

# Hollister FFA

*Monterey & San Benito County Fairs*

Rules, Guidelines, & Expectations

SAE Livestock Projects

2023-2024



### **Livestock SAE Student Eligibility**

- Enrolled in an agriculture class at Hollister High School
  - Continuing students must be concurrently enrolled from semester to semester and school year to school year. You cannot jump in and out of agriculture classes just to show at the fair.
  - New students and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must be enrolled in an agriculture class the semester of the fair and the semester following the fair.
- Must be in grade 9-12 for animals housed at home
- Must be in grade 9-11 for animals housed at the school farm - graduates are not allowed - Recent graduates must keep their animals at home or within the community
- To be eligible for showing a fifth year (one year out) – students must be eligible for their American FFA Degree and commit to obtaining the degree, by completing the application.
- Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and have a minimum of a “C” in the enrolled Agriculture Classes
- Must be eligible in terms of academics and behavior with no outstanding hours (appropriate grading period)
- Must abide by the established rules and regulations
- Have completed contract on file
- 2023-2024 Requirements for Participation in Fairs sheet (yellow sheet)
  - SVF: must be in progress of completing the Livestock Eligibility Yellow Sheet
  - MCF/SBCF: must complete the Livestock Eligibility Yellow Sheet
- First year students who have never raised an animal and their parents have never raised an animal are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to keep animals at the school barn. This allows for more one on one attention/guidance/instruction from teachers and older students.
- Salinas Valley Fair: recommend having one year showing experience

### **Agriculture Department Responsibilities**

- To provide a learning opportunity which provides a meaningful and rewarding experience for each student
- Supervise project regularly or by appointment (Mr. Martin 209-201-2856, Mrs. Soares 559-936-8639, Mrs. Erickson 831-821-0046)
- Acquisition of projects and/or approving animals purchased for fairs
- Provide students with the information in regards to school rules, participation policy, fair rules and dates. This information will be given to the student directly, emailed or mailed to home address.
- Neither the agriculture department nor the school district guarantees a profit on any project. Loss, which might be encumbered, will be borne by the student involved.
- Any decisions regarding facilities and policies are the responsibility of the agriculture department in cooperation with the school administration.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

- Provide their student with the transportation to and from project obligations, which includes to and from the fair and obtaining the project if getting the project independently.
- Be the chaperone for son/daughter after fair hours (5pm to 7am) and transport their student back and forth to the fair.
- Provide student with FFA show uniform - white pants, white shirt with a collar, FFA jacket, and 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- this is *the students* project, not the parents.
- Refrain from the use of alcohol when in the company of students.
- School Barn- Provide supervision at school barn before and after school hours
- Agree to the Supervised Agriculture Experience Project Contract, Animal Contract & Fair Expectations contract
- Make sure your student attends school on the day after the completion of the fair so they do not receive detention hours.

### **Student Responsibilities:**

- 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 animals TWICE daily on a schedule
  - Keep animal pens, facilities, and equipment clean
  - Provide for all necessary equipment & supplies
  - Observe animal daily to maintain health and progress & observe eating habits
    - Do NOT dump feed and go
  - Prepare animal for fair
  - Incur all costs associated with project
  - Deworm animal on a monthly basis
- Respond to advisor correspondence (text, call, email or Remind) within 24 hours.
- Maintain an accurate and complete AET record book
- Attend and participate in practice show clinics/days
- Participate in clean barn duties at the fair.
- Show up on time to all meetings and events.
  - “On time” means 10 minutes early
- Should have project insurance. Any loss would be the financial responsibility of the student. See “Project Insurance” section for more information.
- Student will incur all financial costs of the livestock project if not meeting fair weight/not being market ready, fair events are canceled, or a student is academically or behaviorally ineligible as determined by the school
- Attend scheduled fair meetings during length of project

- Participate in scheduled fair participation, mandatory morning meetings and clean-up activities
- Attend a mandatory fair meetings as scheduled
- Be an active member and academically and behaviorally eligible.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA and a minimum of a "C" in any agriculture class.
- Follow all school rules when at the fair and at the barn and represent the chapter appropriately
- Contact advisors (Mr. Martin 209-201-2856, Mrs. Soares 559-936-8639, Mrs. Erickson 831-821-0046) when needed for additional project support, with questions and/or concerns.
- 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 or on campus MUST be approved by an ag teacher
- Any animal medication must be under the direct authorization of a veterinarian and supervision of school personnel.
- All animals taken to the fair that make weight must go through market and showmanship to participate in auction
- Agree to the Supervised Agriculture Experience Project Contract, Animal Contract & Fair Expectations contract
- Student must attend school on Monday upon completion of fair or fair money will be withheld until detention hours are cleared for non-compliance of fair contract rules.
- Neither the Agriculture Department nor the San Benito High School District guarantees a profit on any project. Loss, which might be encumbered, will be borne by the student involved

### **School Barn Use & Expectations**

#### *School Barn Opens for Livestock Projects*

*MCF/SBCF: Saturday after Hollister High School Graduation - June 8, 2024*

- Only market animals will be housed at the school barn.
- Animals are not to be moved in and out of the barn throughout the duration of the project unless you have written advisor approval.
- Breeding animals only include chickens and rabbits.
- Pen rental of \$40 will be charged per pen used, for maintenance and upkeep of the facility and equipment.
- If the student chooses to ignore written advisor recommendations regarding veterinary care, the student's project will need to be removed from the barn.
- Students and parents are liable for payment of all bills accrued
- Some equipment will be provided by the agriculture department, the remainder of equipment needed is to be provided by the student. (remember this is a privilege)
- Clearance through the agriculture department must be obtained prior to moving any livestock on or off the farm, or changing pen locations.
- No animals will be slaughtered on campus.
- No construction of buildings, or additions to existing buildings, will be permitted without prior approval of the agriculture department.
- No buildings or equipment will be moved in to the area without prior consent of the agriculture department

- Removal of a student from the agriculture program voids the privileges of raising livestock on the premises. Arrangements will be made for the immediate removal or transfer of ownership of the students project
- Upon early termination of the project, all supplies must be removed, the pen thoroughly cleaned in preparation for the next project. If not properly cleaned within 7 days of the end of the project, a fee of \$100 will be assessed to cover the cost of cleaning.
- After the completion of the fair, pens must be cleaned out the day following the completion of the fair.
  - Example: the Monday after the close of the San Benito County Fair.
- All students must attend all mandatory barn work days.
- Neither the agriculture department nor the school district guarantees a profit on any project. Loss, which might be encumbered, will be borne by the student involved.
- All items on school grounds are subject to being searched. Example: Lockers, show boxes, feed containers, etc.
- San Benito High School District, Hollister High School Agriculture Department, and Hollister High School agriculture advisors are not responsible for personal items, equipment, materials, etc, left or stored at the Hollister FFA Ag Barn.
- It is recommended by the administration of San Benito High School District, that students working at the farm, outside of school hours, **MUST** be accompanied by a parent. Do **NOT** bring unauthorized guests to the barn, including non-FFA students/friends.
  - All guests **MUST** be pre-approved by a member of the Agriculture department **AT LEAST** 24 hours prior to visit.
- All animals taken to the fair that make weight must go through auction.
- Animals not making market weight must make private arrangements for the butcher to pick up the animal at the fair or have another place lined up to take the animal to after the fair. Animals cannot return to the barn after the fair. All animals must be removed from the barn by the end of the Sunday of the appropriate fair.
- Students will be assigned a weekly or biweekly chore, posted in the entry way of the Hollister FFA Ag Barn. Chores rotate on a weekly or biweekly basis. Students not completing their weekly chores will be given a strike.
- Remove all trash and manure from pens daily and place in approved receptacles or locations
- Keep all feed and tools locked in the storage area provided for student use.
- When you are unable to feed your animal, make arrangements with a responsible person to feed your animal and **ADVISOR MUST BE NOTIFIED.**
- Keep all gates locked and do not share the code
  - Do not give the gate code to anyone other than your parents
  - Last person to leave locks the barn gate, even if you know someone is coming in 10 minutes later.
- All students/parents must enter through gate by tennis courts
  - **PLEASE DRIVE SLOW** or you will walk in!! The speed limit is 10 mph.
  - Each family can check out 1 gate card to access gate to feed at barn
  - To obtain a card the following must be completed:
    - Teacher submits list of eligible students
    - Pay \$20 deposit (cash) to the Financial Office (upstairs)

- After completion of the project and key card is returned the student will receive the \$20 deposit back.
- Attend Mandatory Barn Clean Up Days as scheduled
  - MCF/SBCF
    - Barn Set Up: June 5, 2024 after exhibitor meeting
    - Barn Clean Up:
      - July 24, 2024 after exhibitor meeting
      - August 14, 2024 after exhibitor meeting
      - September 11, 2024 after exhibitor meeting
    - Barn Clean Up: October 8, 2024 at 3:15pm
    - Feeding/Cleaning Times (even on the weekends)
      - Morning: 6:00-8:30 am
      - Evening: 4:00-7:00 pm
- Barn Operation Hours
  - 6:00am-9:00pm

### **Fair Expectations**

- Each student will be assigned a barn duty in the morning & evening. Each student is responsible to work as a team to ensure that the livestock pens are appropriately maintained and the animals are cared for every morning and evening. Each student will have a minimum amount of shifts.
- All students must set up pens at the fair as specified by the advisors and fair guide books once stall cards and pen assignments have been posted by the advisors.
  - Students or parents are not allowed to change pen assignments without prior approval from the species advisor.
- All exhibitors are required to be present for weigh in and any fair meetings (morning and/or evening meetings)
- All students will be expected to assist in the loading and unloading of animals and tack to and from the fair.
- The exhibitor must feed their own animal for morning & evening fair feedings.
- The exhibitor is ultimately responsible for the animal(s) shown. It is the member's responsibility to see that his or her animal is fed, given clean bedding, clean at all times, and properly cared for the entire time the animal is at the fair
- Be on time to all events at the fair - weigh in, feeding times, show days, morning/evening meetings, auction, etc...(On time means 10 minutes early)
- Exhibitors are reminded of the importance of teamwork while at fairs and shows. These are extensions of the classroom and all school rules still apply
- Each student will be required to participate in showmanship in order to show and sell their animal
- Fair checks will be distributed after the record books are completed and checked by an advisor, all outstanding bills are paid, and appropriate thank you notes are received. All record books must be completed prior to students receiving their fair check.
- All thank you letters must be turned in to instructors at the specified date and time.

- All students will stay in official FFA dress the entire show day for a group picture and until final instructions are given. WE ARE A TEAM.
- All students will stay in official FFA dress until the last Hollister FFA member sells their animal during the auction for a group photo and final instructions are given.
- All students will be an auction runner as determined and communicated by the advisors on site. You will be expected to sign in and out with the advisors.
- Behave appropriately and follow all school rules.
- Do homework assignments that are given by HHS teachers
- If you plan on camping at the fair or staying at a hotel, you must be accompanied by your parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Students are not allowed to drive themselves to and from fair.
  - Exception: Students may transport themselves (no other students) to San Benito County Fair with a completed and signed driving memo on file
- All students will attend school on the day after completion of the fair or the fair check will be withheld until hours are cleared for non-compliance of fair contract rules.

### **Excused Fairs:**

- Monterey County Fair/San Benito County Fair: Parent/guardian must attend fair after teacher supervision hours and must provide transportation to and from the fair (students cannot drive themselves)
  - Exception: Students may transport themselves (no other students) to San Benito County Fair with a completed and signed driving memo on file
  - Monterey County Fair **ONLY**: Students will be excused on their non-show days in order to complete their AET record books and assigned school work. Students will be under the supervision of agriculture teachers and must remain on grounds.
  - San Benito County Fair **ONLY**: Students will be excused for their show day only. Students are expected to attend school on their non-show days.

### **Disciplinary Procedures**

A “Three Strike” discipline system is used by the Hollister FFA Advisors. Any student failing to fulfill the obligations of the project in accordance with the rules and guidelines set forth by the project advisors will receive a “strike”. Once a student has received “Three Strikes”, he/she forfeits privileges to show with Hollister FFA for the current year and one year thereafter.

Infractions include, but are not limited to:

- Missing a project meeting/weigh day without prior notice
- Neglect of animal (not feeding on time, pen not being cleaned, etc)
- Failure to perform required duties before and/or during fair
- Not completing weekly barn chore (school barn students only)

Strike 1 – any rule broken once

Strike 2 – any rule broken twice

Strike 3 – any rule broken three times – removal from project and/or Hollister FFA

Other disciplinary problems may result in the removal of exhibitor and animal from the school farm (if housed there) or fair, withdrawal of animal from fair livestock auction, and/or loss of showing privileges with Hollister FFA for one or more years.

### **Livestock Insurance**

All students are encouraged to purchase livestock insurance – just in case something happens. If insurance is purchased and your animal dies – you will recoup some of your expenses.

If you are getting a loan for your project – livestock insurance is mandatory

Please contact [hollister\\_ffa@sbhsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:hollister_ffa@sbhsd.k12.ca.us) or an advisor if you wish to purchase insurance for your animal

Information needed to calculate insurance premium:

- 1) purchase price
- 2) ID/ear tag number

Please make a check payable to: Hollister High School.

Once the policy is emailed – coverage takes effect

### **Project Meeting Dates**

- All students will have an opportunity to attend summer project meetings
- Students must attend all of the meetings to be successful with their project.

#### **IMPORTANT PROJECT DATES**

#### **Mandatory Meeting Dates/Times/Topics:**

- June
  - Check In
    - June 5, 2024 at 1:30 pm
    - Incoming freshmen: see advisors
- July
  - Check In
    - July 24, 2024 at 3 pm
  - Pre-Fair Tagging
    - July 24 - 25 at CTE from 5-7 pm
- August
  - Check In - “Nuts and Bolts”
  - August 14, 2024 at 3:15 pm
- September
  - September 11, 2024 at 3:15 pm



### **Remind Group Information**

Subscribe to the Remind to receive text updates by **texting the group code below to 81010**. This will be one of the main forms of communication for quick and constant updates and reminders:

- Hogs- @hogs2k24
- Beef- @beef2k24
- Sheep-@sheep2k24
- Goats- @goats2k24
- Small Animals - @sm2k24
- Barn- @barn2k24
- Home Kids- @home2k24
- Monterey Fair- @mont2k24
- San Benito Fair- @sbcf2k24

### **Fair Dates**

Monterey County Fair: August 28 (weigh in) - September 2, 2024

San Benito County Fair: October 1 (weigh in) - October 6, 2024

## HOLLISTER HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL LABORATORY - RULES AND POLICIES

The Hollister High School Agricultural Lab's function is to extend the classroom experience. Housing an animal at the school farm is a **privilege not a right**, since there are a variety of projects available for you to count for an SAE required for the class.

Your privilege will be revoked if the following contract is not adhered to.

1. All exhibitors are to follow the directions and advice given to them by the designated advisor for that species. The advisor's directions are to be followed for the whole length of time that project is housed at the school farm.
2. If the student chooses to ignore written advisor recommendations regarding veterinary care, the student's project will need to be removed from the barn.
3. It is the student's responsibility to provide feed and water for the project, all necessary equipment and to keep pens clean and odor free.
4. **Animals are not allowed on to the school farm laboratory until it is approved by an instructor and you must be grade eligible when the animal arrives.**
5. All school rules must be followed.
6. Students will be required to keep the school farm in a neat and orderly fashion. They will be asked to help with small jobs in the upkeep of the school farm, and work at farm workdays.
7. Animals must be fed on a regular schedule. Not feeding animals on a regular schedule will be noticed and considered animal cruelty. This will be documented and will result in the disqualification of the project and ineligibility for showing.
8. Animal neglect will not be tolerated.
9. Animals may not be turned out unattended (to feed) without teacher approval.
10. Should the student fail to meet the policy of the Hollister High School Farm or become ineligible because of poor grades they will be asked to remove their project within seven days of written notice to remove the project.
11. If the student breaks the rules of this agreement after being properly notified, they will be required to remove the project. If the project is not removed within seven days of written notice the advisor will have the power to remove the animal to a local auction yard or slaughterhouse.
12. **Any problems that occur at the farm must be reported to an instructor within 24 hours.**
13. **If an emergency arises with an animal, first call an advisor, when you cannot get a hold of an advisor call a vet immediately**
14. **If any illegal activity is occurring, call 911 immediately then call the advisors.**