

Monthly Newsletter

Archer County 4-H



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4-H Eligibility and Excused Absence Form

Eligibility requests are due to the Extension *two weeks prior* to each event, regardless of it being a weekday contest or weekend contest.

****Please make sure this is completed *before* the event/dates absent.****

Forms are available on the county website at <https://archer.agrilife.org/4-h/> under “Declaration of Eligibility.”

We will send these out at district contest registrations and two weeks prior to when each major show begins but it is up to you to make sure this is completed.

It is the responsibility of the local school district to determine whether or not any student is eligible and excused from classes to participate in any extracurricular event or activity.

4-H is recognized by the Texas Education Agency as a legitimate school-related extracurricular organization. 4-H members must be eligible as per the school districts requirements and may apply for excused absences in order to participate in 4-H activities.

**Note: the date on the top portion is for the dates of the event and excused absences, not the date you complete the form. Forms must be sent back to the Extension Office so that we can confirm membership and send them to the school to get the signed copies returned. Unless otherwise instructed, do not send to the school, send them to the Extension Office at archer-tx@tamu.edu.*

End of the calendar year

It's closing in to the end of the calendar year meaning fall contests are finishing up and we're preparing for county shows.

County show entries are due December 3rd. This includes home economics, photography and livestock entries. If you wish to participate in the District or State 4-H photography contest, you must enter those projects into the county show. Entry forms are available at the office or online at <https://archer.agrilife.org/archer-co-jr-livestock-show/>.

Spring contest prep will begin in January after county show is completed.

Spring contests include Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Consumer Decision Making, Share The Fun, Public Speaking and Educational Presentations, Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle, Horse Judging, and District Photography.

Livestock Validations

Swine validation for all pigs going to majors is scheduled for November 20th. It is a roaming validation so I will contact you with an estimated time of when we will be there. Parents must be present to sign paperwork. **County swine validation** will be held the weekend prior, November 17 & 18th so if you did not order state tags, please let me know that you need to be county validated so that I can put you on my list. Otherwise, I won't know to make it out to you and get your animals validated.

County Show Chickens

Chickens will ship out of Cameron, Texas on November 14th. They should arrive the morning of the 15th after which everyone who ordered will receive a call, text or e-mail to come pick them up. Please be sure to bring a box to carry them home in!

Calf Scrambles

Calf scrambles provide excellent scholarships upon graduation as well as assist in the purchase cost of a livestock project. Not all of the entries for these have the same deadline that the livestock and contest entries have so please be sure to get the signed forms into the Extension Office by their due date. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the rules prior to entering. Entries are not guaranteed participation as it is first-come, first-serve basis so get them in early!

Fort Worth is currently available
and due November 5th

San Angelo is currently available
and due November 15th

Houston is due November 15th

Austin is due November 15th

Major Show Entry Night

Last year we held a major show entry night for everyone to have the opportunity to fill out entry forms and submit them all at once. We will be doing this again on November 1st from 1pm-8pm. We will have copies of all the entry forms available for you to fill out and turn in. Be sure to have your Quality Counts number, Social Security number and payment(s) with you. **If you do not make this event, you may bring in your forms later, just make sure they are in by the deadlines for me to process.**

Final dates for entry forms to be turned into the Extension Office for processing is: **November 5th** for Fort Worth and **November 15th** for all other shows. This will include shooting sports, livestock and foods entries along with any other entry that has to be processed by the Extension Office. November is a very busy month for us so we have to adhere to these dates to make sure everything is processed correctly and timely. Incomplete entries will be sent back to the family. This includes having all signatures and social security numbers on the form(s).

In the event of not writing social security numbers down, DO NOT text those to the agents!!! They will be deleted immediately and will not be transferred to the forms. You must call the Extension Office and speak to one of the staff to get that put on your form.

Major Shows — Quality Counts

Quality Counts is available at:

www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx

All livestock and shooting sports exhibitors will be required to be verified under the new system (retake the education and test) for entry into **spring** major livestock shows. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

I see several have logged on and have started the content portion, while some have completed it. It must be completed fully in order for me to receive the number for your forms (in case you don't write it down). If you need help determining if you've completed the course, I can tell you which portion you are on. I will see two columns, *Content* and *Complete*, that will have True if you have completed that section or False which means it is incomplete. If you need this information, call 940/574-4914. **Deadlines for entries are coming very quickly so get this done NOW!**

Major Show Shooting Sports

Several of the major stock shows have incorporated shooting sports contests including in their schedule. If you wish to participate in any of these, the entry paperwork will be due the same time as livestock entries, **November 15th**. Shooting contestants must also complete the Quality Counts program. Youth may access it at www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx

[qcregister.aspx](http://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx)

A requirement for these contests is that the member must have participated in a 4-H or FFA sanctioned contest prior to entering. District 3 Trap and Archery contests qualify for this requirement as well as State Games. San Antonio and Houston registration forms are linked below and are available at the Extension Office.

San Antonio: [Shotgun Shoot Out](#)—February 13-17, 2019

Houston: [Young Guns Clay Shoot](#)—February 22-23, 2019

[Ranching and Wildlife Archery Contest](#)—March 10, 2019

Ag Product I.D. Contest

This project was introduced last year and we had a junior team compete and did very well. Contestants work individually through 20 stations. Each station will contain one (1) Texas Agricultural Product selected from the Texas Agriculture Products List and two (2) multiple choice questions. The first question of each station will always be identification of the product from four possible choices. The second question of each station will be general to the industry that produced the product (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional contest, region of production) or specific to the individual product on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season). Contestants are given 30 seconds at each station to answer both questions.

Contestants will advance to the next station only when instructed to do so. Youth can participate as a team or as an individual. We have almost 20 youth competing from Archer County for 2018! There will be a county level practice contest. Entries will be due to Maranda by November 14 at 5:00. Entries will be \$3.00 per person. No eligibility form will be required for this event. The county contest is scheduled for November 26 at 5:30 at the Activity Center. District Ag Product I.D. entries will be due on 4-H Connect Maranda by November 15 at 5:00. Entries will be \$5.00 per person. Eligibility forms should be sent to Maranda at the time of registration. District Ag Product I.D. is sched-

We're excited to offer youth and adults the opportunity to attend a floral arrangement class, hosted at the Archer County Activity Building on November 15 at 5:30 pm. The class will cost \$30.00. All supplies will be provided. You must RSVP by November 9 to 940-574-4914. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend, so bring your friends!



FALL FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS

RSVP BY 11/9
940-574-4914

\$30, 5:30 PM, November 15
@ ARCHER COUNTY ACTIVITY CENTER

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This month's schedule...

11/1	Major Show Entry Night at Extension Office; Entries due for San Antonio Calf Scramble
11/3	District Food Show—Vernon
11/4	Windthorst 4-H meeting
11/5	Entries due for Fort Worth Stock Show and all major shows Food Challenge entries
11/7	District Livestock Judging—Vernon
11/9	Fall Flower Arranging Class at Extension Office
11/9-11	Junior Leadership Retreat—Brownwood
11/13	Holiday 4-H meeting
11/13	4-H Archery meeting
11/15	Entries due for spring majors not already submitted; Ag Product ID contest
11/15	Fall Flower Arranging Class <i>open to youth and adults, 4-H membership not required</i>
11/15-16	Arrival of county show broilers
11/17-19	County show swine validations (<i>roaming, contact Ext Office to get on the list</i>)
11/20	Major show swine validations for spring shows (<i>roaming</i>)
11/27	Archer City 4-H meeting
11/28	District Food Challenge—Jacksboro
TBA	Livestock feeding Clinics at Extension Office—poultry, sheep and goat, beef

Save the dates...

12/2	Livestock showmanship clinics at Show Barn — poultry, sheep and goat, beef
12/3	County stock show entries due to Extension Office—Home Economics, Photography & Livestock
12/8	Swine feeding and showmanship clinic at Show Barn
12/8	Swine Smackdown at Show Barn cancelled
12/10	District Ag Product ID & Livestock Skill-a-thon —Monday

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1/4-5	County Livestock and Home Economics Show
1/4-6	Teen Leader Retreat —Brownwood
1/17-20	Re-Fashion Retreat —Brownwood
1/18-2/9	Fort Worth Stock Show
2/7-24	San Antonio Livestock Show
2/1-17	San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo
2/8-10	Texas Elite Showcase —Kerrville
2/25-3/17	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
3/1-5/1	Horse Validation—4-H Connect
3/16-30	Rodeo Austin
4/6	District Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle—Graham
4/15	District Horse Judging—Vernon
4/24	District Roundup, Photography & Consumer Decision Making Contests—Vernon
4/27	District Rifle Shoot—Wichita Falls
5/4	District Archery Shoot—Holliday
5/18	District Trap Shoot—Iowa Park

Check out our [county website](#) for additional dates and flyers!

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