

Good Afternoon,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and school is about to begin! We are looking forward to an exciting year in Salado FFA and wanted to share important information with you.

I would like to welcome Mr. Jim Wentrcek and Mr. Tyler Tanguay as my new teaching partners! We are excited about all the opportunities they will bring to our chapter!

Check out our website for new and exciting information! [Salado.ffanow.org](http://Salado.ffanow.org) Please make sure to sign up under the Text Message Registration tab to receive important information. All numbers have been deleted for the new year, so everyone must re-register!

**Salado FFA Feeder's Mtg.**

Our first meeting for all student's planning to exhibit livestock will be August 17th @ 6:30pm. This meeting will take place via ZOOM and will have a live Q&A session once the meeting concludes. As always please feel free to email the advisor overseeing your student's project.

Mr. Wentrcek: Sheep, Goats, Rabbits  
[jim.wentrcek@saladoisd.org](mailto:jim.wentrcek@saladoisd.org)

Mr. Tanguay: Cattle, Ag Mech  
[tyler.tanguay@saladoisd.org](mailto:tyler.tanguay@saladoisd.org)

Ms. Muzny: Swine, Poultry, Horses and FCS  
[taylor.muzny@saladoisd.org](mailto:taylor.muzny@saladoisd.org)

**2020-2021 Officer Elections:**

**Wednesday, August 19th @ 5pm:** Deadline to let Ms. Muzny know you are interested in running for office. ALL interested MUST email to make sure you are added to the Google Classroom.  
Email: [taylor.muzny@saladoisd.org](mailto:taylor.muzny@saladoisd.org)

**Friday, August 28th @ 5pm:** Deadline to submit officer application to google classroom

**Friday, August 28th @ 5pm:** Deadline to complete interview sign-up in google classroom

**Tuesday, September 1st:** Officer Interviews via ZOOM

**Wednesday, September 2nd:** Officer Interviews via ZOOM

**Wednesday, September 2nd @ 6pm:** Deadline to upload speech to google classroom

**Tuesday, September 8th:** In class and virtual Officer Speech Voting Assignment

**Monday, September 14th:** Announcement of Officer Team during Virtual Back to School Bash Meeting

### **Back to School Bash:**

Our first FFA Meeting will be September 14 @ 6:30pm via ZOOM. The link for the meeting will be sent out via the text message system on the [salado.ffa.org](https://salado.ffa.org) page so make sure you register! We will also be announcing our new officer team during this meeting.

Membership forms are also available on the [salado.ffa.org](https://salado.ffa.org) website. Please complete these and turn them in to your Ag Teacher. You must pay your dues before you are able to compete through Salado FFA!

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Ag Barn Updates:**

Barn Clean-Up was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the clean up!

### **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE BARN UNTIL BARN CONTRACT IS FILED!!!!**

Barn contracts are available on [salado.ffa.org](https://salado.ffa.org) under the Important Documents tab. Contracts MUST BE ON FILE and PAYMENT RECEIVED BEFORE MOVE-IN. 24-hour notice must be received by the department for ANY changes!

Please email [taylor.muzny@saladoisd.org](mailto:taylor.muzny@saladoisd.org) to reserve a spot in the Swine Barn and email [jim.wentrcek@saladoisd.org](mailto:jim.wentrcek@saladoisd.org) to reserve a spot in the Sheep/Goat Barn.

### **Raising Livestock:**

If you are interested in raising a livestock project please visit [salado.ffa.org](https://salado.ffa.org) for more information about each species.

These resources will help you understand the cost and responsibility that comes with a livestock project.

### **Ag Mechanics Projects:**

Please complete the Google Form on the [salado.ffa.org](https://salado.ffa.org) website to sign up for a project!

**Quality Counts: Make sure you are up to date on your Quality Counts Curriculum**

<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/quality-counts/>

<https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/>

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**TAG Order Dates: BCYF/Major Shows**

**Lamb and Goat Validation \$20 Each**

**Heifer-Fall Registered \$15 Each; Unregistered (BCYF ONLY) \$5 Each**

Tag Count DUE-Thursday, August 13th  
Will take payment through Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Swine Tag Orders \$20 Each**

Count DUE and Payment DUE by Wednesday, September 2

This year, there are two options for exhibitors to submit tag orders:

- To **order online** and pay by credit card, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-major-show-validation-tickets-115098199814>
- To **order in person or by mail** and pay with cash or check, please complete the attached order form and mail or deliver to the Extension Office with payment, payable to Bell Livestock Coalition. If a return address is present, a receipt will be mailed.

**VALIDATION DATES**

**Lamb and Goat Validation: EXPO Center**

Tuesday, October 20 - 4:00-7:00 p.m. (FFA)

Wednesday, October 21 - 4:00-7:00 p.m. (4H)

**Fall Heifer Validation: EXPO Center**

Monday, October 26 - 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Swine Validation: EXPO Center**

**\*\*SALADO BARN FACILITY DATE TBA\*\***

Monday, November 23 - 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24 - 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Breeding Animals:**

**Please email registration papers to your species contact ASAP:**

Mr. Wentreck: Sheep and Goats

Mr. Tanguay: Breeding Heifers

Ms. Muzny: Swine

**Major Show Information**

**West Texas State Fair: September 5-19, 2020**

<https://www.taylorcountyexpocenter.com/events/west-texas-fair-rodeo/livestock-shows>

Please visit the website above to print your entry forms. Entries and Payment are DUE to the Ag Department **No Later than Wednesday, August 12 @ 5pm.**

**State Fair of Texas: September 23- October 2, 2020**

<https://bigtex.com/get-involved/livestock-shows/livestock-exhibitors/>

Entries open August 3. Please visit the above website to print your entry forms. Entries and Payment are due to the Ag Department **No Later than Wednesday, August 19 by 5:00pm.**

Contest Entries- Public Speaking, Judging, etc. **NEED TO KNOW BY August 19.**

**H.O.T. Fair and The United: September 30-October 18, 2020**

**<https://www.hotfair.com/events/2020/livestock-show>**

Please visit the above website to print your entry forms. Entries and Payment are due **No Later than Wednesday, August 19 @ 5pm.**

**As more information becomes available we will send it out.**

If you have any questions, please let us know! We are looking forward to an amazing year in Salado FFA!