



# WELCOME CATTLE INFORMATION MEETING

Mrs. Schertz



# Eligibility/requirements to show cattle

- Enrolled in an Ag science course for upcoming year
- Paid FFA member
- 9 weeks passing grades all classes
- Signed FFA Handbook by deadline given to Mrs. Schertz
  - Cattle: May 20th
- Willingness to work as a team and only have a positive attitude and do your part
- Hard work
- Respect for facility, teacher, project, parents

# Ag Barn/Project Center Rules/Expectations:

*(Taken from the Allen FFA Handbook)*

740 Ingram Lane Lucas, TX

[Allen FFA Project Center Handbook](#)

## **Discussion Topic:**

Daily cleaning chores

Parent involvement/supervision

# Types of cattle projects:

Market Steers - School Sponsored

Breeding heifers - non-school sponsored (Travel on own, own equip. etc)

**\*\*New\*\*** Commercial Steers - School Sponsored

# Questions about how or what I am looking for when I am selecting show steers

<https://youtu.be/RzaVR5OPJAU>

\*\*It is more than just the color and fluff - I consider A LOT of factors when selecting animal projects\*\* travel thousands of miles each year so that you can be successful in the show ring.

Questions to ask as a family:

1. How much money can we spend
2. What are our options for shows to attend
3. Hair vs. slick shear show or multi purpose steer

# Examples of show steers:

Commercial steer (NON SHOW STEER)



Market show steer (SHOW QUALITY)



## Non Show Animal Vs. Show Animal Comparison



# Purchasing of animal projects:

Livestock feeders agreement (scenarios of animal purchases)

- non show quality - costs associated

- show quality - costs associated

- Mrs. Schertz assistance purchase (recommended)

- purchasing on own without help of Mrs. Schertz



# Market Show Steer Types

## Market Steer Shows Allen FFA Attends:

Jackpots, CCJLS, Ft.Worth, San Antonio, Houston



## Where Do I purchase? Know that prices are up this year(feed cost, fertilizer etc.)

- Various Texas and Oklahoma Reputable show steer Breeders
- I've been around the industry for 30 plus years and know a lot of folks in the industry
- I don't like buying animals solely by online pics and videos (DANGEROUS)!!
- Private Treaty Sales
- Live Auctions
- Phone bid offs
- Online auctions (only if I have seen the animal in person)
- I invite you to go with me to help in the process, or you can tell me your budget and I contact you while at the sales to confirm. You send me with a check that I fill out straight to the breeder. (in the memo you designate your top dollar)

# When do we purchase

- March/April Purchase
- Deadline to validate (June)
- How old are the steers when we purchase (born July-September)
  - If you get a spring born (April/May) they will be shown at County/ Ft.Worth livestock shows only would be too big to go through to later shows.
  - Late sept and early october's will only probably go to Houston - wont meet minimum weight guidelines for the show otherwise.
- Breeds to consider
  - Categories to consider (American, British, Exotic)
  - Temperament
  - Show destination

# Once you have your steer what to expect:

- Daily care/chores
- Daily time frame to expect
- Feeding, daily health checks, hair care etc..
- Weekend practice shows
- Show ready (Clipping)Mrs. Schertz (FREE) - if you seek outside sources (reputable experienced clippers charge \$250-400/calf) for care advisement and clipping assistance, you will have to haul your animal to them, not done at the Ag barn if that is the route that you choose. (give past examples)
- Summer travel plans??
- Summer Dates: Cow Camp, State FFA Convention, possible summer show if not too hot
- Outside visitors to the barn - barn contract rules
- Daily care routine: AM vs PM
- Parent visit to the barn minimum 1x week - your involvement of just being there leads to the success of your child's project and the cleanliness of our school farm

## Expected Shows To Attend For The Year:

- 2-3 Jackpot shows (Practice)
- Collin County Junior Livestock Show (Hair Show)
- Ft.Worth Livestock Show (Hair Show)
- San Antonio (Slick Show)
- Houston (Slick Show)

# Outside Help

IF you solicit help outside, that will be your coach moving forward. I do not allow fitters in our barn so if you hire them, you haul them.

A lot of people will try to offer their advice, remember their experience may be limited or they may not know all of the rules associated with the show industry in Texas. I can't /won't help if you have multiple coaches, not fair to you, me, and especially the animal.

# Expected Costs

| Animal   | \$3500 - and up  | cattle prices are up this year  |
|--|------------------|---|
| Initial inset cost for cattle  | Estimate Price:  | notes:  |
| Barn Fee (Cattle for the year)   | \$ 100.00        | not sure if school is bringing this back or not   |
| Halter (Rope)  | \$ 5.00          |   |
| Rice Root Brush (Stiffest bristled)  | \$ 20.00         |   |
| Scotch comb  | \$ 20.00         |   |
| State Validation Tag   | \$ 12.00         |   |
| neck tie   | \$ 6.00          |   |
| feed pan   | \$ 15.00         |   |
| wash brush   | \$ 5.00          |   |
| harness  | \$ 15.00         |   |
| show stick   | \$ 30.00         |   |
| shampoo -gallon  | \$ 12.00         |   |
| conditioner - gallon   | \$ 12.00         |   |
| show halter  | \$ 35.00         |   |
| water bucket   | \$ 12.00         |   |
| feed scoop   | \$ 5.00          |   |
| Round Bales Hay  | \$ 210.00        | (we buy in the summer for the year, to supply the cattle turn out areas) 3 bales per calf for the year  |
| Cedar Fiber Shavings Pallet (large tote)   | \$ 100.00        | you may have to add some bags along the way but should last   |
| Square bales of hay for shows (each student will buy 5 bales roughly , we will store it in our hay barn at the farm) | \$ 50.00         | The square bales of hay will be sudan hay price will vary accouding to total number and amount of each since their prices are different and deffinetly depends on the drought situation |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$ 564.00</b> |   |

## Allen FFA Cattle Project Estimated Expenses:

|   |                  |   |
|---|------------------|---|
| Feed (this cost will fluxuate, due to animals size and the price will fluxuate due to grain prices) | \$ 350.00        | We all feed the same feed that I instruct you to feed, we have it delivered to the school farm, you may have to go to Princeton Ag to purchase supplemental grains ex: corn, oats etc. as needed)                                       |
| Wormer (Monthly )   | \$ 12.00         | total year \$150 roughly...   |
| Hoof Trimming (bi-monthly or longer)  | \$ 35.00         | Typically 2-3 times per year  |
| Feed Supplements  | \$ 40.00         | All animals are different, we have hair supplements, joint supplements etc. (not everyone will have these costs or if they do, not for the same periods of time. Every animal is monitored closely by myself and changed accordingly. ) |
| <b>total:</b>   | <b>\$ 437.00</b> |   |
| <b>Additional (that spring up that you don't have to budget for, but be aware they can happen)</b>  |                  |   |
| vet Bills   | Medication       | Farm Calls etc..  |
| Medicine that Mrs. Schertz can administer   |                  |   |
| Topical product   |                  |   |
| <b>Show Expenses:</b>   |                  |   |
| Entrie Fees:  |                  |   |
| \$30 per ring most jackpots are 2-4 rings)  |                  |   |
| Major Shows: 30 entry plus extra stall space = \$60   |                  |   |
| Tie outs = \$15   |                  |   |



# End of The year/End of Project

- Make the sale at Major livestock Show - \$4000-\$300,000
- Sale beef to private person - \$5-\$5.50 per pound hanging weight
- Put on the market truck at the last show - current market cattle price
  - (could be: \$1.30/pound or \$2.00 per pound) depends on the current market
- All steers out by April - will have to have room for new baby steers

# Form of Communication:

- Remind 101: 81010

Ag Barn (General): @barnffa

Cattle Exhibitor: @barnkids1

Cattle Parent: @barnparent

- Text Message (School cell Phone) phone call: make sure if texting to include parent on text or my email address.
- Printed detailed schedules closer to major shows
- I communicated with the kids at school and as a teachable moment expect them to communicate the details with you at home.

- Steer Validation Tag Order and Payment:  
\$25/Tag Deadline: April 1st
  - (Cash or check payable: Allen FFA Alumni)
- Barn Contracts - Signed & Returned to Schertz  
By: Deadline: May 20th
- FFA SAE Grant - Opens October Closes Nov 15th \$1000 Grant
- If your child is a current 9th or 10th grader-in October we can sign them up for scramble at Houston, if they catch get \$1700 towards steer purchase for 2023-2024

# Houston livestock show Commercial steer project

Welcome Shannon Sullivan to share with us her experience

# Commercial Steer Dates To Remember: These

- Houston Livestock Show Intent letter Opens Online: August
- Deadline to submit Houston Intent form: September 15th
- Last Day to purchase & Weigh steer for beginning weight: Sept 30th
- Weight Slips Due online: October 10th
- Entry Deadline (Same as all other entries) Dec 1st We have a sooner deadline for Allen so we have time to process. We generally have our entry meeting at the end of October or first of November

# Pics of Commercial Steer Project:









# Houston Commercial Steer Details:

Scoring Systems: The official scoring system is based on 100 points, allocated as follows:

- a. Written Test 25 pts.
- b. Interview Skills 25 pts.
- c. Steer Grades 15 pts.
- d. Record Book 10 pts.
- e. Meat ID and Quiz 10 pts.
- f. Pen of Steers Closeout 9 pts.
- g. Cost/lb. Gain 2 pts.
- h. Avg. Daily Gain 2 pts.
- i. Feed Conversion 2 pts.

# Summary

- Deadline for letting me know if showing and how much you can spend
  - **Market Steers:**
  - Deadline 1: March 3rd (I'm going to Lubbock Steer Shopping)
  - Deadline 2: March 31st
  - **Commercial Steers:**
  - Deadline: May 20th
- Remember this - it is A LOT, but don't get overwhelmed, that is what I am here for! You can show cattle for 5 years and not know a ¼ of the things to be successful
- Questions???????