



Willows FFA

Fair Handbook



Name _____

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Glenn County Fair Eligibility Requirements

It is a privilege to exhibit a livestock project at the Glenn County Fair, as a Willows FFA member. There are several project requirements that a student must meet in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Glenn County Fair.

The eligibility requirements to exhibit are listed below:

- Must be currently enrolled in an agriculture course at Willows High School
- Must purchase livestock projects by the ownership deadline
 - Beef Projects- 120 days prior to fair
 - Sheep Projects- 60 days prior to fair
 - Swine Projects- 60 days prior to fair
 - Goats- 60 days prior to fair
 - Rabbits- 30 days prior to fair
 - Chickens- 30 days prior to fair
- Submit a signed “Rules to Raise and Exhibit a Fair Animal” form prior to the deadline
- Submit a “Barn Contract” form prior to the deadline if animals will be housed at the school farm
- Cooperate with the advisor to pre-weigh/ear tag your project.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Be an active member of the Willows FFA chapter
- Must be eligible in terms of academics and behavior
- Must abide by the established rules and regulations
- Maintain a current California Agriculture Education Record book
- Submit Fair entry forms, and entry fees by the established deadline to the Glenn County Fair
- Complete at least one shift of Barn Duty at the Glenn County Fair



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Livestock Project Fair Requirements

Participation in any activity is voluntary. Ideally we would like to see every student participate in every event. A student exhibiting a market animal at the fair will benefit from the hands-on, practical learning experience. Students will be able to apply classroom instruction in a real-world situation involving record keeping, animal health, and nutrition, fitting and showing, and marketing techniques. Students have the ability to receive some financial gain from this project. The Willows FFA sees this opportunity to exhibit a market animal as a privilege. Below is a list of requirements that must be fulfilled in order to complete this project.

FFA Meetings

You are encouraged to attend all FFA meetings. You must attend six chapter meetings to exhibit your animal at the county fair. The May meeting is mandatory for all exhibitors. You may be excused and attend a make-up event, if you have a serious conflict and have made prior arrangements with the advisor prior to the meeting.

Record Books

You must have your record books up to date to exhibit your animal at the county fair. Up to date means the following items must be completed:

- Cover Page
- First Page
- Budget
- Ownership/Non Ownership Agreements
- Calendar- All 12 months filled in with activities written in.
- Journal- pages must be complete through May (totals balance & entries are correct)
- Loan Page
- Financial Statement
- FFA Activities page filled in
- Inventory Pages (If applicable)
- School Activities page filled in
- Record Books from previous years need to be completed correctly and closed out

****Before you receive your check from the fair, you will need to have your record book checked for completeness, checkout form completed and any bills paid. Any checks that have not been collected by the last day of school will be returned to the bank and the student will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair the following year.***

Buyer Letters

Buyers Letter- Buyers letters must be written to two (2) potential buyers. Letters must be submitted to the FFA advisor no later than 3:00 pm **April 2, 2010**. These letters must be acceptable to the Ag advisor prior to mailing.

- Acceptable letters will have correct spelling, grammar, and format
- The envelope must not be sealed and must be addressed and stamped.

Thank you Notes

You must write your thank you notes to your buyer and additional award sponsors before receiving your fair check. Thank you notes must be turned in to the FFA advisor by the last day of the school year, in an addressed, stamped, unsealed envelope.

Grade Point Average

You must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 for the current school year and passing their Agriculture course(s). Grades will be checked on April 30, 2010. Students falling below this mark will have one opportunity to raise their grades prior to the fair.



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Willows, CA 95988
(530) 934-0361



Fair Requirements Contract

Parent/Guardian & Student Initials:

____/____

I will maintain a 2.0 GPA to exhibit an animal at the fair.

____/____

I will write two buyers letters inviting at least 2 different buyers to the fair. (Stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope to Ms. Samons by the set deadline.)

____/____

I will keep my record book up to date and it will be current before I go to attend fair. My Record Book must be completed and checked by the FFA advisor before I will receive my fair check.

____/____

I will be enrolled in an agriculture course at Willows High School

____/____

I will attend all mandatory Fair Ethics Meetings, including the one set by the Fair.

____/____

I will attend 80% of the Willows FFA Meetings

____/____

I understand that if I keep my animal at the school barn I am ultimately responsible for my pen; its cleanliness and maintenance, even if I have pen mates. It is up to me to coordinate our schedules and work together in a positive, professional manner.

____/____

I will respect my peers who share the barn with me even if we have a difference of opinion and handle all situations in a positive and professional manner.

____/____

I will follow the ethical practices that I have been taught in class. I understand that only products, which are specifically made for animals, will be used on or in my animal.

____/____

I will own my hog/lamb/goat at least 60 days prior to the fair or rabbit/poultry 30 days prior to the fair or steer at least 120 days prior to the fair.

____/____

I will fill out and turn in my fair entry form by the assigned day to Ms. Samons or Mr. Xanthus.

____/____

I will wear the official FFA Show uniform at the fair.

____/____

If my animal does not sell at the Glenn County Fair I will remove it from the fair by 9 am and I will take responsibility for the animal. It is my responsibility to find my own buyer for the animal. If the animal is kept at the school barn, I will remove it by May 31st and I will feed and care for it until it is removed from the barn.

____/____

I agree that if my animal does not sell at the fair and I return the animal to the farm, if I do not take care of the animal properly and on a daily basis, I will give up my ownership and it can be removed and sold at any time and any amount of money owed to the school will be deducted from the total and any remaining money will go to the Willows FFA General fund.

____/____

I will write a thank you letter to each person who buys my animal, sponsors an award I receive, or gives me a price support. I will deliver the thank you letters to Ms. Samons in a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope by the set date so that they can be mailed before receiving my check.

____/____

I will clean my pen at the school barn before I receive my check after fair.

____/____

I will pay all my bills to the WHS school office by May 31st and bring my receipt to Ms. Samons or Mr. Xanthus. If I fail to do this, I will lose my rights to exhibit an animal the following year.

____/____

While at the fair I will not smoke/chew tobacco or consume alcohol.

____/____

I am responsible for my own animal the entire fair including fitting and showing.

____/____

I will dress appropriately at the fair and follow all school dress codes.

____/____

I will refrain from using vulgar or inappropriate language while at the fair.

____/____

I will arrive at the fair no later then 4pm to care and feed for my animal daily. On Saturday and Sunday I will arrive no later then 8 am to feed, water and care for my animal. I will check in with my advisor when I arrive and before I leave daily.

_____/____

I agree to maintain the Willows FFA barn displays by:

- Cleaning and Sweeping Aisles
- Pick up Manure
- Keep bedding clean and neat
- Ensure animals do not get loose
- Put all tools, equipment and tack away in the proper place
- Feed and Water animals

_____/____

I will attend all announced special livestock species meetings to be eligible to show.

_____/____

I will not stay overnight at the fair unless I have written permission from an Ag Instructor and school administrator. I will be under the supervision of my parent/legal guardian.

_____/____

I understand that if I fail to abide by these rules my parents will be contacted immediately and I will suffer from some or all of the following consequences:

- Removal of my animal from auction
- Removal of myself from fair
- Disqualification from WHS FFA in future years
- Referral to WHS administration
- Appropriate school discipline policy consequences

_____/____

I agree to exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the entire fair and work with other 4-H and FFA members.

_____/____

My California FFA Record Book will be completed and submitted by the last day of the school year. If I fail to do this I will forfeit my right to exhibit a livestock project as a Willows FFA member the following year.

I have read and agree to ALL of the above statements. I understand that failure to complete this form will result in an inability to exhibit livestock at any fair as a Willows FFA member.

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Willows High School - School Barn Use

Willows High School is fortunate to have a small livestock facility where students may raise their livestock projects if no other location is available.

It is recommended, when possible, the student keep their livestock project at their home.

In order to qualify for using the School barn students must abide by the following:

- Enrolled in an agriculture course at Willows High School
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Submit a School Barn Contract by the established deadline
- Pay a \$15 housing fee when submitting the School Barn Contract
- Students are parents are liable for payment of all bills accrued
- All equipment including watering devices, hoses, electrical cords, feeders, etc. are to be provided by the student.
- Clearance through the agriculture department must be obtained prior to moving any stock on or off the farm, or changing pen locations.
- No animals will be slaughtered at the farm
- Removal of a student from the agriculture program voids the privileged of raising livestock on the premises. Arrangements will be made for immediate removal of the student's project.
- Upon termination of the project the pen and facility must be clean before student will receive their fair check.
- It is recommended by the Willows High School agriculture department that students working at the farm, outside of school hours, be accompanied by a parent



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Barn Contract

I _____ agree to pay a \$15.00 fee for each head of livestock to be kept at the Willows High School Barn. This agreement is for a maximum of 100 days.

I also agree to feed and water my project animal at least twice a day, and keep the pen clean each day. This also includes weekends and holidays. I agree to respect and care for all facilities and equipment on the school farm. I will not harm, damage, or hurt any equipment or other animals on the school farm. I agree to treat my animal(s) properly, following all ethical guidelines set by the Advisors and the Glenn County Fair Board.

I understand that even though I may share a pen with other students, I am responsible for my own project animal. I also know that the welfare of an animal always comes first.

I understand that any violation of the above agreements or any apparent neglect of the animal will constitute a warning being issued. **There will be a \$15.00 fine per warning! All fees incurred must be paid prior to student receiving fair check.**

With any three warnings on the same project I, Amanda Samons and/or Alex Xanthus, Advisors have the right to remove the animal from the farm and sell it at the auction of the advisors choice without any further notice. If this occurs, the advisor will pay any fees owed and return the remaining money, however much it may be, to the student. If the sale of the project does not cover the expenses the student incurred with the project, the student will be responsible for repaying all fees to the Willows FFA chapter.

It is also understood that priority for livestock pens will be given to Willows FFA members.

It is also understood that under this agreement _____ shall save and hold free and harmless to the school district, it's board, the individual members thereof, and all district employees or agents from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense that may arise during the term of this agreement.

Amanda Samons/ Alex Xanthus, Advisor

Date

Student

Date

Parent

Date

(_____) _____ - _____
Home Telephone Number

(_____) _____ - _____
Work Telephone Number

Agriculture Department Responsibilities

- To provide a learning opportunity which provides a meaningful and rewarding experience for each student
- Supervise project on a regular basis or by appointment
- Provide the opportunity for facilities for those students keeping animals at the school farm
- Provide the students with the information in regards to school rules, participation policy, fair rules and dates. This information will be given out to the students.
- Decisions regarding facilities and policies are the responsibility of the agriculture department in cooperation with school administration.

Student Responsibilities of Livestock Projects

- Provide satisfactory care for and conduct of your project according to the standards, guidelines, and needs of the project. They include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Feed Animal Daily
 - Keep animals, pens, and all equipment clean at all times and provide all of your necessary equipment
 - Remove all trash and manure from pens daily and place in approved receptacles or locations, do not leave in wheelbarrows
 - Keep all feed and tools locked in storage area provided for student use
 - When you are unable to feed your animal, make arrangements with a responsible party to feed your animal.
- Maintain an accurate and complete California Agriculture Education Record Book available for monthly review by the FFA advisor
- Participate in clean barn duties at the fair
- Keep clean pens and animals at all times
- Show up on time to all meetings and events
- Should have project insurance. Any loss would be the financial responsibility of the student
- Attend scheduled fair meetings.
- Be an active and eligible FFA member
- Attend a mandatory fair meeting with a parent/guardian
- Maintain a 2.0 Gpa and no “F” in any agriculture course
- Follow all school rules when at the farm or at the fair and represent the chapter appropriately
- Request additional project supervision by contacting the advisor in charge
- Find a buyer for your animal
- The animal must be broke and under your control to be brought to the fair
- Agree that any project raised off campus must be approved by an agriculture teacher
- Any animal medication must be under the direct supervision of school personnel
- Agree to the Fair Requirements Fair contract and barn contract, if applicable

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Provide student with transportation to and from project obligations
- Provide student with the FFA show uniform- white pants, white shirt with a collar, FFA jacket, FFA scarf/tie
- Cooperate with the agriculture department to maintain strong discipline and positive school image
- Provide for fair expenses if needed
- Provide encouragement for successful completion of the project
- Assist student in pursuing a buyer for the fair
- Allow students the responsibility of feeding, cleaning, and fitting livestock projects.
- Refrain from the use of alcohol when in the company of students
- Agree to the fair requirements, fair rules and barn contract

Livestock Projects Estimated Budgets

Market Rabbit & Poultry

Estimated Expenses

Cost of Animal	\$30.00
Feed	\$15.00
Vet Supplies	\$2.00
Show Supplies	\$3.00
Insurance	\$2.00
Entry Fees	\$10.00

Total Estimated Expenses \$62.00

Estimated Receipts

Sale of Animal	\$150.00
Subtract 7% Commission	\$10.50
Total Estimated Receipts	\$139.50

Estimated Net Profit \$77.50

Livestock Projects Estimated Budget- Swine Projects

Estimated Expenses

Market Hog	\$250-\$350
Feed	\$225
Fair Entry Fee	\$15
Insurance	\$20
Medication	\$10
Supplies	\$20
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$540-\$640</i>

Estimated Receipts

Sale of Hog- 240lbs @ \$3.00	\$720
Subtract Commission – 7%	50.00
<i>Estimated Income</i>	<i>\$130</i>

Items you must have:

- Show Stick
- Soap to wash
- Pocket Brush
- FFA Uniform
- Feed Pan
- Rubber Boots/old work shoes

Project pigs are purchased in January and February. Contact breeders early to get the best selection. Refer to the gain chart to figure the appropriate purchase weight of your pig. Make sure that your pigs have been vaccinated for the following:

- Circo Virus
- Mycoplasmal Pneumonia
- Erysipelas
- Wormed

Note: Once you choose your feed you need to stay with that feed. It is very important that you do not switch feeds. Switching feeds can put a strain on the digestive system of an animal. Making a change midway through the project can hamper the progress in the rate of gain of your animal. Always consult with the FFA advisor before changing or adding anything to your feeding program.

Market Hog Breeders

Modesto Junior College- John Mendes
(209) 575-6935

Hog Hollow Farm
Steven Steele
PO Box 507
Rough & Ready, CA
(530) 432-2572

Small Town Genetics- James Bachman
(209) 620-4106
2812 N. Hickman Road
Denair, CA 95316
www.smalltowngenetics.com

WD Swine Farm- Ryan Watije
(209) 604-2082
3931 Simmons Road
Turlock CA
Wdswinefarm@yahoo.com
Annual Sale Date- January 12, 2009

Bar-One Swine Farm- Wes Barone
(408) 981-4881

Golden State Genetics
Rachelle Bailey(209) 277-2509
445 S. Blaker Road
Turlock, CA 95830
Lucky Genetics
Andrew and John Turek
(530)510-9322
25175 New York Ave
Corning, CA 96021
makingchampions@yahoo.com

Bob May Show Pigs
(530)200-0866
18990 Reeds Creek Rd
Red Bluff, CA 96080
No Limit Genetics
Adam and Rex Mendonza
(209) 602-6106
Yuba City, CA

Livestock Projects Estimated Budget- Sheep Budget

Estimated Expenses

Market Lamb	\$250
Feed	\$150
Entry Fees	\$15
Insurance	\$20
Medication	\$10
Supplies	\$10 and up
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$455</i>

Estimated Receipts

Sale of Lamb 130 lbs @ 5.00	\$650
Subtract Commission @ 7%	\$45.50
	\$604.50
<i>Estimated Income</i>	<i>\$149.50</i>

Items you must have:

- Water bucket
- Halter
- Feeder
- Soap
- FFA Uniform

Contact breeders early to make sure that you get the best selection. Make sure you are provided with a list of vaccinations that the animal has received when you purchase it.

Note: Once you choose your feed you need to stay with that feed. It is very important that you do not switch feeds. Switching feeds can put a strain on the digestive system of an animal. Making a change midway through the project can hamper the progress in the rate of gain of your animal. Always consult with the FFA advisor before changing or adding anything to your feeding program.

Sheep Breeders

Adreini Ranches
(530)529-3821
14225 Andreini Road
Red Bluff, CA 96080
andreinisheep@prodigy.net (email)

C&C Club Lambs
(530) 345-4456
Durham, CA

Garrett/Yeager Club Lambs
Marilyn Garrett (530)756-6117
Davis, CA

Olson Hampshires
Gary and Linda Olson (530) 846-3593
691 Little Ave.
Gridley, CA 95948

River Bend Sheep
Denise & Emily Poncetta (661) 978-1364
Live Oak, CA

Harry and Jeannine Sampson
(530)432-2476
Gazelle, CA 96034

Livestock Projects Estimated Budget- Goats

Estimated Expenses

Market Goat	\$200
Feed	\$100
Entry Fee	\$15
Insurance	\$15
Medication	\$10
Supplies	\$10 and up
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$350</i>

Estimated Receipts

Sale of Goat 100lbs @ \$4.00 \$400

Estimated Income ***\$50***

Items you must have:

- Water Bucket
- Collar
- Dog Choke Chain
- Feeder
- Soap
- Brush
- FFA Uniform

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Goat Breeders

Glenn Land Farm
Wes and Jane Patton
(530) 865-7250
6352 County Road 17
Orland, CA 95963
www.glennlandfarm.com

Rocking 4R Boer Goat Ranch
Mike and Maureen Reis
(707) 693-1893
7320 Hackman Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Livestock Project Estimated Expenses- Beef Budget

Estimated Expenses

Market Beef	\$1000-\$1500
Feed	\$1000 and up
Entries	\$15
Insurance	\$50
Medication	\$20
Supplies	\$125 and up
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2210 and up</i>

Estimated Receipts

Sale of Steer 1675lbs @1.50 \$2512.50

Estimated Income ***\$302.50***

Items you must have:

- Show Halter
- Rope Halter
- Neck Rope
- Show Stick
- Water Bucket
- Feed Pan
- Scotch Comb
- Rice Root Brush
- Grooming Supplies
- FFA Uniform

Contact breeders early to make sure that you get the best selection. Make sure you are provided with a list of vaccinations that the animal has received when you purchase it.

Note: Once you choose your feed you need to stay with that feed. It is very important that you do not switch feeds. Switching feeds can put a strain on the digestive system of an animal. Making a change midway through the project can hamper the progress in the rate of gain of your animal. Always consult with the FFA advisor before changing or adding anything to your feeding program.

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Shane Stricker
530-894-6634
8 Mimosa Lane
Chico, CA 95973

Platinum Cattle Company
Frank and Christina Ward
(530)865-1081
4577 County Road 7
Orland, Ca 95963

Larry Groteguth

Mike and Kathy Landini

Rob Vlach

Larry Lowe

Brown Cattle Company
Phil, Roxanna, and Kate Brown
530-963-3253
4342 Sites-Lodoga Road
Stonyford, CA 95979

GBJ Beef Cattle
Gary and BJ Flint
530-268-6788
20902 Big Spring Drive
Grass Valley, CA 95949

Gilardi Show Cattle
530-518-2312
8640 Sherwood Blvd.
Los Molinos, CA 96055
www.gilardilandandcattle.com

Lambert Ranch
530-533-4447
Steve and Cindy Lambert
2938 Nelson Ave.
Oroville, CA 95965