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Chapter Officer Elections

UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
COMING SOON



Newsletter

October, 2020



*... Regardless of how it happens*



Grenhand Camp will be conducted by the Area Officers however it will be *ondemand* videos. The filming is complete and we are editing the content and will be available soon



*It's time to get out of the covid slump and go to work There are many opportunities slipping by the wayside and some of those are gone... You get out what you put in We still believe in the tradition you have to earn it...*

*Upcoming Dates*

*Oct 6 Plainview District Meeting **Rescheduled***

*Oct is Lamb, Goat and Heifer Validation month*

zoetis

FOR ANIMALS. FOR HEALTH. FOR YOU.

Animal Health  
INTERNATIONAL  
a Patterson Company

Once again we say thanks to Zoetis and the Animal Health International Folks for their annual donation to our chapter. THANK YOU!!!

“WITHOUT **LABOR**, NEITHER KNOWLEDGE NOR WISDOM CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH.  
- FFA OPENING CEREMONIES

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## COVID-19 UPDATES AND SAFETY INFORMATION

### SE FFA Ag Farm

*If issues arise, protocols will have to be implemented and dealt with. Until then, the following will be advised:*

- ❖ Avoid Feeding at the same times
- ❖ Keep traffic to a minimum –( one exhibitor – one parent recommended) and observe 6 ft when possible
- ❖ Unless six feet cannot be observed, masks may be necessary
- ❖ Utilize disinfectants to sanitize commonly used items such as tools, gate handles, door handles, water hoses and faucets, lockers, wheel barrows ect.
- ❖ Utilizing feet dips maybe implemented and use of disposable shoe coverings is recommended.
- ❖ Better House Keeping --- trash goes in the trash
- ❖ **If you are exhibiting symptoms, have tested positive, or been exposed to someone who is exhibiting/test positive for symptoms, please remain away from the pens for 14 days.**
- ❖ **Use of disposable gloves is strongly discouraged due to littering and animals ingesting the gloves could cause problems. If you choose to use them, make sure you dispose of them at your home – not the ag farm.**
- ❖ I will be utilizing a fogger throughout the year in assisting with sanitizing.



### Cattle Handling and Pharmacueticals

Lockout-Tag out training Oct. 5-9 or 12- 16. ( We would probably schedule two dates for each training to help avoid conflicts).

Cattle Behavior and Handling Oct 19-23

Pharmaceutical Training Oct 27-30



### Daily Schedules with your barrow

- ❖ Feeding Routine
  - Single most important thing you can do to ensure success with your barrow
  - Feed your pig at the same time every morning and every night
    - Their body learns to expect to get feed at a certain time and they will get hungry and have a better appetite when they are on a routine
    - Train them to eat... once they are started eating good, give them 20 minutes to eat and pull the feeder each time. Take 30 minutes twice a day in feeding
- ❖ Daily
  - Brush and work the skin and hair on your barrow

- One of the easiest ways for your barrow to look “THE PART” is to have impeccable skin and hair

#### Showmanship Questions to know...

- Feed Category
  - Is your project monogastric ruminant?
  - What are the two most abundant ingredients in the majority of rations?
  - How much weight do barrows typically gain per day?
  - How many pounds of feed do you pay your pig per day?
  - What is the typical market weight range?
  - What is the dressing percentage in barrows?
  - What is drug withdrawal?
  - What is the ear notches of your barrow?

6-Feb-21	8-Jan-21
17-Apr-21	12-Mar-21
12-Jun-21	7-May-21
July 17, 2021*	18-Jun-21



Srs, ACT is a scorable part of the Texas FFA Scholarship Application. If you are planning on applying and have not taken the ACT, you are behind.

Jrs, now is the time to start working on the Texas FFA Scholarship Application and the ACT score is important. Now is the time to start taking the ACT. Don't wait.

Despite some dropping the ACT requirement for selection or admission, the Texas FFA did not. It is still required and is a scorable part of the application.



We continue to use the remind system to communicate through text messaging of things coming up and deadlines. All members AND parents are encouraged to subscribe to this service. **Text @9b748 to 81010**



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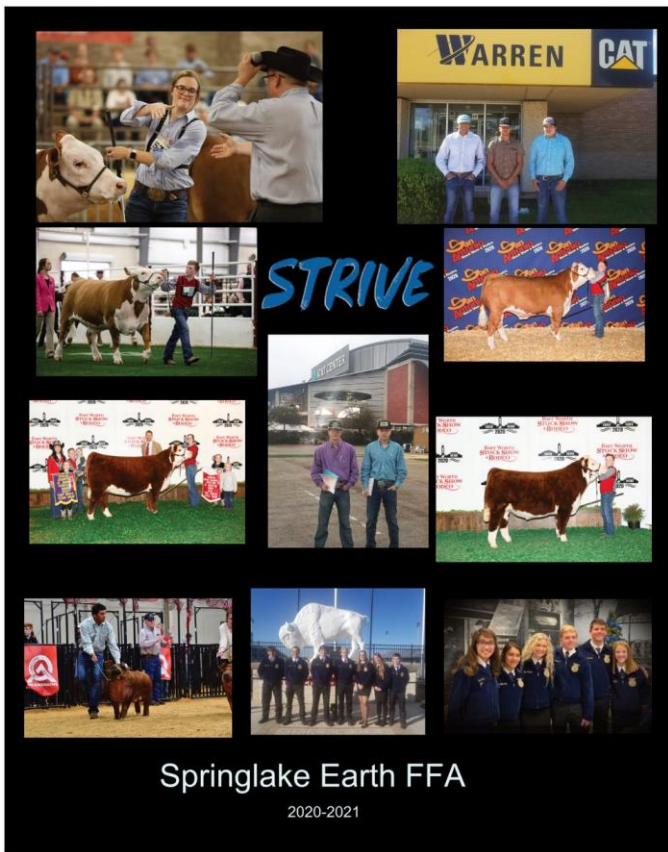
In June 2020, the ACT announced that they would be adding new fall test dates in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 2020-21 ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

**Test Date**                      **Registration**  
**Deadline**

10-Oct-20	TBD
17-Oct-20	TBD
24-Oct-20	
25-Oct-20	TBD
12-Dec-20	6-Nov-20





*If you need to certify and/or recertify because of age  
now is a good time to get it done*

## Highlights

Already saving pictures for  
next year's poster. **JUST ONE** thing could land you there

updated as well



**1. All things FFA, regardless  
of how little or big you think it is, must go  
through the ag office not around it.**



FFA Meat Sale begins this month