

Aubrey FFA Member Handbook

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Advisor Contact Hours

Please keep contact with FFA advisors on a respectful time frame. This includes phone calls, emails, and text messages regarding the Ag facility.

Covid-19 Procedures

All Covid-19 Procedures set out by Aubrey ISD will be followed by all students, parents, and guests visiting the AISD Ag Center at all times.



Communication

Communication is important when it comes to working effectively. Aubrey FFA uses several different platforms to communicate. Each member and parent are requested to maintain accurate lines of communication.

Email listserv:

Email addresses that are submitted during the fall registration period will be used in online email communications until the next school year.

Google Classroom:

Students are encouraged to join Google Classroom, where you can find applications, trailer documents, jackpot fliers, and many more useful documents.

The Classroom Code is: **xvmwc76**

Aubrey FFA Website:

Aubrey FFA is host to a website that will duplicate a lot of the information posted on other social media platforms including a calendar. Please visit <https://aubrey.ffanow.org>

GroupMe:

This is a free app that we utilize for the students/parents who have animals at the Barn, the Officer Team, Contest Teams, Student Travel as well as Stockshow trips. Please download the app if you are involved in any of these activities.

Talking Points:

This is a free app that we utilize as a school district between parents and students for a wide variety of announcements, reminders. Please download this app if you have not already done so. No need to “be added” however, do make sure your contact information is accurate in your students portal.

Organizations we suggest you become a part of:

Aubrey FFA Alumni - This is similar to our booster club. This organization raises funds to offset the cost of Aubrey FFA endeavors while supporting students. The cost of an annual membership to Aubrey FFA Alumni is \$35 per family and is paid in the fall, typically at our September livestock meeting.

Blue Ribbon Club - This organization is a subsidiary of the Denton County Youth Fair award numerous scholarships each year to graduating senior participants of the Youth Fair and Rodeo. Several of the scholarships are donated by individuals and families, as well as those funded by the Denton County Livestock Association and Blue Ribbon Club through their fund-raising projects. Some are given in honor of Denton County individuals who have been active in agricultural activities in years past. The cost of an annual membership to Blue Ribbon Club is \$25 per family and paid in the fall. You can mail your membership with payment or attend a Blue Ribbon Club meeting in the fall.

Denton County Livestock Association - The purpose of the Denton County Livestock Association and the Denton County Youth Livestock Show and Rodeo is to provide an opportunity for FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H members to exhibit their projects in a friendly, fair competition, and to educate the public about agriculture and related areas. Also to promote breeding, improvement, and sale purebred and commercial livestock. The fair gives youth the opportunity to learn responsibility and obtain information from others as well. The Denton County Livestock Association was founded in 1949. You can pay to become a member of the DCLA at any meeting prior to February.

Aubrey FFA Chapter By-Laws

The goal of the Aubrey FFA is to instill a Team mentality. We will be working for the betterment of all. With your help, encouragement, and positive communication this year will prove to be a success.

I. Code of Ethics

We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school, and community by:

- A. Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
- B. Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous at all times.
- C. Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
- D. Respecting the property of others.
- E. Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, swearing, and other unbecoming conduct.
- F. Demonstrating sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests, and meetings.
- G. Being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
- H. Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussion.
- I. Taking pride in our organization, activities, supervised experience program, exhibits, and the occupation of agriculture.
- J. Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending district, area, state and national meetings.
- K. Striving to establish and enhance our skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
- L. Appreciating and promoting diversity in our organization.

II. Membership

- A. Students must attend an Aubrey ISD Campus to be eligible for Aubrey FFA Membership.
- B. All students must follow UIL Side by Side ruling on eligibility and Aubrey FFA Code of Ethics for classes, showing, and all competitions.
- C. Students within the grade level of 8-12th grades must be in an Agriculture Science Class each year to participate in Aubrey FFA.
- D. Active Junior membership eligibility is considered 3rd grade and 8 years old through 7th grade.
- E. Active Senior membership eligibility is considered 8th grade and older.
- F. FFA Contest teams are eligible starting in the 8th grade.
- G. All students must pay annual FFA membership before the set date of the current school year.

- H. Every FFA student is expected to participate in all fundraising activities. A minimum sales amount will be outlined for each event.
- I. All members must be in good standing with Aubrey FFA and Aubrey ISD academically and financially prior to participation in any FFA activity.
- J. Membership may be temporarily or permanently denied for failure to abide by the Code of Ethics, By-Laws or Show Team Contract.
- K. Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter.
- L. If an FFA member or guardian(s) actions are harmful, disrespectful, or jeopardizes the vision, members, advisors, or associates of Aubrey FFA and Aubrey ISD the membership may be suspended or revoked permanently.

III. Livestock & Ag Mechanics

- A. See Aubrey FFA Show Team Contract.

IV. Contests

- A. Contests will be considered as any Leadership Development Event, Career Development Event, Public Speaking, and or Science Fair competitions set out by the State or National FFA Organization.
- B. Contest teams will be determined prior to competitions based on set rules outlined by Texas FFA and Ag teachers.
- C. Members of a team will be selected based on the practice time and the accuracy of the determined competition.
- D. A team member may be removed at any time for lack of commitment to a team, academics, financial or behavioral issues.
- E. Transportation will be provided by the FFA Chapter.

V. Officers

- A. The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and/or Parliamentarian, Historian, Chaplain, Student Advisor, and Executive as needed. The advisors shall be the teachers of the Agricultural Science program. Officers shall perform the usual duties but not limited to the respective duties as listed in the Official FFA Manual.
- B. Students holding the Greenhand FFA Degree may be eligible to run for an elected Chapter Officer position.
- C. Officers shall be selected annually.
 - a. A completed application shall be submitted within the annual deadline.
 - b. An individual interview, Test, speech and thought question will take place.

- c. A ballot vote will be taken from the eligible members of the FFA Chapter at the designated meeting (March/April prior to the Annual Banquet).
- D. The officers of the chapter together with the advisors shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the Chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.
- E. The terms of office shall be for one year, ending after the newly elected officers are installed.
- F. To hold an office in the Aubrey FFA Chapter, the officer must be enrolled in an Agriculture Science class both semesters of the year that the office is being held. Failure to do so will result in officers relinquishing that office.

II. Officer Qualifications

- A. All officer candidates are to know and agree to abide by the FFA Code of Ethics.
- B. All officer candidates are to have knowledge of The Mission and Strategies of the FFA Organization.
- C. All officer candidates are to have commendable citizenship and conduct records.
- D. All officer candidates shall have their official FFA dues paid.
- E. Chapter officer candidates must have an average of "B" or better in past Agricultural Science courses and have an overall average of 75% or better in courses taken in the immediate semester of officer elections.
- F. All officer candidates are to have a sincere desire to carry out the duties of the office to which they are elected.
- G. All officers must agree to abide by the FFA Officer Rules as created each year by the Chapter Executive Committee and sign a statement agreeing to abide by them.
- H. Officers are to carry out their duties as outlined in the Official FFA Manual, and as assigned by the President and approved by the Advisors.
- I. District Area, State, and National officer candidates shall follow the respected outline of qualifications from the Texas FFA.

III. Removal from office

- A. Officers may be removed from office for failing to meet the qualifications stated in the By-laws and or Officer Contract.
- B. Disciplinary actions will be based on severity and determined by the Ag Teachers.
 - a. Officers will follow a demerit system voted upon each spring by the incoming officers.

VI. Awards & Degrees

- A. Students who are actively enrolled in an Agriculture Science class will earn their Greenhand and Chapter degrees at the local level.

- B. Students who are eligible to apply for the Lone Star State degree or American FFA degree may do so via the State and National guidelines
- C. Students who are actively involved are eligible to apply for advanced awards at the Chapter, District, Area, State and National levels.
- D. Team awards won remain the property of the Aubrey FFA for display purposes.

VII. Senior Awards

Awards are granted to graduating seniors who meet the following requirements:

- A. The student must be a graduating Senior FFA Member at Aubrey High School.
- B. Must currently be an active member of the Aubrey FFA, complete a minimum of one year of an accredited Agricultural Class at Aubrey High School, and have participated in the Agriculture Science and FFA functions during their high school years.
- C. Must show involvement in FFA participation in three of the following areas: leadership development event; career development event; FFA officer/voting delegate; received accomplishment award; top 10 salesperson; LDE, CDE or Speaking event participation, or stock show participation.
- D. Senior FFA Graduation Sash will be handed out to qualifying active seniors according to above criteria and Ag Teacher discretion.
- E. Senior FFA Scholarship applicants must be planning to attend college or a technical school within the following year of graduation.
- F. Senior FFA Scholarships applications are subject to other requirements on the scholarship application.
- G. The scholarship recipient will receive payment after he/she has provided proof of enrollment to the agriculture science teachers. The scholarship can be requested until the end of January of the following year.
- H. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the amount of money set aside that year for scholarships divided by the number of recipients.
- I. Texas FFA Scholarships and National FFA Scholarships are available for those who apply and qualify.

VIII. Letterman

To be eligible for an Aubrey ISD Letterman and or FFA patch, students must complete one or more of the following as a Senior FFA member.

- A. Serve as an FFA Officer for 2+ years.
- B. Compete at Major Livestock Shows for 3+ years.
- C. Winning Grand or Reserve Champion at a Major Livestock Show.
- D. Compete at a Texas FFA State Competition (team or individual).

- E. Submit Letterman/Patch Request in the Fall or Spring through the google form on the ffa google classroom/Ag Teacher by stated date.
- F. Complete the appropriate paperwork.

IX. Conventions

- A. Aubrey FFA shall attend the District V, Area V, and State FFA Conventions each year.
- B. Attendees will be selected from the active membership.
- C. Students participating in any capacity at the convention will have first available position to attend over other participants
- D. Graduating seniors may attend the convention only if they are receiving an award or participating in a contest or running for a state office.
- E. All members wishing to attend the State or National Convention must fill out an application and are responsible for full payment prior to the convention.
- F. State FFA Convention will be attended by Aubrey FFA annually and National FFA will be attended as the school district will approve. Consideration will be determined when awards or competitions are being competed in.
 - a. American FFA Degree Candidates may be responsible for paying for their way to the convention and may not be escorted by Aubrey FFA Advisors.
- G. Attendees will be selected on the following criteria but not limited to.
 - a. Grade eligibility
 - b. Leadership Development Participation
 - c. Career Development Participation
 - d. Stock Show Participation
 - e. Other School Involvement

X. Official FFA Clothing, Equipment & Accessories

- A. Each individual member takes upon themselves the responsibility of wearing official clothing and accessories with dignity and pride so as to reflect a positive image upon himself, the school, the Local Chapter or the FFA Organization.
- B. All members will show pride in the FFA Organization in his/her school by properly caring for and using the facility, its equipment, and official paraphernalia in a proper, dignified manner.
- C. Each individual FFA member is to realize that they are a personal representative of their school and FFA Chapter. The image of their school and chapter is reflected through and by them as an individual. Aim for and achieve excellence.
- D. All participating parties shall follow Aubrey ISD's Mission Statement, Student Code of Conduct, and the FFA Code of Ethics.

XI. Amendments

- A. Students will follow the AISD Student Code of Conduct and AISD Student Handbook regarding participation during a placement of ISS, OSS, DAEP, or JJAEP. Failure to follow any rules or reports of persistent misconduct may result in revocation membership or permanent removal from the program.
- B. Aubrey FFA By-laws may be amended or changed by the Executive Committee and Aubrey ISD school district administration providing it is not in conflict with the State Association Constitution or that of the National Organization.
- C. When participating with Aubrey FFA, all Show Team, By-Laws, and Barn Contracts apply at all times.
- D. Students who do not follow any Aubrey ISD or Aubrey FFA Rules, By-laws, Barn Contract, or Show Team Contract while participating in an Aubrey FFA sponsored event could be pulled from participation and or sent home at the discretion of Ag Teacher(s) at the expense of the guardian. (examples: smoking, drinking, fighting, language/actions, public display of affection).
- E. All rules are subject to Ag Teacher's discretion and interpretation.

Aubrey FFA Show Team Contract

MEMBERSHIP on the Aubrey FFA SHOW TEAM is considered an HONOR

Therefore, the following rules must be followed

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I. Rules and Responsibilities

Advisor:

As your advisors, we are dedicated to your success, the success of the livestock team, and the welfare of the animals that represent our team. As your advisors, we will

- A. Lead the selection & purchasing process for student animal project
- B. Prior approval of all show projects shall be discussed with parents/students before purchasing.
- C. Provide advice on feeding, grooming, equipment, and other necessary purchases
- D. Provide instruction and recommendations to help students properly groom animals for show, train their animals prior to the show, learn animal anatomy and facts necessary for showmanship, and exhibit their animals successfully in the show ring
- E. Provide students with entry forms for all school-sponsored livestock shows
- F. Tag animals for state shows
- G. Provide transportation for livestock to and from school-sponsored livestock shows pending advisor's availability.
- H. Ensure that all students who are competing have followed the rules and guidelines set forth in this contract & barn rules
 - a. The AISD Ag Science Advisors reserve the right to dismiss any student from the Livestock Show Team on a per-show basis based on eligibility, behavior, or improper care of the animal
 - b. The Aubrey Agriculture Science Teacher/Advisors are ultimately responsible for all AISD Ag Projects. We reserve the right to override outside resources.

Students:

As members of the Aubrey ISD FFA Livestock Show Team, students will conduct themselves in a way that brings pride to our team:

- A. Understand this is an Educational Project, also known as a Supervised Agriculture Experience.
- B. Gain prior verbal and visual approval on all purchases of projects before purchased

- C. Treat animals ethically at all times
- D. Attend FFA-scheduled weight and health checks for your animal
- E. Submit entry forms for shows by the due date set by Ag Science Teachers
- F. Read and follow all show rules and regulations for each show in which you compete
- G. Follow all school student rules at all FFA show team events including anytime the student exhibits their animal as a representative of Aubrey FFA
- H. Follow all rules and regulations as set forth in the By-Laws, Show Team Contract & Barn Rules
- I. With fellow show team members and advisors to maintain cleanliness in the livestock trailers, barns, and other work areas
- J. While at a show, arrive on time to scheduled feeding and team meetings times, remain in the areas designated by the advisors, and leave only when dismissed by the advisor
- K. Follow all instructions from any FFA advisor, show coordinator, or judge
- L. Refrain from cursing, arguing, and horseplay in the barns and show ring
- M. Wear appropriate clothing at all times while representing the show team at livestock events
- N. Wear appropriate show clothing during show time including jeans pressed and in good condition, collared shirt, and leather belt, boots, or leather shoes (no tennis shoes). Hair and make-up should abide by the AISD dress code.
- O. Assist fellow show team members before, during, and after show
- P. Remain eligible with the school to participate in extracurricular activities (attendance, grades, discipline)
- Q. Obtain supplies necessary to show your animal (see Supplies)
- R. Display a positive attitude and good sportsmanship at any time you represent the Aubrey FFA Livestock Show Team
- S. This project is ultimately your responsibility if outside resources are desired, please openly communicate these resources with your Ag Advisors.

Parent:

To help promote teamwork, good showmanship, and success, your assistance as a parent of the livestock show team is very important and valued. Please help us and:

- A. Review show team guidelines, show rules, barn rules and school rules with your child frequently
- B. Ensure your child accurately completes and turns in all registration paperwork and other required forms on time.
- C. Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and profanity at all FFA events.
- D. Support the decisions and instructions given by FFA advisors, show judges, and other officials at all FFA and livestock events.

- E. Ensure that your student is on time to all required meetings & that they follow all show team contract guidelines.
- F. This project is ultimately your student's responsibility if outside resources are desired, please openly communicate these resources with your Ag Advisors.

II. Other Key Rules/Responsibilities:

Students are responsible for caring for and monitoring their show animals on a daily basis. Advisors have the right to deny student's participation in FFA livestock shows if their animal is obviously underweight, underfed, in poor health, or in poor physical or mental condition that diminishes their show appeal, threatens the health of other animals, threatens their animal's health, or brings discredit to our organization. As managers of the Aubrey Ag Barn Facility, it is the Ag Science Advisor's responsibility to make decisions that ensure the overall health of everyone's projects.

- A. Students must be a paid Aubrey FFA member in good standing and attend Aubrey ISD to be eligible to participate/show with Aubrey FFA or house at the AISD Livestock facility
- B. A Show Team contract shall be signed by each individual student, parent, and advisor each year prior to the state validation tag-in/November livestock meeting.
- C. A \$50 per animal Barn Rent shall be billed during the major show meeting each year.
- D. During the Major Livestock Show Meeting held in November, entry paperwork will be available prior to the meeting to be completed upon arrival. Extra Assistance/directions will be given to those in need.
 - a. Entry forms will be available only when the cooperating stock show provides paperwork in a timely manner.
- E. Full Payment must accompany fully completed paperwork prior to adjournment of the Major Livestock Show meeting.
 - a. All members must be in good standing with Aubrey FFA and Aubrey ISD academically and financially prior to participation in any FFA activity.
- F. Quality Counts programs must be completed by each student based on state requirements. This must be completed prior to the major livestock show meeting.
- G. Students are required to fill out and turn in an excused absence form a minimum of 1 week prior to any FFA sponsored activity.
 - a. An Ag Teacher must sign/approve the absence before administration will approve the absence
 - b. Ag Teachers, Attendance Clerk or Administration may deny an approved absence.
 - c. Students must be in good standing to be eligible for an excused absence.
- H. Parents/Students may be asked to leave school premises or any FFA sponsored event for misconduct, aggressive or disrespectful behavior towards advisors, parents, or students, or any behavior that brings discredit to our organization.

- I. Any student who loses academic eligibility for two 9 week periods, or receives a DAEP placement may lose their privilege to show with the Aubrey FFA Show Team for the remainder of the year.
- J. First year livestock exhibitors will be encouraged to show one livestock project.
 - a. Students will be required to predetermine livestock shows and quantity of livestock prior to purchase. Pen and trailer availability will be evaluated prior to the purchase of any livestock.
 - b. Animals that live at the barn for the year will be housed one per stall/pen. At any given time, Ag Teachers may ask you to condense livestock housing or equipment. Under no circumstances should you condense livestock housing without Ag Teacher approval.
 - c. Various species are exhibited at major livestock shows at different times. Families are encouraged to show the same species.
- K. State Validation tags will be required on all large animals. All breeding animals must be registered per deemed association into the student's name before the respected major show deadlines.
 - a. Aubrey FFA will only validate animals that will be shown through Aubrey FFA
 - b. Families have the opportunity to family validate when allowed by the state
 - c. Individual students who house animals in the barn will be limited to no more than 4 head total. Families housed at the barn are limited to 4 animals per student, those students are the primary showman, they will not be substituted for other family members.
 - d. Any animals not entered with Aubrey FFA during the November meeting must leave the barn immediately.
- L. Ag teachers will only sign entry form for approved shows. If Aubrey FFA is participating in an event and a student chooses to participate in the event, he/she must be signed up through Aubrey FFA and participate as an Aubrey FFA member. This includes the location of pens, conduct, travel schedules, and adhere to the Aubrey FFA guidelines.
- M. In order to ensure quality across our Aubrey FFA Show Team, all students will have their pigs, sheep or goats clipped during times scheduled by the Ag Science Teacher. If you are unable to clip during these times, you must make arrangements with a teacher to schedule another time. Students will not be allowed to clip unsupervised without prior permission from an Ag Science Teacher. This allows us to supervise, advise, and ensure all animals look top-notch before the show.
- N. Students will be expected to attend mandatory monthly species meetings on dates established at their species meeting at the beginning of each year.
- O. All show team members will be expected to attend all barn/trailer cleanups held as frequently as needed. Students will be given at least one week's notice. No excuses for missing these dates will be accepted.
- P. To ensure a Team mentality, all students entered with the Aubrey FFA will be required to stall, show, and load home with the Aubrey FFA.

- Q. During show days, no students are allowed to leave the show barns without permission of an Ag Science Teacher. Advisors will dismiss the team at the end of each day. Individual circumstances need to be addressed prior to departure.
- R. Cleaning and maintenance duties assigned to students either verbally or written must be completed within 5 days otherwise a \$50 fee will incur per assignment.
 - a. An End of the Year cleaning fee of \$75 will be assessed per pen if livestock pens/areas are not cleaned up to the expectations below within one week after the animal has been removed:
 - i. Cleaning will include, but is not limited to striping pens of all shavings, manure, trash, debris and supplies/equipment within assigned pens and alleyways.
 - ii. Power Washing concrete, panels, gates etc.
- S. Failure to follow any stated rule at any time will revoke show and or sale privileges with the Aubrey FFA.
 - a. If an FFA member or guardian(s) actions are harmful, disrespectful, or jeopardizes the vision, members, advisors, or associates of Aubrey FFA the membership may be suspended or revoked permanently.
 - b. Students who break any Aubrey ISD or Aubrey FFA rules, by-laws, or show team contract while participating in an Aubrey FFA sponsored event shall be pulled from participation and or sent home at the discretion of Ag Teacher(s) at the expense of the guardian (examples: but not limited to smoking, drinking, fighting, language/actions, excessive public display of affection).
- T. Any decisions or instructions made by the Ag Science Teacher(s) at a school-sponsored show are final. Any discussion can be directed to Ag Science Teacher(s) or school district administrators at a later date following AISD guidelines.

III. Aubrey Livestock Show & Sale

- A. The minimum qualification to gain sponsorships is set forth each year to be eligible to sell in the Aubrey Livestock Sale. If this is not met per the deadline, the student will no longer be eligible to show or sell in the Aubrey Livestock Show & Sale.
- B. Breeding cattle, swine, sheep and goat entries that choose to sell at the Aubrey FFA Livestock sale as a Premium animal, must show at a minimum of two major livestock shows. Approved major livestock shows are listed below.
 - a. A breeding animal is defined as - a female that is identified by a Breed Association, identified by the Ag Teachers, and eligible to show at Major Livestock Breeding Shows. This animal's intentions are to be bred for offspring.
 - b. Breeding Animals are encouraged to show at the Denton County Youth Fair.

- C. All breeding rabbit entries that choose to sell at the Aubrey FFA Livestock sale as a Premium animal, must show at a combination of two Major Livestock shows (State Fair, Ft Worth, San Angelo, Houston) and three ARBA qualifying shows between September of the current year prior to Aubrey FFA Livestock Sale.
 - a. Breeding Rabbits must show at the Denton County Youth Fair.
- D. Individual Ag Mechanics projects that choose to sell at the Aubrey Livestock Sale, must show at a minimum of one major. (State Fair, San Angelo, Houston) as well as county fair to be eligible to sell during the live auction.
- E. Students showing a Market Animal must show at the Denton County Youth Fair or a Terminal Major Livestock Show to be eligible to sell at the Aubrey Livestock Sale.
 - a. A Terminal Major Livestock show is defined as a major that the animal will not be taken home at the end. It will make the sale or the truck.
 - b. A Market Animal is defined as - a male or female animal designated for the intent to show and sell at a Market show.
- F. All students must show at the Aubrey Livestock Show to be eligible for sale at the Aubrey Livestock Sale.
- G. The student must enter and show the animal being sold during the Aubrey Sale within the Aubrey FFA for 99% of that animal's show life.
- H. Any student who makes a sale at a livestock show is required to sell their animal, if declined, they forfeit their opportunity to sell at Aubrey Livestock Sale.
- I. At the conclusion of the Aubrey FFA Livestock Show, every animal must be deemed Market or Premium for the Aubrey Sale.
 - a. A student will have the opportunity to sell their breeding swine as a market slaughter animal at the Aubrey Livestock Sale.
 - b. All other market animals will be sold or floored at the Denton Youth Fair if the Aubrey Livestock Sale is scheduled prior to the DCLA Fair.
 - c. If the DCLA Fair is prior to the Aubrey Sale, non-sale animals may return to the Aubrey facility for the Aubrey Livestock Sale the following week.
- J. The maximum amount of money that an exhibitor can receive within the Aubrey FFA Livestock Sale will not exceed \$15,000. If an exhibitor accumulates more than stated, the excess amount will go into the Aubrey FFA General Fund.
- K. If a student participates in a Terminal Major Livestock Sale, said student will be able to participate in the Aubrey Livestock Sale as a sales representative.
 - a. Animals that have not made sale yet must be walked through the Aubrey Sale.
- L. Students are eligible to sell only one project at the Aubrey Livestock Sale.
- M. Failure to follow any stated rule above at any time will revoke show and or sale privileges with the Aubrey FFA.

By working together as a team, caring for the health and welfare of your animals, and dedicating your time to practicing, studying, and grooming for exhibitions, the Aubrey FFA Livestock Show Team is sure to have a smooth and successful year!

IV. Approved Shows:

- A. Aubrey FFA will follow all stated rules in respected shows. It is each family's responsibility to read and understand the rules each year.
- B. Teachers will be responsible for coordinating hauling to and from each livestock show. In the event that an Ag Teacher will not be available to haul, instructions will be given.
- C. In the event that a major livestock show offers both Junior/Youth and Open for a species, advisors will only approve entries for the open show if the open show coincides with the junior show and happens prior to the junior show. All school equipment, transportation, and personnel will depart at the conclusion of the junior show.

School-sponsored Livestock Shows

- D. All entry forms for this will be filled out at the Major Livestock Show Meeting
 - State Fair of Texas (Jr. Ag Mech, Jr. Market Goats & Jr. Breeding Goats, Jr. Market Sheep, Jr. Breeding Sheep, Jr. Barrows & Gilts, Jr. Heifers & Jr. Steers, Jr. Breeding Rabbits)
 - Ft. Worth Livestock Show, (Jr. Ag Mech, Jr. Market Goats Jr. Market & Jr. Breeding Sheep, Jr. Heifers & Jr. Steers, Open Commercial Swine not going to another major, Jr. Breeding Rabbits)
 - San Antonio Livestock Show (Jr. Breeding Swine, Jr. Commercial Swine, Jr. Barrows, Jr. Market & Jr. Breeding Goats, Jr. Market & Jr. Breeding Sheep, Jr. Heifers & Jr. Steers)
 - San Angelo (Jr. Ag Mech, Jr. Breeding Rabbits.
 - Houston Livestock Show, (Jr. Ag Mech, Jr. Breeding Swine, Jr. Barrows, Jr. Market & Jr. Breeding Goats, Jr. Market & Jr. Breeding Sheep, Jr. Heifers & Jr. Steers, Jr. Breeding Rabbits)
 - Southwest Type Conference (breeding & commercial swine)
 - Denton County Youth Fair (All projects)
 - Aubrey Livestock Show (All Projects)

Optional Jackpot Show opportunities will be announced by the Ag Science Teachers as information becomes available. These may be limited in order to maintain safe & healthy animal projects. It is the expectation that all animals will house/show off the trailers during jackpot shows unless the specific directive is given by the Ag teacher or show personnel. It is required that all animals are washed and disinfected before returning to their stall at the AISD facility.

Sheep & Goat Show Suggested Supplies at a livestock show: The following supplies are the responsibility of each animal owner:

- Each student will be required to obtain one 5-gallon bucket with a lid to use to hold supplies & feed at shows. (labeled with name)
- Original papers (breeding animals only)
- Feed for the correct number of days
- One bag of shavings per animal will be loaded prior to departure (no ownership of shaving past that point)
- Show chain (no plastic chains or wire halters) (spikes are approved at some shows)(Goats & Dorper Sheep can show on a leather halter)
- Rope halter
- Muzzle (labeled with name) (on animal at departure)
- 2 Clean slinkies & coats (labeled with name) (on animal at departure)
- Shampoo/waterless shampoo/towels
- Water buckets
- Spaces are limited at shows, therefore personal Showboxes are discouraged.
 - All small tack can be put in the Aubrey Showbox or in their personal bucket
 - We will take a water hose to share
 - There will be a combo lock on the Showbox & everyone will be provided the number if they wish to keep belongings locked up.

Swine Show Suggested Supplies at a livestock show: The following supplies are the responsibility of each animal owner:

- Each student will be required to obtain 5-gallon buckets with a lids to use to hold supplies & feed at shows. No feed sacks. (labeled with name)
- Original Papers in the provided book or in hand
- Feed for the correct number of days
- Hanging Feeders
- 2-4 bags of Shavings will need to be purchased and at the barn 2 days prior to departure.
- Shampoo/skin product (review show rules)
- Towels
- Brush
- Whip

- Water buckets

Space is limited at shows, therefore personal Showboxes are discouraged.

- Whips can be put in the Aubrey Showbox
- We will take water hoses to share
- No water tubes in any pig pens during shows or trailering
- There will be a combo lock on the Showbox & everyone will be provided the number if they wish to keep belongings locked up.

Cattle Show Suggested Supplies at a livestock show: The following supplies are responsible for each animal owner.

- Feed for the correct number of days
- Show stick
- Original Papers
- Feed pan
- Hay, Straw & Shavings (this can be purchased upon arrival to Major Stock Shows)
- Show halter
- Neck Tie
- Scotch comb/ rag
- Shampoo/scrub brush
- Water buckets
- Shared Showbox(s)
- Shared Blower(s)

All items must be loaded in the Aubrey FFA Show Box. Personal show boxes are prohibited due to limited space.

V. Outstanding Debts:

- All outstanding debts, i.e., vet bills, feed bills, etc. incurred by the student in the raising of the project must be paid before the end of the show season. Students will not be allowed to participate in the FFA Program until all debts are paid.
- Any outstanding debts will be taken out of the Aubrey Livestock Show and Sale Check.

VI. Liabilities

- No animal will be housed at the Ag Center without a current state validation.
- No intact male animals will be housed at the Ag Center or transported in Aubrey ISD trailers after the appropriate weaning age.

- C. All animals remain the owner's liability during the duration of the project, including transportation, trailering, during shows and while in the Ag Center.
- D. All animal projects must be owned by Aubrey ISD enrolled students, a completed Barn Contract must be on file, and be a current paid Aubrey FFA Member to be housed at the Ag Center.
- E. The Aubrey ISD, Agriscience Program or the Aubrey FFA Alumni, District Employees, or volunteers will assume NO responsibility for accidents or injuries to students, parents, visitors, livestock, or personal property resulting from the use of the facilities or equipment, as well as livestock owned by other persons.
 - a. Should an injury occur to a livestock project during transportation, validation, or other event, the liability remains the responsibility of the student. The Ag Science Teachers will make their best attempt to prevent injuries with projects, but are not to be held liable.
- F. Insurance for animals kept at the facility is not maintained by the school district, Agriscience Departments or FFA Chapter. It is the responsibility of the student to provide any insurance coverage on his/her animal deemed necessary. The loss of an animal, or expenses incurred as a result of loss, injury, illness, etc., including veterinary bills, is the sole responsibility of the student and will not be the responsibility of the Aubrey Independent School District, Agriscience Department, Ag Science Teachers, Career and Technical Education Department, or FFA Chapter.

VII. Medication to Animals

- A. Teachers, students, and parents will follow all major show rules regarding feed and drug residue restrictions. The Ag Science Teacher(s) will not knowingly recommend any illegal drug or substance. The rules regarding substances change regularly, so do not depend upon what you could or could not do when you were showing previous to the current situation. All medications, substances, or any other treatment must be approved by Ag Science Teacher(s) prior to being administered. Ag Programs will be tested, and if an exhibitor is found in violation, a stock show may ban them from future participation. Students and parents will be required to sign an affidavit stating you have not given anything that is not approved by the FDA or USDA for that particular animal.
 - a. **NO** medication including but not limited to off-label or extra-label vaccines, medication, spray, feed additive, over the counter medication, and/or vaccinations or other substances will be given internally or externally to any livestock project without the approval of the Ag Science Teacher(s). All established withdrawal times for any administered product must be strictly followed.
 - b. The Ag Science Teacher(s) will notify students and/or parents if medication or veterinarian treatment must be administered to any animal, at the student's expense.
 - c. The Ag Science Teacher(s) will seek veterinarian assistance if he or she has any questions that arise pertaining to medication.
 - d. **In the event, an animal tests positive before, during, or after a major event, the student and/or parent must inform the Ag Science Teacher(s)**

immediately.

- e. It is the responsibility of the student to administer or seek out someone who can administer medication to their animal. Ag Science Teachers will not be responsible for administering medication.
- B. All animals shown under the Aubrey FFA Chapter must follow these guidelines.

VIII. Market and Breeding Animals

The purpose of raising livestock animals is to learn valuable life skills. Choosing the right animal that fits your personality and family beliefs are the first steps in being successful within the program. Things to remember

- A. A Market Animal is defined as - a male or female animal designated for the intent to show and sell at a Market show. All Market animals must be sold if they earn a sale spot or shown in a terminal show. Market animals at major livestock shows must be castrated males.
- B. A breeding animal is defined as - a female that is identified by a Breed Association identified by the Ag Teachers and eligible to show at Major Livestock Breeding Shows. This animal's intentions are to be bred for offspring.
 - a. Animals that can show multiple show seasons: Does, Ewes, Rabbits, Heifers
 - b. Female animals that can be shown as Breeding but sold as Market: Gilts, Ewes, Does.

IX. Consequences for breaking Show Team contract rules

Failure to comply with show team rules at a school-sponsored show will result in an Aubrey Show Team write-ups for each offense. An accumulation of 3 or more write-ups in a show season may result in a student losing the privilege to show at the next show opportunity (could be current show if applicable). Students will also be responsible for completing an assigned task by an ag science teacher to regain their privilege to be a part of the Aubrey Show Team. If the problem persists, removal from the facilities can be enforced pending a conference with ag science teachers and Aubrey administration.

X. Show Team Contract Signature

Each student & parent will be required to complete a signed Aubrey FFA Membership / Show Team on file each year to be eligible for our Show or Contest Team. (See the last page of this document)

Agriculture Center Procedures

The Aubrey ISD Agriculture Center is available for use by Aubrey FFA Members who have approved SAE Projects. All students who wish to house animals at the barn must attend an annual parent and exhibitor livestock meeting.

AISD Livestock Center Electric Gate

- A. Everyone will enter the AISD Livestock Center through the southwest electric gate via key card. Use caution when entering and exiting the gate. Please have patience, the gate is slow but essential for our safety. If you have an issue, please contact an Ag Advisor immediately.
- B. Families will be issued 2 gate key cards and may request up to 4 total cards annually. Replacement cards will be available upon request. A \$25 fee for lost, stolen, or damaged cards may apply. Keycards will be returned to Ag Science Teacher at the end of the year.

AISD Livestock Center

- A. All tack and animal stalls will be assigned prior to animals move in. Livestock Stalls will be rented out \$50 per animal per school year. Daily removal of livestock manure is required by the student. The AISD Ag Teachers will schedule a mass manure haul off and pay for such removal.
 - a. Animals will be assigned one animal per stall.
- B. Animals must be attended to at all times. Animals should not be left in show arena/exercise arenas, grass areas (except cattle in the cattle turn-out area).
- C. Cleaning duties will be assigned to each family at the opening of the barn season. Cleaning procedures will entail trash, sweeping, and other general cleaning items throughout the livestock barns.
- D. Heating and ventilation needs will be adjusted by the Ag Teachers. Please do not adjust fans or heaters. Heat lamps are prohibited in any facility..
 - a. Aubrey ISD will provide cleaning equipment, trash facilities, and water hoses. Please use care and consideration.
- E. No standing, bouncing, or swinging on stall gates.
- F. The center aisle electrical plugs are stationary, please do not pull on them.
- G. Round water drains must maintain the black sand trap, cleaning of these drains will be maintained by the student closest to the drain. All students are responsible for cleaning the wash rack drains after washing. They should not be removed except for cleaning the trap itself.

- H. Individuals are not allowed to administer pesticides of any kind at the AISD Livestock Facility. Issues with unwanted rodents/creatures should be reported to the Ag Science Teacher.
- I. The manure dump pile is located at the northwest corner of the Ag Center. This is used for shavings and manure only. Trash needs to be put in the trash cans/dumpsters. Manure must be piled in the furthest most corner and piled as high as possible.
- J. Clip feeders should be connected to a removable feed pan holder. Water buckets can be tied to the top railing for sheep & goats.

Equipment Usage

The usage of Aubrey ISD property is taken seriously. Aubrey FFA has purchased equipment and allows some of the items to be used on a regular basis, while other items are used based on need.

- A. Equipment such as brooms, shovels, rakes, forks, wheel-barrows, water hoses, wash racks, fans, heaters, etc. are there for the students to use. If items are broken we ask that you fix or replace them. If the breakage is due to wear and tear of the equipment please notify the Ag teachers so a replacement can be purchased.
- B. Aubrey FFA equipment usage will be at an Ag Teachers' discretion. A check out form will be required by individuals in advance. Forms will be available in the Aubrey FFA Google classroom and on the FFA webpage.
 - a. Charges will incur with unclean, lost, damaged, or late equipment.

Livestock Trailers

Trailers and cages will be borrowed out on a first come first serve basis through a managed Google Form found in the Google Classroom or on our FFA website. Livestock Trailers/crates are available for use with a maximum request limit of 5 combined uses, after the 5 uses each year a \$20 maintenance fee will be applied each usage after. This accrued amount will be taken from a students Aubrey Livestock check at the end of the year. (A show year is based on Sept 1- August 31)

A [Trailer Usage](#) form must be completed annually and kept on record with the Ag Department, this includes an up-to-date copy of insurance and driver's license of any and all who plan to pull the trailer.

A [Trailer Request Form](#) must be filled out 1 week in advance, but not more than 60 days in advance. An Ag teacher will contact you to approve your departure and assure your trailer.

If a family requests and no call/no show more than 2 times in a school year, the Ag Teachers have the right to deny any further request.

A [Trailer Post-Trip Inspection](#) must be completed. After each use.

Aubrey FFA

By-Laws, Show Team Contract & Barn Acknowledgment Form

Each student & parent must read and fully understand the By-Laws, Show Team and Barn Contracts. They are located in the Aubrey FFA Handbook.

STUDENTS:

I, _____, understand that participation in the Aubrey FFA is a honor that requires hard work, sportsmanship, and dedication. The FFA advisor may revoke this privilege if I fail to follow any of the guidelines stated in the By-Laws, Show Team contract and or the Barn Rules or in any way discredit the Aubrey FFA.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENTS:

I, _____, understand that by participating as a member of the Aubrey FFA, my child and I are responsible for maintaining a high level of discipline and teamwork that is crucial to our team's success and will help ensure that my child observes the guidelines listed in the By-Laws, Show Team Contract and Barn Rules. I understand that failure to follow these guidelines may result in disciplinary actions as deemed necessary by the FFA advisors and Aubrey Administration.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Email #1: _____

Parent Email #2: _____

Student Grade in school _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Membership Paid --\$30 | 3rd - 7th Grade | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Membership | 8th Grade | Mrs. McGuire |
| | 9th - 12th | Mrs. Broom |
| | 9th - 12th | Mr. Dillard |
| | 9th - 12th | Mrs. Gilbreath |