

Texas A&M AgriLife in the North Region



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“Back to the Basics” 4-H Livestock Plan

Last December the DEA’s, 4-H Specialists and myself started developing a plan that would address the following:

- Increase local species education for our families
- Provide agent training in basic species education and leader development
- Increased ownership in our program by families
- Develop and encourage utilization of volunteers/leaders/mentors
- Ultimately increased involvement in the projects and enrollment in the local 4-H program

As you know, we are well on our way and have completed the agent trainings on sheep/goats, swine and small animals. D-2 has completed the mentor training in this area and the Swine (August 24) and Sheep/Goat (September 14) mentor trainings have been planned. Thanks to the district committees and their efforts in providing quality trainings in these areas.

I wanted to reiterate the expectations for the rest of the year in your respective districts/species. These are the things that we discussed at trainings and district meetings and will need to be done before the end of the year:

- Development of a local livestock / species task force to plan, implement and evaluate learning experiences
- Implement 3-5 educational project meetings teaching the basics of the project (selection, nutrition, facilities, health, care, showmanship, show preparation/care)
- Recruit, utilize and engage leaders in this process (development of future mentors and leaders)
- Train potential mentors and put them to work with a plan for success in the project (develop a plan, define roles and communicate goals)

At the end of the day we are all after the same result; high quality educational programs that lead to higher numbers of quality kids and projects. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Dates to Remember

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| July 3, 18 – Cotton Lync Discussion 8:00 a.m. | August 6 -- Wheat Planning Meeting – Pampa |
| July 5, 19 – PCG meeting 7:30 a.m. | August 7 – Wheat Meeting – Canyon |
| July 11, 25 – Grain/Beef Lync Discussion 8:00 a.m. | August 8 – Wheat Conference – Perryton |
| July 16 – WT Joint Range Position interviews 8:30 a.m. | Ranchers Gathering -- Decatur |
| Program Planning Workshop Amarillo 1:00 p.m. | August 14 – Sorghum Workshop – Brownfield |
| July 17 – Program Planning Workshop Pampa 9:00 a.m. | August 19 – Corn EPIC program – Pampa |
| Marketing Lync Training 2:00 p.m. via Centra | August 20 – Mesquite Control – Matador |
| July 18 – Grain Sorghum Training, Plainview | EPIC Field Day – Morse |
| July 24 -- Program Planning Workshop Jacksboro 9:00 a.m. | August 21 – EPIC Field Day – Perryton |
| July 25 -- Program Planning Workshop Paducah 9:00 a.m. | Beef Cattle Forage Meeting – Snyder |
| July 28-31 – TCAAA Annual Meeting | August 22 – EPIC Field Day -- Dumas |
| | August 23 – EPIC Field Day – Dalhart |
| | Irrigation Meeting – Stratford |
| | August 28 – Ag Tour – Seminole |
| | August 29 – Right of Way Program – Pampa |
| | Crops Tour -- Muleshoe |

Remember to notify specialists about meetings 30 days prior to programs!!!!