



2015 North East Ag Fair  
Fall Challenge Livestock Show  
October 23 - 24, 2015

# **AMP STAFF**

**Doak Stewart** - AMP Director

**Jeanette Fuller** - AMP Admin Asst

**Delbert Drury** - AMP Farm Manager

**Joshua Anderson** - Market Broilers

**Kari Langbein** - Market Swine

**Janell McMullan** - Market Rabbits

**Melvin Pouncy** - Market Steers

**Jared Rode** - Ag Mechanics

**Jennifer Warren** - Market Lambs

**Katherine Wohl** - Market Goats

# TWO LEVELS OF THE FEEDING PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

## Fall Challenge

- 1<sup>st</sup> year feeder (Novice)
- Destination is the “Fall Challenge” at the NE Ag Fair
- Commercial quality feed and animal
- Proving ground for 1<sup>st</sup> year feeders

## Major Shows

- Proficient feeder (Qualified)
- Destination is an approved Major Livestock Show or Bexar County
- Significantly more of an investment of time and finances

# EXPECTATIONS AND GOALS

- ◉ Livestock experience under supervision
- ◉ Allows the application of knowledge and skills learned in the classroom
- ◉ Develop a student that is a literate agriculture producer and consumer
- ◉ Actively engages the student in production agriculture through entrepreneurship
- ◉ Develop skilled and competent varsity feeders
- ◉ Provide students with an entry level experience for reasonable financial output

## **Fall Challenge**

**Who:** First Time Livestock Feeders and any Experienced Feeder who wants to participate.

**When:** Starts Mid July – Finishes Early November

**Shows:** Prospect show(s) and Fall Challenge

**Misc:** Booster Financial Support, terminal animals, points system, low cost, more teacher instruction, only Fall Challenge animals

## **Major Shows**

**Who:** Experienced Feeder's Only

**When:** Barn specific start times concludes with Major shows.

**Shows:** Prospect shows, Bexar County, and Major Shows

**Misc:** Booster Financial support, no point system, has to be an animal that meets the barn standards, very competitive, less teacher instruction, more student responsibility, more financial risk

# TYPES OF ANIMALS

- ◉ Market Lambs - 3.5 months Mid-July to Early November
- ◉ Market Swine - 3.5 months Mid July to Early November
- ◉ Market Goats - 3 months Early Aug to Early November
- ◉ Market Broilers - 6 weeks Mid-Sept. to Early November
- ◉ Market Rabbits- 6 weeks Early of September to Early November

# Important Dates

<b>SPECIE</b>	<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Camp and Start date</b>
<b>GOAT</b>	May 21	June 9	July 6 - 8
<b>LAMB</b>	May 21	June 9	July 6 - 8
<b>PIG</b>	May 21	June 9	July 20-22
<b>RABBIT</b>	May 21	June 9	Sept 1 & 2
<b>POULTRY</b>	May 21	June 9	TBD



**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**6:30pm**

**Forms, Deposit  
due, and First  
Feeders  
Meeting**

# Up Front Cost

<b>SPECIE</b>	<b>Barn Fees</b>	<b>Animal Cost</b>	<b>May 21 Min. \$</b>	<b>June 9 Final \$</b>
<b>GOAT</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>Form + \$50</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>LAMB</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>Form + \$50</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>PIG</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>Form + \$50</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>RABBIT</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Form + \$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>POULTRY</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>Form + \$50</b>	<b>\$40</b>

**\*Barn fees include one time facility/medication fee, FFA Membership Dues, and NE Ag Fair Entry Fee.**

**\*\* You can pay the full amount on May 21<sup>st</sup> if you prefer**

# Total Project Breakdown

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>Upfront Cost</b>	<b>Feed and Supplies</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>GOAT</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$625</b>
<b>LAMB</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$625</b>
<b>PIG</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$380</b>	<b>\$780</b>
<b>RABBIT</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>POULTRY</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$340</b>

Feed and supply cost are broken up monthly and vary depending on other factors. This is a rough estimate of the total amount from previous years.

# ESTIMATED INCOME

- Student will receive a terminal resale check for the market price of their animal at the completion of the project period.
- Student will receive a premium check from the James Madison FFA Booster Club
  - To be determined based on student points
  - NE Ag Fair fundraising efforts
- Goal should be to break even or make some money on the project
- Premium average last year was **\$1.05 per point**, the more raised the more given

# EVALUATION PROCESS

- ⦿ Evaluated by a point system (by teacher)
- ⦿ Points determine the dollars the student gets back at the end.
- ⦿ Progress Reports along the way

# Point Example

<b>SPECIE</b>	<b>AVG POINTS</b>	<b>MULTIPLIER</b>	<b>TOTAL Points</b>
<b>GOATS</b>	59.8	2.67	159
<b>LAMBS</b>	73.9	2.67	197
<b>PIGS</b>	65.7	2.67	175
<b>RABBITS</b>	63.1	1	63
<b>POULTRY</b>	N/A	1	N/A

The amount per point is determined from the success of fundraising efforts on behalf of the students and parents.

# ROLE OF TEACHER

- ◉ Serve as the sole source of livestock education for the student in the barn
- ◉ Teach the principles of livestock production as related to show projects
- ◉ Guide the student and family through the policies and practices of raising livestock in the AMP

# ROLE OF TEACHER

- ◉ Train the student to be a major show livestock feeder
- ◉ Manage the health of the barn
- ◉ Conduct educational meetings, clinics and workshops
- ◉ Provide communication of the progress of the student



# ROLE OF THE STUDENT

- Care for the animal twice daily, every day from start to finish
- Responsible for all cost with the animal
- Communicate with the teacher
- Must attend species Boot Camp
- Must attend Fall Challenge Show Oct. 23-24
- Attend all meetings, clinics, and workshops
- Keep track of individual points progress
- Maintain proper conduct in barns
- Perform barn chores

# ROLE OF PARENT

- ◉ Monitor the progress of your student
- ◉ Assist your student with the project
- ◉ Participate on a NE Ag Fair Committee
- ◉ Attend James Madison FFA Booster Club and barn meetings
- ◉ Communicate with the teacher

# Point System Qualification

1. A student must earn a minimum of 50 points from the point system rubric in order to qualify for any potential monies awarded by the James Madison FFA Booster Club.
2. A student must earn a minimum of 50 points from the point system rubric to be eligible to participate in a livestock project experience for the next year at the Fall Challenge livestock show

# Point System Qualifications Continued:

3. If a student earns less than 50 points that student will not be eligible to participate in the Fall Challenge Livestock show the next year.
4. A student must earn a minimum of 70 points from the point system rubric in order to be considered for the major show level next year. The following components will also be used to determine the final eligibility of the student to participate at the major show level

# Point System Qualifications Continued:

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A. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) must interview with the project supervisor of the species of interest.

B. The student must receive a positive recommendation from the project supervisor that supervised the student for the Fall Challenge Livestock Show.

# Summary

- ⦿ Read over the AMP Livestock Feeders Manual
- ⦿ Read over the AMP Livestock Feeders Contract
- ⦿ Read over the North East Ag Fair Fall Challenge Points System
- ⦿ Complete the Fall Challenge Livestock Show Commitment Form and submit in person your \$50 min. commitment payment by May 21, 2015
- ⦿ Make final payment for all upfront animal cost by June 9, 2015

# Where can I find this information?

<http://www.jamesmadison.ffanow.org/default.aspx?ID=266>

# **Species Breakouts**