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Show barn Set up Jan 5th at 9 a.m.

Cochran 4H & Adult Leader Meeting Jan 9th 6 p.m. Show barn

Cochran County Stock Show Jan 9-12th

Show barn clean up Jan 13th at 2 p.m.

Ft. Worth Stock Show Jan 18th – Feb 9th

San Angelo Stock Show Feb 12nd – 17th

San Antonio Stock Show Feb 6th-22nd

Cochran 4-H meeting Feb 12th at 4 p.m.

Houston Stock Show Feb 25th-March 17th

Star of Texas Stock Show Mar 16th– 30th

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Meeting Dates & Contacts:

Cochran 4-H Club

2nd Tuesday of month
Sept–May otherwise
rescheduled.

Cochran Gun Club

Sundays at 2 p.m.
Cochran Shoot Range

STILL AVAILABLE:

2019 Cochran County Stock Show Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

4 p.m. LAMB Weigh-in

GOATS Weigh-in after

Thursday, January 10, 2019

2:00-4:00 pm BARROW Weigh-in

6:00 pm LAMB Show

GOAT Show immediately after

Followed by

Lamb & Goat Showmanship

Friday, January 11, 2019

9:00 am GILT SHOW

BARROW SHOW immediately after

Followed by

Swine Showmanship

11:00 am STEER weigh-in

3:00 pm HEIFER Show

STEER Show immediately after

Followed by

Cattle Showmanship

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:00 am—Ag Mechanics Show

& Rabbit weigh in

9:00 AM Rabbit Show

12:00 pm—Meal at Morton ISD Cafeteria 500 W. Champion in Morton

1:30 pm—Awards Presentation

Followed by PREMIUM SALE

Cochran 4-H T-shirts for sale.
\$20.00 each. For

More info contact our
office 806-266-5215 or come by
200 –B W. Taylor to check them
out.



4H Adult Leader & Management Corner:

Equal Opportunity Notification for Educational Programs & Non-Discrimination Policies

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Cochran County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to Natalie Silhan, Office Manager, 806-266-5215. Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



Need help fundraising.....but,

*"My County doesn't have a TSC store", **no problem.** "Stripes Convenient stores are not located in my County", **no problem.** "Arlington is a bit of a far drive for my county to attend a Texas Rangers Baseball game", **no problem.** Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni hosting 4-H membership drive. Can go to <http://texas4Hfriends.org/alliances> for more information.*

TEXAS 4-H CENTER WEBSITE

While you are surfing the web, don't forget to visit the Texas 4-H Center's website: <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>

COCHRAN COUNTY 4-H ON-LINE

Now has the 4-H newsletter as well as various other sources of information at: <http://cochran-tx.tamu.edu>

Other 4-H Web-sites

Glory Be Collectibles You might want to check out the neat 4-H items at www.glorybe.com

Clover Corner News Check out the Clover Corner News, 4-H's national online newsletter, at: www.4hblogs.org/ccn.

Check out this Website : <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

D-2 Events

April 1st D-2 Photography

April 18th D-2 Fashion Show & Storyboard Show

April 19th D-2 Horse & Livestock Judging



State Upcoming Events:

4H Day @ The State Capitol:

When Mar 14

National 4-H Conference: when Apr 6 - Apr 11

State 4-H Roundup: when Jun 10 - Jun 1

State Dog Show: when Jul 12 - Jul 14

Shooting Sports State Games: when Jul 12 - Jul 20

State 4-H Horse Show: when Jul 21 - Jul 27

Stock Show Corner Tips:

Start Setting Goals

Before you rush to sign up for your first stock show competition, it's helpful to establish a few goals first. Is your goal to improve your skills as a breeder or to improve the overall quality of your stock? Maybe you just want to be a better person and improve your future employment prospects. Those are noble goals as well. Some of the qualities that you can expect to develop over the course of your experience include patience, diligence, determination, and influence. Hopefully, one of your goals is to have fun because these competitions can be a blast!

Choosing Your Membership

As a stock show competitor, it's a tremendous help to have a membership in an agricultural extension service. Your two main choices are FFA and 4-H. FFA stands for Future Farmers of America, but the organization has a wide agricultural focus as opposed to just "farming." Members of FFA study subjects related to food sciences, horticulture, aquaculture, wildlife management, and even engineering. While FFA is a formal education program sponsored by many local schools, 4-H is an after school program in local communities. Some programs work together, and the membership you choose should be based on both personal preference and the availability in your area.

Choosing Your Animal

If you're going to participate in a stock show competition, you'll need an animal to show. Several common choices include sheep, cattle, hogs, and goats. Once you choose the type of animal, it's time to select your show animal. Among the selection criteria that you'll want to use are such things as breed, age, skeletal/muscle structure, and price. For example, if you decided to show a pig, most shows limit weight to between 200 and 260 pounds.

Feeding Your Animal

Once you've selected your animal, determine the standard show requirements for that animal and use those standards to put together a proper feed program. When the stock show competition date arrives, you want your animal to look fit and healthy as opposed to fat and sleepy. Designing the right schedule to manage weight gain and growth will help you and your animal accomplish this goal.

Training Your Animal

Show requirements will vary depending on what type of animal you choose. Learn those requirements and then begin training your animal. For example, a calf will need to learn how to stand correctly and lead on a rope. To do this, you will need to halter break the calf, which takes both time and patience. In order to properly train and control the animal, you'll need to have a trusty tool set.

Showing Your Animal

Now that you and your animal are sufficiently trained, it's time to make a debut at your first stock show competition. Find a small show to start, preferably a county or jackpot show. This will give you the opportunity to get exposure to showing your animal in a show atmosphere and allow your animal to acclimate to the fun as well.



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Calendar 2019:

There's Always Something To Do! Important 4-H Dates

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Persons planning on attending can request the need for special accommodations relating to hearing impaired or any other special need.

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Reminders and/or Suggestions:

Sept 1st Re-enrollment is required for each new program year. Enrollment or re-enrollment can be completed by going to 4H Connect website located on 4honline.com. Please also remember that all 4-H Volunteer working directly with youth must have also submitted a volunteer screening form. These , also, may be completed online on 4H Connect. **There will be a membership fee of \$20 each for enrollment, or re-enrollment, between Sept 1st–Oct 31st. \$25 each for the same after October 31st. There will be an adult enrollment fee of \$5. Contact office re: any questions you may have. website: <http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html>**

Link for enrollment is: <http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html>

The information given herein is for educational purposes only. References to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by the Extension Service is implied. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our meetings. We request that you contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Cochran County - (806) 266-5215, as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

Texas 4-H homepage, go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> for all upcoming event and state 4H info.