

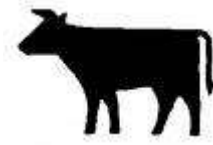


2013

ST. MARTIN PARISH

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW

HANDBOOK





**75th ANNUAL
ST. MARTIN PARISH 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW
PARISH HANDBOOK**



2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY 11, 2013 (Friday)

- 4:00 P.M. Livestock May Begin Arriving
 4:30-6:00 P.M. Weigh in Market Lambs & Goats
 5:30 P.M. Deadline for Sheep & Goat Arrival
- 6:00-9:00 P.M. Weigh-in Market Hogs and Commercial Gilts (All hogs must arrive and weigh-in Friday night)
 6:30 P.M. Pledges & Invocation; Begin Judging
Show Order:
Goat Showmanship – Oldest to Youngest, Overall, Pee Wee
Market Goats followed by **Breeding Goats**
Old Timers Goat Showmanship Fundraiser
Sheep Showmanship – Oldest to Youngest, Overall, Pee Wee
Breeding Sheep followed by **Market Lambs**
Old Timers Sheep Showmanship Fundraiser
 Champion and Reserve Champion Pictures (Breeding, Market, and Showmanship in each specie, in show order **with** animals)
 9:00 P.M. Deadline for Hog Arrival and Market Hog and Commercial Gilt weigh-in
- Conclusion of show - Optional Release of Sheep & Goats (all sale animals must remain at the barn)
- 10:00 P.M. Barn closed and locked - everyone out of the barn

JANUARY 12, 2013 (Saturday)

- 5:30 A.M. Barn Open; Beef & Dairy Cattle May Arrive
- 6:30 A.M. Deadline for Beef & Dairy Cattle Arrival
- 7:30 A.M. Pledges & Invocation; Begin Judging
Show Order:
Dairy Cattle, Dairy Showmanship – Oldest to Youngest, Overall, Pee Wee
Old Timers Dairy Showmanship Fundraiser
Beef Showmanship – Oldest to Youngest, Overall, Pee Wee
Beef Classes – Steers, Bulls, then Heifers
Old Timers Beef Showmanship Fundraiser
Market Hogs -Barrow Only Division, Cross Division, Overall
Breeding Swine
Swine Showmanship – Oldest to Youngest, Overall, Pee Wee
Old Timers Swine Showmanship Fundraiser
- 11:30 A.M. Champion and Reserve Champion Pictures (Breeding, Market, & Showmanship in each specie, in show order **with** animals)
- 12:30 P.M. Champion Showmanship group picture (all showmanship champions in each specie, except pee wee, **without** animals)
- 12:45 P.M. Announce Parish Premier Exhibitor Winners
 All exhibitors in ring to thank buyers; Special Comments from senior exhibitors
- 1:00 P.M. SALE

Conclusion of Sale - Release all Livestock (**Livestock will not be allowed to leave before this time**)

ST. MARTIN PARISH 4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM 2013 RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY -Students, ages 9 to 19 (before 1/1/13), are eligible to enroll in the 4-H livestock program. Livestock participants must be properly enrolled in 4-H or FFA by November 1st of the year validations and possession dates are enforced.

B. POSSESSION REQUIREMENTS - Exhibitors must have animals in their possession and under their personal care on or before the following possession dates:

Market Steers – August 15, 2012	Beef – November 10, 2012
Market Lambs – November 10, 2012	Dairy – November 10, 2012
Commercial Ewes & Does – November 10, 2012	Breeding Sheep – November 10, 2012
Market Goats – November 10, 2012	Breeding Goats – November 10, 2012
Commercial Gilts – December 1, 2012	Commercial Heifers – November 10, 2012
Breeding Swine – December 1, 2012	Market Hogs – December 1, 2012
Exhibition Birds – November 7, 2012	Broilers – 1 day after hatching (approx. 01/03/13)

Breeding Show animals must be recorded in the name of the 4-H exhibitor with the appropriate breed association. No dual ownership. *Special rules apply to Dairy exhibitors-please see the State Livestock Show Catalog for more details.

C. 2013 SHOW DATES and MARKET & COMMERCIAL ANIMAL WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

St. Martin Parish Livestock Show - January 11 & 12, 2013
Parish Livestock Show Barn (B.B.H.S.)

Market Hogs - 175 lbs. minimum and 285 lbs. max.
Market Lambs - 80 lbs. minimum
Market Goats - 50 lbs. minimum
Commercial Heifers – 500 lbs. minimum
Steers - 850 lbs. minimum
Commercial Gilts – 180 lbs. minimum
Commercial Dairy – 150 lbs. minimum

Acadiana District Livestock Show - January 23-26, 2013
Blackham Coliseum (Lafayette, LA)

Market Hogs - 190-285 lbs.
Market Lambs - 80 lbs. minimum
Market Goats - 50 lbs. minimum
Commercial Heifers – 500 lbs. minimum
Steers - 850 lbs. minimum
Commercial Gilts – 195 lbs. minimum
Commercial Dairy – 150 lbs. minimum

State 4-H and FFA Livestock Show - Feb. 9-16, 2013
Lamar Dixon Expo Center (Gonzales, LA)

Market Hogs - 215-285 lbs.
Market Lambs - 80 lbs. minimum
Market Goats - 50 lbs. minimum
Commercial Heifers – 500 lbs. minimum
Steers - 850 lbs. minimum
Commercial Gilts – 220 lbs. minimum
Broilers (pen of 3) – 9 lbs. minimum
Commercial Dairy – 150 lbs. minimum

D. PARISH LIVESTOCK SHOW - GENERAL RULES

1. All rules and regulations stated in the LSU State Show Catalog will be enforced at the Parish Show, unless otherwise stated in the Parish Show Handbook.
2. **All Livestock Exhibitors participating in the parish, district, and/or state shows will be required to complete and submit their 4-H livestock project book(s) and portfolio.** This year, each 4-H'er received one free project book (and it might not have been a livestock book). Additional books may be purchased at the 4-H Office for \$5.00 each. (Please don't wait until the last minute to get your project books! REMEMBER: Sale checks will only be issued after books and a copy of the thank you letter to their buyer are received by the 4-H Office.) **All project books and portfolios will be picked up at school on March 1, 2013.** If you wish, you may turn in your books directly to the 4-H Office; however, you should notify your leader if this is the case. **All books received after March 1, 2013 will NOT be judged and must be brought directly to the 4-H Office.**

3. **All Livestock Exhibitors participating in the parish, district, and/or state shows will be required to sell at least 3 books of raffle tickets.** The \$30 and completed ticket stubs will be due to the 4-H Office by March 1, 2013. Sale and/or premium checks will not be issued until the \$30 and completed ticket stubs are turned in.
4. **School Board Policy** - According to the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy, **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on school premises. This includes the area in and around the livestock show barn. **EVERYONE** who attends our Parish Livestock Show is required to abide by this policy.
5. An exhibitor may exhibit as many breeding animals as he/she wishes at the parish show. At the district & state shows, an exhibitor may enter as many breeding animals as he/she desires; however, no member will be allowed to enter or show more than one animal in any class.
6. There is no maximum number of market animals an exhibitor may show in the parish show. Maximums for the district and state shows are as follows:
 - District Show - 3 steers, 3 lambs, 3 hogs, and 3 goats
 - State Show - 3 steers, 3 lambs, 3 hogs, 3 goats, and 2 pens of broilers
7. Showmanship classes will be divided into a Senior Division (*14 years old & over*) and a Junior Division (*9-13 year olds*). Intermediate showmanship classes will be added for a specie if there will be at least five exhibitors in each age division based on official entry forms (i.e. five exhibitors who are 15 & over, five exhibitors who are 12-14 years of age, and five exhibitors who are 9-11 years of age.) Showmanship classes will be split if more than 15 enter in a class. The eligibility of the exhibitor in the respective showmanship classes will be determined by the exhibitor's age as of January 1, 2013.
8. All livestock must be in the barn by the arrival deadlines and may not leave until the release times (both are listed in the show schedule) unless prior approval is given by the 4-H Agent. All sale animals must remain at the barn until the conclusion of the sale.
9. Market hogs, market lambs, market goats, and commercial gilts must weigh in at the designated times. No animals will be weighed after the scales are closed. Once official weights are recorded, they may not be changed. No re-weighs are allowed.
10. Steers and Commercial Heifers must be weighed, at the exhibitor's expense, using a certified scale prior to Thursday, January 10, 2013. Exhibitors must contact the 4-H Agent to schedule an appointment to witness the weighing of the animal. The 4-H Agent will need the following two documents:
 - a document from a certified scale showing the weight of the exhibitor's empty trailer
 - a document from a certified scale showing the weight of the trailer with the animal inside.
 The 4-H Agent will use these two documents to determine the animal's weight.
 [trailer's weight with animal – trailer's weight without animal = animal's weight]
11. If the weighing in of steers and commercial heifers is not witnessed by the 4-H Agent, the following procedures must be followed: Upon arrival to the parish livestock show, exhibitors will need to provide the following two documents to the 4-H Agent:
 - a document from a certified scale showing the weight of the exhibitor's empty trailer
 - a document from a certified scale showing the weight of the trailer with the animal inside.
 The 4-H Agent will use these two documents to determine the animal's weight.
 [trailer's weight with animal – trailer's weight without animal = animal's weight]

If a steer or commercial heifer does not meet the weight requirements during the weigh-in at the district show, all awards received at the parish livestock show will be forfeited - This includes belt buckles, rosettes, premium money, and/or money from the sale of that animal.
12. A tolerance of five percent (5%) will be granted for all market animals at weigh-in at the parish show. Animals outside of this tolerance will be ineligible for the sale and will be allowed to compete in showmanship only.
13. All sheep, goat, and swine show boxes and equipment must be placed on pens, and not in the alleyways. Pens are to be used only for animals; pens are not to be used as a storage area for tack and other supplies.
14. Trailer parking is located in the parking lot in front of the gym. All trailers must be parked there. Do not park vehicles in areas which will block the loading and unloading zones near the barn.
15. Each animal entered in the 2013 parish show will be charged an entry fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). This money will be used for show operations.
16. Any individual caught violating the Code of Ethics and/or drug use rules and regulations as listed in the State Show Catalog will be barred from the St. Martin Parish Jr. Livestock Show for a period of two years. If the individual has a second violation, he/she will be barred for a period of 6 years.
17. All validated market and commercial animals must have the proper LSU or State Fair ear tag to participate in the parish show. To show as LA Bred, market animals must also have the LA Bred ear tag or a Louisiana Bred Certificate. Exhibitors of LA Bred Hogs must turn in a copy of the LA Bred Certificate (for each LA Bred Hog entered) along with their entry forms. All sheep and goats must have official USDA Scrapie Tags in their ears in order to be eligible for exhibition at the parish, district, and state shows.

18. The market hog show will include a barrow only division and a cross division. The number of classes will be determined based on the number of entries in each division. A division winner will be selected from each division (one from barrow and one from cross) and these market hogs will be in the final drive for Grand Champion selection. After the Grand Champion is chosen, the second place winner from that division will move into the drive for Reserve Champion selection. The winners from each division will receive rosettes, and the Grand Champion and Reserve Champions will receive the awards listed in Rule E -1.
19. The following will be used for Registered Breeding Goat classes at the parish show:
 Buck Class: November 1, 2011-October 31, 2012
 Doe Classes:
 - a) May 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012
 - b) November 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012
 - c) May 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011
 - d) November 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011
 - e) November 1, 2009 – October 31, 2010

E. AWARDS

1. Belt buckles will be awarded to all Grand Champion Exhibitors. Plaques will be awarded to all Reserve Champion Exhibitors. Plaques will also be awarded to LA Bred Champions and LA Bred Reserve Champions.
2. Showmanship Premiums – A \$100 premium will be awarded to the Showmanship Champion in each specie and age division (with the exception of the Pee Wee division). Overall showmanship champions will be selected from each specie and will receive a jacket sponsored by *Teche Bank*.
3. The overall swine showmanship champion at the St. Martin Parish Livestock Show will receive *the Gary J. Latiolais Memorial Scholarship*. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded once the recipient graduates from high school and enrolls in an appropriate school in order to further their education.
4. All class winners will receive a medallion. The top five exhibitors in each class will receive a placing ribbon. The remaining exhibitors in each class will receive a participation ribbon.
5. The first, second, and third place animals in each market and breeding class will receive the following monetary awards: first place - \$40; second place - \$20; and third place - \$10.
6. Breeding stock will show by breed and age. Breed champions will receive rosettes. Grand champions will receive awards as listed in rule E-1.
7. ALL Champions and Reserve Champions (breeding, market, showmanship) are required to take pictures for the *Teche News* – refer to the schedule for times. Champion Exhibitors will be photographed with their champion animals only - no other people or animals will be allowed in the picture.
8. ALL SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONS (except Pee Wee) will take a group picture, without animals, at 12:30 p.m. All pictures will be taken in the picture taking area in the back of the barn.
9. Premiums will be awarded this year to the exhibitors of Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals. These premiums are NOT awarded to exhibitors of LA bred Champion and LA Bred Reserve Champion animals. The premiums will be based on the number of animals in each specie – refer to chart below:

Grand Champion Animals		Reserve Champion Animals	
# of animals in specie	Premium Amount	# of animals in specie	Premium Amount
less than 3	\$ 75.00	less than 3	\$ 45.00
3-5	\$ 150.00	3-5	\$ 75.00
6-8	\$ 225.00	6-8	\$ 150.00
9 or more	\$ 300.00	9 or more	\$ 225.00

10. St. Martin Parish Farm Bureau will donate \$1,000 annually to be used for Overall LA Bred Grand Champion (Market and Breeding) Premiums. The premium amount for each Overall LA Bred Grand Champion will be determined by the number of Overall LA Bred Grand Champions each year.

F. PARISH LIVESTOCK SALE

1. An exhibitor will be allowed to sell one market animal at the parish livestock show. Exception: If an exhibitor receives Champion and Reserve Champion he/she will be allowed to sell both animals. It is possible that one exhibitor would receive Champion and Reserve Champion with more than one specie. If this is the case, the exhibitor will be allowed to sell all of the Champion and/or Reserve Champions he/she has exhibited.

2. Market animals not meeting parish weight requirements are ineligible for the sale.
3. Exhibitors who sell at the parish sale must attend and participate in either the Acadiana District Livestock Show or the Southern Livestock Show with the same animal sold in order for the sale to be valid. If the exhibitor does not participate in one of these shows with the animal that he/she sold, the sale will be void & the exhibitor will not receive money from the sale.
4. If a market animal is sold and then becomes champion at the state show, it will be slaughtered and the processed meat will become the property of the legal owner. Please see the state livestock show catalog for more details.
5. Exhibitors are required to be on time for the sale. It's the responsibility of the exhibitor to know the sale order and present his/her **own** animal. Exhibitors must be appropriately dressed and have the animal properly groomed and cleaned. An exhibitor will not be allowed to present another person's animal in the sale unless prior approval is granted by the 4-H Agent.
6. **Exhibitor Responsibility-** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact the buyer after the sale to thank him/her and to make arrangements for slaughter. Exhibitors will retain ownership of the animal sold until he/she has completed showing in the district and/or state shows. **The buyer must receive the actual animal that was purchased. Substitutions are not allowed.**
7. Market animals must not weigh less at the time of slaughter than the parish show weight. If an animal weighs less, the exhibitor will have to give the buyer a refund equal to the purchase price per pound times the number of pounds it was less.
8. All **NEW** exhibitors who wish to sell a market animal at the parish show must find a new buyer (one that did not buy the previous year). These exhibitors must submit the name, address, and phone number of this new buyer to the 4-H Office by December 13, 2012 to be included in the parish sale.
9. A **seven percent (7%) commission** will be charged to exhibitors who sell an animal in the parish sale.
10. The sale order will be determined by random drawing by the 4-H agent or designee. Champion animals will be sold at the midpoint of the sale.
11. Solicitation of buyers during the parish show is prohibited. You should contact buyers prior to the sale.
12. Each exhibitor who sells an animal in the parish sale will be required to send a thank you letter to his/her buyer and send a copy to the 4-H Office before the sale check will be distributed. Exhibitors must also submit their project book(s), portfolio, and \$30 and completed ticket stubs for raffle tickets before the sale check is distributed to the exhibitor.

IMPORTANT: Withdrawal periods on any medications given to market animals must be adhered to before slaughter.

G. DETERMINATION OF PARISH GROUPS FOR THE STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW

One Market Lamb Parish Group, One Market Goat Parish Group, and Two Market Hog Parish Groups may be selected to represent St. Martin Parish at the State Livestock Show.

Selection procedures are as follows:

Market Lamb - Six exhibitors will be selected based on market lamb placings at the District Show. If fewer than six place at the District Show, placings from the Parish Show will be used.

Market Goat - Six exhibitors will be selected based on market goat placings at the District Show. If fewer than six place at the District Show, placings from the Parish Show will be used.

Market Hog - Two groups of six will be selected, each group representing a single breed. These groups will be selected based on placings in the market hog classes from the Parish and District Shows.

H. ST. MARTIN PARISH PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

The Premier Exhibitor Program is designed to place emphasis and recognition on the exhibitor's knowledge and skills in the 4-H/FFA beef, dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, and swine projects. The program provides additional awards and recognition to exhibitors at the St. Martin Parish Livestock Show. This program is open to all 4-H/FFA exhibitors in 3rd through 12th grades.

GENERAL RULES

1. The St. Martin Parish Premier Exhibitor Program is optional. To participate, an exhibitor must be available for the different activities at the specified times, and must submit their entry form by the specified due date.
2. All livestock exhibitors are eligible to compete. There will be a Junior Division for 3rd-6th graders and a Senior Division for 7th-12th graders in each specie.
3. Premier Exhibitor Programs are available for beef, dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, and swine.
4. An exhibitor must be properly entered and exhibit the specie(s) in which they wish to participate at the St. Martin Parish Livestock Show. An exhibitor may enter contests in more than one specie.

5. All entry forms for the Premier Exhibitor Contests must be returned to your Parish 4-H Agent's Office by **December 4, 2012**. You may turn them in at the meeting on December 4th. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

**Mail to: Premier Exhibitor Contest
c/o St. Martin 4-H Office
114 Courthouse Street
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517**

fax to: 332-2870

6. Awards will be presented to the top three exhibitors in each of the following contests:

Jr. BEEF Jr. DAIRY Jr. POULTRY Jr. SHEEP Jr. GOAT Jr. SWINE
Sr. BEEF Sr. DAIRY Sr. POULTRY Sr. SHEEP Sr. GOAT Sr. SWINE

Trophies and premiums will be awarded to the exhibitors placing in the top three of each premier exhibitor contest. The premiums will be based on the chart below:

Specie	Premium Amount 1st Place	Premium Amount 2nd Place	Premium Amount 3rd Place
Poultry	\$ 75	\$ 45	\$ 30
All others	\$ 150	\$ 75	\$ 45

- 7. Written exams will be taken from 4-H project books & the St. Martin Parish 4-H & FFA Livestock Show Handbook. The project books are available from your parish 4-H office. The Handbooks were mailed to each exhibitor. Premier exhibitor participants will take the written exam(s) on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.
- 8. Completing the attached entry form will enter you in the St. Martin Parish Premier Exhibitor Program only. **A separate resume/entry form must be completed for the District and State Premier Exhibitor Programs.**
- 9. All ties will be broken using the following system in the order listed below:
 - 1) Score on Tie-Breaker Questions 2) Exam Score 3) Showmanship Score
- 10. Participants will be immediately disqualified if they are caught cheating on the exam or talking during the exam.
- 11. All decisions are final and are not subject to protests.