last of all, be prepared and remember to ask questions as problems or concerns arise and not right before L.I.F.E.

4-H Livestock Reference Guides

Please be informed that the following livestock reference guides can be obtained at the Extension office or at the 4-H web site <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>. These educational guides provide excellent information on selection, feeding, care, management and showmanship of 4-H livestock and poultry projects.

Managing Beef Cattle for Show (AS 1-2)

Producing Turkeys for Show (PS5.145)

How to Produce Broilers and Roasters for Show (L-5431)

The Small Laying Flock (PS 5.250)

Rabbit Project Reference Manual (AS 2.010)

4-H Show Lamb Guide (AS 3-4.059)

4-H Meat Goat Guide (AS 3-4.060)

4-H Swine Project Guide (AS 16-2)

Keeping Show Pigs Healthy (L-5392)

Use of Preventive and Therapeutic Drugs in Show Market Animals (L-2335)