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"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up.

Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

- Michael Jordan

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2017-2018 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Deadlines

▶ RETINAL IMAGE/CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

	MS State Fair		District Shows / Dixie National Junior Round-Up			
	Ownership	Entry	Classification &/or Retinal Imaging	Ownership	Entry	Classification &/or Retinal Imaging
Market Steers	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 12-15	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 12-15
Market Lambs	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 12-15	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 12-15
Market Goats	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 12-15	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 12-15
Commercial Beef Heifers	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 12-15	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Dec. 12-13
Commercial Meat Goat Does	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1 2 -1 5	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Dec. 12-13
Market Hogs	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	N/A	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Feb. 1
Beef Breeding	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	N/A	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	N/A
Dairy Cattle	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	N/A	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	N/A
Dairy Goats	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	N/A	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	N/A



We are an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

All market steers, commercial beef heifers, market lambs, commercial meat goat does, and market goats **MUST BE** retinal imaged and classified (market lambs, commercial meat goat does, and market goats are ONLY retinal imaged, not classified) to show at the 2017 Mississippi State Fair and 2018 District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows during the week of September 12-15, 2017. See the locations and times below. Make your exhibitors aware of these locations and dates so they can make plans to get their animals retinal imaged and classified.

- Tuesday, September 12: Verona 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
- Tuesday, September 12: Senatobia 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, September 13: Greenwood 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
- Thursday, September 14: Raymond 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- Friday, September 15: Hattiesburg 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

For commercial beef heifers and commercial meat goat does not processed in September but are entered by December 1, there will be two opportunities to classify heifers and retinal image both sets of livestock.

- Tuesday, December 12: Pittsboro (Calhoun Co. Fairgrounds) 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
- Wednesday, December 13: Raymond (Hinds CC Facility) 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

► 2017 4-H CLUB CONGRESS WINNERS

Sheep/Swine/Market Goat Visual Presentation 7 participants	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Sarah Thomas Smith, Sunflower County Anthony Gallodoro, Pearl River County Tyler Branch, Holmes County
Beef Visual Presentation 6 participants	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Janie Parish, Jefferson Davis County Sarah Mitchell, Alcorn County Anna Vowell, Leake County
Dairy Foods Visual Presentation 2 participants	1 st 2 nd	Renee Harris, Pearl River County Ty'Sheirrea Jackson, Noxubee
Presentation 1 participant	1 st	John Mark Huff, Rankin County

Meats Judging Contest: Winning Team

4 teams & 14 participants

1 st	Lee County	Caitlin Hidalgo, Shelby Lindsey, Shae Phillips, Gabby Simpson
2 nd	Madison County	Walker Milner, Deontay Benson, Jeremy McFarland, Clayton McCarter
3 rd	Rankin County	Sarah Freeny, John Mark Huff, Holly Banes

Meats Judging Contest: Individual Winners 1st Gabby Simpson, Lee County

2nd Shelby Lindsey, Lee County
 3rd Shae Phillips, Lee County

Livestock Bowl Contest: Winning Teams

4 teams & 16 participants

1 st	Jones County	Rustin Anderson, Amanda Grice, Charity Miller, Todd Rogers
2 nd	Rankin County	John Mark Huff, Sarah Freeny, Holly Banes, Tyler Herrington
3 rd	Holmes County	Tyler Diffey, Pearce Edwards, Tyler Branch, Davian Powell

Livestock Bowl Contest: Individual Winners 1st Charity Miller, Jones County

2nd Rustin Anderson, Jones County

3rd Holly Banes, Rankin County

Dairy Bowl Contest: Winning Teams

1 team & 5 participants

1st Pontotoc County Josie DiDonna, Mabry Chamblee, Bailey Daniels, Elizabeth Nichols, Howell Palmer

Dairy Bowl Contest: Individual Winners 1st Elizabeth Nichols, Pontotoc County

2nd Josie DiDonna, Pontotoc County
 3rd Mabry Chamblee, Pontotoc County

Dairy Products Judging: Winning Teams

6 teams & 34 participants

1 st	Lee County	Destiny Collier, Alexis Knowles, Diamond Sharpe, Aaliyah Westmoreland
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2nd Clay County Quadry Chandler, Jahimon Lyons, Shaunderrius Westbrook
 3rd Perry County Kerstin Smith, Kallie Smith, Kennedy Mills, Rian Murphy

Dairy Products Judging: Individual Winners 1st Aaliyah Westmoreland, Lee County

2nd Destiny Collier, Lee County
 3rd Quadry Chandler, Clay County

Dairy Poster Contest Winners:

8-10 Years Old Division - 10 participants	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	RosEyunta Ott, Kemper County Reuben Fowler, Pearl River County Andy Pulido, Lauderdale County
11-13 Years Old Division - 13 participants	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Toddrick Rush, Kemper County Zeke Pulido, Lauderdale County Wyatt Meriwether, Leflore County
14-18 Years Old Division - 6 participants	1 st 2 nd	Olivia Freeny, Rankin County Ke'Ambra Henley, Noxubee County

3rd Olivia Heck, Hancock County

►2017 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT DAYS WINNERS

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Dairy Animals/Dairy Foods VP (3 participants) Blue Ribbon Emily Daigle, Lincoln County Blue Ribbon Visual Presentation, Age 10-11 London Turner, Franklin County Blue Ribbon Vana Berryhill, Franklin County Dairy Animals/Dairy Foods VP (1 participant) 1st Maggie Boswell, Rankin County Visual Presentation, Age 12-13 **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT** 1st Zeke Pulido, Lauderdale County Beef/Sheep/Swine/Goat VP (1 participant) Visual Presentation, Age 12-13 **Dairy Products Judging: Winning Teams Dairy Products Judging: Individual Winners** 1 team & 4 individuals 1st Malik Pride, Harrison County 2^{nd} Chloe Morse, George County 3rd Malcolm Gowdy, Harrison County 1st **Harrison County** Malcolm Gowdy, Malik Pride, Tiasia Jackson **NORTHWEST DISTRICT** Beef/Sheep/Swine/Goat VP (1 participant) Blue Ribbon Garrett Vandevere, Yazoo County Visual Presentation, Age 10-11 **NORTHEAST DISTRICT** Dairy Animals/Dairy Foods VP (2 participants) Blue Ribbon Lauren Bryant, Tippah County Blue Ribbon Visual Presentation, Age 10-11 Mariah Ivy, Lee County Beef/Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat VP (2 participants) Blue Ribbon Randon McDaniel, Union County Visual Presentation, Age 10-11 Blue Ribbon Leighton Horton, Pontotoc County 1^{st} Beef/Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat VP (2 participants) Jorja Roberson, Union County 2nd Visual Presentation, Age 12-13 Joe McCreary, Lee County **Dairy Products Judging: Winning Teams Dairy Products Judging: Individual Winners** 2 teams & 9 individuals 1st Tara Russell, Pontotoc County 2nd Kristen Ray, Pontotoc County 3rd Garrett Weeks, Pontotoc County

1st Pontotoc

Tara Russell, Kristen Ray, Garrett Weeks, Richie Lilly

2nd <u>Lee</u>

Alivia Buchanan, Miriam Buchanan, Tye'sha Hodges, John Wesley Pegues

► NORTH MS BEEF, PORK, & POULTRY COOKOUT CONTESTS

Special thanks go to Yalobusha County for hosting the North Mississippi Beef, Pork, and Poultry Cookout Contests. The county staff and volunteers are to be commended for their hard work in making this event a success. We had 30 beef contestants, 10 pork contestants, and 3 poultry contestants.

Thanks to the Mississippi Beef Council, Mississippi CattleWomen's Association and Mississippi State University Extension for sponsoring the Beef Cookout Contest.

Beef Cookout Contests

Prestigious Steak Class

<u>Junior L</u>	<u>livision</u> (5 contestants)
1 st	Michaela Chunn, Lowndes County
2 nd	Allen Mason, Marshall County
3 rd	James Chow, Washington County

Jordan Brooks, Holmes County

Senior Division (1 contestant) 1st Tyler Branch, Holmes County

Less Expensive Steak Class

Junior Division (5 contestants)		Senior	Division (3 contestants)
1 st	Luke Moore, Lowndes County	1 st	Reoca Rice, Oktibbeha County
2 nd	Andy Redwine, Yalobusha County	2 nd	Davian Powell, Holmes County
3 rd	R.J. Rice, Oktibbeha County	3 rd	Bailey Davis, Lafayette County

Specialty Class

 3^{rd}

<u>Junior (</u>	<u>Division</u> (3 contestants)	Senior Division (0 contestants)
1 st	Kwentrez Johnson, Noxubee County	No entries
2 nd	Trinity Shelton, Clay County	

Hamburger/Sandwich Class

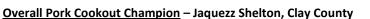
<u>Junior Division</u> (10 contestants)		<u>Senior</u>	<u>· Division</u> (3 contestants)
1 st	Dalton Burney, Yalobusha County	1 st	Jake Harrison, Yalobusha County
2 nd	Camden Shurden, Oktibbeha County	2 nd	Brianna Buggs, Washington County
3 rd	Robert Jones, Marshall County	3 rd	John Bellipanni, Sunflower County

Overall Beef Cookout Champion - Luke Moore, Lowndes County

Thanks to the Mississippi Pork Producers Association and Mississippi State University Extension for sponsoring the Pork Cookout Contest.

Pork Cookout Contest

<u>Junior Division</u> (6 contestants)		Senior Division (4 contestants)	
1 st	Jaquezz Shelton, Clay County	1 st	Larry Johnson, Noxubee County
2 nd	Lee Haire, DeSoto County	2 nd	Preston Harper, Lowndes County
3 rd	Sarah "Faith" Carter, Noxubee County	3 rd	Xia Evans, Humphreys County



Poultry Cookout Contest

Juliloi	Division (3 contestants)
1 st	Jewell Vandevere, Yazoo County
2 nd	Kylie Headley, Oktibbeha County
3 rd	Not awarded

Junior Division (3 contestants)

Senior Division (0 contestants)

► SOUTH MS BEEF, PORK, & POULTRY COOKOUT CONTESTS

The Forrest County Extension staff did a great job hosting the South Mississippi Beef, Pork, and Poultry Cookout Contests. I want to thank the county staff and volunteers for the hard work that they put forth for this event to be successful. We had 22 beef contestants, 12 pork contestants, and 8 poultry contestants.

Thanks to the Mississippi Beef Council, Mississippi CattleWomen's Association and Mississippi State University Extension for sponsoring the Beef Cookout Contest.

Beef Cookout Contest

Prestigious Steak Class

Junior Division (5 contestants)		<u>Senior</u>	<u>Division</u> (1 contestant)
1 st	Mackenzie Johnson, Copiah County	1 st	Parker Johnson, Copiah County
2 nd	Cadence Parks, Harrison County		

Less Expensive Steak Class

Jonathan Baker, Stone County

Junior Division (2 contestants)		Senior Division (0 contestants)
1 st	Emma Thaxton, Copiah County	No entries
2 nd	Ember Mixon, Clarke County	



Specialty Class

3rd

Junior Division (3 contestants)		Senior Division (2 contestants)	
1 st	Allie Mosley, Clarke County	1 st	Crystal Hinton, Harrison County
2 nd	Hannah Morton, Harrison County	2 nd	Craig Hinton, Harrison County
3 rd	Tabitha Mixon, Clarke County		

Hamburger/Sandwich Class

<u>Junior Division</u> (6 contestants)		<u>Senior</u>	Senior Division (3 contestants)	
1 st	David Mixon, Clarke County	1 st	Cedric Jones, Kemper County	
2 nd	Reslyn Ramsey, Kemper County	2 nd	Xavier Pittman, Walthall County	
3 rd	Elliott Turbyfill, Wayne County	3 rd	Jared Smith, Warren County	

Overall Beef Cookout Champion - Allie Mosley, Clarke County

Thanks to the Mississippi Pork Producers Association and Mississippi State University Extension for sponsoring the Pork Cookout Contest.

Pork Cookout Contest

<u>Junior Division</u> (8 contestants)		Senior Division (4 contestants)	
1 st	Abbye Buchanan, Rankin County	1 st	William Fortenberry, Rankin County
2 nd	Brianna Nelson, Forrest County	2 nd	Colton Albritton, Clarke County
3 rd	Reagan Portis, Madison County	3 rd	Anna Grace Carter, Rankin County



Overall Pork Cookout Champion - Abbye Buchanan, Rankin County

Poultry Cookout Contest

<u>Junior Division</u> (3 contestants)		<u>Senior Division</u> (5 contestants)	
1 st	Tyler Housley, Rankin County	1 st	Zach Irby, Scott County
2 nd	Irby Brown, Scott County	2 nd	Austin Housley, Rankin County
3 rd	Raymond Portis, Madison County	3 rd	Alonzo Ramsey, Kemper County

► SENIOR 4-H STATE DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

The Senior State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held on March 31 at the MSU Bearden Dairy ran extremely smooth and those that assisted with the contests are to be commended. We had 13 contestants and 3 teams that competed in the 4-H Dairy Judging contest. Congratulations to the Pontotoc County team for winning the contest. This team will represent Mississippi at the NAILE in Louisville, KY, in November 2017. The top three teams and individual placings are as follows:

•	Top 3 Senior Teams	<u>Score</u>
	1. Pontotoc – Perry Malone, Chase Foster, Bradley Owen, Noah Wortham	694
	2. Lee – Connor Hidalgo, Hunter Garrett, Caitlin Hidalgo, Amanda Johnson	650
	3. Hinds – Ken Hall, Skyler Noblin-Laminack, August Ann Thornton, John Ryan Soigner	643

	Top 5 Senior Overall Individuals	Score
	1. Hunter Garrett, Lee 4-H	253
	2. Chase Foster, Pontotoc 4-H	235
	3. Bradley Owen, Pontotoc 4-H	232
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	4. Perry Malone, Pontotoc 4-H	
	5. Noah Wortham, Pontotoc 4-H	224
	Top 5 Seniors – Jersey Division	Score
	1. Hunter Garrett, Lee 4-H	126
	2. Noah Wortham, Pontotoc 4-H	124
	3. Chase Foster, Pontotoc 4-H	119
	4. Macy Ruth, Pontotoc 4-H	118
	5. Amanda Johnson, Lee 4-H	118
ı	Top 5 Seniors – Holstein Division	Score
	1. Skylar Noblin-Laminack, Hinds 4-H	129
	2. Hunter Garrett, Lee 4-H	127
	3. Bradley Owen, Pontotoc 4-H	122
	4. Chase Foster, Pontotoc 4-H	116
	5. Perry Malone, Pontotoc 4-H	113
ı	Top 5 Seniors – Oral Reasons	Score
	1. Skylar Noblin-Laminack, Hinds 4-H	73
	2. Hunter Garrett, Lee 4-H	72
	3. Maegan Curtis, Pontotoc 4-H	65
	4. Perry Malone, Pontotoc 4-H	62
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5. Ken Hall, Hinds 4-H

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▶JUNIOR AND SENIOR 4-H STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

The Junior and Senior State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held on May 20 at the MSU South Farm ran extremely smooth and those that assisted with the contests are to be commended. In the junior livestock judging contest, we had 35 contestants and 8 teams, while the senior contest had 39 contestants and 10 teams. Congratulations to the junior teams from Lincoln and Pontotoc counties who tied for 1st place and to the senior team from Rankin County for winning the senior livestock judging contest. The senior Rankin County team will represent Mississippi at the Western National Roundup in Denver, CO, in January 2018. Winners in both contests are below.

•	Top 5 Junior Teams	<u>Score</u>
	1. Lincoln – Kathryn Johnson, John Rivers Brown, Eon Johnson, Kali Waldrop	1013
	2. Pontotoc – JD Chism, Molly Randle, Grace Randle, Tommy Dunaway	1013
	3. Lee – Ethan McCreary, Joe McCreary, Malachi Brandon, Austin Taylor	949
	4. Tippah – Haley Walker, Brayden Clifton, Braxton Clifton, Ruby Jones	941
	5. Union – Jorja Roberson, Roxy Roberson, Randon McDaniel	918

•	Top 10 Junior Overall Individuals	Score
	1. Grace Randle, Pontotoc 4-H	368
	2. Tucker Woods, Covington 4-H	361
	3. Molly Randle, Pontotoc 4-H	361
	4. Hayden Kilgore, Smith 4-H	353
	5. Kathryn Johnson, Lincoln 4-H	348
	6. Eon Johnson, Lincoln 4-H	343
	7. Haley Walker, Tippah 4-H	338
	8. Jorja Roberson, Union 4-H	337
	9. Joe McCreary, Lee 4-H	337
	10. Leighton Horton, Pontotoc 4-H	328

NOTE: The Top 5 Junior Teams and Top 10 Junior Overall Individuals were based on total placings only. For each division award (Beef; Sheep; Swine; Goat), the score was based on placings of two classes and one set of reasons in that species.

■ Top 5 Juniors – Beef Division	Score
1. Kathryn Johnson, Lincoln 4-H	143
2. Tucker Woods, Covington 4-H	140
3. Eon Johnson, Lincoln 4-H	135
4. Kali Waldrop, Lincoln 4-H	134
5. Leighton Horton, Pontotoc 4-H	133
HM. Hayden Kilgore, Smith 4-H	133

•	Top 5 Juniors – Sheep Division	Score
	1. Kathryn Johnson, Lincoln 4-H	129
	2. Leighton Horton, Pontotoc 4-H	128
	3. Joe McCreary, Lee 4-H	126
	4. Matthew Ramsey, Pontotoc 4-H	123
	5. JD Chism, Pontotoc 4-H	123

•	Top 5 Juniors – Swine Division	Score
	1. Grace Randle, Pontotoc 4-H	141
	2. Kathryn Johnson, Lincoln 4-H	130
	3. Hayden Kilgore, Smith 4-H	129
	4. Jorja Roberson, Union 4-H	129
	5. Joe McCreary, Lee 4-H	124

-	<u>Top 5 Juniors – Goat Division</u>	Score
	1. Grace Randle, Pontotoc 4-H	123
	2. Hayden Kilgore, Smith 4-H	115
	3. Ethan McCreary, Lee 4-H	113
	4. Kathryn Johnson, Lincoln 4-H	98
	5. Christy Jones, Tippah 4-H	98
•	Top 5 Juniors – Oral Reasons	Score
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•	Top 5 Senior Teams	<u>Score</u>
	1. Rankin – Sarah Freeny, John Mark Huff, Carmen Hamilton, Holly Banes	1480
	2. Hinds – Skylar Noblin-Laminack, Phillip Ball, Anna Ball, August Ann Thornton	1450
	3. Jones – Charity Miller, Lara Wright, Matthew Harrison	1391
	4. Alcorn – Sarah Mitchell, Marlee Turner, Lindsey Dunn, Madison Degraffenreid	1382
	5. Marion – Braydon Sistrunk, Katie Raybourn, Claire Breakfield, Chad Sappington	1378

NOTE: There was a mistake for Jones County where a reasons score was not included in the scoring. This changed the overall team ranking to make Jones 3^{rd} instead of 6^{th} and shifted the other teams down one place.

•	Top 10 Senior Overall Individuals	Score
	1. Marlee Turner, Alcorn 4-H	515
	2. John Mark Huff, Rankin 4-H	513
	3. Elizabeth Nichols, Pontotoc 4-H	511
	4. Skylar Noblin-Laminack, Hinds 4-H	510
	5. Sarah Freeny, Rankin 4-H	494
	6. Lara Wright, Jones 4-H	493
	7. Katie Raybourn, Marion 4-H	487
	8. Mary Hayden Patterson, DeSoto 4-H	487
	9. August Ann Thornton, Hinds 4-H	481
	10. Holly Banes, Rankin 4-H	473

■ <u>Top 5 Seniors – Beef Division</u>	Score
1. Sarah Mitchell, Alcorn 4-H	140
2. Chad Sappington, Marion 4-H	134
3. Marlee Turner, Alcorn 4-H	132
4. John Mark Huff, Rankin 4-H	132
5. Holly Banes, Rankin 4-H	132
HM. Mary Hayden Patterson, DeSoto 4-H	132
HM. Katie Raybourn, Marion 4-H	132
HM. Myles Clifton, Tippah 4-H	132

•	Top 5 Seniors – Sheep Division	Score
	1. Sarah Freeny, Rankin 4-H	138
	2. Elizabeth Nichols, Pontotoc 4-H	136
	3. Tyler Russell, Smith 4-H	133
	4. Katie Raybourn, Marion 4-H	128
	5. Lara Wright, Jones 4-H	127
	Top 5 Seniors – Swine Division	Score
	1. Skylar Noblin-Laminack, Hinds 4-H	142
	2. Michelle Petrowski, DeSoto 4-H	138
	3. Mary Hayden Patterson, DeSoto 4-H	136
	4. August Ann Thornton, Hinds 4-H	136
	5. John Mark Huff, Rankin 4-H	134
	HM. Charity Miller, Jones 4-H	132
	HM. Chad Sappington, Marion 4-H	132
	Top 5 Seniors – Goat Division	Score
	1. Marlee Turner, Alcorn 4-H	132
	2. John Mark Huff, Rankin 4-H	124
	3. Elizabeth Nichols, Pontotoc 4-H	123
	4. Mary Hayden Patterson, DeSoto 4-H	123
	5. Skylar Noblin-Laminack, Hinds 4-H	121
	Top 5 Seniors – Oral Reasons	Score
	1. Skylar Noblin-Laminack, Hinds 4-H	152
	2. John Mark Huff, Rankin 4-H	150
	3. Holly Banes, Rankin 4-H	147
	4. Marlee Turner, Alcorn 4-H	146
	5. Sarah Freeny, Rankin 4-H	145
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► REMINDER: NEW 4-H/FFA MEMBERS MUST BE ETHICS CERTIFIED TO SHOW!!

The Mississippi State Fair will be here soon and the Mississippi Livestock Quality Assurance training for **NEW** exhibitors, parents or guardians, and volunteers must be completed by October 1, 2017. Code of Conduct Forms are to be requested from ADS.

► OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE – REMINDER

An Official Health Certificate with each animal identified will be required on all livestock showing at the 2017 Mississippi State Fair. This includes all market animals, beef breeding cattle, commercial beef heifers, dairy cattle (purebred and commercial dairy heifers), dairy goats and commercial meat goat does.

MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR PREMIUM BOOKS

Each county will receive 2 Mississippi State Fair Premium Books in the county packet as soon as they are available. A PDF file of the premium book will also be sent by email and posted on the MSU Extension website under the link for Livestock and then Youth Livestock. Please make sure your exhibitors and parents have a copy of the rules for the shows in which they participate. A copy of the schedule of events is included in this newsletter.

► DAIRY SWEETHEART CONTESTS AND MEAT GOAT PRINCESS CONTEST

A Junior and Senior Dairy Cattle Sweetheart, a Junior and Senior Dairy Goat Sweetheart, and a Junior and Senior Meat Goat Princess will be selected during the Mississippi State Fair. Winners will be selected based on poise, beauty, personality and knowledge of their project. The top 3 of each division will receive awards. Rules and regulations concerning the contest are found in the Mississippi State Fair catalog. Please have the entries to our office by September 22, 2017. Please encourage your girls enrolled in dairy and goat projects to enter this year. Winners will be announced according to times listed in the 2017 Mississippi State Fair Premium Book.

► COMMERCIAL HEIFER AND MARKET STEER EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!

Check with your 4-H/FFA exhibitors that are exhibiting steers and commercial beef and dairy heifers about horns. All commercial heifers and steers showing at the Mississippi State Fair and District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows must be polled or dehorned with no scurs or re-growth to exceed 1½ inches above the skin line. Remember the minimum weight on commercial heifers is 500 pounds for the Mississippi State Fair. ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their commercial heifers and market steers and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.

► MARKET GOAT EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!

Check with your 4-H/FFA exhibitors who are exhibiting market goats about horns. Goats may be shown that are polled, dehorned, or disbudded with no re-growth to exceed 1½" above the skin line. Removal of horns is not allowed on the show grounds. Remember the minimum weight of market goats is <u>40</u> pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. <u>ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their market goats and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.</u>

► COMMERCIAL MEAT GOAT DOE SHOW EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!

Remember the minimum weight of commercial meat goat does is <u>40</u> pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. <u>ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their commercial meat goat does and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.</u>

► MARKET LAMB EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!

Remember the minimum weight of market lambs is <u>70</u> pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. <u>ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their market lambs and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.</u>

► MARKET HOG EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!

Remember the minimum weight of market hogs is <u>200</u> pounds with no maximum weight for the Mississippi State Fair. <u>ALL exhibitors are responsible for weighing their market hogs and declaring their animal's show weight on a weight card. Official scales will be made available for weighing livestock.</u>

► COMMERCIAL DAIRY HEIFER EXHIBITORS – SPECIAL NOTICE!

Remember the minimum weight of commercial dairy heifers is 200 pounds for the Mississippi State Fair.

*** TENTATIVE 2017 MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE ***

Thursday, October 5, 2017

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Stall and pen assignments for early arriving lambs, steers and breeding cattle

(All stall and pen assignments to be made by show management)

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing market lambs, market steers, and commercial breeding heifers

Friday, October 6, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Stall and pen assignments for lambs, steers and beef breeding cattle

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing market lambs, market steers and commercial breeding heifers

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Process beef breeding entries (Livestock Office)

12:00 Noon Deadline for arrival of junior market lambs, steers and beef breeding cattle

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Check horn length on market steers – Barn 11

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mouth and check horn length on commercial breeding heifers – Barn 11

5:00 p.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Lamb Showmanship entries5:00 p.m. Deadline to turn in weight cards for market lambs – Barn 7

5:00 p.m. Deadline to turn in weight cards for market steers and commercial breeding heifers – Barn 11

5:00 p.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Beef Showmanship entries

Saturday, October 7, 2017

8:30 a.m. Junior Market Steer Show - Judging Arena; steers released after showing

1:00 p.m. Junior Market Lamb Show - Barn 8 - lambs released after showing

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:00 a.m. Arrival of Junior and Open Market Swine

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing market junior and open market swine

9:00 a.m. Junior Cattlemen's Assn. Meeting - Sales Arena

9:30 a.m. Devotional Service - Sales Arena 11:00 a.m. Beef Showmanship - Judging Arena

12:00 Noon Deadline for arrival of Junior and Open Market Swine
 4:00 p.m. Deadline to turn in weight cards for market swine – Barn 7
 4:00 p.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Swine Showmanship entries

Monday, October 9, 2017

8:00 a.m. Junior Commercial Breeding Heifer and Beef Breeding Shows - Judging Arena;

cattle released after showing

10:00 a.m. Open Market Swine Show - Swine Barn

10:15 a.m. Junior Market Hog Show - Swine Barn; market hogs released after showing

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Stall early arriving Open Dairy Cattle Show animals

Thursday, October 12, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing market goats and commercial meat goat does

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Process dairy cattle entries

12:00 noon Deadline for arrival of Junior and Open Show dairy cattle

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Weigh commercial dairy heifers – Barn 11

3:00 p.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Dairy Cattle Showmanship entries

4:00 p.m. Jr. Dairy Quiz Bowl – Equine Center

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Friday, October 13, 2017

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Scales open for weighing commercial meat goat does and market goats

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Mouth commercial meat goat does

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Process dairy goat entries

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Check horn length on market goats

9:00 a.m. Deadline for arrival of 4-H/FFA Market Goat, Commercial Meat Goat Does and Dairy Goats

9:00 a.m. Open Dairy Cattle Show - Judging Arena

9:00 a.m. Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Goat Showmanship (Market and Meat Goat Doe) entries

10:00 a.m.
 Dairy Sweetheart & Market Goat Princess Contests - Equine Center
 10:00 a.m.
 Deadline for CORRECTIONS in Dairy Goat Showmanship entries

11:00 a.m. Deadline to turn in weight cards for market goats and commercial meat goat does – Barn 7

12:00 Noon Goat Showmanship (Market Goats and Commercial Meat Goat Does) - Barn 7

4-H/FFA Meat Goat Doe Show - Barn 7 (Start 15 minutes after Goat Showmanship)

1:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show - Barn 8 - Showmanship followed by Sr. Does and Jr. Does

1:00 p.m. Two Year Old Jersey Futurity - Judging Arena1:15 p.m. Two Year Old Holstein Futurity - Judging Arena

7:00 p.m. Special Dairy Classes - Judging Arena 8:00 p.m. Arrival of Open Show dairy & meat goats

Saturday, October 14, 2017 (4-H DAY)

8:00 a.m. MGA Open Dairy Goat Show - Barn 8
8:30 a.m. Junior Dairy Cattle Show - Judging Arena

(Showmanship followed by the Commercial Dairy Heifer Show and Junior Dairy Purebred Show)

8:30 a.m. Junior Market Goat Show - Barn 7; released after showing

4:00 p.m. Release all dairy cattle

Sunday, October 15, 2017

8:00 a.m. MGA Open Dairy Goat Show - Barn 8; released after showing