

**WINKLER/LOVING COUNTY**  
**Ag/NR & 4H**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**July 2013**

**4-H**

**Livestock Carcass Evaluation**

The Carcass Evaluation will occur July 30, July 31, and August 1 at Mr. Robertson's Processing facility at 401 N. Monahans Dr., Wink TX. The group will meet at 7 p.m. all 3 nights, instruction will be provided over rabbit, lamb, goat, and hog. The beef cattle instruction will occur at a later date and out of town travel will most likely be involved.

Lamb- July 30 @ 7 p.m.  
Goat- July 31 @ 7 p.m.  
Hog and Rabbit- Aug 1 @ 7 p.m.

**Winkler-Loving Stock Show UPDATE!!!**

The Winkler-Loving Livestock Association has amended the **minimum Market Hog Weight**. The new minimum weight for a hog entered in the 2014 Winkler-Loving County Livestock Show will be **220 lbs.**, with the maximum remaining the same at 270 lbs. Hogs that typically fit these weight marks will be born between July 7, 2013 and July 28, 2013. If you have had problems meeting weight in previous years, I recommend that you purchase hogs born in the beginning of July. There are no guarantees that a hog born between these dates will make weight, and that hogs born after will not make weight. There are a number of factors that can affect a market hog gaining weight, but traditionally you want the hog to be born 6 months prior to the show they are competing in.

**Market Lambs and Goats**

You should have already begun searching for you lamb and goat projects for the 2014 show season. There are a number of sales held throughout the summer months that offer a lot of quality animals. If you have a free weekend and want to go to a sale to purchase an animal I can help you locate a number of sales on almost any weekend. If you have any questions or need help finding and selecting a project, feel free to call me at the office.

**4-H Kickoff Party**

The 4-H Kickoff Party will be held in August again this year. We are trying to arrange for internet access so that people will have the opportunity to register for 4-H during the Kickoff Party. We are also looking for suggestions as to the projects to showcase this year during the Kickoff Party. Last year we were able to have the Shooting Sports instructors on hand to provide youth with the introduction to 4-H Shooting Sports, also there was a brief segment on Market Livestock Projects. So if there is a 4-H activity you would be interested in learning more about, feel free to contact my office and we will try to fit it into the Kickoff Party activities.

## **Rainwater Harvesting Workshop**

In August, the Winkler-Loving AgriLife Extension Office will be conducting a Rainwater Harvesting Workshop to provide information to citizens interested in the collection of rainwater for use at other times. Since we don't have much rain throughout the year the amount we can collect is not huge, but even harvesting a small amount can help lower watering costs and increase conservation. The date and time will be published in the August Newsletter with the program to take place in the middle or end of August.

## **Home Horticulture Workshops**

**Water- Our Life Source** will be held on **Thursday, July 25, 2013** from **6-8 p.m.** at the **Winkler-Loving AgriLife Extension Office.**

Proper watering can positively benefit the plants growing at our homes, but it is also beneficial to our wallet and lives when done correctly. Water may be the most valuable resource in our world because without water, life will cease to exist. We will look at ways to still grow our lawns and plants while conserving water. Topics of instruction will include water needs, techniques for watering, and use of mulches. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations in order to participate in Extension sponsored events are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office by 5 p.m. July 24, 2013 to determine if reasonable accommodations can be arranged.

Most 4-H program updates and important information that comes forth is posted to the Winkler-Loving AgriLIFE Extension Facebook page, so if you have Facebook I highly recommend that you friend us so that you will receive updates through the News Feed.

For more information on any events or other information, feel free to call the office 432.586.2593, e mail [cesettle@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cesettle@ag.tamu.edu), or stop by the office- 307 S. Poplar St., Kermit, TX.

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