

CLEAR BROOK FFA

FFA Student Handbook

Rules and Guidelines

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Clear Brook FFA

We are not cows, sows, or plows; we are the Clear Brook FFA. FFA is an organization that helps you in many ways. In leadership, responsibility, and determination. It offers scholarships for college, a chance to meet other people, and have fun among other things.

In the FFA you have a chance to raise an animals such as steers, heifers, goats, lambs, turkeys, rabbits, pigs, and chickens. It's quite an experience to be able to raise these animals. Then there are the shows that you enter like the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or the CCISD show and the Galveston County show. If your animal places at the show you can sell your animal at the auction and the prices can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars. You can also enter projects from Ag Mechanics and Horticulture in the CCISD show. If you would like to raise an animal but don't know where to keep it, CCISD has supplied a barn for us to keep the animals next to the Clear Creek High School.

Besides raising animals, there are other activities such as rodeo day, which is where we take our animals to an elementary school to talk about our animals. We have community service projects, which are needed to get into college. Some of the community services are highways cleanups and workday at the barn. Along with everything else we have leadership and judging teams that compete in district, area, and state competitions. Some of the teams are Poultry, Livestock, Equine (horse), Horticulture, and Dairy Foods. We get to travel a lot during the school year. Some of the places we go travel to are the colleges such as Tarleton State University, Clarendon, and West Texas A&M. We have also traveled north to the panhandle, to Louisiana and Kentucky.

In the FFA we have a hot dog social that helps you to meet everyone. We also have a lock in. And once a month we have an FFA meeting, which everyone come to, so we can talk about important issues coming up.

FFA is a lot of fun. You learn a lot of things from the organization and it can be really helpful for getting you into college and in earning scholarships. FFA has made a big change to many students' lives. It is always fun! So why not join the FFA and get branded by success.

FFA Rocks!

To Incoming Agricultural Science & Technology Students of 2003-2004

We are glad to have each of you in the Agri-Science program and we hope that you will enjoy your year in our program. This handbook has been designed to answer many of the questions that you may have for the upcoming year. We are planning to make this a very exciting year and with your participation, we will. We hope that you will use this handbook as a resource for answers to questions that you or your parents may have throughout the year.

Clear Creek I.S.D. does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex or disability in providing education or providing access to benefits of education services, activities and programs, including vocational programs, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

School attendance is critical to the learning process. Due to a change in the state law, school districts throughout Texas are required by Texas Education Code 25.095 to notify all parents at the beginning of the school year of the following:

“If a student is absent from school without an excuse for 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, or on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period, the parent may be prosecuted for “Parent Contributing to Truancy”, and the student may be prosecuted for “Failure to Attend School”.

It's the parent's responsibility to monitor their child's attendance and require the child to attend school. If the child is absent due to personal illness or for other legal reasons, the parent is required to send a written excuse (signed by the parent/guardian) showing the dates and the reason for the absence. This note must be returned to school within three days after the return from the absence(s). Five consecutive absences require a doctor's statement upon return to school. You should contact the school if you have questions about absences, or to request a conference with the school personnel if your child has excessive absence problems. Please refer to the Student Handbook regarding policies on absences and attendance. Thank you for working closely with school officials. Good student attendance contributes greatly to student success in the classroom.

Dear Parents

We are aware that, for many of you, this is your first experience having a student in the Agri-Science program and you may not be sure what all is involved. The purpose of this handbook is to assist you and your daughter / son by providing both an overview of the program and any information that will be helpful to assure your student a successful year.

We feel, without a doubt, that the Agri-Science program and the FFA are the best programs for young people to be involved in. Cooperation, leadership, and technology skills, as well as, responsibility will be taught during the year and will prove to be invaluable in the years to come. As stated earlier, this handbook is designed to provide you an overview of the program. Should a question arise that has not been addressed in this handbook, please feel free to contact the Agri-Science teacher at Clear Brook High School, 281-996-2761.

FFA Membership

The amount of the membership dues is usually set at the first FFA meeting of each school year. The dues for the 2003-2004 school year will be approximately \$15.00/member. The price of the dues pays for each student to be a member at the district, area, state and national level.

FFA Jackets

All FFA members will need to purchase an FFA jacket as part of the official dress for FFA members. The official dress for boys is as follows: FFA jacket, FFA tie, and white collared dress shirt, black pants and black boots or solid black shoes. The official dress for girls is as follows: FFA Jacket, FFA scarf, white collared shirt, black skirt, and solid black shoes. The approximate price for the FFA jacket \$44.95, the FFA tie \$9.95 and the FFA scarf \$9.95. The cost of the official jacket, tie and scarf may vary for the new year. Ordering the FFA dress items will be done shortly after the school year starts. You are encouraged to order on-line at www.ffa.org

Official dress will be worn by students while competing in contests, attending meetings and when selling projects at the CCISD FFA Project Show.

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First

Year

Student

Information

Are You An Active Member?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just content, that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay away, and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part, to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?

Do you ever go to visit, or call a member who is sick?

Or leave the work to just a few, who call themselves, “the clique”?

There’s quite a program scheduled that we are sure
you have heard about.

And we will appreciate it very much if you will help us out.

So come to meetings often, and help us with hand and heart,

Don’t just be a member, but take an active part.

Think this over friends, you know what is right from wrong.

Why not be an ACTIVE MEMBER, and do not “just belong”.

Teamwork Tips!

What You Can Learn from a Goose!

- FACT:** Have you ever wondered why geese always fly in a “V”? As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift draft for the bird following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds a greater flying range than if one bird flew alone.
- LESSON:** People who share a common direction and sense of teamwork can get where they are going quicker and more easily because they are traveling on the strength of one another.
- FACT:** Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.
- LESSON:** If we as team members, have as much sense as geese, we will share information and be willing to accept help when we need it and give help when it is needed.
- FACT:** When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies in the point position.
- LESSON:** Geese instinctively share the task of leadership and do not resent the leader.
- FACT:** The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.
- LESSON:** We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging and not something else.
- FACT:** When a goose gets sick, is wounded or is shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to earth to help and protect it. They stay with their disabled companion until it is able to fly again or dies. They then launch out on their own or with another formation or catch up with the flock.
- LESSON:** If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by one another in difficult times and help the one who has dropped out regain his/her place in formation.

Agriscience Courses Offered At Clear Brook High School

The following courses are one semester for ½ Credit:

Introduction to World Agriculture

Applied Agriculture and Technology

Wildlife and Recreation Management

Exploring Aquaculture

Animal Science

Animal Science

Equine Science

Food Technology

Floral Design and Interiorscaping

Advanced Floral Design

Landscape, Design, Construction and Maintenance

Personal Skills Development

Introduction to Ag Mechanics

Metal Fabrications

These Courses are Two Semesters:

Horticulture – Full year class = 1 credit

Meats Processing – Double Blocked Full Year Classes = 2 credits per year

Agriculture Mechanics – Full Yr. Classes = 1 credit per yr.

FFA Creed

I believe in the future of agriculture with a faith born not of words but of deeds – achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturist; in the promise of better days through better ways even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuit, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturist to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so – for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

FFA MOTTO

**Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve**

FFA Ceremony

Parts for members to say:

Opening Ceremony

To Practice brotherhood, honor Agricultural Opportunities and Responsibilities, and Develop those Qualities of Leadership which an FFA Member should possess.

Pledge of Allegiance

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation under God,
Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

Letter Jacket Criteria For Clear Brook FFA Members

1. Must have met the qualifications for a member in good standing for two complete years.
2. Must participate on a leadership and judging team for two years.
3. Must have satisfactory scholastic record.
4. Must have a satisfactory discipline record.
5. Must participate in at least two community service projects per year.
6. Must be recommended by the agriscience teacher.

Once you have met the above criteria you must submit your name to your agriscience teacher for final approval. Then you will be invited to place your order at the school during the scheduled time. The school will pay for your jacket and letter. Any additional patches or lettering will be your responsibility and must be paid at the time of placing your order.

Official Dress

The uniform worn by FFA members at local, state and national functions are called *Official Dress*. It provides identity and gives a distinctive and recognizable image to the organization and its members.

Female members are to wear:

- A black skirt of appropriate length
- White blouse with official FFA blue scarf
- Solid black shoes
- Official jacket zipped to the top

Black slacks may be worn for traveling and outdoor activities such as judging contest and camping.

Male members are to wear:

- Black slacks
- White shirt
- Official FFA tie
- Solid black shoes/boots with black socks
- Official jacket zipped to the top

Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

The FFA jacket is the most recognizable symbol of the organization. As a member, one of your responsibilities is to ensure its proper use. Specific guidelines are outlined below:

1. The jacket is to worn only by members.
2. The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
3. The back of the jacket includes only: a large official FFA emblem, the name of the state association and the name of the local chapter, district or area. The front of the jacket includes only: a small official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of that office or honor.
4. The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.

5. Members and officers should wear the jacket on all official FFA occasions, as well as the occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
6. The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
7. School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
8. When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
9. The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
10. A member should act professionally when wearing the official FFA jacket.
11. Members should refrain from use of tobacco and alcohol when underage and at all times when representing FFA. In addition, members should exhibit their leadership qualities when they encounter substances including tobacco and alcohol and serve to discourage others from inappropriate behavior.
12. All chapter degree, officer, and award medals, should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception that a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key should be worn above the name or attached to a standard key chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, the highest office held and the highest award earned by the member.

The FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.

7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

(Adopted by the Delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention)

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FFA Fundraising Activities

The Clear Brook FFA sponsors numerous activities for its members throughout the year. Some of the activities include school service projects, community service projects, food and refreshments at meetings, the annual awards banquet, showmanship contests, as well as supplies and materials for all other contest areas. You are asked to participate in the FFA fundraiser selected for the year and sell at least the minimum requirement. All accounts must be clear and paid in full by the specified due date prior to participating in any FFA activity.

We are limited by school policy to our two-week time period, so we will ask you to support the fundraiser and help make it a worthy cause. If everyone participates we will be assured to have a successful year.
Thank you for your support!

TEAMS / Contests

Leadership Contests

Jr. Chapter Conducting
Jr. FFA Skills Demonstration
Jr. Creed Speaking
FFA Radio Broadcasting
Prepared Public Speaking
Agricultural Issues
Job Interview

Sr. Chapter Conducting
Sr. FFA Skills Demonstration
Sr. Creed Speaking
Extemporaneous Speaking
FFA Quiz
FFA Public Relations

Judging Contests

Dairy Cattle
Floriculture
Livestock
Poultry
Range and Pasture
Wool

Dairy Foods
Horse
Meats
Land
Nursery Landscape

Curriculum Contests: Introduction to Agriculture
Exploring Aquaculture
Wildlife / Recreation Management
Personal Skills Development
Applications in Agriculture

Agriculture Mechanics Contests and Shows:

Wood Working Division

- I. Hand Tools
 - a) Small Projects (12x36)
 - b) Large Projects (36 & over)
- II. Power Tools
 - a) Household
 - b) Farm Projects

Metal Division

- I. Agricultural Equipment & Machinery
- II. Trailers

Other Leadership Activities

District Leadership Camp (Chapter Officers)
State Leadership Camp (Area & State Officers)
Made for Excellence Leadership Conference
State FFA Convention
Area Leadership Camp (District Officers)
Greenhand Leadership Camp (Qualifying 1st year members)
Washington Leadership Camp National FFA Convention

Student Awards

Outstanding members at each degree level are selected as Star Award winners of the chapter. They are presented a plaque at the Annual Awards Banquet each May.

Star Greenhand

- The Chapter's most active first year member who has a strong supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program and has demonstrated leadership and academic excellence is selected to receive the Star Greenhand honor each year.

Star Chapter Farmer

- The second year chapter member who has the most outstanding SAE in production agriculture and demonstrates the most involvement in all phases of the chapter's activities including a academic achievement is awarded the Star Chapter Farmer plaque.

State Lone Star FFA

- This star award is presented to the outstanding third or fourth year FFA member who has earned the State FFA Degree during that respective school year. This student has to be the most involved upper classman, maintain an excellent project program and superior academic grades. The winner will be presented a plaque.

Academic Awards

Attendance

- This award is presented to the chapter member who has the least absences from all classes for the entire year. The recipient will receive the FFA attendance pin at the annual awards banquet.

Scholastic

- This award is presented to the chapter member who has achieved the highest grade point average in all classes completed in High School. The recipient will receive the FFA scholarship pin at the annual awards banquet.

National FFA Scholarships

- Chapter members considering higher education should apply for FFA's numerous scholarships. A variety of companies, individuals and foundations sponsor the scholarships through the National FFA Foundation, and new ones are added every year.
- A special application must be completed and sent to the National FFA Center postmarked by February 15th of each year.

Local FFA Scholarships

- There are numerous local scholarships available for Clear Brook FFA members. Many of them have specific requirements that are explained in detail in each application. A few of the requirements a student must have include:(1) involvement in a variety of the FFA and school activities, (2) maintaining a satisfactory academic record, (3) has a good attendance record ,(4) has applied to a college, university or junior / community college, (5) has taken and received scores for the SAT and / or ACT, (6) has plans to pursue a career in any area of agriculture.
- The following is a list of just some of the scholarships and their approximate value available for the Clear Brook FFA member on the local level:
 - Clear Brook FFA Booster Club Scholarship – awarded to chapter member(s) who have met the scholarship criteria.
 - Kenneth James Reinhartsen Memorial Scholarship- approximately \$2,000 awarded to one recipient chosen from the Clear Creek, Clear Lake or Clear Brook FFA Chapter.
 - Loraine Delesandri Memorial Scholarship – approximately \$500 awarded to one recipient chosen from the Clear Creek, Clear Lake or Clear Brook FFA chapter.
 - Kemah Bay Area Garden Club Scholarship – awarded to one recipient
 - Dig and Design Garden Club Scholarship - \$100.00 awarded to one recipient.
 - Ad Program Scholarship \$1,000.00 awarded to one recipient chosen from each Clear Creek, Clear Lake and Clear Brook FFA Chapter.

Texas FFA Scholarship Opportunities

Houston Livestock Show Scholarship Program (\$10,000)

San Antonio Livestock Show Scholarship Program (\$15,000)

Texas A&M College of Agriculture Scholarships

Sam Houston State University Department of Agriculture Scholarships

Texas Tech University College of Agriculture Scholarships

Tarleton State University College of Agriculture Scholarships

Stephen F. Austin State University College of Agriculture Scholarships

Texas Farm Bureau Scholarships

Galveston County Livestock Show Scholarship

Any Many More!

Proficiency Awards

Members who excel in their SAEP can be recognized through the Proficiency award program. These awards encourage members to develop specialized skills that will apply toward a future career. Members are recognized at the local, state and national level.

The following are some of the 2003 – 2004 Proficiency Awards. Check for a complete list in the current FFA manual.

Agricultural Communications	Forest Management
Agricultural Processing	Fruit & Vegetable Production
Agricultural Sales and / or Service	Goat Production
Beef Production	Landscape Management
Dairy Production	Nursery Operations
Diversified Crop Production	Outdoor Recreation
Diversified Livestock Production	Poultry Production
Emerging Agricultural Technology	Sheep Production
Environmental Science	Small Animal Care
Equine Science	Soil and Water Management
Floriculture	Specialty Animal Production
Food Science & Technology	Specialty Crop Production
Forage Production	Turf Grass Management
	Wildlife Management

**Clear Brook
FFA
Constitution
and
By-Laws**

**Clear Brook High School Department of
Agricultural Science / Agribusiness**

Clear Brook FFA Chapter Constitution

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the “Clear Brook FFA Chapter.” The letters “FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities or members thereof.

Section B: The purposes for which this chapter has been formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. To develop an awareness of the global importance of agriculture and its contribution to our wellbeing.
3. To strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. To stimulate development and encourage achievement in individual agricultural experience programs.
6. To improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources of the community.
7. To develop competencies in communications, human relations and social abilities.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To build cooperative attitudes among agricultural students.
10. To encourage wise management of resources.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide organized recreational activities for agricultural students.

Article II – Organization

Section A: The Clear Brook Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the Texas Association of FFA, which is chartered by the national organization of the FFA.

Section B: This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Texas FFA Association as well as the National organization of the Future Farmers of America.

Article III – Membership

Section A: Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active, (2) Alumni, and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section B: The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

Section C: Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree.

Section D: Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be in good standing when: They complete the “member in good standing point guide.”

1. They attend local Chapter meetings with no more than four absences.
2. They show an interest in and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. They pay their dues regularly.
4. They must participate in fundraisers and other activities that are outlined on the point guide.

Article IV – Emblems

Section A: The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem of the Chapter

Section B: Emblems used by the members shall be uniform and those obtained from concerned officials designated by the National Organization of FFA.

Article V – Active Membership Degrees and Privileges

Section A: There shall be four degrees of active membership in the Chapter. Those degrees are: (1) The Greenhand Degree, (2) The Chapter FFA Degree, (3) Lone Star FFA Degree, and (4) American FFA Degree. All Greenhands

are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin,
Lone Star Farmer –gold charm, and American Farmer – gold key.

Section B: Greenhand FFA Degree: Minimum Qualifications for Election

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto and Solute.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
4. Describe and explain the naming of the FFA emblem and colors.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and by-laws, and the Chapter program of activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the official FFA Manual and the FFA student handbook.
7. Submit written application of the Greenhand FFA Degree.
8. Satisfactorily participate in activities outlined in the “member in good standing point guide”.

Section C: Chapter FFA Degree: Minimum Qualifications for election.

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program, and be enrolled in an agricultural education course.
3. Have participated in the planning and conduction of at least three official functions in the Chapter Program of activities.
4. Have earned and productively invested at least \$150.00 by the member’s own efforts or worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination therefore, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

10. Satisfactorily participate in activities outlined in the “member in good standing point guide”.

Section D: State FFA Degree – to be eligible to receive the State FFA Degree from the state association, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications.

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
3. While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360) hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
4. Have earned and productively invested at least a thousand dollars, or worked at least three hundred hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, and a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - (a) performing ten procedures of parliamentary law
 - (b) giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA
 - (c) serving as an officer, committee chairperson on, or participating member of a chapter committee
6. Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
7. Have participated in the planning and competition of the chapter program of activities.
8. Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level.

Section E: American FFA Degree

1. Have received the State FFA Degree, have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state levels.
2. Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the last school attended.
3. Have graduated from high school at least twelve months prior to the

- National Convention at which the degree is to be granted.
4. Have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program through which a member has exhibited comprehensive planning, managerial and financial expertise.
 5. Have earned and productively invested at least \$7,500.00 dollars or have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500.00 dollars and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours x\$3.33 plus dollars must be equal to, or greater than the number 9000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.
 6. Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a high school scholastic record of “C” or better as certified by the principal or superintendent.

Article VI – Officers

Section A: The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Junior Advisor. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respected offices as listed in the FFA manual. The Junior Advisor is elected by the new officers and teachers/advisors for the coming year.

Section B: Officers shall be elected annually by a vote of the members and teachers / advisors. The voting percentile shall be students 40% and teachers 60%. Officer candidates elected will be placed in an office based on their choices listed on their application and number of votes received from students and teachers. Candidate shall undergo an interview process with different faculty from CCISD to cover the 60% of the election process. This will include questions and interviews with each candidate.

Section C; The officers and advisors of the chapter shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. This Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at the chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.

Section D; Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of advisor.

Section E: Chapter officers must have a satisfactorily scholastic standing and commendable citizenship and conduct record. The chapter officer must also meet the member in good standing points.

Article VII – Meetings and Conventions

Section A: Regular Chapter meetings shall be held at least once a month during the school year, and the chapter shall hold at least one regular meeting during the summer. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President and / or the advisors.

Section B; Delegates shall be chosen annually from active membership to represent the chapter at the State Convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings.

Section C: No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he / she pays full Local, District, Area, State and National FFA dues.

Article IX – Amendments

Section A: This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting with a two-thirds vote of the active membership present providing it is not in conflict with the State Association Constitution or that of the National Organization and a quorum is present.

Section B: By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote providing such by-laws conflict in no way with the constitution and by-laws of either the State Association or the National Organization.

By-Laws to Local Constitution

I. Officer Election

- A. The Chapter Officers will carry out the official business of the chapter.
- B. Chapter Officers must submit a completed application. The application must be submitted by stated date.

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 aims and purposes 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 in full.
- E. Officer candidates shall meet the following respective scholastic requirements:
 - a. Chapter Officer candidates must have an average of “B” or better in past Agricultural Science / Agribusiness courses and have an overall average of a “C” or better in courses taken the semester immediately preceding 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.

III. Officers are to carry out their duties as outlined in the official manual of the FFA, and as assigned by the President and approved by the advisors.

IV. Term of Office

- A. The term of office shall be one year, ending after the newly elected officers are installed.

V. Removal from Office

- A. Officers may be removed from office for failing to meet the qualifications stated in the constitution.
- B. Officers must meet the same qualifications for holding office the second school semester as they did when elected, otherwise their term of office will expire.
- C. Officer Demerit System
 - 1. Missing required activity with out an official school excuse. OFFICER CAN NOT WORK OFF DEMERIT -3 pts.
 - 2. Not wearing officer shirt Officer can work off demerit. -2pts.

3. Late to officer meeting (counts only if you are more than 5 minutes late) Officer can work off demerit-2pts.
4. Not meeting fundraising requirements. OFFICER CAN NOT WORK OFF DEMERIT.-4pts.
5. Central D-Hall(2 hour-2pts, 4 hour-4pts) OFFICER CAN NOT WORK OFF DEMERIT.
6. Not participating on at least two (2) total LDE's/CDE's. (LDE-2pts., CDE-2pts.
7. Not attending FFA meeting without an official school excuse. OFFICER CAN NOT WORK OFF DEMERIT-5 pts
8. Leaving early from FFA function without official school excuse, officer CAN NOT work off demerit-4 pts

Automatic Dismissal

1. 2 Day ISS max 3rd you're dismissed.
2. Ineligible for 2 report cards.-Dismissed as soon as 2nd report term begins.
3. 15 demerits or more.
4. Public Embarrassment-Any fighting or poorly representing Clear Brook FFA, this is teacher and CBHS administration decision.

Merits

- D. An officer will be entitled to a full and impartial review and hearing by the Executive Committee consisting of Ag Science Teacher and CBHS Administration, before they are dismissed from office, and a decision will be based upon facts.

VI General provisions concerning officers:

- A. A member is not to hold the same regular chapter office more than two consecutive years.

VII Official FFA clothing and accessories:

- A. Each individual member takes upon himself the responsibility of wearing official clothing and accessories with dignity and pride so as not to reflect any bad criticism upon himself, the school, the FFA, or the local chapter.

VIII. Official FFA and School equipment:

- A. Each member will show pride in the FFA in his school by properly caring for and using its equipment and official paraphernalia in a proper, dignified manner.

IX. Public relations by individual members:

- A. Each individual FFA member is to realize that they are a personal representative of their school and FFA chapter and that the image of their school and chapter are reflected through and by them as an individual. Aim for and achieve excellence.

**Supervised
Agricultural
Experience
Program
(Animal Projects)**

Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (Animal Projects)

The SAEP seems to be an area in which both students and parents have the most questions. Hopefully, some of the basic questions will be answered here.

One of the first questions to be asked is, “Do I have to raise an animal to be in Ag and / or the FFA?” The answer is “No, you do not.” We realize that not all students are able to raise an animal project for various reasons. There are many other activities available to students who are unable to participate in an animal project program. We do, however, strongly encourage students who are able to participate in the animal project area to do so. This area of the Agriculture program is important and will enable students to receive a more complete concept of the total program. Students enrolled in an Agri-Science class are provided a list of activities related to that class which can be used as a supplement or in place of an animal project. These activities are valued in an online point system that provides students the opportunity to acquire the required one hundred ten points per semester per Agri-Science class to receive credit.

Other frequently asked questions include:

1. What kind of animal? Students are able to exhibit the following animals at the Clear Creek ISD Livestock Show: Beef cattle (market steers), swine (market swine), sheep (ewe or wether market lambs), goats (market goats), turkeys, broilers (chickens) and rabbits (fryers, breeding stock, fur or meat)
2. How much do they cost? Obviously, steers cost more than a pen of broilers to raise.
3. When do I get my animal? This will depend on the type of animal you wish to show. All animals for the CCISD FFA Livestock show are centrally ordered (group purchased) except rabbits and poultry.
4. What kind of facility / pen do I need for my animal? This will depend on the type of animal that you raise. Once you have made this decision, contact one of the Agri-Science teachers and we will be glad to assist you in planning your facility if you are raising your project somewhere other than the CCISD FFA project facility.
5. What quality of animal will I be purchasing? There is a definite need to

understand that we are dealing with SHOW ANIMALS, not commercial grade animals. Animals that are exhibited in livestock shows are not ordinary "farm animals". They are bred to be of a higher quality, specifically for shows. The agriscience teachers will be happy to assist you in selecting your quality show stock. All of the poultry projects (broilers and turkeys) are purchased through one hatchery.

Show Steers

Selection

The first thing to realize is that these projects are just what their name says. SHOW STEERS. Steers exhibited in livestock shows are usually bred specifically for show purposes. Commercial grade cattle cannot compete well with them in the show ring. Care should be taken to find a reputable show stock breeder to buy from. You can locate breeders by talking to other people who show calves or by asking Ag teachers or County Extension Agents.

Age: Age is an important factor that must be considered in the selection of your calf. Steers should be from 14 – 18 months old at the time of the show. This range allows for different frame sizes in calves. Large-framed calves will need to be older at show time than small-framed calves in order to be properly finished.

Breed: The key point to remember in regard to breed is that unless you are showing in a show with breed divisions, Brahman-influenced cattle should be avoided. For shows without breed divisions, stay with either British or Exotic breeds or crosses of the same. The Clear Creek ISD Project Show does not have breed divisions.

Size & Scale: Extremely tall cattle are out. Show steers today should be 51” – 54” at the hip when fully grown. A good indicator of growth on young calves is the cannon bone; the longer the cannon bone, generally the taller the steer will be.

Know your Show: It is extremely important that you are aware of all the rules at the show you plan on participating in. Some shows require slick shearing, which will make a big difference in the type of steer you need. Be aware of any weight limits invoiced with the show. The Clear Creek ISD Project Show requires slick shearing and an 800-LB minimum weight. Refer to page 74 of show rules.

Facilities

There are three basic things to remember when it comes to facilities for steers. The three C's:

1. Steers must be kept **COOL**
2. Steers must be kept **CLEAN**
3. Steers must be kept **COMFORTABLE**

The ideal steer pen set up would be as follows:

Feed	Pen (10 x 15)	Lot (900 – 1000) Sq. Ft.	Water

Calves should be kept in the pen during the day and should be allowed access to the lot in the evening and at night. Pens should keep the steer out of direct sun all day, but should be designed for good air circulation.

Fans are a must for haired cattle in this part of the state. Fans should be the livestock type. Squirrel cage and box fans do not provide enough air. The

fans should be kept on 24 hours a day during hot times of the year. They can be turned off at night during the winter.

Misters are helpful in keeping the steer cool during hot times of the year. There are several types of misting systems that can be set up, from elaborate to manually operated. When using misters remember that the pen needs to stay as dry as possible. Adjust the misters so that there is never any mud in your pen.

Pens should always have 4" to 5" of clean bedding in them. There are several types of bedding available. Pine shavings or cedar shavings tend to work the best. Avoid the use of sand in the pens because it will rub off leg hair when the steer gets up and down.

Feed and water troughs should be cleaned daily. Feed troughs should be off the ground so that the steer does not have to bend down to eat, as this

disrupts the digestion process. Steers should always have access to fresh, clean water.

Tie racks: This is a very useful and easy to install addition to your pen set up. They should be slightly higher than the calves' head so that he will stand with his head up. This is the position you want your steer to be in when in the show ring. The tie rack also gives you a place to work your steer, and brush him etc.

Nutrition

Many shows are won and lost in the feed trough. A good feeding program is a must. A common question asked is what kind of feed is best? If you go to five different feed stores you will probably get five different answers depending on the feed they sell. The thing to remember is that you should use a feed designed for show steers. All the feed companies have different varieties of show feed designed to meet the needs of the animal at the different stages of growth, this is where you need to look at your calf and decide which variety is best for him. Your Ag teacher can offer advice on this. An important consideration to keep in mind is that you want a feed supplier that will always have feed and the feed will be fresh.

Another question often asked is "How much should I be feeding my calf?" This will vary from calf to calf. As a general rule the following guidelines should be followed:

Starter calves (500 – 750 lbs.) .5 to 1.0% of their body weight
Grower calves (750 – 1000lbs) 2.0 to 2.5% of their body weight
Finishing calves (1000lbs and up) 2.5 to 2.7% of their body weight

Calves that are being fed more than 2.7% of their body weight should be watched closely. Many people believe that the maximum amount of feed that can be fed to steers without caution is 3.0% of their body weight, however this extra .3% is enough to cause acidosis which will result in the animal bloating and/or going off feed which can be very detrimental at the end of the feeding period.

Some other things you might want to watch for in regards to feed are:

1. Try to avoid feeds with urea – it tends to burn hair off.

2. Look at the ingredients closely – many feed companies rather than specifying a specific grain, they will list simply “grain” or “grain by-products”. This leaves it open to switch ingredients at any time, which feed companies will do as the grain market fluctuates. Switches like this can effect the animals eating habit.

Feeding Procedures: A common mistake that many calf feeders make is leaving feed in the trough all of the time. Feed should be left in the trough for about 30 – 45 minutes and then taken out. This will help the animal develop proper feeding habits and they will gain more consistently. Also you should have a feeding schedule and stick to it. Animals get used to routines just as you do. If you decide to feed at 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., then feed at that time every day **including weekends!**

NOTE: If you need to switch feeds or types of feeds, (i.e. grower to finisher) do it gradually, cattle do not adjust well to sudden changes in their diet. Many times they will refuse to eat.

Feed Supplements and Additives

There are no real “secrets” to feeding steers. There are no “magic” ingredients that build muscle, etc. There are some things added to feeds that do aid in the conditioning of your steer for show. Steers should be provided with a mineral additive such as Show Bloom, Golddust, Winner’s Edge, etc. These are available at most feed stores. These supplements promote hair and bone growth. Usually 3-5 months before the show, the “finishing” process should begin. There are different methods used to accomplish this.

Here are some of those methods:

1. Steamed rolled or flaked corn is added to the ration.
2. Liquid additives such as GoldenFlo or corn oil are added to the ration. If using corn oil use 1 – 2 cups maximum. Other ingredients that might be useful during the feeding period are Vitamin B-12 and the B complex vitamins. These can be purchased in liquid form at most feed stores. Probias products can be given to the steer periodically to keep the microbial level in the digestive system. Also, adding a handful of baking soda or 1 tablespoon of Tide to the feed each day will help prevent bloating.

Daily Care and Management

Proper management is very important with any animal project. As with feeding, you should have a set routine for your calf. The pen area and troughs should be cleaned daily. It is a good practice to tie your steer daily and work the hair. Good hair is very important at show time and good hair does not develop naturally. It takes work. The hair should be brushed or combed forward on the calf daily. If possible, it is also a good practice to have a fan behind the steer while it is tied each day. The steer should be kept clean from top to bottom; mud filled leg hair is very difficult to work with at show time. Steers can be sprayed down with a mixture of Mane and Tail and water (25% M&T to 75% water) and brushed in daily to help train the hair. The amount of time and effort put into training the hair will pay off at show time.

Equipment and Supplies

There are various types of supplies and equipment needed by steer exhibitors:

- rice root brush
- scotch comb
- rope halter
- leather show halter
- neck rope
- fan
- adhesives of various types
- spray bottle
- hair popper (Zoom Bloom, White Lightning, etc.)
- adhesive remover (Wipe Out or WD 40)
- blow dryer
- trim rack
- clippers
- show stick
- tack box of some type
- feed and water pans (that can be taken to shows)
- pooper scooper

Note: The Ag teachers may have catalogs for these items, which students may wish to order.

Show Pigs

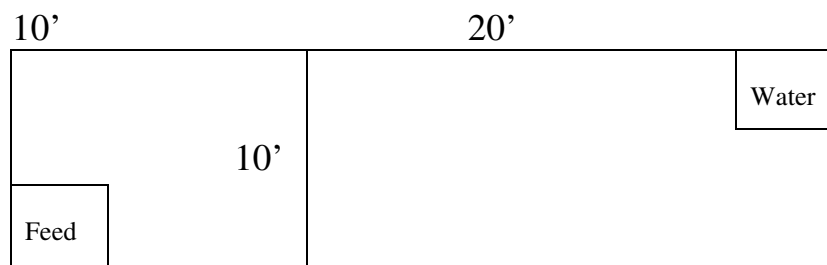
Selection

Selection is the first step in starting your swine project. A few key points to remember are:

1. The Clear Creek ISD Project Show pigs are purchased from a reputable SHOW PIG breeder. See page 70.
2. Know the show that you are participating in. At the Clear Creek Show you may show gilts or barrows. At the Galveston County Fair you may also show gilts or barrows. The major livestock shows (Houston, San Antonio, and Fort Worth) allow only barrows to be shown.
3. Breed: Unless you are showing at a show with breed classes, you should use one of the following breeds – Yorkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, or a crossbred pig.
4. Age: It is extremely important that you purchase the right age pig. The pigs should be between six and seven months of age at the time of show.
5. Weight limits: The minimum weight for the Clear Creek Show is 180 pounds. See page 75

Facilities

Good, functional facilities are essential to a successful swine project. The ideal pen set up would be as follows:



Pens should have a covered area that is open to the south side. The pens should not have any obstructions such as exposed sharp edges on which the pig may hurt itself. The pen needs to stay as clean and dry as possible. Pens should have some type of bedding material in them. Sand and shavings work the best. Hay should be avoided as it provides an environment for parasites.

Feeders and waters: Feeders may be as simple as a common feed pan or automatic feeders may be used. An important thing to remember is that the feeder should not be on the ground, it should be elevated slightly so that the pig does not eat "bent over" The feeder may be set up on a concrete block or built on a stand. The best type of water system to use is the automatic type. If an automatic water system is used the area directly around it should be filled in with concrete or some type of concrete blocks to prevent mud holes. If buckets are used, they should be firmly secured to prevent the pig from tipping them over and making a mud hole.

Feeds and Feeding

Many pig shows are won and lost in the feed pan. Many students have started out with very high quality animals and have ended up with an inferior animal at show time due to improper management. There are no real "secrets" to feeding animals. Consistency is the best advice that can be given. A common question asked is "What kind of feed is the best?" If you go to three different feed stores you are going to get three different answers as all three stores want your business. The best thing to do is talk to other people who have fed pigs or ask the Ag teachers for their opinions. A couple of guidelines to follow are:

1. Make sure the feed is designed for SHOW PIGS.
2. The feed should contain at least 18% protein.
3. The feed should be low in crude fat.

Feed Additives: It is a good practice to provide a mineral supplement to show pigs as they are purchased to grow and gain at very fast rates. There are various kinds available at the feed stores.

Feeding Procedures: There are two methods of feeding show pigs: Self-feeding allows the pig to eat as much as it wants, when it wants. This method works well until the pigs reach 150-200 lbs. depending on the individual pig. The second method is hand feeding where the amount of the feed is limited to a certain amount at set times during the day. This type of feeding is used to groom your pig for the show (regulating the pig so that it will go into the show at the weight you desire). There are some rules of thumb for hand feeding: The pig should be fed two times a day. If you decide to feed at 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. then feed at that time everyday (weekends included!!) for best results. Animals get used to routines just as

you do. Most pigs will need to be “held” or “drawn” before the show. Your Ag teacher will give you advice on this depending on the appearance of your animal.

Equipment and Supplies

You will need various types of equipment and supplies for your pig throughout the year and at the show. The following is a list of needed items:

Show Stick
Brush
Show Sheen
Short Water Hose
Kitchen Scale
Feed & Water Pans
Soap
Towels
1 lb. coffee can

These supplies will be needed mainly at show time. The coffee can and kitchen scale will be used to measure feed.

Wormer

Do not trust feeds that have mixed wormer. Worm every 21 days. (Panacure every 14 days, Ivomec every 28 days or Safeguard every 21 days – 2cc a day for three days).

Antibiotics

These are medicines that are available at several area feed stores or Jeffers (1-800-533-3377) that will assist you in treating problems that may occur.

1 bottle Lincomix 300 – Muscular and skeletal aches
1 bottle Tylan 200 – Everything else

At first sight of any changes in eating habits, runny nose, coughing, etc. give Tylan 200 as directed into the muscle. At first sight of a limp, 5cc Tyland and 5cc Lincomix daily for 5 consecutive days. At first sight of diarrhea, give 5cc of keopectate. It is a must that these animals be observed daily for

changes in eating and movement habits. You cannot wait for ailments to go away untreated. Please notify us ASAP as to any major sign of a problem that you feel unsure of how to treat. We would like to assist you in any way you may need.

Lambs

Selection:

The Clear Creek ISD Show Lambs are purchased from a reputable show lamb breeder. See page 70.

Supplies needed for your lamb:

Lamb halter and lead rope

Socks

Muzzle

Clippers

Lamb Blanket

Feed pan and water bucket to travel with

Feeding and Health

Feed your lamb twice a day on a regular routine

Worm your lamb once a month to prevent parasites from making your lamb sick. It is recommended to switch the wormer from pill to paste so the animal does not get accustomed to the same medicine.

Exercising

Exercise is the most important thing next to feeding. Exercise helps the lamb maintain a good appetite and firms his body so it handles well for the judge. There are many different ways you can exercise your lamb, but we have listed a few for you.

1. Run your lamb for 15 minutes and then cool him down with a slow walk.
2. Tie the lamb to yourself while roller bladeing and make him pull you or run beside you.
3. Make a round track and use a dog on the outside of the fence to chase your lamb over obstacles or on a flat surface.

Another important thing to do when exercising your lamb is to teach him/her how to drive or handle for you. Each lamb needs to learn how to drive because this gives him a better appearance to the judge. There are several

lamb feeders in the FFA Chapter that would be glad to show you how to handle your lamb.

Facilities

It is recommended that you build a pen 8' x 12'. This is more than an adequate amount of space for the lamb. In this pen you need an automatic waterer. This will provide the lamb with fresh water daily. The pen needs to be filled with fresh sand each time you get a lamb. You do not want dirt because it packs down. Be sure you clean your facility daily to keep your lamb from picking up parasites. It is also recommended that the building have plenty of air circulation.

Expenses List

Here is an example estimated expense list that a lamb feeder has provided to us. We hope that this list of expenses will help you see what type and how much expense goes into raising a lamb.

<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lamb feed	\$ 9.75 bag/total for 1 yr.=\$154.05
Halter & Lead rope	\$ 18.00
Socks	\$ 7.75
Muzzle	\$ 7.75
Blanket	\$ 50.00
Clippers	\$125.00
Lumber for your pen	\$250.00
Material for hauling pen	\$ 50.00
Total	\$518.25 (estimate)

Goats

The kind of goat that best competes in today's market goat shows is a fresh young animal, not necessarily the largest. Since a goat that is growing rapidly and well fed may loose it's teeth prior to its first birthday, it is important to know the goat's age as compared to the date of the show, and the tooth rules involved. Some people think that bone growth stops when the goat tooth over, but this is not true. Many goats grow until 4 years of age, and those first adult teeth don't signal the end of growth. To be safe the goat needs to be one year a month after the expected show. Even 6 weeks safety margin isn't unreasonable, since if the goat cuts it's teeth, the youngster looses out. Our concern is for the youngster, add all the effort, and money put into the project.

Try to find out what age that wethers were castrated. The urethra, and ureters crease to develop in the absence of Testosterone, and goats castrated prior to 10-12 weeks of age are prone to urinary calculi. Be sure the feed used has Ammonium Chloride at a minimum of 10lbs/ton. Be sure the goats have fresh water, and lots of room to exercise. The goat needs to have correct legs set wide apart in the back and front. The muscle needs to attach well down on the pelvis in the back. I don't like to see narrow rear muscles that appear to come out of the goat's tail. The deeper the muscle attachment, the more meat in the rear leg. The legs should have strong pasterns, or the goat may look "coon footer", the muscle invariably doesn't develop as well in this goat and he will not place as well as the correct goat.

The goat should feel level at the withers, the level wide goat has more muscling. The rack should be long and wide. The loin should be at least 6" long in a 10-12 week old goat, or it will not be long enough to compete as the goat grows. If you compare length of loin in a group of kids, the longer ones will continue to be longer as they grow. To win, the goat should be long and wide in the loin. The width should continue through the hooks and pins. This continuation of muscle thickness should carry on through the entire hindquarter. The chest should be deep and wide, smoothly attached to the neck and shoulder. The goat should have teeth meet the dental pad. This is not a requisite to win, but many times a goat with an overshot or undershot jaw doesn't chew well either, and therefore is not feed efficient.

Facilities

Water – clean, fresh daily

Fences – 4 feet tall to prevent jumping

Housing – 15 square feet per goat

Pen – as large as possible

Nutrition

Development – 1 lb./day of 21% CP diet

2-3-lb./day good quality Alfalfa hay

Finish – 2 lb./day of 15-16% CP diet

1-2 lb./day good quality Alfalfa hay

Health

Internal parasites

External parasites

Overeating disease

Tetanus

Dethroning

Hoof Trimming

Leg Faults

Prevention

Rumensin is best – a feed additive. Behrends feed in Lukenbach sells it in a goat and sheep feed. Rumensin is poisonous in all equine and can cause death. Feed with deccox or bovatic are also available but are less effective. Grown animals usually have an immunity to coccidia and may have an infection with no symptoms.

Vaccinations:

Enterotoxemia (overeating disease) – animals on feed may develop a bacterial infection in their digestive tract. This happens with a change of feed or pasture. The animal bloats and will die very quickly.

Tetanus – fatal caused by bacteria entering a cut. Clean cuts with antiseptic. Be sure to vaccinate, call the vet if it looks like it needs stitches.

Soremouth – very contagious – if your goat or sheep gets it during the show season you cannot show. The lips swell and split, then scabs form. The animal's mouth is so sore he can hardly eat. Terrameycin Scours powder in the drinking water helps to topically treat by preventing a secondary bacterial infection. This speeds recovery, which will take 2 – 3 weeks.

Hoof Trimming – long feet can change the animal's stance to an incorrect angle – quick growing goats and sheep can actually become cowhocked because of long hind feet. They can actually be permanently malformed from too long feet neglected for too long. Don't let them stand in mud continually. This is poor hygiene. Put an old wood pallet in the pen with a piece of plywood over it. You cannot expect him to grow well if he is uncomfortable.

Handling – walk slowly and speak softly. When you handle it, try not to hurt it. If you hurt an animal he associates you with pain and will be hard to catch and hold. After you handle your show animal feed him.

Showmanship: Demonstration – Angora goats: hold by the chin hair. Always face the judge. Position your goat by touching or moving his feet. When the judge is inspecting your goats' fleece, brace your leg on the opposite side to keep him from moving. You may hold a horn only briefly to

keep him from jumping during examination. Hold his head up. Don't grab a doe by the tip of her horn, you may break it. If you have a doe kid, never hold her by the horn. You cannot only break the horn but you may fracture her skull. Old does get their horns broken easily. Hold the old doe by the horn close to the head. A broken horn causes severe hemorrhage. A freshly shorn goat or sheep can be hard to catch. Catch him by the neck or hind leg. Be sure not to twist or pull too hard on the leg. Sheep are held by the neck. Breeding sheep can be shown on a halter. Brace your leg in the sheep's chest to teach it to push against you. This makes the hind legs feel firmer. Your sheep must lead. Work with your show animal. It will be easier to show if you do. You won't need to work him every day, but 2-3 times a week will sure help.

Training and Showmanship

When the judge approaches to inspect your goat: Grab the horns, and brace the opposite side of the goat's body with your leg. You must be able to

restrain the goat in the ring. The horns of a kid are dangerous if he is jumping around unrestrained. Holding the lead is only okay if you are just standing around, but if the judge wants to inspect your goat, you must hold the horns. In doe kids that may have weak horns, put one hand under the chin to support the head, hold the horns with your other hand. Brace the goat's body with your leg.

Large bucks may require assistance from the ring steward. If the judge is looking, but not touching, keep your eyes on the judge. Stay on the opposite side of the goat from the judge. Hold the lead up to keep the goat's head up, but not too tight. If the judge walks around the goat, you stay on the other side, do not block the view.

The final selection of show goats from the goats on feed should be the goats with the best body and fleece. Since the fleeces change from year to year, you have a better chance of having good goats to show when you have a selection.

Score Card for Market Goats

This is the standard of excellence for judging Market Meat Goats. This scorecard should be used to determine the value of a Market Meat Goat by looking at different areas of an animal and comparing them to the ideal Market Meat Goat.

1. General Appearance – 20 points

Well-balanced, deep and wide body, straight top and underline, discernable muscling, desirable conformation.

2. Head, Neck and Shoulder – 14 points

Head should be balanced, able to consume large amount of forage. Neck and shoulders free of excess tissue, balanced with remainder of body, indicating muscling and smoothness.

3. Chest – 10 points

Broad, deep, wide, prominent brisket with smoothness

4. Back and Loin – 16 points

Straight, strong, broad, level, thick and natural fleshing throughout.

5. Ribs – 8 points

Wide, deep, with full heart girth

6. Rump – 12 points

Long, wide, cleanly fleshed, desirable slope.

7. Legs – 14 points

Deep, thickly muscled, straight from hock to pastern, good bone thickness

8. Feet – 6 points

Strong well formed, tight toes, deep heel, and level sole.

This scorecard is approved by the American Meat Goat Association for use by all judges of Market Meat Goats.

Broilers

Housing

Expensive housing and equipment are not necessary. However a clean, dry structure that can be well ventilated, a brooder or heat lamps to warm the chicks, and feeding and watering equipment are needed. Provide at least 2 square feet of floor space per broiler. Openings on three sides of the building provide plenty of fresh air for the birds. Plastic sheeting can be used to close the sides during brooding and in cold weather. Make certain the concrete or dirt floor is at least 6 inches above ground level to prevent flooding. The roof overhang should be sufficient to effectively protect against blowing rain.

Purchasing Chicks

At least 50 broiler type pullet chicks should be purchased. Pullets carry more flesh over the back and have a more rounded appearance of the breast, thighs and legs. With 50 or more broilers to choose from, it is easier to select good, uniform show entries.

Preparation and Brooding

Clean and disinfect the broiler house, feeders and waterers at least two weeks before the chicks arrive. Wash the house down with soap and water, then spray a commercial disinfectant labeled for use in poultry houses.

Be prepared for the chicks two days in advance. Put at least 4 inches of litter on the floor of the cleaned, disinfected house. Wood shavings, cane fiber, coarse dry sawdust, or rice hulls make a good litter. Hay makes a very poor litter. Keep all sticks, boards and sharp objects away from the broiler house.

Construct a cardboard brooder guard (brooder circle) to keep chicks near heat, water and feed. The brooder guard should be 18 inches high and must be a minimum of 5 feet in diameter for 50 chicks. When chicks are seven days old, remove the guard and allow them full freedom of the pen.

Electric heat lamps (infrared bulbs) are good heat sources for brooding chicks. Two 125-watt bulbs per 50 chicks are recommended. Make certain lamps are secured so they cannot fall to the litter and create a fire hazard.

The lamps should hang 18 – 24 inches from the litter. Lamps can be lowered or raised depending on the temperature conditions. Place waterers a good distance from the lamps to prevent splashing water from cracking the hot bulbs. When chicks are comfortable, they will bed down in a semi-circle around the perimeter of the heat zone. If cold, chicks will crowd under the heat source. After the broilers are four weeks old and fully feathered, heat is seldom required.

Lighting

Provide all-night light for broilers. Twenty-four hour lighting (natural or artificial) improves feathering and increases weight, especially during the summer months. Hang a 40-watt bulb at least six feet above broilers after removing heat lamps.

Feeding

It is absolutely essential that broilers receive a quality feed containing at least 20 percent protein. Lower protein feeds will not do the job.

If broilers are to be shown in a show without a maximum weight limit, chicks should be started on a high protein (26 to 30 percent) turkey or game bird starter to stimulate additional growth. Feed the higher protein feed for two to four weeks. Switch to broiler feed for the remaining feeding period.

An adequate level of vitamins in the diet is required to prevent leg weakness. Adequate vitamin intake can be assured and leg problems minimized by adding water-soluble poultry vitamins and electrolytes to drinking water at the manufacturers' recommended level for the first fourteen days. Do not add vitamins and electrolytes past this period. Continued high levels can create health problems.

All broilers should be able to eat at once. One pie or cookie pan for feed and one chick waterer per 25 chicks are needed for the first seven days. From one through four weeks, one tube-type feeder per 25 broilers is required. After four weeks, one tube-type feeder is needed for every 15 broilers. Broilers must have access to fresh water at all times. One 2-gallon waterer per 50 chicks is required from one through four weeks. One 2-gallon waterer per

pen is required after broilers are culled at the end of the fourth week. Waterers should be rinsed daily and scrubbed twice weekly.

Feed must be kept before broilers at all times if maximum growth is to be attained. Feeders and waterers should be kept adjusted so that the trough portion is level with the back height of the broilers.

Broilers respond to attention. Walk among broilers and stir the feed three to five times per day. This will provide exercise and increase feed consumption and growth.

Ventilation

If broilers become too hot or cold, growth will be retarded. When the broilers are well feathered, open the house and allow plenty of fresh air to circulate. The ideal growing temperature is 60 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit after the broilers pass four weeks of age.

During the winter months, keep the south side of the house open after the broilers reach four weeks of age unless the temperature falls below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Supplemental heat may be needed in cold weather. In hot weather, use fans to move air across the broilers.

Supply and Expense List

<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Plastic waterers	\$ 3.95 each
Soluble electrolytes & vitamins	\$ 3.50
Feeders – tube	\$20.00
Shavings – bag	\$ 3.00
- bale	\$ 6.50
Feed – per 50 lb. bag	\$ 8.00 to \$12.00
Heat lamps	\$ 3.00
Box fans	\$15.00

These are estimated prices, so more expense could possibly occur. The cost of the chicks are not included in this estimated amount.

Notes: These notes were provided by a feeder within our chapter

- For 50 broilers you need at least 4 waterers, 4 feeders and one package of electrolytes.
- You will need 10 –12 bags of shavings or 6 bales. This is a conservative amount. You may need as many as 10 bales.
- For 50 broilers, during a 7-week feeding period, you may use up to 20 bags of feed.
- Heat lamps for brooding:
 - during the summer you may only need 1
 - during the winter as many as 5 may be needed

Turkeys

Housing

Housing for turkeys is similar to the housing for the broilers. The only difference is **space**. Space is critical. Poults require 2 square feet of floor space through 4 weeks of age and 6 square feet from 4 through 8 weeks of age. By 12 weeks of age, hens must have at least 7 square feet and toms at least 10 square feet, if they are to make good show birds.

Preparation and Brooding

Preparation and brooding for poults is the same as for the broilers, so please read over this section in the broiler part of this manual.

Lighting

Keep the poults well lighted, day and night during brooding. When heat lamps are removed, a 25-watt or 40 watt light bulb can be used as an attraction light until the birds are 12 weeks old; then remove all lights on the hens. Do not confine hens near a guard light. Long daylight periods stimulate hens into early egg production. This damages fleshing and finish, reducing their attractiveness as show birds.

Feeding

Optimum performance of turkeys depends on proper nutrition. It is absolutely essential that poults receive a quality turkey starter containing at least 26% protein. Feed poults this for the first 12 weeks. Some exhibitors will feed starter until show time if a withdrawal period is not indicated on the feed tag. Others feed turkey finisher or broiler feed after the birds are 12 to 16 weeks.

Feed particle size is important in the nutrition of young turkeys. Crumbles are good because there is little or no separation of feed ingredients. Heat required for pelleting increases digestibility; therefore, poults consume more while wasting less feed.

Vitamins are recommended for the first two weeks to help reduce leg problems.

Adjust the feeders and waterers so that the trough portion is level with the back height of the birds.

Keep feed before turkeys at all times to attain maximum growth.

Walk turkeys briefly and slowly to provide exercise and stir feed 2 to 4 times per day to increase feed consumption and growth.

Flock Health

Vaccinate poults for fowl pox at 8 to 10 weeks of age. In areas with high mosquito populations. Poults should be vaccinated initially at 3 to 4 weeks followed by a second vaccination at 12 weeks of age to assure lasting immunity.

Turkeys can and do get sick. Some common health problems are discussed below:

- Respiratory infections – treat with a broad-spectrum antibiotic labeled for poultry use.
- Coccidiosis – (bloody diarrhea) – treat with Amprolium
- “Water Glut” – to prevent, keep plenty of water available for the poults
- Intestinal Worms – treat with an approved worming compound

- Parasites – control external parasites (lice, mites, etc) with applications of Seven Dust
- Fire Ants – causes blisters on the skin

Supplies

Automatic waterers

Plastic waterers

Soluble electrolytes and vitamins

Feeders

Shavings

Feed

Heat Lamps

Light bulbs

Fans

Other Comments:

Turkeys eat much more than broilers. Therefore the cost of feed is substantially more. Even with only five turkeys left during the last 5 - 6 weeks, you may go through at least 100 lb. of feed a week.

Rabbits

Housing

Climate is a major factor in determining the type of housing that your rabbits will need. Protect the rabbits from severe cold weather. The baby rabbits are kindled bald and cannot withstand very low temperatures. You need to provide a well-insulated nest box for the doe and babies. The use of heat lamps is recommended during the winter months until the babies are 10 to 12 days old. The heat lamp needs to be placed 18 inches over the nest box. Extreme heat is a danger to your rabbits as well. They need to be in a well-shaded area during the summer. If bucks are subjected to temperatures of 80 to 85 degrees for five days in succession, they may become sterile for 2 to 3 months. Frozen water bottles and fans can be used to cool the bunnies' temperature.

Ventilation is a must. Rabbits must have good air circulation whether they are inside or outside. Bad air circulation causes build-up of humidity and ammonia. This will intensify respiratory disease problems such as snuffles.

In choosing a location for your rabbits, you should look for a well-shaded area and for a well-drained area. Electricity and a water hook-up should be considered.

Rabbits are highly susceptible to stress. This can be caused by excitement provoked by dogs, cars or wild animals making noises or moving beneath the cages. A fence should surround your cages to help prevent stress on the rabbits. If the stress is too bad, it could cause your bunnies to die.

Cages come in a variety of shapes and sizes, but this is what we would recommend to you: Your buck should have 24" x 30" of cage space. The does' cage should be 24" x 30", 30" x 30" or 36" x 36". To provide adequate room for the nest box and raising the litter, all cages should be at least 18" high. The does' cages should have ½" x 1" welded wire on the bottom and 3" – 4" of side wire to prevent the baby rabbits from falling out of the cages.

Feeding Your Rabbits

Limit the feed on dray does and bucks to maintain a trim and fit condition. Feeding your rabbits is a very important part of the program. Feed rabbits $\frac{3}{4}$

cup of 18% rabbit feed once daily, and free choice of fresh water. This will maintain your bunnies. When feeding a gestating doe, you should increase her feed to full feed gradually until the doe does not consume all her feed in a 24-hour period. At the time (forty-eight hours prior to kindling) the feed should be gradually reduced. After the doe has kindled, it should take about five to seven days until the doe is on full feed. When the baby bunnies turn three weeks of age, insert a creep feeder. Keep the creep feeder filled with a good 18% feed at all times. (If you are interested in learning more information on the feeding of rabbits, please ask an Ag teacher to assist you.)

Breeding

The most common type of mating practice for beginners is to hand mate the does. This is where the doe should be taken to the male's cage where he is allowed to service the doe. Check your rules before breeding.

The most common age for bunnies at show time is 70 days. The gestation period for a rabbit is 30 days. So breed your rabbits 100 days before the show.

Log the first time the doe accepts the buck. On the 25th to the 27th day, place the nest box in the does' cage. During the time you own your animal, you should note the corners of the cage where the doe releases her urine and stool. Place the nest box in an unused corner. Fill the box loosely with a good hay.

Problems

Ear Mites

Signs: Shaking head, scratching at ears, scabby formation inside of ear due to accumulation of serum and blood.

Treatment: Daily placement of oil in ear for 3 days, repeating treatment at 10 day intervals. 1 part camphophenique with 4 parts mineral oil in the rabbit's ear for 3 days (2 to 3 drops in each ear)

Wormer

Ivomec: 2 drops in mouth every 90 days. Never give to does closer than 5 days before breeding.

General Expenses

Supplies

Amount

Feed	\$9.00 to \$12.00 per 50lb bag
Cost of Rabbits	\$35.00 average per Doe \$45.00 average per Buck
Cages	Can be built or bought
Plastic Water bottles	\$4.00 to \$6.00
Feeders	\$5.00 (approximately)
Creep feeders	\$5.00 (approximately)
Nesting boxes	\$7.00 approximately
1 bale of hay	\$4.00
Heat lamps	\$3.00 to \$5.00 approximately
Fans	\$15.00 approximately

Rabbit Records

Doe's Tattoo # _____ Buck's Tattoo # _____

Breeding Date _____ Nest Box in 27 days _____

Kindling Date _____ Number in litter _____

Type of Breed _____ Show Date _____

Remember: Breed your Rabbit 100 days before your Show!

NOTE: A Meat Pen must consist of Three Identical Rabbits!

Clear Creek

FFA

Project

Information

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Forms

The purpose of the following point guide, barn rules and barn space application is to ensure you, your parents or guardians and we the advisor have an equal understanding of the importance of involvement in FFA Activities. This point guide is designed to make sure that a person raising an animal or plant for the CCISD Project Show is fully involved in the FFA. We believe that active participation in all facets of the FFA is of the utmost importance. You must also be aware that this is in addition to the No Pass/No Play Rule. This means that the student must pass all of his/her classes the third nine (9) weeks in order to be eligible to show in the CCISD Project Show.

In order for a student to exhibit an animal, plant or ag mech project in the CCISD Project Show, he / she must meet the minimum number of points as designated by the CCISD Agricultural Science Teachers.

FFA Member In Good Standing Point Guide

Activity	Points Possible	Points Earned
*Pay FFA Dues	30	_____
*Attending FFA Mtgs. (3 out of 5)	10/mtg	_____
Parent(s)/Guardian attending Booster Club Mtg.	10/mtg	_____
*Fundraiser – 20 items or equivalent donation 1-point bonus for each additional item	20	_____
*Pre Show Barn Cleanup	20	_____
*Souvenir Program Ad Sales Must sell a minimum of \$75.00 worth of ads to a Business	20	_____
Each additional ad above minimum	10 pts/ad	_____
Leadership Team Member	20	_____
Judging Team Member	20	_____
Attend District FFA Meeting	20/mtg	_____
CCISD Showmanship Contest	20	_____
Major Committee Participation	20	_____
Additional Animal or Plant Project	20	_____
*Community Service Project 2 activities mandatory/no maximum	20/activity	_____
Pet Food Drive 20 lb. bag	20	_____
Canned Food Drive (4 can maximum)	5/can	_____
Valentine Day Cards for Nursing Home	40	_____
Other Community Service Approved	20	_____
Owning an FFA Jacket & Tie or Scarf	20	_____
No ISS Assignment	20	_____
No Tardies in Ag Classes	20	_____
No Absences in Ag Science Classes	20	_____
Applied SAEP Project	40	_____
Ag Science Fair Ind / Team	40	_____
Houston Livestock Show Tour Guide	20	_____
Total Points Earned		_____

In order for a student to exhibit a project in the CCISD FFA Project Show, he/she must earn a Minimum of 220 out of the possible points listed or other activities approved by their FFA advisor. All activities that are marked with a * must be completed. All other activities are optional. Activities and requirements may vary from each chapter; however, point requirements remain the same.

Clear Creek Independent School District Agriscience Departments

General Rules for FFA Student Project Complex Operation

1. A Clear Creek Independent School District student regularly enrolled in any Agriscience class at Clear Brook Clear Creek or Clear Lake High Schools and who is a paid FFA Member will be eligible to apply to house an approved animal project at the FFA project Barn Complex.
2. The Clear Creek ISD Agricultural Science Staff will be responsible for formulating and enforcing rules and regulations governing the operation of FFA Project Barn Complex as approved by the District's Administration.
3. Individual Student projects will be limited to the following market animals, steers, hogs, lambs, goats and poultry. Other animal projects will be allowed when space is available and student project accommodations will be limited to the FFA Project barn site.
4. A student will not be required to keep an animal at the FFA Project Barn Complex. This option is strictly voluntary on the part of the student and his/her legal parent or guardian, after an official agreement is concluded with the school.
5. A rental fee for project housing will be paid in full at time of selection and in advance by the student in compliance with rates approved by the school district. This revenue will be used for general maintenance and limited special labor expense directly connected with the operation of the complex.
6. In determining project facility usage, priority will be based upon the student grade level and a good student record. After a student has been assigned space for his/her first animal project, he/she is not eligible for a pen space for a second project unless there is additional space available after all request for first projects have been filled.
7. Neither Clear Creek ISD, the Agriscience teachers, nor any school official will be responsible for injury to or death loss of a project animal while it is on school property or any other property. All person connected with a project will display the highest degree of professionalism in an effort to prevent adverse circumstances.
8. Neither Clear Creek ISD, the Agriscience teachers, nor any school official is liable for injury to a student, student's guest, or family members while at the FFA Project Barn Complex. Any injuries or hazards should be reported to an Agriscience teacher immediately.
9. The project barn should be secured at night by the last person leaving. The Project barn hours are Monday through Friday 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (except during school hours) and weekends and holidays 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
10. FIRE PREVENTION IS A MUST! Highly combustible materials will not be permitted in the complex. Trash and refuse, including feed sacks will be removed immediately, and all parts of the facility will be kept clean to prevent fires and to promote sanitation.
11. NO TOBACCO USE OF ANY KIND BY ANY PERSONS IS ALLOWED. Use of tobacco products on school property, including parking lots, is a violation of CCISD Board policy.
12. An official application, signed by all parties involved, will be required before a student's project is placed in the FFA Project Barn Complex.
13. All Clear Creek ISD rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct on school property are to be adhered to and will be enforced. A violation of any of the above rules at this facility or on any school property will subject the student to possible dismissal from housing a project at the barn complex for the year. If a student loses the privilege of housing a project at the barn complex, their rent will be prorated and the unused portion will be returned to the student.
14. A phone is located in the barn for use by student, teachers and parents. The phone number is **281-338-5680**. There is a time limit of 2 minutes.

**Clear Creek Independent School District
Project Barn Complex**

Rules and Conditions for Housing Projects

1. The Agriscience teachers will make stall, pen, storage and facility assignments for each student's project and this assignment will not be changed without permission from the teacher. Animal ownership will not change without the knowledge of the teacher and parent or legal guardian. A break in animal ownership is a violation of CCISD FFA Project Show rules (see show rules for details).
2. The school agrees to provide shelter, utilities and major pieces of equipment at a rental rate stated below. All additional production costs are the direct responsibility of the student and/or parent or legal guardian. **Rental rates (payable when ordering projects) Steer stalls - \$20/month, Hog pens - \$30/yr, Poultry - \$30/yr, Lamb (inside)-\$50/yr and Goats (outside) - \$30/yr.**
3. The student is responsible for feeding, watering, grooming and exercising his/her project. **ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY CARED FOR WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COMPLEX.** Refer to your animal welfare agreement.
4. Students should tend to their projects and then promptly leave the complex. Loitering by any individuals will not be tolerated.
5. Students and parents are expected to leave free access to the main gate at all times. Unauthorized vehicles will not be parked or operated inside the complex. Authorized vehicles and equipment will be operated only when an Agriscience teacher is present.
6. Only those electrical devices approved by the Agriscience teachers will be permitted in the complex. Electrical devices are not to be used on wet floors or another manner that could cause a safety hazard. Approved outdoor extension cords cannot be wrapped around boards and must be secured to the existing framework of barn. They should be no longer eight feet in length.
7. The student is to respect the value of the FFA complex buildings, equipment, facilities and projects. Indiscriminate writing and/or carving will not be tolerated. Harassment of other students and their projects will not be tolerated.
8. Passageways including door openings are not to be cluttered with equipment or animals. Both routine and emergency traffic must be able to move efficiently.
9. Gates, fences and partitions are NOT to be sat on or ridden by crawling over them. Running and climbing is to be avoided unless an emergency situation warrants such action.
10. **All students are responsible for keeping the complex clean, safe and operating properly. Any accident or safety hazard is to be reported immediately to an Agriscience teacher. Each student is required to keep his / her pen, feeding and exercising areas clean daily. Failure to do so will result in a documented warning by an Agriscience teacher. Upon a third warning the student must remove their animal within one week from that day. If student does not remove their animal, it will become the property of CCISD.**
11. All broken or stolen equipment is to be reported immediately. All equipment is to be cleaned and returned to the proper storage site after each use. All wheelbarrows should be emptied after each use and returned to the designated storage area.

12. When an animal is moved about the complex, droppings are to be cleaned up promptly and taken to the manure pile by the owner.
13. No project should be left unattended in the aisles, THE SHOW ARENA or elsewhere in or around the complex. Steers or heifers should not be turned loose in the show area. **NO ANIMALS MAY BE TIED TO THE ARENA PANELS.**
14. Water containers are not to be overfilled and faucets are to be turned off tightly after each use. Wash, groom and tie projects in special places as directed by the Agriscience teachers.
15. An animal may be confined or released in the exercise area (not the show arena) as directed by the Agriscience teachers. Bedding material will consist of wood shavings. A student owning a steer will clean its stall a minimum of twice daily and replace bedding material as necessary. All manure and soiled bedding will be taken to the manure pile and not dumped in the drive behind the barn.
16. Students will secure their own feed and supplies using a system that best fits the management pattern of the steer, lamb, goat, hog or poultry operation. Hogs and Goats will be group fed as directed by their individual Agriscience teacher.
17. All Agriscience students housing projects at the facility must have their school identification card with them. All agriscience students housing projects at the facility are responsible for their actions and for the actions of their guests and family members. Any violation of CCISD Student Handbook Rules or CCISD Project Barn Complex Rules will result in your removal from the complex. Potential loss of barn privileges will be reviewed with the Agriscience teachers, parents and appropriate school officials.
18. All students housing animals at the CCISD Project Barn Complex will be assigned a proper storage area by the CCISD Agriscience teachers.
19. **Students may not bring in other sources of storage to the CCISD Project Barn Complex. If other sources of storage are brought into the Project Barn, they will be removed by the CCISD Agriscience teachers.**

Application for Project Housing at FFA Project Barn Complex

Date of Application_____

Student's Name_____

Home Address:_____

City:_____ Zip Code:_____

Home Phone _____ Parent's Home Phone_____

Parent's Work Phone_____

Parent's Home Address_____

City:_____ Zip Code:_____

Grade Level (Circle One) Senior Junior Sophomore Freshman

Number of years in Agriscience Classes (Circle One) 1 2 3 4

Type of Animal to be housed at the FFA Project Barn Complex (Circle One)

Steer Hog Lamb Goat Turkeys Broilers

Have you ever housed a project prior to this year at the FFA Project Barn Complex?

Yes No (circle one) If yes, what type_____ School year(s)_____

Total Rent for this project_____

I have read and understand both the General Rules and the Rules and Conditions for Housing a Project at the FFA Project Barn Complex. I agree to abide by all of the rules if I am approved to keep an animal at the FFA Project Barn Complex. I further understand that failure to follow these rules may result in the loss of the privilege to use the facilities.

Student Name

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Agriscience Teacher Approval

Date

FFA Animal Welfare Agreement

Dear FFA Member:

The primary purpose of this letter and the attached agreement is to ensure that you, your parents or guardians and we as FFA advisors have an equal understanding of the importance of the welfare of the animal project(s) which you are currently raising. We believe that every FFA member would agree that all of our livestock, poultry and rabbit projects should be treated humanely. Nevertheless, there are some students who fail to meet the standards of acceptable treatment of their FFA animal project(s).

Through the use of animal project reference material that we have provided you along with suggestions made at project visitations by your advisor, each student should know what is expected of them in terms of acceptable, humane animal treatment.

Be aware that the use of the project center is a privilege, not a right, and your privilege can be taken away at any time if the rules are not followed. Please sign that you have read these agreements regarding the welfare of your animal project and consequences for failing to meet the needs of your animal project.

Sincerely,

Tim Mikolajchak

Clear Brook High School Agriscience Teacher & FFA Advisor

Clear Creek I.S.D.
FFA Animal Project Welfare Agreement

As a student member of a Clear Creek ISD FFA Chapter who is currently raising an animal project, I know of the importance of the humane treatment of our livestock, poultry and rabbit projects.

1. I agree that my project(s) must be fed on a daily basis throughout the feeding period with a feed ration approved for my animal(s) and on a consistent feeding schedule.
2. I agree that their stall, pen or coop must be cleaned by me daily by removing any manure and any soiled bedding.
3. I agree that they should be provided with fresh water daily with all watering and feeding equipment remaining clean.
4. I agree that my project(s) should be dewormed regularly and be provided veterinary attention when their health deems necessary.
5. I agree not to be abusive or use excessive force on my project, especially when training or exercising my animal.
6. I agree not to use any drugs (or unnatural alteration techniques) on my animal without the approval of a veterinarian and my advisor.
7. In the event that I am feeding with a group of other students, I agree that I should share the feeding and cleaning responsibilities when it is my turn.

I know that failing to meet the standards set by my FFA advisor(s) and those listed in steps 1-7 above will be grounds for removal of my project following the third verbal or written warning from my advisor. The animal(s) will then be sold at the current market value at a local livestock exchange if applicable. I will then receive the sale money once travel and related expenses have been subtracted from the total.

FFA Member

Approved: Director Career & Tech.

Parent or Guardian

Approved: Building Principal

FFA Advisor

**Clear Creek
ISD FFA
Project
Show
Schedule
and
Rules**

**Clear Creek ISD Project Show Schedule of Events
January 26 – 30, 2004**

Monday, January 26	3:00 – 6:00p.m.	Move in all livestock Broilers Turkeys Steers Lambs Goats Rabbits
	9:00p.m.	Barn Closes
Tuesday, January 27	8:00a.m.	Elementary Tours
	2:30p.m.	Move in all Exhibits Must be in place by 4:00
	3:30p.m.	Official Welcome
	4:00p.m.	Judging of Poultry Broilers Turkeys Market Rabbits Breeding Rabbits
	5:00p.m.	Judge Market Swine
	9:00p.m.	Barn Closes
Wednesday, January 28	8:00a.m.	Elementary Tours
	1:00p.m.	Judge all Exhibits
	4:00p.m.	Judging of Market Lambs & Goats
	6:00p.m.	Judging of Market Steers
	9:00p.m.	Barn Closes
Thursday, January 30	6:45p.m.	Awards Ceremony
	7:00p.m.	Livestock Auction
	After the Auction	Barn Clean-up (students w/sign off cards)
RELEASE ALL EXHIBITS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AUCTION		
Friday, January 30	4:00p.m.	All animals must be out of barn. Barn clean-up.

General Rules

Notice: All exhibitors are cautioned to read and understand the following rules and regulations, which will be enforced.

1. This student project show and sale is to be conducted on the campus of Clear Creek High School, Clear Creek Independent School District, League City, Texas. Clear Creek ISD Agriscience Departments will abide by the state and local statutes, rules and regulations governing conduct on public property.
2. The Agriscience teachers of this school district and their appointed show officials under their direction, reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard and hereto otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to this educational event. This governing body is later referred to in this instrument as the "Management".
3. The show management reserves the right to amend and/or add to these rules and regulations as it, in its judgement may deem advisable. Management authority and responsibility are limited to those activities and events directly related to and being part of the FFA Project Show and Auction Sale.
4. Any and all matters, proposals and conditions pertaining to and connected with this educational event are subject to review and approval by the administration of Clear Creek Independent School District.
5. Any exhibitor will be expelled from competition for misconduct and/or violation of any rules.
6. Foods and soft drinks may be offered for sale by the Clear Brook, Clear Creek and Clear Lake Booster Club Organizations. Profits, if any are to be used by the club to promote activities of the FFA Chapters.
7. Invitations that may be issued by the Agriscience teachers to a person, group or organization that desires active participation directly connected with this educational event conveys the fact(s) that such participation by invitation is strictly voluntary on the part of the participant(s).
8. Any person/student who violates any of the statutes, rules or regulations as presented herein will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
9. The Clear Creek Independent School District, its employees, and appointed show officials will not be liable for any damage(s) resulting from fire, theft, accident, injury or any other adverse situation(s).
10. Agriscience students must be enrolled in at least one semester of the Agriscience courses in the Clear Creek Independent School District during the 2003-2004 regular school year, complete the FFA Member in

Good Standing Point Guide to show and sell at the auction as approved by the Agriscience teacher(s). All students must be officially enrolled in a CCISD High School, have satisfactory class attendance record according to District Policy and meet the residency requirements. All Agriscience students exhibiting agricultural projects in the Clear Creek ISD Project Show must be a paid FFA member. The student must have their dues paid by October 31st for the fall semester and January 30th for the spring semester.

11. A student will be eligible for only four years.
12. Each exhibitor must own his/her animal at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period and must feed, care for, and exhibit his/her own animal. **Any break** in the ownership or enrollment in CCISD Agriscience program forfeits animal and or exhibit entry. Each exhibitor may exhibit that designated livestock or poultry project officially tagged in their name on the designated selection day. See rule #26, #39 and #14. All students / parents / guardians must sign an official CCISD Animal Welfare agreement prior to purchasing an animal project for the CCISD Project Show.
13. The following entry fees will be paid:
 - \$10.00 – Steers, Lambs, Hogs, Goats, Broilers, Turkeys, Market Rabbits
 - \$2.00 – Horticulture, Applied SAEP Activities, Agriscience Fair

Note: These fees are used to help offset expense such as judges, travel, awards, etc.

14. Entry cards and fees must be turned in at the time each animal is purchased.

15. A student may show only one animal in each division. A student may sell only one item in the auction. The only exception to this rule is Auction Rule #3 and #15.
16. The weight of the animal, as certified by the management at the weigh in time of the show is considered the official weight for the auction Sale and the animal will only be weighed once.
17. Each exhibitor will feed and care for his/her animal during the entire length of the show.
18. All cattle entries must be controlled by the exhibitor in the show ring or they will be tied to the rail. This will be determined by the judge and Ag Science Teachers.

19. Agriscience Teachers are to determine when the judging of classes shall begin. Agriscience teachers will inform the ring steward of when students are to enter the arena.
20. All entered livestock must remain within the fenced show facilities until officially released. If the rule is violated, the exhibitor forfeits the opportunity to show this year or any year thereafter.
21. No exhibitor will be allowed to stay overnight at the school on the show grounds.
22. No horseback riding is permitted on the show grounds. Vehicular traffic and parking will be strictly controlled.
23. Best of show exhibits in Horticulture and Ag Shop must sell provided there are (5) entries in each division. Best of show entries in Western Art have the option to sell provided there are twelve (12) entries.
24. All of the judges' decisions are final.
25. All Agriscience students must participate in organized chapter activities at the levels set by the Agriscience department in order to exhibit any project in the Clear Creek ISD Project Show. All exhibitors are required to complete the minimum FFA participation points and turn the point sheet in to their respective teacher(s) by December 10, 2002 in order to be eligible to show.
26. All livestock and poultry entered in the Clear Creek ISD Project Show will be tagged in when exhibitors select animals, under the supervision of the Agriscience Teachers. The tag must remain in place until the animal(s) is/are slaughtered or otherwise cleared from the show. If the animal is not tagged on the set date then the student will not be allowed to exhibit the animal at the Clear Creek ISD Project Show.
27. All alcoholic beverages are barred from the show grounds as per state statutes and local CCISD rules and regulations. Any person caught with an alcoholic beverage will be removed from the show grounds. If that person has an animal project to show, he/she will be barred from further competition and will be reported to proper authorities for disciplinary action.
28. Absolutely no smoking, dipping or spitting is allowed on school property to include all facilities and parking areas as maintained by CCISD policy.
29. No hats or caps on exhibitors will be allowed in the show ring, as this constitutes poor showmanship.
30. The show facilities will be closed at 9:00p.m. and will reopen at 6:00a.m. No students are to be on the grounds between 9:01 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

31. Show entries will be limited to the divisions offered.
32. The Agriscience teachers will strictly regulate Any/all construction building or site modification and/or introduction or use of equipment. Prior CCISD administrative approval is required.
33. All exhibitors will pay an 8% commission fee on any item shown on the fair grounds that is sold during the course of the FFA Project Show. The money will be used to pay show and auction expenses.
34. Exhibitors not wanting their exhibit or project to be sold in the auction must notify the division chairman immediately after judging. Exception to this rule is Auction Rule #3.
35. In case an exhibitor is unable to check in his/her project, the project will be checked in under the supervision of the Agriscience teachers with prior notification.
36. All Animals that are not eligible for show must be removed from CCISD Property by 6:00p.m. Friday January 23, 2004. All Animals still in the barn after this time will be hauled to local livestock market and sold at market price.
37. All livestock and poultry projects must be removed from school property by Friday, January 30, 2004 by 4:00p.m. The owner will have the option to sell at the local auction for current market price, send to the local processor at owner's expense or take to personal designation by owner.
38. Protests: All protests must be made in writing and submitted to a committee consisting of the Agriscience teachers and livestock superintendents along with a \$50.00 fee, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
39. Exhibitors must abide by all rules in accordance with Senate Bill #1 (former House Bill 72) and / or local district policy regarding "NO PASS, NO PLAY".
40. All steers, lambs, hogs, goats and poultry will be "centrally ordered" through the Agriscience teachers in August and September of 2003. Students will draw for pick out of a group of like steers, lambs, hogs and goats. All animals must come from this "central order" to be eligible for competition at the Clear Creek ISD Project Show and Auction. The central producer will be selected by the Agriscience teachers.
41. No student or parent of a student will feed, water, exercise or groom his or her animals during school hours (7:30a.m. – 2:30p.m.). This rule applies even when the student's Agriculture Science teacher is present. The only exception to this rule is illness or injury to the student or livestock and the use of the animals for the elementary tours.

42. All students who have assigned facilities and/or used facilities at the FFA Project Barn before and during the auction, must leave the facility clean, in a sound state of repair, and have all debts, if any, owed to the Clear Creek ISD Project Show paid in full. Students will be checked out officially by their Agriscience teacher(s) and respective chairman. Students failing to participate in show clean up as designated by their Agriscience teachers will be fined a \$25.00 fee. This fine will be assessed and due payable before the end of the school year.
43. Each student is allowed to purchase and tag-in only one animal project in each division.
44. Substitution exhibitors will be approved by the Agriscience teachers. See Rule #35.
45. Evidence of animal abuse or physical alteration of the natural conformation other than dehorning or castration, or use of drugs not intended for animals subject to human consumption will automatically be disqualified and the exhibitor will be barred from participation in the future CCISD FFA Project Shows. All monies and awards will be forfeited. Any medication given to an animal must be approved by the Agriscience teacher and / or licensed veterinarian.

Auction Rules
Thursday, January 29, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.

1. **The number of and types of sales items will be determined by the Agriscience teachers upon final check-in of all entries.**
2. The following will be the Champion and the Reserve Champion sale order for 2004:

- Champion Steer	- Best of Show Horticulture (if so named)
- Champion Lamb	- Reserve Champion Steer
- Champion Swine	- Reserve Champion Lamb
- Champion Goat	- Reserve Champion Swine
- Champion Turkey	- Reserve Champion Goat
- Champion Broilers	- Reserve Champion Turkey
- Champion Rabbits	- Reserve Champion Broilers
- Best of Show Ag Shop (if so named)	- Reserve Champion Rabbits
3. All Grand and Reserve Champion animals must be sold through the Auction and all sales are final.
4. Each exhibitor of a sale item will have the cost of one 8 x 10 color print and one 5 x 7 framed plaque and picture deducted for each buyer from their auction check. **The framed photo plaque will be presented to the buyer by the student and one 8 x 10 photo will be the property of the student.**
5. An **8% commission fees** will be deducted from all projects sold through the CCISD FFA Livestock Show.
6. A poultry-processing fee will be deducted from each poultry exhibitor's sale check.
7. Each eligible exhibitor with Rabbits and/or Poultry sold through the auction will have a processing fee deducted from their check if the buyer wants them processed. The exhibitor must also deliver these animals as appropriate, to the buyer. Upon notification that the animals have been delivered, and the eligible student(s) has been officially checked out by the Agriscience teacher(s), the student(s), is/are presented his/her money from the sale, as funds are made available.
8. All proceeds from "resales" (resales being defined as eligible animals purchased by a buyer(s), and as per buyer(s) own choice, donated to the

Clear Creek ISD Project Show) of Auction sale will go to the Clear Creek ISD FFA Project Show Fund.

9. All monies and checks from buyers at the Auction must be handled through the Clear Creek ISD FFA Project Show Fund. No money from buyers is to be paid directly to the student(s).
10. Before checks are distributed to the students all the money from the auction must be deposited in the Clear Creek ISD FFA Project Show Account. Eligible students, who sold items at the auction or as an aftersale item, must have on file with the Agriscience teachers a copy of the "Thank You" letter to the buyer and proof of delivery of the auction picture to the buyer and/or projects if applicable. **All thank you letters, pictures and other items due to buyers must be delivered by March 3, 2004 or all monies will be forfeited to the CCISD Project Show Fund. All stalls and pens at the barn must be clean before March 3, 2004 prior to payment of any sale money due to the exhibitor or all monies due to the exhibitor will also be forfeited.**
11. Exhibitors of sales animal(s) are responsible for the care of that animal until slaughter or delivery, as appropriate, to the buyer's destination.
12. All students with sale items in the auction must be in official FFA dress at the time of the sale.
13. Agriscience teachers and their appointed show officials will conduct the Clear Creek ISD FFA Project Show Auction. Animals become property of the buyer when the auctioneer indicates that the sale is final.
14. A student must be a bonafide FFA member in the CCISD FFA unless they are selling a Western Art Project, and then they must be enrolled in the CCHS, CLHS or CBHS in the Clear Creek ISD to sell in the auction and must meet all the school participation requirements to sell in the auction.
15. The Agriscience teachers must approve all rules, regulations and decisions governing the auction.
16. Students who did not qualify for the auction sale and wish to sell their projects through the auction committee must notify their respective Agriscience teacher by Wednesday, January 29th before 6:00p.m.
17. In the instance that the exhibitor of a Best of Show is also the exhibitor of a placing project that is eligible to auction, the exhibitor may sell both items through the auction.
18. Inappropriate behavior, gestures or offensive language will not be tolerated in the auction ring.

19. All after sale animals must be invoiced and it is the responsibility of the respective Agriscience teacher(s) to make sure all after sale animals are invoiced.
20. All exhibitors must be present and actively participate in the set-up and clean up of the livestock show facilities. The set up dates are January 24th and January 25th. Clean up will be sued to complete “Show” clean up and is not an individual project clean up inside the barn. Exhibitors are required to participate in the clean up which will occur immediately following the auction on January 30th.
- 21. No Paint or Glitter will be tolerated on an animal during auction.**

Agriscience Divisions of the Show

There will be thirteen Agriscience Divisions of the show. Divisions will be classified and divided as follows:

Division I	Steers
Division II	Swine
Division III	Lambs
Division IV	Broilers
Division V	Turkeys
Division VI	Market Rabbits
Division VII	Horticulture
Division VIII	Agricultural Shop Projects
Division IX	Showmanship
Division X	Goats
Division XI	Agriscience Experiments
Division XII	Applied SAEP Activities

Division I – Steers

1. This division is subject to the general rules and the following division rules.
2. Steers will be classified by weight. The steers will be divided into equal or nearly equal sized classes according to number of entries and weight.
3. The sale order will be determined by the judge providing the steers meet sale quality.
4. No hair on major body parts (head, neck, legs, back, rump, sides and underline) shall be longer than ¼”. Hair shall be allowed on the switch of the tail. Any hair found to be longer than ¼” must be clipped prior to entering the show ring.
5. All exhibitors must be a current paid FFA member in the CCISD and meet general rule #10.
6. Each student may show only one steer.
7. No change of the major color pattern of the animal by painting or dying will be allowed. Any exhibitor using grooming material that allows color to come off will disqualify the steer from competition.
8. All steers must be dehorned.
9. There will be one grand champion and one reserve champion steer. The first place steer in each class will come back for grand champion judging.
10. All steers must be purchased according to general rule #39.
11. Steers must be healthy at show time or they will not be permitted to show.
12. Minimum weight must be 800 lb. with a 10 lb. tolerance.

Division II – Swine

1. This division is subject to the general rules and the following division rules.
2. The division will be divided into an equal or nearly equal number of hogs per class according to weight.
4. The class will be made of barrows and/or gilts.
5. Exhibitors are limited to one market hog only.
6. All exhibitors must be current paid FFA members of the CCISD and meet general rule #10.
7. The judge will determine the sale order.
8. Hogs should be washed thoroughly at show time or they will not be permitted to show.
9. No oil, paints or powder will be permitted.
10. All hogs must be purchased to general rule #39.
11. Hogs must be healthy at show time or they will not be permitted to show.
12. Minimum weight must be 180 lbs. with a 3-lb. tolerance.

Division III – Lambs

1. This division is subject to the general rules and the following division rules.
2. Each student may only show one lamb.
3. All lamb entries must be either wether or ewe lambs.
4. All lamb exhibitors must be a currently paid FFA member in the CCISD and meet general rule #10.
5. All lambs must be slick shorn at show time under the supervision of the CCISD Agriscience teachers.
6. Lambs will be divided into an equal or nearly equal number of lambs per class according to weight.
7. All lambs must be purchased according to general rule #39.
8. No painting or changing color will be allowed.
9. Halters or collars on lambs will not be allowed in the show arena.
10. The judge will select the sale order.
11. Unhealthy lambs will not be permitted to show.
12. Minimum weight must be 80 lbs. with a 3 lb. tolerance.
13. No feed or treats of any kind will be allowed in the arena during the show. Violation of this rule will disqualify the exhibitor and will forfeit all monies.

Division IV – Broilers

1. This division is subject to the general rules and the following division rules.
2. Broiler entries are limited to one pen of three birds per exhibitor.
3. All three birds must be healthy at show time.
4. Exhibitors must be a currently paid FFA member in the CCISD and meet the general rule #10.
5. Each bird must weigh a minimum of 4 pounds, with a 3-ounce tolerance.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to weigh-in only three birds. No substitutes or alternates are allowed after bird(s) are weighed.
7. Birds must be clean and dry before arriving at the show. Wet or unclean birds will not be allowed to weigh in.
8. No birds will be removed from their assigned pen after weigh-in. Birds may be cleaned with a damp cloth while in the pen.
9. Each exhibitor is responsible for the feeding and the watering of their own birds while on the show grounds. Feed and water containers will be provided in the pens by the exhibitors. Exhibitors will provide their own feed.
10. Birds must be purchased through the CCISD Agriculture Department and must have a wing band present on the birds at show time. (This numbered band will be used to identify exhibitor birds after slaughter.) Exhibitors must notify their respective Agriscience teacher(s) immediately if a bird loses its band so it can be re-tagged before the show.
11. All birds sold at the auction will be processed by the show management. A processing fee will be deducted from the sale money. Each exhibitor will be responsible for delivery of the processed birds to his/her buyer.
12. All non-placing birds must be removed from the show grounds by 10:00 p.m. – Thursday after the auction. All birds not removed shall become the property of CCISD FFA Project Show.
13. All Broilers must be purchased according to general rule #39

Division V – Turkeys

1. This division is subject to the general rules and the following division rules.
2. Turkey exhibitors are limited to one bird per exhibitor.
3. An entry (one bird) must weigh at least 15 pounds to be entered, with a ½ pound tolerance.
4. Turkey entries can be hens or toms.
5. All turkeys will be purchased according to general rule #39.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to weigh – in only one bird. No substitutes will be allowed. Exhibitors must bring to the weighing table only one bird to be entered.
7. Turkey entries must be healthy in order to show.
8. Birds must be clean and dry before arriving at the show. Wet or unclean birds will not be allowed to weigh in.
9. No birds will be removed from their assigned pen after weigh-in. Birds may be cleaned with a damp cloth while in the pen.
10. Each exhibitor is responsible for the feeding and watering of their birds while on the show grounds. Exhibitors must provide their feed and water containers. Exhibitors must also provide their own feed.
11. All birds sold at the auction will be processed by the show management. A processing fee will be deducted from the sale money. Each exhibitor will be responsible for delivery of the processed birds to his / her buyer.
12. All non-placing birds may be removed from the show grounds upon completion of the poultry show but must be removed from the show grounds by 10:00 p.m. Thursday upon the completion of the auction, all birds not removed shall become property of the CCISD Project Show.
13. Exhibitors must be a currently paid FFA member in the CCISD and meet general rule #10.
14. Birds must be purchased through the CCISD Agriculture Department and must have a wing band present on the birds at show time. (This numbered band will be used to identify exhibitor birds after slaughter.) Exhibitors must notify their respective Agriscience teacher(s) immediately if a bird loses its band so it can be retagged before the show.

Division VI - Market Rabbits

1. This division is subject to the general rules and the following division rules.
2. All fryers must weigh 3 ½ pounds and not more than 5 pounds, with a 3-ounce tolerance.
3. All rabbits in a pen shall be of the same breed.
4. Exhibitors must feed and water their own rabbits during the entire length of the show.
5. Exhibitors must be a currently paid FFA member in CCISD and meet general rule #10.
6. All rabbits must be healthy.
7. All bunnies must be tattooed by an Agriscience teacher by January 16, 2004.
8. Each student must purchase minimum of 2, maximum of 3 centrally ordered bunnies.
9. Rabbit entries are limited to one pen of two rabbits per exhibitor.

Division VII – Horticulture

1. All entries in this division are subject to the general rules and the following division rules.
2. Entries must have been conducted under the supervision of the Agriscience teacher(s)
3. Exhibitors must be a currently paid FFA member in CCISD and meet general rule #10.
4. Common names of plant species should be listed on a white index card and included with each entry.
5. All entries must be of a size no larger than what one student is able to carry into the exhibition area.
6. No more than one entry per class per exhibitor.
7. Each exhibitor will be responsible for filling out an entry card for each entry. Entry cards will be available from any Agriscience Department upon request. Complete entry information and entry fees must be submitted to the chairman upon check-in Tuesday, January 27, 2004 by the exhibitor or Agriscience teacher(s).
8. No one will be allowed to interrupt the judge during the judging.
9. All projects are to be released at the end of the auction and must be picked up by 10:00 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2004.
10. Best of Show Horticulture Project must sell in the auction provided there is a minimum of five horticulture entries.
11. The CCISD will not be responsible for any damage or loss of a project while it is being displayed, judged or moved on the school grounds.
12. Horticulture classes must be adhered to the following guidelines:

Horticulture Class	Transplant	Planting Dates
Container Plant (single specimen in a traditional container)	Cuttings or 4" container transplants	8/19 – 10/31
Hanging Plant (single specimen)	Cuttings or 4" container transplants	8/19 – 10/31
Dish Garden (Multispecimen in a hanging basket or traditional container)	Cuttings or 4" container transplants	8/19 – 10/31
Terrarium (single or multispecimen in a mostly glass container)	Cuttings or container transplants	8/19 – 10/31
Novelty Container	Cuttings of 6" container transplants	8/19 – 10/31

Division VIII – Agricultural Shop Projects

1. All shop projects must be built and owned by students who are currently enrolled in the agricultural science programs in the CCISD High Schools and are currently paid FFA members.
2. The project must have been built under the supervision of a CCISD Agriscience teacher.
3. There will be two major divisions.
4. A student can enter only one project in each division.
5. There will be only six ribbons given in each class with a plaque given to the Best of Show project.
6. The Clear Creek ISD will not be responsible for any damage or loss of a project while being shown or displayed during the show.
7. All projects will be judged on craftsmanship and creativity.
8. Each exhibitor will be responsible for filling out an entry card for each entry. Entry cards will be available from each Agriscience Department after August 19th. Completed entry information and entry fees of \$2.00 per entry must be submitted to the chairman upon check-in Tuesday, January 27, 2004.
9. All projects are to be released at the end of the auction and must be picked up by 10:00 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2004.
10. The Best of Show must sell in the auction provided there are 5 entries in the division.

Division IX – Showmanship Contest

1. A showmanship contest will be held for the following divisions.
 - Steers
 - Lambs
 - Goats
 - Swine
2. Each contest will be held immediately following the judging and sale order selection of that division.
3. Only those animals exhibited in the market show and selected by the judge may be exhibited in the showmanship contest by their original owner / exhibitor.
4. There is no showmanship contest entry fee.
5. A belt buckle will be awarded to the champion showman in each division.

Division X – Market Goats

1. All entries in this division are subject to the general rules and the following division rules.
2. Goats will be handled with a collar, chain or halter.
3. All goats must be dehorned or tipped.
4. Market goats must weigh no less than 40 lbs. with a 3-pound tolerance and there will be no maximum weight limit.
5. The market goats must be trained to lead.
6. The Agriscience teacher will divide the goats as equally as possible into established weight classes.
7. All goats must be slick shorn to the skin above the knee and hock joints.

Buyer / Delivery Verification Form

Please check all that apply.

I have received my: _____ Buyer's Picture
_____ "Thank You" Note
_____ Poultry Project
_____ Horticulture Project
_____ Ag Mech Project
_____ Other Project

For My CCISD FFA Livestock Show Purchase.

Buyer's Signature

Date

Clear Brook FFA Student Signature

Date

CCISD FFA PROJECT SHOW ENTRY FORM

Tag Number: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Date Paid: _____

Exhibitor Name: _____

School: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Please Check the Appropriate Box or Boxes:

Steer

Market Rabbits

Swine

Breeding Rabbits

Lamb

Horticulture

Turkey

Showmanship

Broilers

Goat

Exhibits _____

The Clear Creek Independent School District, its employees and appointed Show Officials will not be liable for any damage(s) resulting from fire, theft, accident, injury or any other adverse situation. **Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian** agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the **CCISD FFA Livestock Show and Auction**.

Exhibitor

Parent or Guardian

FFA Advisor

Permission

and

Emergency

Forms

Parent Consent Form for School – Sponsored Trips

My child, _____ has my permission to attend and participate in the following school-sponsored trip:

_____ (name of activity / event)

_____ (sponsoring group/club/class)

_____ (name of adult sponsor)

_____ (location)

_____ (departure date / time)

_____ (arrival date / time)

I authorize the trip sponsor, employee(s), and / or associate(s) of the Clear Creek Independent School District to allow my child to travel to and from the above-referenced activity or event with the sponsoring group, club or class.

I understand that the sponsor(s) will attempt to provide necessary supervision during the course of the trip.

I understand that I may be held responsible for my child's actions during the trip.

I understand that the Clear Creek Independent School and its professional employees cannot be held liable for personal injury or loss of damage to personal property which may result from my child's participation in the above-referenced activity or event, unless such personal injury or loss or damage to personal property results from the negligent use or operation of a motor vehicle.

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

NOTE: The trip sponsor(s) will travel with a copy of each participant's Authorization to Secure Emergency Medical Treatment. Parents/guardians are requested to advise sponsors in writing of any special medical conditions or issues that may affect or impact a child's participation in the trip and/or the receipt of emergency medical treatment (e.g. know drug allergies).

Agricultural

Literacy

Agricultural Literacy Terms and Definitions

- Balanced Ration** – Daily allowance of livestock/poultry feed, mixed to contain suitable nutrients required to promote normal development, maintenance, lactation, gestation, etc.
- Barrow** - A male pig castrated before reaching sexual maturity.
- Boar Pig** - A male pig under one year of age.
- Broiler** - A chicken, eight to twelve weeks old, weighing more than two and one half pounds.
- Buck** - Male goat, sheep, rabbit, deer or antelope.
- Cull** - The act of removing inferior items.
- Cockeral** - A male chicken less than one year of age.
- Day Old Chick** - Common age of chicks from a hatchery.
- Doe** – An adult female goat, rabbit or deer.
- Ear Tag** - Tag fastened in an animals ear for the purpose of identification.
- Ewe** - A female sheep of any age.
- Feeder Pig** - A barrow or gilt usually weighing less than 120 pounds.
- Fit** - To condition livestock for use, sale or exhibition.
- Gilt** - Young female pig until it produces its first offspring.
- Groom** - To wash, curry, brush, and generally care for an animal.
- Heifer** - A female bovine (beef animal) that has not produced an offspring.

Kindle -	To give birth to a litter of rabbits.
Major Show -	A show where exhibitors come from a broad area (ex. the State of Texas) to exhibit livestock.
Poult -	Young turkey.
Pullet -	An immature female chicken under one year of age.
Rate of Growth -	Rate at which a young animal increases weight and height.
Roughage -	Any food or feed high in fiber (ex. hay).
SAEP -	Supervised agricultural experience program.
Showmanship -	Act or skill of showing or displaying projects or animals.
Steer -	A male bovine animal castrated before reaching puberty.
Supplement -	A feed mixture that is relatively richer in a specific nutrient than the basic feed ingredients in a ration to which it is added.
Tag -	A plastic or metal piece attached to an animal for identification.
Tagging -	Process of attaching identifying tags to an animal.
Weigh-In -	To establish a beginning weight, growth rate, or ending weight of an animal.
Wether -	A male sheep castrated before it reaches maturity.

Acknowledgement of the FFA Handbook

We have received a copy of the 2003 – 2004 FFA handbook. By signing this sheet, we certify that we have read and understand the information contained in this handbook.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

Please sign and return this form acknowledging receipt of this handbook.

Clear Brook

FFA

Monthly

Calendar

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 CBHS Fish Camp	8	9
10	11	12 Teacher Inservice	13 Teacher Inservice	14 Teacher Inservice	15 Teacher Inservice	16
17	18 1 st Day of School	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Teacher Meeting GCF&R	26 CCISD FFA Project Meeting 7pm CCHS	27 District Booster Club Manual/ Insurance Mtg	28 Hot Dog Social	29 Lamb & Goat Fees Due	30
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September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Labor Day Holiday	2 Lamb & Goat Selection	3 FFA Student Officer Meeting 7pm	4 Football: vs Strake Jesuit (Home)	5	6
7	8 FFA Chapter/ BC Meeting & Spaghetti Dinner 7pm	9	10	11	12 Football: vs Dobie (Home)	13
14	15 S.A. Scramble Apps due / Houston Scramble Apps Online	16 District VI FFA Meeting 4:30pm Channelview HS	17	18	19 Deadline to order major show swine tags, Football: vs Pasadena (Away)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Football: vs Smiley (Home)	27
28	29	30				

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October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Student Officer Meeting 7pm & Homecoming Parade, S.A. Scramble Apps Due	2 TX Rice Fest	3 Homecoming Carnival, Football: Homecoming vs Baytown Lee, Texas Rice Fest	4 Texas Rice Fest
5	6 FFA BC Meeting 7pm Ag Bldg	7	8	9	10 Football: vs Galveston Ball (Away)	11
12	13 FFA Chapter Meeting 7pm	14	15	16	17 Football: vs Clear Creek (Home), BC Work Concession Stand	18 Aggie Fest Livestock Judging, College Station
19 Juvenile Diabetes Walk to Cure UHCL	20	21 TAAS Writing Retest	22 TAAS Math Retest	23 TAAS Reading Retest	24 Football: vs Alvin (Away)	25
26	27	28	29 Nat'l FFA Convention	30 Nat'l FFA Convention,	31 Nat'l FFA Conv,	

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November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Nat'l FFA Conv. State/Nat'l Area Dues, TAMU Horse Clinic, Officer Leadership Camp 8am-9pm
2	3 FFA BC Meeting 7pm Ag Bldg	4	5 FFA Student Officer Meeting 7pm	6 District VI LDE's, Location TBA, Football: vs Brazoswood (Away)	7	8
9	10 FFA Chapter Meeting 7pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Area III LDE's, Blinn Jr College
23	24 Mr Mikolajchak's B-Day, Thanksgiving	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26 Thanksgiving Holiday	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28 Thanksgiving Holiday	29

2003

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 FFA BC Meeting 7pm Ag Bldg	2	3 FFA Student Officer Meeting 7pm	4	5	6 State LDE's, Sam Houston State
7	8 FFA Chapter Meeting/Winter Social 7pm, Commons	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Winter Holiday	23 Winter Holiday	24 Winter Holiday	25 Winter Holiday	26 Winter Holiday	27
28	29 Winter Holiday	30 Winter Holiday	31 Winter Holiday			

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January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Winter Holiday	2 Winter Holiday	3
4	5 Teacher Preparation Day	6	7 FFA Student Officer Meeting 7pm	8	9 Mid-Winter Conference TAMU	10
11	12 FFA Chili Cook-off TBA	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Katy Invitational CDE
25	26 CCISD Livestock Show	27 CCISD Livestock Show	28 CCISD Livestock Show	29 CCISD Livestock Auction	30 CCISD Livestock Clean-Up	31

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February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 FFA BC Meeting 7pm Ag Bldg	3	4 FFA Student Officer Meeting 7pm	5	6	7 S.A. Livestock Show Begins
8	9 FFA Chapter Meeting 7pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 S.A. Livestock Show Ends
22	23	24 TAKS Test	25 TAKS Test	26 TAKS Test, Harris County Wildlife Contest	27	28
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March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Spring Semester FFA Dues, FFA BC Meeting 7pm Ag Bldg	2	3 FFA Student Officer Meeting 7pm, TAKS Reading 3	4	5	6 CCISD FFA CDE Invitational
7	8 FFA Chapter Meeting 7pm	9	10 Houston LS&R Junior Show Begins	11	12	13
14	15 Spring Break	16 Spring Break	17 Spring Break	18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break	20
21	22	23	24	25 Tarleton Invitational CDE	26 SWTSU CDE, WTAMU CDE	27 Clarendon CDE, CDE Clinic @ TAMU
28	29	30 SFA CDE, SHSU Ag Sales, FBM & AG Mech CDE	31 Montgomery Co. Livestock Judging Contest			

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 Area III CDE's TAMU
4	5 FFA BC Meeting 7pm Ag Bldg	6 District VI Banquet – Pearland HS	7 FFA Student Officer Meeting 7pm	8	9 Good Friday Holiday	10
11 Easter Sunday	12 FFA Chapter Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16 Galveston Co. Fair Begins	17
18	19	20	21	22 State Land/Range/ Dairy Foods/Forag e CDE - Tarleton	23	24 State CDE – Texas Tech
25 Galveston Co. Fair Check-Out	26	27 TAKS Test, District VI Degree Check @ CBHS	28 TAKS Test	29 TAKS Test, State Qualifier - Hamilton	30	

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May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 State CDE's/ATM
2	3	4	5 FFA Student Officer Meeting 7pm	6	7 Area III Degree Check & Convention, Blinn Jr College	8
9	10	11	12	13 State Wildlife CDE	14 FFA Banquet, CBHS Commons & Auditorium	15 American Degree Check - Katy
16	17	18	19	20	21 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Last Day of School	29
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June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 State Degree Check - Tarleton	10 State Degree Check - Tarleton	11 State Degree Check - Tarleton	12
13	14 Area III FFA Leadership Conference - Sealy	15 Area III FFA Leadership Conference - Sealy	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4 Friendswood Independence Day Parade	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 State FFA Convention – Fort Worth	13 State FFA Convention – Fort Worth	14 State FFA Convention – Fort Worth	15 State FFA Convention – Fort Worth	16 State FFA Convention – Fort Worth	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3 State Agriscience Teacher Conference - Abilene	4 State Agriscience Teacher Conference - Abilene	5 State Agriscience Teacher Conference - Abilene	6 State Agriscience Teacher Conference - Abilene	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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