



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 8 years old and in 3rd grade of the current school year. Enroll in 4-H or FFA by March 31st at 5pm. 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

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. They need clean water, fresh feed, 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 be having some workshops this spring and summer that will be hands-on learning of these skills. There are also a lot of online and surrounding workshops available to feel free to attend all that you can. Make sure you are purchasing an animal old enough to reach the set weight ranges for that species. Hogs should be December/January born and lambs should be January/February born. This is just a guideline but 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

Educational experience guidelines have been changed this year in hopes to make it more age appropriate for each age group. Juniors will be required to fill out a questionnaire regarding their experience. Intermediates will be required to write a 150 word essay and Seniors will be required to write a 300 word essay. Exhibitors must fill out an Educational Experience for each species shown. These are due July 13th, 2022. This essay is about something you have learned at a clinic, jackpot, seminar, workshop, webinar, or something you've researched online.



QUALIFYING YOUR ANIMAL TO SALE AT THE FAIR

To qualify to sell your animal at the Morgan Co. Fair, Exhibitors must have shown EACH participating animal at the Morgan County Jr. Livestock June Show or any other state sanctioned Jr. Livestock show, in addition to the Morgan County Fair. This includes hogs.

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 or dark blue 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 31st and must receive red ribbon grade or higher to pass. Portfolios received after August 31st will result in a \$50 fine to 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 31st and must receive a passing grade. Record books received after August 31st will result in a \$50 fine to 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.

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 we can get it repaired. Weighing your animal on a regular basis will help you ensure that they make weight for the Fair.

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 have to currently be in high school, have shown in Jr Livestock for 5+ years and be enrolled currently in 4-H or FFA in the specific species in which you are applying. Please contact Nicole Reed or Hannah Branch for more info!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Morgan Jr. Livestock program offers a \$1500 scholarship. You must meet the following criteria to apply; Been a member of the Morgan Jr Livestock program for five consecutive years (3 years need to be high school), plan to attend a college, university or vocational/trade school, graduate from high school, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and has 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 class during the Jr. Livestock show, the exhibitor must attend 1 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 qualified 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 important, 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 are required to be turned in before you will receive your check. Buyers and boosters are what makes this program such a success. Without them we would not be able to have a sale. All the buyers and boosters' information will be given to you two weeks after the fair. A thank you gift presented in person after the fair is also encouraged. Next year, acknowledge your buyer and boosters on a poster you can display above your animal's pen.

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,

Morgan Jr. Livestock Committee

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