

Santa Paula High School  
Agriculture Science Academy  
Summer Agriculture Program 2019



Mr. Flores, Agriculture Teacher

## GENERAL INFORMATION

In order to develop an understanding of how the agriculture program, you can use this informational packet as a guide to keep on track on what's going on. Read the information and keep it available at all times for future reference. You are responsible for keeping yourself informed and to commit to the program until your project is completed.

- I. Please review the livestock and farm agreements so you understand the policies you and your parents agreed upon when raising a livestock project with the Santa Paula FFA Chapter.
  
- II. Livestock Projects:
  - a. Feed properly, regularly, and exercise them to keep their muscles tone in good shape and their appetites high.
  - b. Do not over/under feed, maintain a feeding schedule and have plenty of fresh water available
  - c. Avoid exercising your animal during the hotter part of the day.
  - d. If you go on vacation – make sure you choose someone dependable to take care of your animal. Please let me know when you are planning to leave.
  - e. Review livestock weigh-ins & showmanship dates.
  - f. Animals should be wormed every 45 days.
  - g. It is a good idea to keep pigs warm by putting in straw or shavings.
  - h. How good your animal turns out is directly related to its quality when purchased and how well it is being cared for.
  - i. Parent's assistance is welcomed and encouraged.
  - j. All students will abide by the livestock agreement and policies. You will be required to monitor your livestock projects between the times of 6am – 10am in the mornings and 4pm – 7pm in the evenings. Daily checks will be conducted using the daily log sheets to determine whether you have fed, cleaned, or checked your animal for the day! All checks will be conducted by the agriculture teacher, animal control, or designated adult/parent.
  - k. Warning and fines will be issued to frequent neglect of livestock projects. Students are responsible for paying your fines.
  - l. After 5 missed checks, warnings and/or fines:
    - i. You may forfeit your right to attend fair
    - ii. You will not raise another livestock project for one year
    - iii. You may be removed from the agriculture program
  
- III. Show Uniform, Equipment, & Etc
  - a. Get your uniformed order ahead of time! The Jacket & Scarf is approximately \$70.00. Go to the [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) website and go to the shop FFA link and follow the steps to purchasing your jacket.
  - b. The office show uniform is white loose fitting jeans (no skinny jeans), jeans show be loose and cover the boot, boot/closed toe shoes, (no tennis shoes), white collar shirt (short sleeve or long sleeve), and official FFA Jacket tie & scarf.
  - c. Caution! White jeans are hard to find! Call the Boot Barn or (805) 485-4572 or The Wharf (805) 648-5037 so you can order white jeans ahead of time. Do not wait until the last minute!
  - d. Wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, etc are at the farm for your use. For the most part, if you want to purchase your own equipment, go for it!
  - e. Purchase or borrow any needed livestock equipment and grooming supplies. I only have a limited supply of needed supplies and equipment for fair only. I have

many catalogs you can take a look at to order. There are many products out there, if you have any questions – let me know. <http://www.sullivansupply.com/>

IV. Ventura County Fair Dates

- a. Steer Fair Registration was held on April 6, 2019
- b. Goats & Lambs Fair Registration is scheduled for Sat, June 1, 2019
- c. Hogs weigh in & registration is scheduled for Sat., June 1, 2019 at 8am – 11am – **submit all required registration/DNA sample by Monday, June 10!**
- d. Ventura County Fair August 5 – 11, 2019. It is your responsibility to attend all the days of the fair to take care of your project.
- e. Entry forms received by the fairs after the deadline date are not accepted --- complete your entry forms and hand deliver EARLY. To be safe, pay your entry fees by check or money order. See the calendar or a Fair Premium Book for fair entry deadline dates and the forms must be ready to be checked. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET ENTRY DEADLINE DATES & REGISTER YOUR OWN ANIMAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DISCUSSED WITH MR. FLORES.
- f. All students are required to enter the Champion of Champion Educational Display contest, participate in showmanship (unless animal is sick or injured) and volunteer in auction running.

V. Livestock Meetings

- a. It is your responsibility to manage and care for your project on a daily basis – EVERY DAY - in order to feed, clean & exercised your animal
- b. Barn Duty – a schedule will be created for barn duty schedule – duties will include keeping the barn clean, picking up trash, washing down the aisle way, putting tools away, putting wheelbarrows away, cleaning wash area, etc.
- c. See the summer calendar for the livestock weigh-ins and showmanship schedule.
- d. We will have scheduled FFA meetings throughout the summer (see schedule)
- e. Participating in the summer activities and fundraisers is part of your responsibility of the livestock project.
- f. Attendance is mandatory! **Missing more than 5 unexcused livestock meetings, weigh-ins, showmanship days and barn duty during the fair may forfeit your right to attend fair and/or raise another livestock project next year.**

VI. Record Books

Books or additional record book pages are available upon request. Record books will be checked for their completeness. All record books must be updated in the computer on a daily basis. Be sure to keep track of your animal's weight, weight gains, and medical treatments, feed purchases, special jobs, weekly feeding and care labor, farm workdays, and all other project related work. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOUR RECORD BOOK UP TO DATE!

VII. Livestock Insurance

The FFA has a State operated program for insuring market animals against accidental death or loss. The cost is very reasonable and all project owners should give serious thought to protecting their market animal investments. All species of animals must be paid in order to submit payment on behalf of FFA Chapter.

VIII. School Farm

Always think safety and work safely while at the farm. Do not try to go to the farm alone, take a friend. The farm is an extension of the school facilities – it is your responsibility to abide by the same rules as if you were in school.

DRIVERS – Please drive slow – 10 – 15 mph through the neighborhood and on the farm. Santa Paula Police & Ventura County Sheriff is working collaborately to make sure everyone is driving at safe speeds. You will also be ticketed if you are parked in the fire lane or anywhere else other than the area designated for parking.

IX. Questions & Project Needs

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Flores (805) 509-7538. In any event you can't get a hold of me and it is an emergency call 911 or Giacopuzzi Vet Hospital at (805) 386-4291.

# June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Ventura County Fair Tag-In & Registration @ 8am -11am
2	3	4 SPHS Min. Day Per. Finals	5 SPHS Min. Day Per. Finals	6 SPHS Min. Day Per. Finals	7 SPHS Graduation @ 6pm	8
9	10	11 Lamb/Goat weigh- ins @ 7am – 9am  Lamb/Goat Showmanship @ 6pm	12 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am – 9am  Steer Showmanship @ 6pm	13 Pig Weigh-Ins @ 7am – 9am  Pig Showmanship @ 6pm	14 Ventura County Fair Q/A due! Submit certificate to the fairgrounds	15
16 Father's Day!	17 <b>FFA Mtng. @ 5pm</b>	18 Lamb/Goat weigh- ins @ 7am  Lamb/Goat Showmanship @ 6pm	19 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am  Steer Showmanship @ 6pm  Adopt-A-Pathway @ 10am	20 Pig Weigh-Ins @ 7am  Pig Showmanship @ 6pm	21	22 Amber Leon Memorial Livestock Show @ 2pm – 7pm
23  CATA Summer Ag Teacher's Conference, SLO	24  CATA Summer Ag Teacher's Conference, SLO	25 Lamb/Goat weigh- ins @ 7am  No Showmanship!  CATA Summer Ag Teacher's Conference, SLO	26 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am  No Showmanship!  CATA Summer Ag Teacher's Conference, SLO	27 Pig weigh-ins @ 7am  No Showmanship!	28	29
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# July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 Lamb/Goat weigh-ins @ 7am  Lamb/Goat Showmanship @ 6pm	3 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am  Steer Showmanship @ 6pm	4 Pig weigh-ins @ 7am  Pig Showmanship @ 6pm	5	6
7	8 <b>FFA Mtng @ 5pm</b>  ROLC	9 Lamb/Goat weigh-ins @ 7am  Lamb/Goat Showmanship @ 6pm  ROLC	10 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am  Steer Showmanship @ 6pm  ROLC	11 Pig weigh-ins @ 7am  Pig Showmanship @ 6pm  ROLC	12 Boys & Girls Club Kid's Day – Livestock @ 8am – 1pm	13
14	15	16 Lamb/Goat weigh-ins @ 7am  Lamb/Goat Showmanship @ 6pm	17 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am  Steer Showmanship @ 6pm	18 Pig Weigh-Ins @ 7am  Pig Showmanship @ 6pm	19	20 <b>Fillmore FFA Livestock Show @ 8am</b>
21	22	23 Lamb/Goat weigh-ins @ 7am  Lamb/Goat Showmanship @ 6pm	24 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am  Steer Showmanship @ 6pm  Adopt-A-Pathway @ 10am	25 Pig weigh-ins @ 7am  Field to Fork Benefit Dinner @ 3pm – 9pm	26	27
28	29 <b>FFA Mtng. @ 5pm</b>	30 Lamb/Goat weigh-ins @ 7am  Lamb/Goat Showmanship @ 6pm	31 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am  Steer Showmanship @ 6pm	1 Pig Weigh-Ins @ 7am  Pig Showmanship @ 6pm		
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# August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
28	29 FFA Mtng. @ 5pm	30 Lamb/Goat weigh-ins @ 7am  Lamb/Goat Showmanship @ 6pm	31 Steer weigh-ins @ 7am  Steer Showmanship @ 6pm	1 Pig Weigh-Ins @ 7am  Pig Showmanship @ 6pm  Lamb clipping  Steer Clipping	2 Cruise Night @ 5pm  Lamb clipping  Steer Clipping	3
4	5 Ventura County Fair – move-in	6 Ventura County Fair – lamb show Barrow show @ 6pm Swine weigh-ins	7 Ventura County Fair – swine show	8 Ventura County Fair – cattle show	9 Ventura County Fair - auction	10 Ventura County Fair – showmanship show
11 Ventura County Fair – FFA Awards Ceremony Last Day of Fair	12 SPHS Teacher Work Days!	13 SPHS Teacher Work Days!	14 SPHS Begins!	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 SPHS Min. Day!	31
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