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**4H ACTION NEWS
WINKLER/LOVING COUNTY 4H
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ATTENTION!!!

If you haven't done so already, you need to get registered on 4H Connect or you will be ineligible to compete in any 4H activities, including our County Stock Show.

Get on 4honline.com and check to make sure what your STATUS is!

The website is 4honline.com or call the office (586.2593) and we will help get you registered.



2012 Winkler/Loving County Stock Show Schedule:

Sunday – January 29, 2012:

Weigh At Pens 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Rabbits Weigh @ 3 p.m. @ Expo

All Animals In Barn By 5 p.m.

Rabbit Show – 7 p.m.

Monday – January 30, 2012:

Hog Show – 6 p.m.

Tuesday – January 31, 2012:

Ag Tour & Mobile Dairy

Wednesday – February 1, 2012:

Steer Show – 6 p.m.

Lamb Show (After Steer Show)

Thursday – February 2, 2012:

Goat Show – 6 p.m.

Friday – February 3, 2012:

Last Chance For Pictures – 4 p.m.

Dance – 8 p.m.

Saturday – February 4, 2012:

BBQ – 5:30 p.m.

Sale – 7 p.m.

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There is a large number of swine and a few goats that are very light for this point in the season and are in danger of not making the minimum weight for the 2012 Winkler/Loving County Livestock Show. I cannot stress the importance of knowing the weight of your project(s) and how many pounds they are gaining a day. Knowing these two statistics will provide you with the instruction for the amount of feed you need to be feeding. It is impossible for an animal to grow and reach proper weight without the correct amount of **FEED**.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, there will only be 28 days remaining to get your animals to the proper weight and body finish. An example, a hog weighing 130 lbs. has 28 days to put on 70 lbs.; therefore that hog needs to gain 2.5 lbs. per day to meet the minimum weight. A goat weighing 36 lbs. has 28 days to put on 14 lbs.; therefore it would need to 0.5 lbs. per day. For those exhibiting lambs or goats, the time for hoof trimming is not right before the show but at least 2 weeks prior so that the animal has time to heal from any accidents that may occur during hoove trimming. If you accidentally go too deep and quick the project, it will need time to heal so that it is not limping. Now is also the time to start conditioning the skin and hair of your hogs, steers, and goats. An animal that is properly maintained and groomed displays to judges that the time and effort have been placed on that project's well being.

Ag/NR:

The division on whether or not to list the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard to the Endangered Species List, has been put on hold for 6 months to extend the comment period over the issue. There is also a decision coming on the Texas Conservation Plan developed by the Texas Comptroller Susan Combs and the oil and gas industry.

On a brighter note, there has been a nice moisture release to Winkler and Loving Counties. There was about 8 inches of snow on Christmas weekend with a little rain that occurred prior to the snow taking hold. Hopefully, this will help sprout some winter foliage and benefit us in the early spring green-up. I know it does not relieve us from the drought, but provided a nice break from , if only temporary.

Respectfully,

Chase Settle CEA-Ag/NR

Winkler/Loving County

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