



## Upcoming Events

4-H Sewing  
9/10/18

4-H Technology  
9/10/18

4-H Handy Helpers  
9/11/18

Livestock Retinal  
Image 9/14/18

Kids in the Kitchen  
9/20/18

### 4-H Awards Banquet

Please hold November 5th, 6th and 13th as a possible day for our 4-H Awards Banquet. I will have more information at a later date.

### 4-H Handy Helpers

The 4-H Handy Helpers club will meet on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. We will meet at the Multi-Purpose Building in Pittsboro. Look forward to seeing you there.

### 4-H Kids In the Kitchen

The 4-H Kids in the Kitchen Club will meet on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. We will meet at the Multi-Purpose Building in Pittsboro. Don't miss this fun club activity!

### A Stitch in Time

The 4-H Sewing club will meet on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. We will meet at the Calhoun County Extension office in Pittsboro. Come join us to learn about the "lost art of sewing". We have had both male and female youth participate in sewing activities. Now is a good time to get started with this project.

### Technology Club

We have planned an organizational 4-H Technology club meeting for Monday, September 10, 2018. We will meet from 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Multi-Purpose building in Pittsboro. We have a volunteer and a 4-H member who plan to assist with leading this club. The technology club plans are to work with computer related programs such as computer graphic imaging along with other computer technology. Come join us if you are interested in technology activities.

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### **4-H Horse Club**

**State Open Horse Show:** The State Open horse show will be coming up the week of September 5th. Let me know if you plan to participate.

### **4-H Poultry Chain**

**State Show:** Birds may check in for the State Show at the MS State Fair beginning Thursday, October 11 at 2P.M. and must check in by Friday, October 12 by 8:30 A.M. The show will be October 12 and may go over to October 13 depending on number of entries. We will be notified in advance if the show takes place on October 13. (The last 2 years it has been a Friday show only) The awards presentation will immediately follow the show once results are calculated. You will be allowed to exhibit 3 birds in which your score will be on the 3 birds and your record book.

**Health Cards:** Health testing (Swabbing of birds) is expected to be completed during retinal imaging of livestock which is Friday, September 14 in Verona at the Research & Extension center barn. Once health testing is done you will be presented a health card. You must present the health card when entering the Mississippi Fairgrounds when traveling to the State Fair. You will not be allowed on state fair grounds to compete with the birds without the health test card from the MS Board of Animal Health. Please remember this card as it is your entry pass.

**Feed:** Keep feeding your birds well. You need to push these birds to grow them off before competing at State Fair.

#### **Things to take to State Fair:**

Coop/pen to hold 3 birds

Record Book

Hand Sanitizer

Gentle Bird for Showmanship (If Exhibiting in Showmanship)

**Record Book:** It is very important that you keep your record books up to date and critique them as we near state fair competition. The record book score is 50% of your poultry contest total score. Look to see if you need to add photos of your project, record keeping content, bird weights recorded, as well as information on feed changes throughout the project. I also suggest including your county fair show results and information.

**State Fair Gate:** You must have your poultry health card in order to enter the fair grounds at the Mississippi State Fair. Make sure to bring this health card with you to Jackson.

**Birds:** You will exhibit 3 birds at state fair. You may take a separate bird for showmanship if you would like but it must be penned separate from your three show birds.

## 4-H Livestock

**Retinal Imaging:** Will be held Friday, September 14 in Verona from 8:00AM to 11:00AM. All commercial beef heifers, market goats, commercial meat goat does, as well as lambs will have to be retinal imaged in order to show at the Mississippi State Fair, District, and Dixie National Shows. Registered Beef Cattle being shown in registered show classes will not need to be retinal imaged. Retinal imaging is required in order for the above listed species to exhibit at State Fair, District and Dixie.

**Meat Goat Princess:** This contest will be held at State fair. I hope we have participants in this event to represent Calhoun County. Let me know if you are interested.

**State Fair Schedule:** I emailed each of you a state fair schedule. Let me know if you need a copy.

**Health Certificate:** I would like to remind you to have the vet health certificate (good for 30 days) when arriving at state fair. These forms need to be in the vehicle you are taking along with your gate pass. See your veterinarian for an animal vet health certificate.

**Extension Health Record:** You will need the MSU Health record form to turn in at state fair. This form is used to record medication/treatments given from 60 days before show day. Forms must be completely filled out and add your phone number to the information on the form.

**Unloading:** Livestock need to enter the state fairgrounds through gate 14 with your vet health certificate and fair pass.

### **Minimum Weights:** State Fair Minimum Weights

Market Goats & Commercial Does:	40 lbs
Commercial Beef Heifers:	500 lbs
Market Hogs:	200 lbs
Lambs:	70 lbs

**Horns:** Keep re-growth trimmed back often on your project animals due to horn length rule! This needs attended to before arriving to state fair.

**4-H Equipment:** If you have 4-H clippers, grooming table, blowers, etc., please bring to state fair. We will need someone to assist by bringing a wheelbarrow to state fair.

**Ethics:** Any new exhibitors as well as Junior (8-13) age youth going to Senior (14-18) age youth will need to take the ethics certification. Please contact me if you fall in this category. Junior age moving to Sr. age retake as a required refresher. The training can be done quickly after school at my office.

**Northeast District Show:** January 25 & 26, 2019. You must show this show to advance to the Dixie National Jr. Round—Up show.

**Dixie National Jr. Show:** January 29 through February 5, 2019.

Swine—January 29 to February 2

Cattle—February 2—5

Meat Goats—February 3—5

Lambs—February 2—4

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