



Lamb Raiser Interest Meeting

PESH FFA

2022-2023 PESH FFA Lamb Raisers



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RAISING

- All animal expenses and care are the responsibility of the owner.
- Animals will need to be fed twice a day.
 - ◆ You are responsible for transportation to the barn.
- Raising livestock is VERY time consuming.
- Raising livestock is not cheap.
 - ◆ Initial cost of animal + supplies + show expenses
- All veterinary costs are the responsibility of the family and student.
- There is no guarantee that you will profit from any of your livestock projects. You may also be taking a financial loss at the completion of your project.

LAMB CARE

- Need to be fed twice a day.
 - ◆ If you are not able to make it to the barn for a feeding, you are responsible for finding someone else at the barn to feed for you.
 - ◆ This includes school holidays.
- Make sure to give them fresh water every day.
- Deworm your animal regularly to prevent parasites.
- Spot clean your animal's pen daily.

PURCHASING YOUR LAMB

- Before looking for an animal, decide on your budget.
 - ◆ Competitive: \$1000-\$1500 minimum
 - ◆ Experience: \$500- \$750
- Do not think that paying a high price for an animal alone will assure you of a winning champion. It takes a good feeding program, exercise program and lots of showmanship practice to be successful.
- If you do not have a lamb breeder already in mind, your advisor can help you find one.
 - ◆ If you already have a breeder(s) that you are looking at and want a second opinion, your advisor would be happy to help.

PURCHASING YOUR LAMB

- Paying for the lamb:
 - ◆ Give your payment directly to the breeder.
 - Can be cash or check (depending on the breeder)
- If you do not have a trailer or cage for your truck, the ag advisor will need to go with you to pick up the animal to transport them back to the barn.
- The ag advisor will need to be at the barn when your animal arrives.
- The ag advisor must approve all projects before purchase.
- You must turn in your barn contract before bringing your animal to the barn.

CONSEQUENCES OF ANIMAL NEGLECT

- Projects without feed or that have unsatisfactory pen/area conditions for prolonged periods of time will result in removal of the project from the student.
- All raising guidelines and expectations will be in the barn contract.



LAMB SUPPLIES

→ Required Supplies:

- ◆ halter
- ◆ muzzle
- ◆ water bucket (20 quarts)
- ◆ clip on feeder
- ◆ Drench gun
- ◆ Feed Scoop
- ◆ Brightening/Whitening Shampoo
- ◆ Dewormers (2 different brands- rotate between them to prevent parasite immunity)
- ◆ Feed (various brands for various prices)
- ◆ Procool blanket
- ◆ Coastal hay (students at the barn will rotate on buying a bale)

LAMB SUPPLIES

→ Optional Supplies (or to buy later on):

- ◆ Leg Wraps
- ◆ Wool Card
- ◆ Soft Bristle Brush
- ◆ Supplements (various brands with various prices)
- ◆ Thermometer
- ◆ Food Scale

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS

- Students must complete Quality Counts before show day.
 - ◆ If you do not already have an account, talk to your ag advisor.
- Students must be academically eligible according to state and district guidelines in order to participate in any livestock show during the school year.
 - ◆ Must be academically eligible at the time the ag teachers leave the barn for the show with the animals.

BARN CHORES

- Students raising at the district barn will be assigned duties or responsibilities for the care and maintenance of the facility as determined by the barn manager or ag advisor.
 - ◆ A rotating chore chart will be posted in the barn. Each student must complete their assigned chores the week they are allotted to complete them.
- Failure to maintain the barn in clean and proper order or complete duties may result in the removal of the student and animal from the facility.
- Sweep up any feed, hay, or feces that your animal leaves on the ground each day.

BARN ACCESS

- Barn Address: 6600 Alma Dr., Plano, TX
- The barn will open again on June 3rd for the next school year.
- Each student will be issued 1 barn card.
 - ◆ Each additional barn card will be \$25.
 - ◆ Any lost or stolen barn card will result in a \$25 replacement fee.
 - ◆ All cards must be returned to your ag advisor at the end of the showing season.

BARN ACCESS

→ Barn hours

- ◆ Students cannot enter the barn during school hours unless authorized by the instructor, or when an emergency exists.
- ◆ hours of operation: 5:00 am- 10:30 pm
 - Gate will be locked after barn hours.

→ Students must carry a Plano ISD student ID at all times when in the facility.

BARN EXPECTATIONS

- Any guest at the barn is the responsibility of the student.
- No signs, posters, or other decorations are allowed in the barn.
- Vandalism of district property or other personal property by students will not be tolerated.
- No parking in the circle driveway- must park in a parking spot.
- Always close the barn gate when entering or leaving the facility.
- Feeding, watering, medicating, and/or caring for any animal other than the student's own animal is prohibited without prior owner and/or instructor approval.

BARN EXPECTATIONS

→ Ringworm Protocol

- ◆ If you attend a jackpot show, you must complete ringworm protocol when returning to the barn.
- ◆ The ag advisor in charge of lambs must be present for this.

TACK STORAGE AT BARN

→ Each student can have 1 locker per family to store their tack at the barn.

- ◆ All tack should be in the cabinet.
- ◆ Any chairs you have at the barn should be stored on top of or inside your cabinet.
- ◆ Locker must be removed from the barn at the end of the showing season.

ANIMAL PURCHASING TIMELINE

- Barn will be closed from now until June 3rd (may change)
- Recommended to purchase your lamb as soon as the barn opens
 - ◆ You will have better lambs to select from the earlier you start looking
- want to purchase lambs that were born in February or March

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 3rd- Barn reopens for next school year
- September-
 - ◆ Jackpot Show (TBD)
- October-
 - ◆ Validation at Myers Park
 - ◆ Jackpot Show (TBD)
- November-
 - ◆ Jackpot Show (TBD)
 - ◆ Collin County Livestock Show Paperwork Due
- December- Major Entries Deadline
- January- Collin County Livestock Show (TBD)
- February- San Antonio Livestock Show
- March- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

POSSIBLE SHOWS TO COMPETE AT

→ County

- ◆ Collin County Livestock Show

→ Majors

- ◆ San Antonio Stock show
- ◆ Houston Livestock show & Rodeo

→ Jackpots

- ◆ All Plano FFA chapters will attend 1 jackpot in the months of September, October and November
- ◆ If you plan on attending a jackpot show on your own, you must receive advisor approval.
 - You will need to transport your animal yourself if there is not an advisor attending.