

Mills County 4-H Newsletter

January 2012



There will not be a January 4-H meeting

Home Economics Division Entries

All home economics division entries will be due by Wednesday, January 11th by 5:00 p.m. to a Home Economics, Art or Ag Teacher, Division Superintendent or Ag Extension office. No Exceptions. We have show books available to pick up if you need information.




Sheep, Goat and Hog Clipping


It is nearly time to begin preparing your animal for show. This means clipping and shearing. We have clippers available upon request for you to check out and use on your own. We will also be available to assist you in clipping your animals on certain days. We will be set up at the Mills County Youth Fair Barn. We will begin at 8:00 am on each day for sheep and goats and 1:00 pm for swine. Here is the schedule:

Goats	Monday, January 16th, 8 am
Sheep	Tuesday, January 17th, 8 am
Hogs	Wednesday, January 18th, 1 pm
Hogs	Thursday, January 19th, 1 pm



Important Livestock Show Reminders

 IMPORTANT!! No one outside an immediate family member, instructor, or advisor will be allowed to assist the exhibitor with their livestock project at the MCYF Livestock Show or they will be disqualified.

 Premium Sale will begin at 6:00 pm sharp. This means you will need to arrive earlier. Animals may begin arriving at 8:00 am on Thursday. All livestock must be on grounds no later than 5:30 pm and in line to weigh by 6:00 pm.

Weight Limits

<i>Market Lambs</i>	Minimum 70 lbs. on all Southdowns and Hair Sheep. 80 lbs. on all other breeds. 2 lb. tolerance.
<i>Market Swine</i>	205-265 lbs. with a 5 lb. tolerance.
<i>Prospect Swine</i>	150-200 lbs.—must be state validated.
<i>Breeding Swine</i>	Minimum 185 lbs. No maximum weight. 5 lb. tolerance.
<i>Market Meat Goats</i>	Minimum 60 lbs. No maximum weight.
<i>Breeding Goats</i>	Minimum 60 lbs. No maximum weight.

There are scales behind the Ag Shop if you need to weigh your animal.



No Pass/No Play

Reminder: We will be contacting schools to check everyone's eligibility. We will follow UIL Guidelines.



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Youth Fair Work Day

We will have a work day to set up for the Mills County Youth Fair. It will be on Saturday, January 14th starting at 8:30 am and we need as many 4-H youth parent volunteers as possible.



4-H Concession Stand

The concession stand at the Youth Fair is a big job and our main 4-H Fundraiser. Mabelle Baird will coordinate the concession stand again this year. We really need youth and parents to assist us with working shifts at the concession stand. The busiest times will be Friday at noon and Saturday during the premium sale. Please call us at 325-648-2650 to sign up to work a shift. We need at least 1 adult per shift.

Friday, January 20th

8:00 — 10:00 am
10:00 — 12:00 pm
12:00 — 2:00 pm
2:00 — 4:00 pm
4:00 — 5:00 pm (Cleanup)

Saturday, January 21st

8:00 — 10:00 am
10:00 — 12:00 pm
5:00 — 7:00 pm (Meal)
7:00 — 9:00 pm (Cleanup)



Mills County Youth Fair Schedule

- January 16th** Garments due at Civic Center at 1:00 pm
Appearance judging of Garments at 1:30 pm
- January 18th** Art entries due between 3:30—5:30 pm
- January 19th** Ag Mechanics due between 10:00 am—2:00 pm
All foods and crafts due between 1:00—5:30 pm
2:00 pm Interviews and judging of Ag Mechanics
6:00 pm Official opening of Show and Introductions
6:00 pm Beef and Dairy Cattle Judging
6:00 pm Foods and Crafts Judging
- January 20th** 8:00 am Market Lamb Judging
Followed by Breeding Sheep Judging
Followed by Rabbit Judging
Lunch Break
Followed by Market Hog Judging
Pick up Home Economics entries by 5:30 pm
Home Economics Grand and Reserve Photos at 5:30 pm
- January 21st** 8:00 am Meat Goat Judging
Followed by Breeding Goat Judging
12:30 pm Fashion Show Participants arrive at Civic Center
1:00 pm Fashion Show and Awards at Civic Center
6:00 pm Sale of Premiums : Livestock and Home Economics



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