



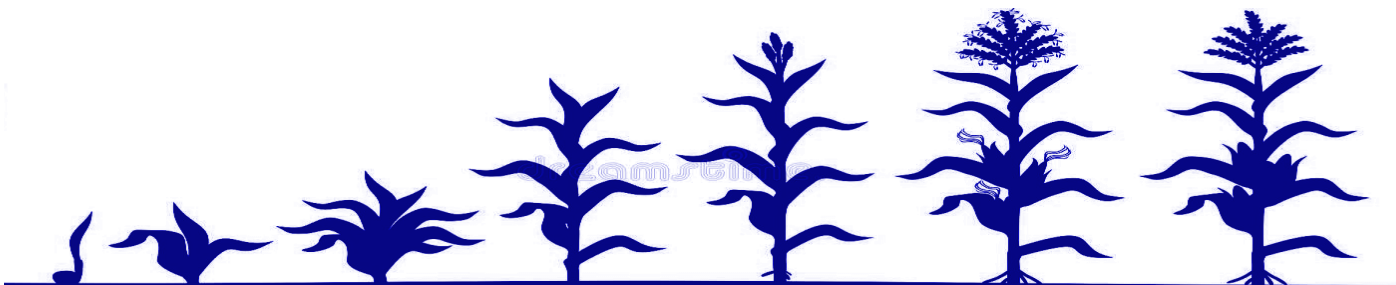
TEAGUE FFA

Member Handbook

2022-23



Growing the Best!



FFA 2022-2023 Calendar

(Tentative)

Aug 30th Greenhand Bash @
6:00.....TBD

Sept 10th Area VIII Greenhand Conference @
8:30..... Waco Midway

Sept 13th Area VIII Awards Banquet @6:30 Waco
Midway

Sept 12th Teague FFA Plant ID Invitational Contest @ 4:00 pm.....Teague
Ag Facilities

Sept 19th Sandyland District FFA Meeting @ 5:00 (Teachers & Officers)
.....Cayuga

Sept 20th Athens Plant ID Contest @ 1:00
Henderson County

Sept 22-24th East Tx
Heifers.....
.....Tyler

Sept 23rd East Texas Plant ID
Contest.....Tyler

Sept 28th-30th HOT fair
Heifers.....W
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Oct 17th Sandyland District Meeting @ 5:00 (all students)
.....Athens

Oct 31st Mildred FFA LDE Invitational
.....Mildred ISD

Nov 1-4th National FFA
Convention.....Indianapolis,
IN

Nov 3rd Tarleton Invitational
LDE.....Stephenville

**Nov 11th Sandyland District FFA Leadership
LDE.....TVCC in Athens**

Nov 19th Area VIII Leadership LDE contest @ 9:00 am..... Waxahachie
High School

Dec 2-3rd State FFA
LDE's.....SHSU,
Huntsville

Jan 19th-23 Ft. Worth Stock Show
Heifers.....Ft. Worth

Mar 23rd TSU Invitational Judging
Contests.....TSU, Stephenville

Mar 29th SFA Invitational Judging
Contests.....Nacogdoches

_____ Sandyland District FFA meeting @ _____ (Teachers & officers)
.....

Apr 12th Area VIII CDE Judging Contests.....
TSU, Stephenville

_____ Sandyland District Officer Testing @ _____
.....

_____ Sandyland District Convention, Speaking, Degree & Award Check.....Cowboy
Church

_____ Officer Testing/ Interviews, LSF, Americans, Scholarship
Ranking.....TSTC

FFA Calendar Continued

Apr 27th State
CDE.....TS
U, Stephenville

_____ State CDE's
.....SHSU,
Huntsville

_____ State
CDE's.....TAMU,
College Station

_____ Area VIII Convention and Degree
Check.....Midway

May 18th TEAGUE FFA
BANQUET.....THS Cafeteria

_____ State FFA Leadership
Conference.....

June 12-17th Freestone County Fair
week.....Fairgrounds

_____ State FFA Degree	
Check.....	Stephenville
July 10-14 th Texas FFA	
Convention.....	
...Dallas	
July 24-28 th State Professional Improvement Conference for	
VATAT.....	Dallas

***This is by no means a conclusive list of dates for the school year however; it is all the dates we have at this time. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of the upcoming dates. The Ag teachers will announce and post dates and event information in the Ag building and classroom as dates approach. ***

**Chapter meetings are the third Tuesday of each month.*

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* Indicates sheets that need signatures.

ALL forms that require signatures are due back to the Ag Dept. on Aug

FFA Motto

Learning To Do, Doing To

Learn, Earning To Live,
Living To Serve

The FFA Mission Statement

FFA makes a positive
difference in the lives
of students by
developing their
potential for premier
leadership, personal growth and career success through
agriculture education.

FFA DUES



Teague FFA Member dues are \$20.00 annually.

Being in Agriculture class does not make you a FFA member. If you don't pay your dues; you are not an active local member of the FFA.

Early
Bird
Dues

****Pay by Friday, August 26th and be entered in a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card!**

Dues Deadline is Sept 30, 2022

- Dues cover State, National, District, Area and Local dues.
- Dues assist in the expenses of all FFA functions and activities.
- Membership enables you to be:
 - Eligible to exhibit Livestock and Ag mechanics projects
 - Participate on contest teams
 - Attend meeting, conventions, banquets
 - All other official FFA functions



The 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 agriculturists; 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 pursuits, 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 agriculturists 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.

Thank you.

The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd convention.

An Active FFA 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's sick?

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

There's quite a program scheduled that we're sure you've heard about.

And we'll 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's right from wrong,

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

FFA Member Expectations

- ◆ Pay their dues!
- ◆ Each member should participate in fundraisers through the FFA.
- ◆ Attend local Chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
- ◆ Show an interest in and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
- ◆ Members should be active in FFA functions regularly.
- ◆ Should always maintain the proper behavior a FFA member should possess.
- ◆ Abide by the FFA Code of Ethics & Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Should represent the Teague FFA in an appropriate manner in and outside of school.

TEAGUE FFA

CODE OF CONDUCT

FFA Members Will Not:

1. Be part of robbery or theft
2. Assault or Vandalize people or their property
3. Fight or be a part of a violent situation
4. Use unethical practices to show or exhibit their SAE's or projects.
5. Partake, posses, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages
6. Partake, posses, or be under the influence of tobacco or tobacco related paraphernalia
7. Partake, posses, or be under the influence of illegal substances

Consequences

1. Notification of the Teague ISD Administration and appropriate authorities.
2. Notification of a parent or guardian.
3. May be removed from FFA activities.
-Removal of an animal or exhibit or student from contest or activity. The student, animal or exhibit may be pronounced ineligible for further participation in events with the FFA at the discretion of the Agriscience Instructor.
4. Upon returning to school, consequences outlined in the Student Handbook will be enforced.

FFA CODE OF ETHICS

We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to our organization, chapter, school, and community by:

- Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion while at FFA functions
- Showing respect for others and being courteous at all times.
- Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
- Respecting the property of others.
- Refraining from boisterous talk, swearing and other unbecoming conduct.
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- Taking pride in our organization and its functions.
- Sharing with others experiences and knowledge by attending state and national meetings.

FFA "OFFICIAL DRESS"

The uniform worn by FFA members at local, state, and national functions is called official dress. It provides identity and a distinctive, recognizable image to the organization.

Female members should wear:

Black Skirt (NO shorter than 2" above knee)
White Collared blouse
Official FFA Scarf
Black Nylon hosiery
Black dress shoes
- with a closed heel and toe
Official FFA Jacket

Male members should wear:

Black pants
White collared dress shirt
Official FFA Tie
Black socks
Black dress shoes/ boots
Official FFA Jacket

When do we wear official dress? *Official dress is required for LDE'S, SDE's, Banquets and Conventions*

Will I need official dress?

Yes! *If you are an active member you will need to purchase official dress.*



FFA members part in Opening Ceremony:

President states: **FFA members, why are we here?**

Members respond:

***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.**



TEAGUE AGRICULTURE SCIENCE POLICIES

(Each Teacher has an individual set of classroom expectations, which will be given in the first week of school.)

Classroom Rules

1. Be respectful.
2. Be prepared.
3. Be on time.

Trip Rules

1. Be on Time.
2. All school and handbook rules apply.
3. Remember you're representing Teague FFA.

Shop Rules

1. No Horseplay!
2. Follow instructions and directions.
3. Don't handle equipment that the class is not on instructor.
4. Use all safety precautions and safety equipment Ex. (safety glasses and welding helmets)

Grading Policy:

Test will count twice as much as daily

Agriculture courses will record a minimum of 12 grades per six weeks.

Late work: will be accepted up to 3 days after due date -30 pts will be deducted on day 1.

Department Rules

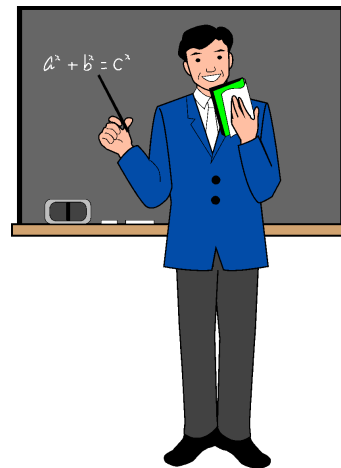
Do not leave your class area without permission. For example, if the class is in the welding shop you should be too. You should NOT be in the hallway or in the breezeway.

This applies to all Ag department buildings:

- Welding shop
- Tractor lab
- Wood shop
- Greenhouse
- Livestock facility
- Breezeway

1st offense: 30-minute detention after school to be assigned the very next day. Contact parent

2nd offense: Teachers discretion a repeat 1st offense or a written referral. Contact parent



FFA Member Participant Point System

How do I get to go to the state convention?

Every FFA member should take advantage of the variety of activities that the FFA has to offer. We will recognize those FFA members who have actively participated in the many activities offered. Each different activity that an FFA member participates in will be worth 1 point. This system will also be used to help select the various STAR AWARDS.

To be eligible for:

District Convention (April).....8 points

Area Convention (May).....10 points

State Convention (July).....*must be receiving an award or honor at convention or be a current FFA officer. All others at advisors' discretion . (min 10 pts) (all others may be required to pay their own expenses including hotel and meals)*

Run for Officer (April).....5 points

Activities for points (All FFA events count!)

- Chapter Meetings
- District FFA meetings
- LDE's- Invitational's, District, Area and State
- Local FFA activities
- Community Service Activities
- CDE's- Invitational's, Area, and State
- Exhibiting Projects at Major Shows



FFA Jackets

Official Jacket Policy: FFA jackets are sold to and are for use by active constitutional FFA members only. If a jacket is given or sold to a non-member, the emblems and lettering must be removed.

Deadline to order jacket for District FFA Competition is Sept. 30th!

Jacket Pricing: Standard corduroy jacket complete with emblems and lettering and a FFA scarf / tie **\$75**

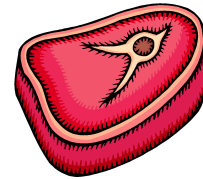


Official Jacket Re-lettering: To have a jacket re-lettered, send jacket with your name, address, chapter name, chapter number, advisor name, lines to be re-lettered, and payment of \$24 to:

Universal Lettering Company
321 West Ervin Road
Van Wert, Ohio 45891
Or call 419-238-9320 for information

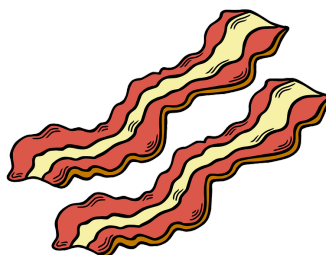
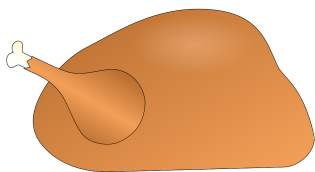
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Fundraising Activities



The FFA does many activities throughout the year that require money. Our trips to contests, community service projects, the food and refreshments at the meetings, livestock exhibits, chapter banquet and many more opportunities take a large sum of money to support. **You are asked to participate** in whatever fundraising activities that we have. The more money that our chapter earns, the more activities we can participate in.

We have our traditional annual fundraisers selling **Smoked Meat/Cookie and Fruit Sales** items as well as many other fundraising activities throughout the year. So join the fundraising effort and take an active role in supporting your chapter!



Career Development Events

For students who ask their teachers "**When will I ever use this in the real world?**" Career Development Events (CDEs) are the answer.



Leadership Development

Chapter Conducting*Cannon
G.H. Chapter Conducting*Smith
Public Relations*Gore
Ag Issues Forum*Smith
Creed Speaking***
G.H. Creed Speaking***
Job Interview*Smith
FFA Sr. Quiz Team*Gore
G.H. Quiz Team*Gore
FFA Sr. Skills Team*Strange
G.H. Skills Team*Shaw
Radio Team*Gore
Ag Advocacy*Shaw

Career Development

Livestock Eval. *Smith
East TX Plant I.D.*Cannon
Poultry Eval.*Smith
Land Eval.*Cannon
Homesite Eval. *Cannon
Wildlife*Shaw
Dairy Cattle Eval.*Shaw
Nursery Landscape*Smith
MQP *Gore
Equine Eval. *Shaw
Entomology* Smith
Floriculture *Gore
Tractor Tech *Strange
Vet Sci. * Gore
Welding *Strange
Ag Mech.*Strange

Award Opportunities in the FFA

***Proficiency awards** are given to members who excel in their SAE programs.

These awards encourage members to develop specialized skills that will apply toward a future career. Members are recognized at the **local, district, state and national levels.**

***Star Awards**- given to members who excel at each degree level of the FFA. Ex, Star Green hand, Star Chapter Farmer, Star Lone star

List of some potential **proficiency awards areas**:

- Agricultural Communications
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication
- Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance
- Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems
- Agricultural Processing
- Agricultural Sales
- Agricultural Services
- Aquaculture
- Beef production
- Dairy Production
- Diversified Ag Production
- Diversified Crop Production
- Diversified Horticulture
- Diversified Livestock Production
- Emerging Ag Technology
- Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management
- Equine Science
- Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
- Floriculture
- Food Science & Technology
- Forage Production
- Forest Management & Products
- Fruit Production
- Grain Production
- Home and/or Community Development
- Landscape Management
- Nursery Operations
- Outdoor Recreation
- Poultry Production
- Sheep Production
- Small Animal Production & Care
- Specialty Animal Production
- Specialty Crop Production
- Swine Production
- Turf Grass Management
- Vegetable Production
- Wildlife Management

To apply above the local level (District, Area & State) see Ag teacher

before March 1st



FFA Degrees

Discovery Degree*(awarded on chapter level).*

To be eligible members must meet the following requirements:

- Enroll in an agriculture class for at least a portion of a school year while in **7th grade**
- Become a dues-paying FFA member at the chapter, state and national levels.
- **Participate in at least one FFA chapter activity outside of scheduled class time.**
- Have an understanding of agriculture-related careers and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Become familiar with the local FFA chapter's Program of Activities (POA).
- **Submit a WRITTEN application for the degree.**

Greenhand *(awarded on chapter level)*

To be eligible for this degree the member must meet the following degrees and requirements.

- Be enrolled in an Ag class & have plans for a SAE.
- Learn & explain FFA creed, motto, salute and FFA Mission Statement.
- Describe & explain meaning of FFA emblem and colors.
- Demonstrate knowledge of FFA Code of ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the FFA, chapter constitution and bylaws and program of activities.
- **Submit a WRITTEN application for a degree.**

Chapter FFA *(awarded on chapter level)*

To be eligible for this degree the member must meet the following degrees and requirements.

- Must have received a Greenhand degree.
- Completed 180 hours (1year) Ag class, **has an SAE in operation**, and currently enrolled in an Ag class.
- Participated in at least **3 official FFA functions.**
- Have earned at least and invested \$150 by members' own efforts or worked at least 45 hours in excess of class time, or a combo of the two.
- Demonstrated 5 procedures of parliamentary law.
- Show progress towards individual achievement in the FFA Awards program

- Have a satisfactory (passing) school record.
- Have participated in at least **10 hours of community service activities**
- **Submit a WRITTEN application**

****Lonestar (awarded on the STATE level)**

To be eligible for this degree the member must meet the following degrees and requirements. **MUST SIGN UP WITH AG TEACHER BY March 1st.**

- Have received the Chapter FFA degree.
- Have been an active member for at least 2 years (360 hours), which includes an SAE.
- Have earned and invested at least \$1000, or worked 300 hours outside class, or a combo of the two.
- Perform 10 procedures of parliamentary law.
- Give a 6-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
- Serve as an officer, committee chairperson, or member of a chapter committee.
- Satisfactory scholastic record (passing) certified by Agriscience instructor.
- Participated in a minimum of **10 FFA functions above local level.**
- Have participated in at least **25 hours of community service**, within at least 3 different community service activities.
- Submit written records to chapter, and state association.

American (awarded on the National level)

To be eligible for this degree the member must meet the following degrees and requirements.

- Have received the State FFA Degree
- Have completed at least 3 years of Ag courses and one full year enrollment in post secondary school
- Have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention
- Have in operation and have maintained records of SAE
- Have earned and productively invested at least \$7500 or earned \$1500 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. or a combo of the two.
- Have a record of leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a scholastic record of a C or better.
- Have participated in at least 50 hours of community service.

FFA Record Books

It is advised for all FFA members to keep record books on their SAE. Record books are a requirement for every agriculture course. There will be time allotted in class for upkeep of record books *however it is ultimately up to the student to maintain records of their SAE Program.*

Record books are kept to keep you organized with your SAE and help calculate your expenses and profits. They also make you eligible for Proficiency Awards and Star Awards as well as the State Lone Star Degree. Record books are kept online. The website for record books is as follows- www.theaet.com



Student Login information

Student Username _____

Student Password _____

2022-2023

Major Livestock Shows

We have a large number of FFA members who are attending major livestock shows with their projects. However, absences from school and budget restraints require the FFA to limit the major shows we attend.

*Any other Shows that you enter will need to be attended on your own accord and efforts with a parent.

The FFA plans to attend the following shows if there is enough student interest.

(Student interest = Minimum of 2 members from different families enter in order for Agri-science teachers to be able to attend the shows listed below)

Registered Beef Heifers

- East Texas State Fair (Tyler)
- HOT FAIR (Waco)
- Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show (Ft. Worth)
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

Market Barrows

- State Fair
- San Antonio **or** Houston

(need to all pick same wave, so we can haul together)

Market Goats/Lambs

- Ft. Worth Stock Show
- Houston

Market Broilers

- Houston

Ag Mechanics

- State Fair
- San Antonio
- Houston

Estimated Cost of Livestock for Show

Species	Time Duration (AVG)	Cost (Avg costs)	Feed/Tack estimates	School Facility Use Per Project***
Cattle	*9-12 months	\$2000(steer)	\$1500	\$25/ school year <i>Plus \$50 deposit</i>
Steer		\$3000(heifer)		
Reg. Heifers				
Swine	*5 months	\$500-1000**	\$800	\$25/year <i>Plus \$50 deposit</i>
Sheep	*5 months	\$500-1000**	\$500	\$25/year <i>Plus \$50 deposit</i>
Goat	*5 months	\$500-1000**	\$500	\$25/year <i>Plus \$50 deposit</i>
Broilers	*2 months	\$35+ 25 chicks	\$250	\$25/year <i>Plus \$50 deposit</i>
Market Rabbits	*2 months	\$250	\$150	N/A

Cost of facility use will be due in full amount before the animal is moved to the barn including deposit (see page 32 for more details.)

Facility use charges are for equipment use and pen maintenance costs.

***Time durations** will vary depending on the shows being purchased for.

****Cost** of an animal may vary depending on quality and location. The costs listed above are an **average**.

Freestone County FAIR: (Dates are tentative; we are using last year's dates as guidelines.) ASK YOUR AG TEACHER!

Validation dates:

Steers:	1 st Saturday in December
Heifers:	Major show validation
Goats, lambs, swine:	1 st Saturday in April
Rabbits:	May?
Broilers:	validated upon pick-up

Entry Date: **All species must enter online by April 14th**

County Fair dates: June 12-17, 2023

Livestock Show Feed and Area Supply Dealers

Show Supply Stores

*Sullivan's Show Supply

<https://www.sullivanssupply.com/cart/tx/default.aspx>

Hillsboro, Texas 1-800-588-7096

Texas Show Supply

<http://www.texasshowsupply.com/>

1-800-548-9760

Feed Stores

Harvest Mgmt.	400 Elm Teague	254-739-5122
Capps Ag Center	Hwy 84 Fairfield	903-389-4505
Davis Feed & Fertilizer	635 E. Commerce Buffalo	903-322-4316
Fairfield Farm & Ranch	320 S. Fairway Fairfield	903-389-2630
Sheffield Farm and Ranch	Mexia	254-562-3818

* Not all feed stores are listed

Veterinarians

Bennett Veterinary Hospital	Hwy 171 Mexia	254-562-6533
Buffalo Animal Hospital	501 E. Commerce Buffalo	903-322-4239
Fairfield Vet Hospital	Fairfield	903-389-4255
Freestone Vet Clinic	Teague	254-739-3141
Dr. Atkins	Fairfield	903-389-6838
Dr. Bonner	Dew	903-389-2385

● Not all Veterinarians listed

Livestock Showing Requirements

Stock Show Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in any livestock show, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in an agricultural science class
- Be a member in good standing of the **Teague FFA Chapter** (Dues paid for current year)
- Meet TEA guidelines for academic eligibility **“No pass, No play”**
- Have paid entry fees on time and meet the show validation requirements
- Have approval of agricultural science teacher

Show Entries

The agricultural science teachers will assist in making arrangements for participation in the County Fair and any Teague FFA planned major stock shows for the current school year. (At the beginning of each school year the list of stock shows that the Teague FFA will be attending will be in the current year’s handbook.) **Entries in any Major Stock shows that are not on the Teague FFA’s approved list for the current school year will be the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the Ag teacher for entry.**

Travel to and from Shows

Students who will be attending sponsored Teague FFA major shows with the Agriscience Instructor must have travel arrangements approved by the Instructor. Travel to and from the county show may be the responsibility of the student, this may include hauling livestock. **Hotel and meal expenses are the responsibility of the student.**

Discipline while at Shows

Livestock shows are an extension of the Teague ISD Classroom; therefore, students will be responsible for their personal conduct. All school rules are in effect at these shows.

Animal Care at Shows

While at livestock shows, each student will be responsible for all feeding, care and grooming of his/her respective animal(s) for the duration of the show.

Responsibilities to Buyers

The student will write, gain instructor approval, and deliver a Thank You note to the individuals who provide the premium money or the buyer of their project.

Equipment/Trailer Use

Arrangements must be made for the use of any equipment belonging to the Teague FFA. Clippers, blowers, etc. must be returned in a diligent manner so that others may be able to use them. The use of Aluminum livestock trailers will be limited to the agricultural science teachers and school employees only. **Any equipment lost, stolen, or destroyed while in the possession of a student will be replaced at the expense of the student.**

Specific Show Rules

It is the **sole responsibility** of the exhibitor to be familiar with **all rules** pertaining to his/her livestock project (this information may include weight limits, entry requirements and deadlines, age, validation information) This information may be obtained from the Agriscience teachers **or by visiting the web sites of the shows you are entering.**

Livestock “Basics”

Recommendation for Feeding and Care of Animals

The feeding and care of the animals is a very important aspect of the livestock project. Many authorities believe it is as important as purchasing a high quality animal. All authorities believe it is responsible for at least 50% of the success or failure of a project. Below is a list of several proven practices which if done consistently, will lead to success in the show ring.

Daily Care/Feeding

The daily routine of feeding and care is very important. All animals respond well to an organized routine. They **should be fed twice daily** in most cases. Normally this will require at least 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the evening. Your feeding program will be tailored to your particular animal as recommended by your Agriscience teacher. Your choice of feeds will be up to you based upon your particular situation. It is best to discuss with the Agriscience teachers the feeding program that you are going to use.

Halter Breaking or Teaching the animal to lead

One of the more important considerations that arise early in the feeding period is teaching the calf, lamb or goat to lead with a halter or collar. The animal must be worked daily. This is no easy task and sometimes can be very time consuming. **Consistency is the key.** Some animals learn more quickly than others do, but normally this can be accomplished in the first several weeks. The animal must also be trained to stand correctly and calmly. This is critical, as in some cases the judge may want to handle the animal. This practice will require several additional hours each week.

Disease Prevention

Your animal’s pen must be kept clean on a daily basis. This will help reduce fly problems and help in keeping the animal clean and healthy. Regular deworming for internal parasites and vaccinations for more serious disease is recommended. A close examination of your animal’s feces, appetite, and attitude can help you assess its general health. It is your responsibility to keep your ag teacher informed about the health of your project.

Approved Livestock Surgical Practices

Some of these practices may be performed by the Agriscience teachers/ however if the parent would rather have the work performed by a veterinarian, it is understandable. Regardless of who does the procedure, the parent/student must realize there is always the possibility for complications. The owner must accept all risk of illness or death of the animal.

Weighing on a Regular Basis

Knowing your animals’ weight and weighing on a regular schedule is very important. Weight gain or loss is a good indicator of how well the animal is progressing. Animals should be weighed as often as feasible. It is particularly important near show time, as weight limits and weight classes are sometimes critical in placing the animal. It is also important to know the minimum and maximum weight limits for the species you are showing and the show you are entering.

Grooming Livestock for the Show

During the latter part of the feeding period, much time must be devoted to grooming the animal. Brushing and combing your animal are important daily routines. Washing and clipping will also be done on regular intervals to get a good view of how the animal is growing and progressing. In most cases, all animals will be clipped prior to the show to meet maximum hair requirements of the show that you are entering.

Agricultural Science Courses

Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources: *prerequisite for all Agriculture courses.

Introductory course to all other Agriculture courses students will develop knowledge and skills regarding personal development, globalization, industry standards, details, practices and expectations in a variety of settings.

Livestock Production:

Course will focus on livestock management; the species that will be discussed in this course are beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats and poultry management.

Equine Science/ Small animal care:

Course will focus on instructing skills relating to horses, donkeys and mules.

Vet Medical App: *Prerequisite equine or livestock production***

Course will focus on technical veterinary practices from common breed identification, tools and basic skills.

Advanced Animal Science

This course also counts as a 4th year science. It is an advanced course and is intended for seniors who have had at least one other credit of Agriculture science courses. The class explores science as it relates to the animal science field.

Wildlife, Fisheries, and Ecology Management

This course instructs in the natural resource systems. This course examines the management of game and nongame wildlife species, fish, and aqua crops and their ecological needs as related to current agricultural practices. *5pt class participants will be required to do additional projects for enhancement.*

Principles and Elements of Floral Design *(Fine arts credit)*

This course is designed to develop students' ability to identify and demonstrate the principles and techniques related to floral design as well as develop an understanding of the management of floral enterprises.

Landscape Design and Turf Grass Management

****offered even years**

This course is designed to develop an understanding of landscape and turfgrass management techniques and practices.

Agricultural Science Course offerings cont.

Horticulture Science

****offered odd years**

This course is designed to introduce the student to the field of horticulture science and greenhouse production will render a large portion of this class.,

Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies (pre-requisite to Ag facilities)

An entry level course that is designed to develop an understanding of agricultural mechanics as it relates to safety and skills in tool operation, electrical wiring, plumbing, carpentry, fencing, concrete, and metalworking techniques.

Agricultural Facilities Design and Fabrication (2nd year welding) Prerequisite: Principles of Ag and Ag Mechanics

An advanced level course intended for third and fourth year Agriculture students. This course is designed for students to attain skills related to agricultural facilities design and fabrication.

Agricultural Power Systems (tractors) 2-hour block *Juniors/Seniors only Prerequisite: Principles of Ag and Ag Mechanics

This course is designed to develop an understanding of power and control systems as related to energy sources, small and large power systems, and agricultural machinery.

Dual credit Welding 1 and 2 with Navarro (Production Welding certificate)

See Ag teacher for details.

Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication: Prerequisite: Principles of Ag, Ag Mechanics, Ag Metal Fabrication,

This course is designed for fourth year welding and Ag mechanic students and will be a project design and fabrication course.

Agriculture Programs of Study

- [Animal Science](#)
- [Applied Agricultural Engineering](#)
- [Plant Science](#)
- [Environmental & Natural Resources](#)

Ag-Mechanics Shop Policies

Purchase of metal, wood and supplies for projects:

You have 2 choices, either you may bring your own supplies to the school **before the project can be started**, or you may purchase metal from the Ag Dept. The Ag Dept's charge is the current market price. The student, with the help of the Agriscience Instructor, will **first** create a bill of materials and a draft of the proposed project with an estimated cost, **before the project begins**. Then students **will pay** ½ the cost of the project **before** the project can be started. The **remaining** ½ of the cost is due before the project can leave Teague I.S.D grounds.

****Major Ag Mechanic Show Participation****

To be eligible to exhibit an Ag Mechanics project with the Teague FFA at a Major Ag Mechanics show the student **MUST** have previously exhibited an Ag Mechanics project at the Freestone County Fair. This is a prerequisite for competition through the Teague FFA (Please see Mr. Strange for any additional information)

Agriculture Shop Expectations

1. All students will bring clothes and shoes for the shop. The clothes and shoes will be left in the shop at all times. Lockers will be provided. *(All students are required to bring a lock to shop class and are required to have a key or combination left with supervising Ag Teacher.)*
2. **All students are required to dress out as soon as the shop class period begins.** *(A large percentage of your daily grade comes from participation with proper clothes)*
3. All students are required to help clean the shop and put up tools at the end of each class period. *A percentage of the students' grade will come from cleaning the shop.*



Letterman Jacket

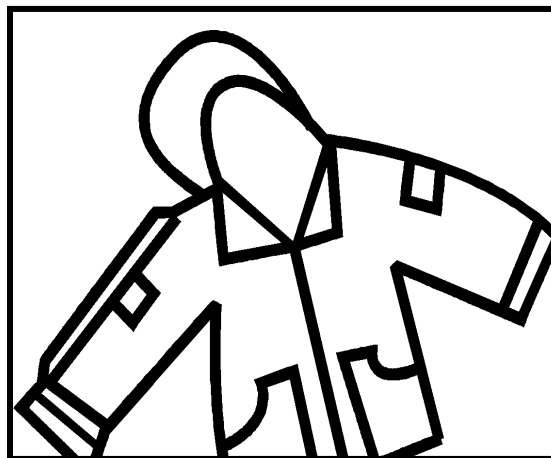
A FFA member can qualify to “letter” in FFA if they meet the following criteria:

1. Complete 2 full years of FFA in high school with a minimum of 1 District Leadership Development Event AND 1 *Area* Career Development Event or Speaking Event per year.

Or

2. A student has qualified and competed on a STATE qualifying LDE, CDE, or SDE while in High School.

If you meet the above criteria **it is your responsibility to meet with your Agri-science teacher** and order your jacket. Jackets will be ordered in the Spring and Fall of the current school year.



FFA Goes Viral!

Parents and members in an effort to communicate important deadlines and dates more effectively in today's busy world we are going to be communicating through the different avenues below. Choose one or all!

Website: www.teague.ffaNOW.org

Facebook: "Like" Teague FFA

Twitter: Follow us @teague_ffa

Remind 101: Send a text to this number 81010 and type @teagueffa to be added to our FFA text group for important information.



Parents!! FFA booster club is called the “Young Farmers”



Why should you join?

- To help ensure your student has the best FFA experience and stay in the “loop”
- Raise funds for FFA activities and functions
- Scholarships for all senior members that meet membership criteria

Example: 5 year FFA member AND parent that has been a member of the Young Farmers all 5 years and student complete and turns in general scholarship application = student will receive \$600

****Everyone is welcome, meetings are held
at 6:00, 3rd Tuesdays
of each month in the AG building in
Mrs. Smith's room
(scheduled same time as the FFA meetings for your child)**

Animal Welfare Agreement Policy

As a student of the Teague 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 and schedule approved for my animal(s).
- 2.) I agree that the animal's pen, stall, or coop must be cleaned by me daily by removing any manure and any soiled bedding.
- 3.) I agree that my animal(s) should be provided with fresh water and fed daily with all watering when their health deems necessary.
- 4.) I agree that my project(s) should be inspected by myself regularly and be provided with veterinary attention when their health deems necessary. I understand that while my Agriscience Instructor should be made aware of any illness this is NOT the responsibility of my Agriscience instructor but mine alone.
- 5.) I agree not to abuse 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 or my FFA advisor.
- 7.) I am aware that I am required to complete a Quality Counts training course before I will be allowed to enter any livestock shows.

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 from any FFA sanctioned event and may terminate use of Teague I.SD project facility.

Teague Agricultural Science Department Project Center Policies and Contract

Advisors:

Amanda Smith,, Ed Strange, Leana Gore, Cory Shaw

The Teague I.S.D. offers a facility for those students who are actively enrolled in an Agricultural Science course at Teague High School, are a paid member of the Teague FFA, and will exhibit an S.A.E. through Teague FFA.

Note: The Ag-Science facility also serves as a laboratory area for the essential elements that are taught in all Ag-Science classes; thus animals in this facility may be utilized for demonstrational and educational purposes.

Rules and regulations apply to each student keeping their animal at the center. The student is responsible for the actions of anyone acting/working on his/her behalf. Agreement with the rules and regulations must be verified by a signed acknowledgement and acceptance form by both the student and the parent/guardian.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Pen rental will be charged for **pen use per project** (*broilers this is one pen housing 25 birds approx. 6X6, for two pens you will be responsible for 2 deposits and pen rents.*) This will help with the cost of facility maintenance. Pen rent will be \$25.00 and will be **due before the arrival** of the animal.
2. **Cleaning deposit of \$50** will be due at the same time as pen rent. It will be refunded or rolled over to the next years' deposit after the student fulfills their requirements on attending **the communal group clean-up day** during the summer. (*usually the Tuesday after the county fair sale*)
3. Students and parents are to maintain an acceptable working relationship with all other students, adults, Ag-Science Instructors, and administrators.
4. The Teague ISD and the Ag-Science department are in no way responsible for the death, injury, or illness of any animal housed at the project center. It is imperative that you understand animals in close proximity will share illnesses.
5. Any new or additional livestock brought to the facility must have the approval of the Agriscience instructors **before the project** is brought to the Ag facility.
6. The Agriscience instructors must be provided a key or combination to locks placed on each gate **before** they are placed on the gate.
7. The entire upkeep, feeding, watering, cleaning, training, animal health, etc. is the **sole responsibility of the individual student** who owns the animal. Ag Instructors are available to advise students on their project's needs.
8. The Teague AG Science department is in no way responsible for the theft of items belonging to students. **If you leave feed and equipment unlocked, someone will use it!!!!!!**
9. If a pen is shared, it is the responsibility of all students sharing the pen to keep the pen clean and to provide their own feed.

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10. Students must keep all tack, feed, buckets, and all items pertaining to their project out of the alley way at all times. Any item found out of the tack room may be locked up by an ag teacher and the student will have to see an ag teacher to get the item returned.
11. Instructors will monitor pens and everyone will be expected to keep a clean pen and animals fed and watered properly. Each student will be allowed **two written warnings**. Parents or guardians will be contacted on the **second warning**.

On the **third offense** the student will be allowed 1 week to evacuate their animal. After the week the animal will become a ward of the Teague Agriscience Department and will be removed and sold or placed elsewhere as seen fit by the Agriscience instructors. **Students' housing privileges may be permanently revoked.**

12. Students may not alter pens or any part of the grounds in any manner without prior approval from an Ag instructor.
13. **All market projects** must be removed from school facilities by the Sunday following County Fair. To allow for summer barn clean-up



14. **End of year pen clean out:** All students keeping animals in the Livestock Facility will be required to clean their **individual pen** and feed room space **within 2 days upon completion of County Fair. This MUST be done prior to Group Clean Up.**

If the student's pen is not cleaned out before the start of Group Clean Up there will be an additional \$50 deposit added the following year (\$100 deposit total)

If the student does not clean individual pen and the student does not attend the Group Clean Up, then the student may not be allowed to use the school facilities the following year.

15. **Group/Communal Ag Barn Clean Up:** there will also be a joint effort by all students that **utilize the barn and will occur at the end of the feeding period after the county fair. That date is typically the Tuesday after the County Fair but will be set by the initial barn meeting so everyone can plan accordingly.**

****A cleaning deposit of \$50 will be assessed at the beginning of the feeding period with the pen rent the first time a student uses the barn (the deposit will be returned after completion or serve as the next school years' deposit). In the case that a student or family representative does NOT attend the Group Clean-Up day but **does give us prior notice** of a conflict, then \$50 deposit is forfeited to the Teague FFA and the student will have extra duties assigned before they will be allowed to use the barn facilities the following year.*

*If a student **does not attend and does not give prior notice** that they cannot attend, then the **deposit will double the following school year to \$100 deposit + \$25 pen rent.***

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16. Any criminal activity at the barn facility may result in immediate dismissal of the student and project. No use of alcohol or tobacco products will be tolerated in the livestock facility.
 17. The Agricultural Science teachers must approve the use of any school property off of school grounds. (*example scales, clippers*)
 18. **Exhibitors should present an intention to keep their animal project in the livestock facility before the last school day of February.** Pens will be assigned on a first come, first pay basis. Each FFA member may not keep more than one animal project in the facility pending the pen count taken at the end of February. If space permits, then exhibitors wishing to keep more than 1 animal will be selected by a seniority lottery method. FFA members will have precedence over Junior FFA members. If there is enough pen space Junior FFA members are welcome to house their livestock projects in the school barn.
 19. **Broiler exhibitors**, TISD Ag Dept will maintain a minimum of 3 AC/Heater combo units for use. All other devices are up to the exhibitor.
 20. **Broiler exhibitors**: NO CULL PENS allowed in chicken house, you will need to make plans for your CULL birds prior to culling.
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Teague Agricultural Science Department Project Center Contract

I have **received** and **understand** and **consent** to the responsibilities outlined in this Teague Agricultural Science Project Center Contract. I also **understand** and **agree** that my child **will be held accountable** for the rules and regulations outlined and may be subject to permanent dismissal from the facility at the discretion of the advisors.

I have received, read and understand the Teague Agricultural Science Project Center Contract. I will follow all rules and regulations. I understand that if I do not follow these rules and regulations my livestock housing privileges will be revoked. I understand that I am subject to all school rules and code of conduct outlined in the Teague I.S.D. Student Handbook.

Teague FFA Officer Elections

When?

Elections take place in the spring of the school year for the upcoming year. *For example, officers for the 2022-2023 school year were elected last April 2022.*

How?

FFA Officer Election is a 3-part system all being weighted equally. To be eligible to run you must be a FFA member in good standing and have participated in at least 5 functions throughout the current school year. You must also have signed and accepted the officer demerit system and Teague officer pledge.

- ✓ **FFA general knowledge exam (based on Greenhand Quiz team study materials)**
- ✓ **Behavioral Interview**
- ✓ **Vote (video candidate's speech)**

Why?

Opportunity to lead the largest student led organization in America. You not only get unique opportunities but also learn invaluable skills.

The 7 members that have the most points will be elected to office and installed at the Chapter FFA Banquet in May.

Teague FFA Officer Pledge 2023-2024

If elected as a Teague FFA officer, I pledge to:

- 1) Be willing and able to commit a significant portion of time to Teague FFA officer activities.
- 2) Be willing and able to travel in serving the Teague FFA Organization
- 3) Be at every mandated FFA event and on time, unless previously discussed and approved by an Agri-science teacher.
- 4) Treat all FFA members equally, not showing favoritism to any one person or group.
- 5) Be a good leader of the chapter and maintain a proper attitude; never bad mouth or complain about the affairs of the chapter.
- 6) Conduct myself in a manner that commands respect in school and community.
- 7) Participate in a minimum of **1 LDE activity and 1 CDE / SDE event per year.**
- 8) Conduct an SAE project.
- 9) Own or purchase my own FFA jacket.
- 10) Accept and will abide by the officer demerit system.
- 11) Follow all school handbook guidelines and attendance policies set forth by Teague I.S.D
- 12) Attend State Convention in Dallas with the other officers July 12-16 ***If unable to attend you MUST have pre approval from the Ag science teacher previous to running for office.*

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Advisors' Signature

Date

JUNIOR FFA MEMBERS

Membership in the Texas Junior FFA is open to students in grades where agricultural science courses are not offered. Junior FFA members must be enrolled in public school, **and in the third grade.**

To be **eligible** for Jr FFA Membership in the Teague Chapter you must meet one of the following requirements.

- **A sibling of a FFA member**
Or
- **A child of a current Teague ISD employee**

Activities in this organization are to be limited to exhibiting livestock and poultry only.

***Must attend 4 Jr. FFA meeting or functions to be eligible to show in the county fair.*

Junior FFA dues \$20.00 per member.

Jr. Dues and Jr. Form should be turned in by November 4th 2022 for members exhibiting in Major shows or by March 1, 2023 for County Fair exhibitors

The logo for Teague FFA consists of the text "TEAGUE FFA" in a blue, serif font, centered within a blue oval border.

TEAGUE FFA

Jr. FFA form 2022-2023

Dues: \$20.00 per Junior member

Fall Deadline for membership: Nov 4 to show in Major Shows

Fall Deadline for membership: March 1 to show in County Fair

*****Must attend 4 meetings, clinics or activities to be eligible for the county fair!!**

Must be in 3rd grade to participate in the Jr. FFA program and have a sibling in FFA or be a school employee's son or daughter. Former jr members will be "grandfathered in"

(detach at line)

Junior members Name: _____

D.O.B _____

School Grade: _____

Parents' Name _____

Brother/Sister FFA Members Name _____

T-shirt size: _____

Home Phone _____

Parents Cell Phone _____

Home Address: _____

Livestock Project: _____

**To be added to Junior FFA Remind!
Text 81010
@jrffapar**

Name of student _____

Teacher _____

**Teague High School
FFA**

2022-2023 Medical and Surgical Form Waiver and Field Trip Permission Form

I, _____, the **parent** and/or guardian of _____, a **minor**, do hereby acknowledge that said minor is presently under my care, custody, and control. I hereby give my child, the said minor, and my expressed permission **to go on all field trips with Teague High School Ag Dept/FFA for the 2019-2020 school year.**

In the event there arises any emergency necessitating medical treatment or surgical attention, I hereby consent and Give me my permission to Teague High School or its representatives, or any attending physician, to make such decisions and to perform such medical treatment and/or surgery upon said minor which at their sole discretion may be necessary and proper under the circumstances.

I, the undersigned **parent and/or guardian** of _____, a minor, do release, acquit, discharge, and covenant to hold harmless the said Teague High School, or its representatives, or any attending physicians, from any and all actions, damages, liabilities arising out of the treatment of any sickness or accident incurred by my said child during the above dates while on the stated trips. It is the intention of this release that the above named individuals and specifically any attending physician incur no liability whatsoever while attending to the responsible and necessary treatments, surgery, and any other medical need that may on their sole discretion be needed by my said child while on these above stated trips.

Should medical attention be required at any time on any trips, list any **special instructions** which might be needed such as allergies to medication, blood type, etc.

List below any physical defects or conditions held by the above named student. These include things such as asthma, allergies, headache, and dysmenorrhea, etc.

Guardians Name printed _____

Mom's cell #: _____ **Dad's cell #:** _____

Other Emergency Contact:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Parent and/or Guardian Signature

Date

(Return Back to Ag Dept. by August 19th)

Student and Parent Handbook

Acknowledgement

The Teague FFA Handbook has been published to help your student gain the **greatest possible benefit** from their Agriculture Science/FFA experience.

The FFA needs your cooperation. It is very important that each FFA member understands the opportunities, regulations and policies outlined giving close attention to the **Project Center Contract**.

Parents are asked to encourage their student to abide by the rules, regulations and policies set forth in this handbook. Please go over all agreement outlines in this handbook and return this form to your Agri-science teacher. Feel free to contact an Ag teacher with questions or concerns you may have.

Your signatures are the acknowledgement that your child and yourself have read and will abide by the policies and contents of this handbook including but not limited to the project center guidelines.

Printed Name of Student

Date

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Received _____

****The following forms must also be returned****

1. Field trip form pg. 40
2. Handbook form (this page) pg. 41

Due back to Ag Dept. by August 19th

Student information sheet

Ag Period _____ (*List **first Ag class** you have in your schedule if you have more than one*)

Ag Teacher _____ (*List **first Ag teacher** you have for the day*)

Last Name: _____ First Name _____

T-shirt size: _____

Grade Level _____

Graduation year: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Students Cell Phone number: _____

Parents/ Guardian Name: _____

Parents contact number: _____