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2019-2020 School Year

Dear FFA Members, Parents, Young Farmers, and Supporters,

Welcome to the new school year, I am very excited to be leading this chapter as your current 2019-2020 FFA President. We are looking forward to a successful year of many opportunities and great experiences.

On our FFA website, <http://crosby.ffanow.org/default.aspx?ID=14923> this year's events are posted and periodically updated. Please sign up for the texting updates on our crosby FFA website. Livestock exhibitors, please note that this handbook and the FFA website provide useful project information for you. If you are in need of assistance in selecting an SAE (livestock/ag mechanics/other project,) our Advisors will be glad to help you. Our chapter is very diverse and offers so many different opportunities for our members. We hope you will take advantage of the FFA and get involved. Our mission is to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success. FFA is an intra-curricular school organization that has something for everyone. Any of our officers or FFA Advisors will be happy to visit with you about the wide variety of opportunities to engage.

FFA members please return the attached **field trip/emergency information forms** for the current school year to be kept on file with the FFA Advisors. If there are any questions contact our advisors at cmorrison@crosbyisd.org, kpadgett@crosbyisd.org, gdelauri@crosbyisd.org or podom@crosbyisd.org. Eighth grade students may contact cflanery@crosbyisd.org. We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Blake Anderson

Crosby FFA President

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Who We Are

(This data and more information on FFA comes from our National FFA website www.ffa.org)

Membership

- Today, there are 669,989 FFA members, aged 12–21, in 8,630 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
 - 47% of FFA members are female; women hold approximately 50% of state leadership positions.
 - 67% of our membership is White; 22% is Hispanic/Latino; 8% is Black/African-American or American Indian; and 3% Asian, Pacific Islander or two or more races.
 - 5% of FFA members are currently enrolled in grades 7-8;
 - 91% of FFA members are currently enrolled in grades 9-12;
 - 4% have already graduated from high school and may be engaged in postsecondary studies.
- FFA chapters are in 18 of the 20 largest U.S. cities, including New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.
- The top five membership states are Texas, California, Georgia, Missouri, and Oklahoma.
- Crosby FFA has 154 members and 5 FFA Advisors

Career Exploration

- FFA classroom activities include math and science, as well as hands-on work experience and the development of life skills, which help members discover their career path and realize success.
- Members participate and learn advanced career skills in 49 national proficiency areas based on their hands-on work experiences ranging from agricultural communications and food science and technology to turf grass management and wildlife production and management.
- According to the student magazine readership study, 87% of our students are interested in learning about career exploration, 81% about college preparation and 81% about technology.
- Through 24 national career development events, FFA members are challenged to real-life, hands-on tests of skills used to prepare them for more than 300 careers in the agriculture industry.

The Agricultural Education Mission

Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resources systems.

The Three-Circle Model

Through agricultural education, students are provided opportunities for ***leadership development, personal growth, and career success.***

An agricultural education program is made up of three integrated parts: Classroom instruction, FFA, and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

Individual Student Awards

FFA members can compete for many individual awards at the local, district, area, state, and national levels.

These include awards in:

- Proficiencies in various project areas found on www.ffa.org
- Star Awards-must have completed the AET and Texas FFA Star Battery and application. www.ffa.org
 - Degrees:
 1. Discovery (8th grade students)
 2. Greenhand (1st year high school FFA membership)
 3. Chapter (2nd year high school FFA membership)
 4. Lonestar *State Degree* (3rd year high school FFA membership)
 5. American *National Degree* (Completed 1st year of college)
 - Stars:
 1. Greenhand
 2. Chapter
 3. Lonestar
 4. American
 - Other Honors:
 1. Outstanding Service
 2. Outstanding Shophand
 3. Outstanding Senior
 4. Outstanding Greenhand
 5. Top Hand
 6. Dekalb
 7. Top Fundraiser
 - Scholarships:

As a student becomes a senior, he/she is eligible to apply for several scholarships through the FFA: the Crosby Young Farmers, the State FFA Scholarship, and the National FFA Scholarship.

*Executive committee has the right to amend the awards list as needed.

FFA AWARDS GIVEN ABOVE THE LOCAL LEVEL:

More information on Proficiency Awards can be found at
<https://www.ffa.org/programs/awards/proficiency/Pages/default.aspx>

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through their [SAEs](#), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers.

Students can compete for awards in 47 areas covering everything from Agricultural Communications to Wildlife Management. Each award area has two categories, placement and entrepreneurship.

www.ffa.org/documents/prof_handbook.pdf Proficiency Awards

Community Service

The Crosby FFA Chapter participates in several community service projects throughout the school year. A few of the projects are:

1. **The Houston Livestock Show Tour Guide Program:** We have taken part in this program for a number of years. This program allows our students to escort inner city elementary age children through several exhibits at the show and explain their purpose and importance of American Agriculture.
2. **Cooperative projects:** Alongside other organizations in the school and community, our FFA members are encouraged to assist with joint service projects in order to develop a sense of cooperation in meeting needs.
3. **AG Adventure Day:** In the spring of each year, Crosby FFA members coordinate and participate in an educational day for Crosby kindergarten students. It is an all day event in which the FFA members teach different sectors of agriculture.
4. **Support Local Animal Shelter:** Crosby FFA raises support for events and mission of local animal shelters, as well as donating supplies every year.
5. **Sheldon State Park:** While working with park rangers of the state park Crosby FFA members will work together to complete different tasks around the park.

Camps and Conventions: FFA members are provided opportunities to participate in leadership camps and Area, State, and National FFA conventions. In order to participate, the FFA members must be an officer, contestant, or an award recipient.

Note: Throughout the year, other activities take place that are too numerous to mention. Each FFA member is encouraged to take part in as many activities as possible in order to get the total FFA experience. (FFA MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL THE LISTED ACTIVITIES!) There is something for everyone in FFA. We are not only here to raise livestock!

SAEs

SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Crosby Fair and Rodeo is in the early parts of June every year. Tag-in for Crosby steers is in January. Small Animal and Home Ec. Tag-in and sign-up will take place in March.

Opportunities to show around the state are available with their own set of tagins, entries, and deadlines. Please see an advisor for more information.

The **SAE** seems to be an area in which both students and parents have some confusion. Hopefully, some of the basic questions will be answered here.

One of the first questions to be asked is,

“Do I have to raise an animal to be in Ag and/or the FFA?”

The answer is

“No, you do not have to have an animal project, but yes you must have an SAE”.

We realize that not all students are available to raise an animal project for various reasons. There are many other activities available to students who are unable to participate in the animal project area. This SAE, or Long Term project, is an important part of the agricultural program and will enable students to receive a more complete concept of the total program. Students enrolled in an Agri-Science class are provided a list of activities related to that class which can be used as a supplement or in place of an animal project. These activities are evaluated by the amount of hours put into the project each week. There are many ways to accomplish an SAE.

Other frequently asked questions include:

- **What kind of animal?** Students are able to exhibit the following animals at the Crosby Fair and Rodeo: Beef cattle (market steers & breeding beef, market swine, sheep, goats, turkey, chicken (broilers), and rabbits (meat pen, breeding stock)
- **How much do they cost?** Obviously, steers cost more than a pen of broilers to raise. For this reason, we have asked some of our students to address the cost later for each of the species included in our program.
- **When do I get my animal?** This will depend on two factors: the type of animal and which show you want to participate in. Students in Crosby can show at Harris County Livestock show in October, all the Major livestock shows (Dallas, Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Austin and Houston,) and the Crosby Fair and Rodeo which is in the first part of June.
******Students desiring to raise poultry for San Antonio or Houston must order them by late spring. Major show Turkeys will be picked up in October. Check the shows website for more specifics.**
- **What kind of facility/pen do I need for my animal?** This will depend on the type of animal that you raise. Once you have made this decision, contact one of the Agri-Science teachers and we will be glad to assist you in planning your facility. We have a school Ag Barn available for lambs/goats/cattle and pigs only. (Room in barn is limited. There is an application and acceptance process.)

- **Where is a good place to buy my animal?** There is a definite need to understand that we are dealing with **SHOW ANIMALS**, not commercial grade animals. Animals that are exhibited in livestock shows are not ordinary “farm animals.” They are bred to be of a higher quality, specifically for shows. We will be happy to assist you in locating quality show stock if you ask. All of the poultry projects (broilers and turkeys) are purchased through the show from one hatchery.

Which Ag Teacher do I go to for help with my SAEs

We have 4 Ag Teachers here at Crosby High School and one at Crosby Middle School. We all work cooperatively with the kids. We each have general livestock species that we oversee to make it easier for the kids to know who to go to for input, etc. For instance, if you email your child’s teacher with a poultry question, it will most likely forwarded to Mr. Odom if it’s more than a quick answer like date of the show, etc. We each help with all the projects, but may refer kids with questions on specifics to the teacher that handles that species. Our answers are usually the same, but one may tell you to feed 2 lbs and the other tells you 3 lbs., etc. We have found it works better. You will find that people offer tons of advice and it varies a bit due to experience. Everyone wants to help. Help is good, but it can get overwhelming when you get started. We will all be glad to help, but we will refer those particular questions to each other as needed. We can help the student acquire the animals or you can secure them yourself. We have a list of shows sanctioned by Crosby ISD that we may attend as a chapter during the year. This may be found on a later page of this handbook. We will assist with hauling animals to and from these shows listed. We are glad to help and support our youth in these positive and rewarding experiences.

- Ms. Padgett: Rabbits
- Ms. Morrison: Breeding Heifers/Scramble Animals
- Mr. Odom: Poultry/Swine/Cooperatively with Breeding Heifers & Steers
- Ms. DeLauri: Lambs/Goats
- 8th Graders can coordinate with Mr. Flanery

We do have nontraditional projects (research projects, exploratory projects, exotic animals, landscaping, gardening, and more) that students may participate in. We work with them as needed.

Our Chapter Website
www.crosby.ffanow.org

When you begin to consider/look for animal projects:

The most important thing you can do is to:

1. Read the rules for the show you are planning to attend.
2. Select and purchase a quality animal
3. Feed the protein requirements for your animals' age and condition. Stay consistent. Do not switch feeds just because you forgot to get to the feed store before they closed. This can upset their digestive system and may cause problems.
4. Always offer unlimited clean, cool water.
5. Keep them healthy by deworming as needed. Watch their feces and de-worm as needed.
6. Don't over-exercise them, but do exercise. Generally 30-45 days out before the market show, exercise program. If you are showing on the weekends at practice shows, then you will revise your exercise program to fit.
7. Go to as many prospect shows as you can for practice. Watch other exhibitors that are successful and learn from them.
8. Have fun and make as many friends as you can.

Show Pigs

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service has up to date info we recommend reading

At

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/publications_resources_swine_project_guide.pdf

Selection

Selection is the first step in starting your project. A few key points to remember are:

1. Buy from a reputable SHOW PIG breeder. If you need help in locating pigs see your Ag Teacher. We will help you find pigs.
2. Age: Make sure that you buy a pig that is the correct age for your designated show. The pigs should be between 5 ½ to 6 ½ months of age at the time of the show.
3. Weight limits: check current show book of the show you are attending.

Facilities

Good, functional facilities are essential to a successful swine project. Pens should have a covered area that is open to the south side. (PIGS CAN SUNBURN) The pens should not have any obstructions such as exposed sharp edges on which the pig may hurt itself. The pen needs to stay as clean and dry as possible. Pens should have some type of bedding material in them. Sand and shavings work the best. Hay should be avoided as it provides an environment for parasites.

Feeders and waterers: Feeders may be as simple as a common feed pan or automatic feeders may be used. An important thing to remember is that the feeder should not be on the ground, it should be elevated slightly so that the pig does not eat “bent over.” The feeder may be set up on a concrete block, built on a stand, or hung on the pen. The best type of waterer to use is the automatic type. If buckets are used, they should be firmly secured to prevent the pig from tipping them over and making a mud hole.

Feeds and Feeding

Many pig shows are won and lost in the feed pan. Many students have started out with very high quality animals and have ended up with an inferior animal at show time due to improper management. There are no real “secrets” of feeding animals. Consistency is the best advice

that can be given. It is important to stick with the same feed. A couple general guidelines to follow may be found below:

Feeding Procedures:

The best method is hand feeding, meaning a measured amount is given each time. This type of feeding is used to prepare your pig for the show (regulating the pig so that it will go into the show at the weight you desire). There are some rules of thumb for hand feeding: The pig should be fed two times a day. If you decide to feed at 7:00am and 6:00 pm, then feed at that time every day (weekends included!!!) for best results. Animals get used to routines just as you do. Most pigs will need to be “held” or “drawn” before the show. We can give you advice on this depending on the appearance of your animal at that time if you like. Offer automatic water 24 hours per day unless advisor instructs you differently.

Equipment and Supplies

You will need various types of equipment and supplies for your pig throughout the year and at the show. The following is a list of needed items:

Paint or Label your name on every item; they tend to look like everyone else’s at show.

- Show Stick
- Feed and water pans
- Brush
- Soap
- Towels
- Short Water Hose
- 1 lb Coffee Can
- Dewormer/Antibiotics

These supplies will be needed mainly at show time.

The feeder should always know the brand of feed, protein of feed and lbs fed daily.

Price of Animal: **\$350-750.00***

*This is an average range. Some may purchase the animal for less and others for more.

These supplies will be needed mainly at show time.

The feeder should always know the brand of feed, protein of feed and lbs fed daily.

***At first sight of any changes in eating habits, runny nose, coughing, etc., take care of it immediately. Do not put it off.

LAMBS & GOATS SAE

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service

has up to date info we recommend reading

At

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/sheep-goats/AS34060-meatgoatguide.pdf>

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/sheep-goats/AS34059-showlamb.pdf>

It is Recommended that you purchase your own set of clipper blades to be used to shear your animal. Ringworm and many other problems can be eliminated if you keep your own personal set of clipper blades ready for use: sterilized and sharp. The Advisors have clipper motors you may check out from the department.

WHAT TO DO FIRST

Decide what shows you are going to and get a copy of the show rules the show office for major shows.

Read the rules. Most shows have age requirements (tooth rule), weight limits, shearing, and horn rules. This will determine what breed and age goat you need. Most county shows have a validation date. Some shows require a health certificate from the vet within 30 days of the show.

All goats need access to clean fresh water and feed and very limited amounts of hay.

Be prepared - goats need a good fence and some shelter. Goats need shelter to be able to get out of the wind, rain, and hot summer sun. DOG PROOF

Make a commitment to take care of your goat twice a day. When you feed you need to watch your goat long enough so you can tell when he is sick or something is not quite right

Supplies needed for your lamb

*I.D./paint name on every item

- Halter and lead rope
- Socks-Muzzle- Lamb blanket
- Clipper Blades * should keep on hand sharpened good to purchase your own set
- Feed pan and water bucket to travel with.
- Wound Dressing & Drench gun
- Probios with Vitamins -give 3-4 days prior to transport and after

Medical

- Probios w/ vitamins- give after antibiotic treatments or anytime they are hauled or stressed
- De-Wormer
- Kaopectate or Pepto Bismol for scours
- Clorox to clean water trough
- Betadine Solution-Spray bottle for cuts or scrapes

Feed Equipment

- Feed (for 1-2 goats, you can put separate feeding in small plastic bags with supplements per feedings instead of hauling 50lbs. bags to show)
- Fresh Alfalfa Hay; Feed only a handful every couple of days

Feeding and Health is key to success, but the initial investment of a quality animal can also make all the difference in the SAE success.

- It is recommended that you feed 2lbs. a day and start with the higher protein. Go to a lower protein higher fat, to stop growth spurts and thicken the animal.
- If holding back on feed, crimped oats can be given in place of what you cut back on. When you are ready to start pushing them on weight, muscle, exercise, etc you can lower the percent protein and up the fat with a finisher.
- 2lbs./feed/day is considered a maintenance ration and 3lbs/feed/day they will be on the gain. Whatever feed you choose, follow their requirements as they pay a lot of money for animal nutritionists to mix rations professionally.
- Watch stool for shape and condition. Normally, a round pellet means they are holding and an elongated pellet would give indication that the animal is on the gain (or gaining weight). Stool should be soft and pelleted not sticky, clumpy or loose.
- They do not need hay other than a handful of alfalfa every couple of days. Deworming is needed when the stool is loose, or you can do it routinely once a month (or every other month).
- Can use a small bucket for water clipped to pen, PVC pipe cut longwise in half and capped on ends with wood(2x6) strap metal hangers for feeder, or buy a small hanging trough.
- A teaspoon of ammonium chloride may be given daily to prevent urinary calculi (buy at feed store) Most feeds have a percent of AC but it doesn't hurt to add it daily as preventative. Urinary Calculi can be researched on the internet. It is similar to kidney stones in humans.
- Monitor the animal's growth and talk to your advisor about additives that may be beneficial. A young lamb or goat normally only needs a good grower ration to grow for the first few months. Depending on the growth and by watching your weight chart, you should be able to monitor if the animal needs additives. But always keep up with how many pounds you feed daily.

Exercise

- Should be worked up slowly, just as a human would work up to an exercise program. Every other day up to 4-5 minutes of pulling a tire, a treadmill, walker, walk out away from pen and a good steady 200 yard run back, walk out again and good run back 3 times, (don't let them run back to the pen and tank up on water right away-just a few sips till they settle down-then back on freshwater)
- The day they are not exercising, work on standing on the ramp (never leave alone on the ramp or tie). Let them stand on the ramp rail or sling tie for 10-15 minutes, then work a few minutes on driving.
- Don't overdo it -but do it!
- Start exercise program at least 30-45 days out from show date.
- Weight weekly and record your weight.

Signs to watch for:

Urinary Calculi

1. If your animal is not urinating or showing any signs of stress trying to urinate, rubbing along the fence continually or showing signs of stress at all, talk to your advisors asap. Read up ahead of time on urinary calculi as it is fatal very quickly if not caught early within 24 hours. Stop feed and give fresh hay and water but it will probably not eat or drink anyway. Immediate drenching of ammonium chloride, vinegar, etc may help. Sometimes clipping off the tip of the penis will alleviate blockage and allow them to urinate but most often a vet will need to intervene or put the animal down. You do not want them to suffer and it will be very costly. Preventative: add the ammonium chloride as above mentions.

Scours

- Talk to your Advisors immediately
- Remove all feed: supply fresh water and hay only for 48 hours to settle stomach
- Possibly test for Giardia or coccidia (talk to advisors but a spoonful or two of fresh manure in a ziplock bag drop off at the vet to be tested)
- Review your calendar and it may be time to deworm or just need to do it again.

Estimated Expense List

Here is an example list that a lamb feeder has provided to us. We hope that this list of expense will help you see what type and how much expense goes into raising a lamb.

Supplies	Amount
Lamb or goat	\$ 500-1000.00
Feed -----	\$ 20.75 + for a 50#bag/total for 1 yr= avg feeding 2.5lbs/day
Halter and lead rope-----	\$ 18.00
Socks-----	\$ 19.00
Muzzle -----	\$ 7.75
Blanket-----	\$ 15.00
Clippers-----	\$225.00 * OR JUST BUY A SET OF BLADES TO USE ON THE CHAPTER CLIPPERS (not mandatory)
Bedding-----	\$ 250.00 or rent a stall at the ag barn . See barn rules

To have on hand or in showbox

Showing Equipment

It is suggested that you purchase your own set of clipper blades to be used to shear your animal. Ringworm and many other problems can be eliminated if you keep your own personal set of clipper blades ready for use: sterilized and sharp. The Advisors have clipper motors you may check out from the department.

- Hoof nippers
- Extension Cord
- Scissors
- Shampoo
- Short Water hose and Nozzle
- Baby Wipes
- Brushes
- Extra Towels
- Notebook containing all paperwork, registration papers if applicable, and health papers if required for show.
- Entry information
- Name Board or Signs
- Small box containing wire pliers, small rope, wire, hammer, pencil, maker.
- Rake, Shovel, Broom etc to clean pen
- Lawn chair

Poultry

(Market chickens and Turkeys) Check show rules for ordering chicks

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service
has up to date info we recommend reading

At

Broilers/Roasters

<http://gallus.tamu.edu/library/extpublications/L5431.pdf>

Turkeys

Market Broilers and Turkeys for the Crosby Fair & Rodeo are ordered through CFR approximately six months before the show date. This also applies for Major shows. The birds can be picked up at the fairgrounds if ordered for our local livestock show. Major show birds can be picked up by your Ag teacher and brought back to the Crosby Fairgrounds.

More information at

<http://www.crosbyrodeo.com/index.shtml>

- All Major Show broilers you must check that shows website and rulebook.
- There are many different suggestions for feeding and caring and selection for SAE's
- Whoever you choose to follow just be consistent.

RABBITS

MEAT PENS AND BREEDING RABBITS

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service
has up to date info we recommend reading

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/rabbit_project_reference_manual.pdf

For our local show in June, we recommend Californian and New Zealand rabbits.

The above website is very helpful and stays up to date with TAMU recommendations.

See our Crosby Fair and Rodeo website for all dates, rules and show information.

Steers and Breeding Beef

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service has up to date info we recommend reading
At

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/beef/as1-2-managing-beef-cattle-for-show.pdf>

We encourage our students to utilize all facilities that they have, but if new facilities must be built we recommend the following:

16' X 32' pen

10' X 16' shed

2' X 3' feed box with a mineral box on one end

Adequate water container to hold 25 gallons of water.

We also have a school Ag Barn that you may utilize if you do not have one available.

Locate pen so that it will drain correctly, and the calf will have a dry place to lie down. The pen should also be located in such a manner that the shed will block the north wind. It may be necessary in some situations to fill dirt or sand in, to raise the level of the pen so that proper drainage will occur. We have found that 16' X 52" stock panels make excellent construction materials for pens. Corrugated sheet metal can be used to make a good watertight shed.

Estimated cost of pen if new materials are used is \$250-\$300. Breeding cattle projects can be raised in the same type pen, but pastures should be provided for grazing and exercise.

Cost of animal-----\$ 2000.00 + 4000.00 +

Clipper Blades-----\$50.00

Feed cost-----\$700.00+

Vet. Expenses-----\$75.00

Misc. expenses-----\$100.00

*** It is recommended that you purchase your own set of clipper blades to be used to groom your calf. Ringworm and many other problems can be eliminated if you keep your own personal set of clipper blades ready for use: sterilized and sharp. The Advisors have clipper motors you may check out from the department.

A few items to remember:

Feeding:

- Feed 2-3% of their body weight. Upping the amount as they grow. Keep a weight chart for documentary.
- If calves have not been on feed already you can start calves off with a preconditioning feed or grower ration. Feed a bag and then graduate them into a higher protein feed 14% +/- and go to a lower protein and up the fat with a finishing ration to condition (finish/fat)
- To stop growth spurts and thicken the animal go to a higher protein. Monitor the animal's growth weekly. But do not switch feeds quickly. Graduate into a new feed over a 7 day period. The less you switch up feeds the better the digestion and growth will be for the animal. But watching the needs of the animal are very important.
- Provide plain salt and mineral block free choice in the pen.

- If holding back on feed crimped oats or cottonseed hulls can be given in place of what you cut back on. When you are ready to start pushing them on weight, muscle, exercise, etc you can lower the % protein and up the fat with a finisher.
- Lots of free choice fresh hay.
- Fresh water ALWAYS
- De-Worm every 45-60 days. Watch feces for signs of blood or scours. Either should be dealt with asap.
- Bathing and/or watering down as much as possible every day is great for hair growth.
- Probios or yeast is always good to give after hauling, times of stress or after antibiotics(½ pkg. Yeast every 3-4 days added to feed for digestion or probias is best as a paste to add microbes in rumen)
- Keep a weekly weight chart!
- Know your show rules on weights

If you animal has scours:

- Talk to your Advisors immediately
- Remove all feed: supply fresh water and hay only for 48 hours to settle stomach
- Possibly test for Giardia or coccidia (talk to advisors but a spoonful or two of fresh manure in a ziplock bag dropped off at the vet can be tested)
- It may be time to deworm or deworm again with a different dewormer.

If you see abnormal swelling on the left side of the calf:

- There are certain animals that experience bloat or other digestive disturbances. If you see any signs of swelling or bloat on the left side of belly, (That is where the rumen is located) let your advisors know. It may be that the calf needs to be off feed for 24-48 hours and given fresh water and hay. If bloat is suspected, it can be fatal. Begin walking the animal and try to get it to belch or pass gas by walking.
- There is a bloat treatment at Tractor Supply or the feed store that can be given to degas but if necessary, drench the animal with 40-60 cc's of mineral oil and walk for 20 minutes. If it continues the vet should be called immediately.

Suggested:

SHOW SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

FOR LONG HAIRE

..REGISTRATION & OR HEALTH PAPERS

..**WATER BUCKET * Never share buckets!!!!** With **ANYONE.**

..FEED BUCKET *** BRING YOUR OWN BUCKETS!!!

..FEED & HAY

SHOW BOX

- .. Show sign
- .. Show halter
- .. Stall halter
- .. Neck rope
- .. Show stick
- .. Scissors
- .. Comb and brush
- .. Short water hose with nozzle
- .. Hay bag
- .. Towels or rags
- .. Number & or comb holder
- .. Hair care and adhesives cannot be used at Most Major Shows. Check the rulebook ahead of time.
- .. Dawn or Joy soap-to wash calf

Short Haired Cattle

SHOW SUPPLIES CHECKLIST**FOR Humpies and short haired cattle**

- ..REGISTRATION papers
- ..**WATER BUCKET * Never share buckets!!!! With ANYONE.**
- ..FEED BUCKET *** BRING YOUR OWN BUCKETS!!!
- ..FEED & HAY
- ..Rake

SHOW BOX

- .. Show sign
- .. Show halter
- .. Stall halter
- .. Neck rope
- .. Show stick
- .. Scissors
- .. Comb and brush
- .. Short water hose with nozzle
- .. Hay bag
- .. Towels or rags
- .. Baby wipes
- .. Number holder & or bandanna for pocket
- .. SHOW SHEEN OR Hair care and adhesives canNOT be used at **Most Major Shows**. But bring showsheen for shows that allow. Check the rulebook ahead of time.
- .. Dawn or Joy soap-to wash calf

Stock Show Rules

All stock shows attended by Crosby FFA have specific rules, which must be followed. An exhibitor violation of any rule may be given one verbal warning. The second violation may automatically result in the disqualification from any show under the discretion of the Advisor.

All exhibitors must adhere to the following rules:

1. Exhibitors will remember any show attended by Crosby FFA is a school activity. All rules pertaining to school activities will be adhered to. NO PASS NO PLAY, etc..
2. Exhibitors will not be allowed to leave the show grounds without permission from agriculture teachers.
3. It is up to the exhibitors to secure their own transportation to and from the show for feedings during the day. Ag Teachers are not always off from school to attend all day. If you need help, please contact one of us. You should have our personal cell numbers.
4. **Beef/Dairy Exhibitors** will have animals out of the barn by **8:30 am and again at 5 pm** to feed and clean stalls. After the animal has finished eating they must be brought back into their stalls unless we have paid for outside tie outs. All beef/dairy exhibitors must work *cooperatively* to clean and rake the stalls and the walkways in front of the entire Crosby FFA cattle stall.
5. **Lamb/goat/swine** exhibitors must feed and water animals by **8:30am & 5-6pm**. Animals must be walked everyday in the exercise area. This will prevent them from getting sore. All exhibitors must clean their individual pens and the walkways in front of their animal's pen or pens.
6. **Rabbits & poultry** will need to feed and water by **8:30am and 5pm**. All exhibitors must clean their individual pens and the walkways in front of their animal's pen or pens.
7. Exhibitors will be assigned stall duties throughout the livestock show as necessary. Keep all trash picked up.
8. Students will be the only people to work stall duties. We ask that parents do not work stalls. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Judges will not reward the chapter for stall award points if adults are seen working the cleanup and maintenance.
9. Exhibitors will not congregate in the tack area. The exhibit area is not the place for loud or disruptive behavior.
10. Exhibitors will exhibit sportsmanship expected of them as members of the FFA.
11. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their own animal. Exhibitors must maintain their own SAE projects. The exhibitor may ask for assistance but remember it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to groom, trim, bathe and present his/her livestock.
12. IF ANY EXHIBITOR that is excused from school to feed and care for their animal or others THAT ARE NOT FEEDING AND CARING FOR THEIR ANIMAL OR HAVE CONTACTED ONE OF THE ADVISORS OF THE REASON BY 7:30 AM. THEY WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FOR THE DAY FROM CROSBY ISD. YOU WILL BE GIVEN AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FOR THE DAY. EVERY EXHIBITOR HAS ACCESS TO OUR EMAIL

Again, we ask that parents assist the students but remember:

To help is great-----doing it for them is not teaching them.

Show times are varied and can only be estimated as to exact time of entering arena. Exhibitor should pace their time as to grooming and changing their own clothes for show.

The CROSBY FFA CHAPTER SHOWS

Participates as a show team at the following school sanctioned livestock shows throughout the year: Advisors will supervise and assist any and all FFA members in good standing with the Crosby FFA Chapter at any of the below shows throughout the year.

(THIS LIST MAY BE REVISED BY CROSBY ISD AT ANY TIME DUE TO FUNDS AVAILABLE)

Fort Worth, January

Breeding beef, steers, lambs, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine

San Antonio Livestock Show, February

Breeding beef, Market: steers, lambs, goats, rabbits, livestock judging, public speaking, ag science fair, poultry, Ag mechanics & Auctions

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, March

Breeding beef, poultry, steers, lambs, goats, rabbits, livestock judging, public speaking, ag science fair, Ag mechanics & Auctions

Austin Livestock Show, March

Breeding beef, steers, lambs, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine

Crosby Show, June

Market steers, commercial and county, Market lambs, Market goats, Market rabbits, Market broilers, Market Turkeys, AG Mechanics, Calf and small animal scramble, Youth Auction, Home Economics Projects

Dallas State Fair, October

Breeding beef, steers, lambs, goats, rabbits, poultry, swine

FFA JACKET ORDER FORM

ORDER DATE: _____ (To Be Filled in by FFA Advisor)

NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON THE JACKET: No nicknames – Please print

(First Name

Last name)

All active FFA members will need to purchase an FFA jacket as part of the official dress (OD) for FFA members. The official dress for boys is as follows: FFA jacket, FFA tie, white dress shirt, and black boots or dress shoes with black socks. The official dress for girls is as follows: FFA jacket, FFA scarf, white collared shirt, black skirt, black hose, and black closed toe/closed heel dress shoes. The approximate price for the FFA jacket and tie/scarf \$75.00. Ordering the FFA Jackets will be done shortly after the school year starts.

THE OFFICIAL FFA JACKET IS DESIGNED TO BE WORN TO LEADERSHIP CONTESTS, BANQUETS, CONVENTIONS, AND OTHER PLACES THAT REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL DRESS FOR FFA MEMBERS. IT IS WORN AS “OFFICIAL DRESS” AND IS NOT DESIGNED TO “KEEP A MEMBER WARM” OR TO WEAR TO STOCK SHOWS, OUTDOOR JUDGING EVENTS, Etc.

- PRICE OF THE JACKET:

WHEN ORDERING:

\$60.00 + 12.00 tie/scarf + \$5.00 SHIPPING = 77.00 * prices may change

- Chest measurement: _____

measure around the largest part of your chest. Add two inches for girls; add 4 inches for boys for growth.

- Boys or Girls jacket (circle one)

Boy's jackets sit lower on the hips and girls style jackets sit higher on the hips

- Questions?

Contact your Ag Teacher at 281-328-9237 x 1861 or go to www.ffa.org and look up official FFA Dress. **You may see an advisor to try on jackets to ensure a good fit.**

-----**For Office Use Only**-----

_____ Date _____ Cash _____ Cashier's Check _____ Money Order

Completion of this application DOES NOT guarantee a pen in the Crosby ISD Livestock Facility. Application, including discipline, attendance, eligibility, and need will be considered. After weighing all these factors, students will be entered in a lottery system to decide pen placement based on availability.

1. Briefly state the qualities you possess that would make you a positive addition to the Livestock Facility.

2. What other commitments do you have during the year that would compete for your time?

3. Describe your need to use the Livestock Facility.

By signing this document, I agree to the following terms:

Student:

I agree to abide by the rules and criteria set forth in the Crosby ISD Livestock Facility Regulations Agreement I have received, read, understood, and signed. I agree to pay all relevant fees associated with the expense and upkeep of my animal project(s). I agree to conduct myself in a professional manner at all times, in accordance with the Livestock Facility rules and CISD Code of Conduct. I understand that I will be required to vacate the Livestock Facility and remove my animal after multiple minor offenses or one major offense as outlined in the discipline policy of the CISD Livestock Facility Regulations Agreement. I understand that I must find alternate housing for this animal if I choose to keep it beyond Crosby Fair.

Livestock Facility Regulations Agreement

The purpose of the Crosby ISD Livestock facility located at 14515 FM 2100 Rd. Crosby, TX is to provide an extension of the classroom and to be utilized for the students' Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs (SAEP).

In order for all parties to best utilize the Agriculture Science Livestock facilities and to ensure the safety of the students, animals, and others on the property, the following regulations must be followed. Crosby ISD employees, including Agricultural Science Teachers and school administrators, will monitor compliance of facility regulations and the operations of the facility.

Due to the uniqueness of the school and the needs of the individual students, the individual Agricultural Science Teachers (AST) may make decisions based on the best interest of the district, the school, the student, and the animal(s).

All participants will comply with the following regulations and criteria.

1. As a Crosby ISD facility supporting school-related activities, the most recent Crosby ISD Handbook and the Crosby ISD Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct will apply.
2. For security purposes, the facility will be open between 5:00AM and 9:00PM.
3. The Agricultural Science Teacher will monitor all guidelines and criteria closely. Ethical and humane treatment of animals and regulations will not be compromised and the offense period outlined at the end of this document will apply.
4. The student must be a Crosby ISD FFA member in good standing to utilize the facility. *Guests must be pre approved according to district policy in order to enter the complex. Once approved, guests over the age of 18 are not limited as long as the barn is under 75% capacity. Once the barn reaches 75% capacity, each student is limited to two guests/family members in the barn per visit. At any time, students are allowed no more than two guests/family members under the age of 18.* The student is responsible for his/her family and guest(s) at all times. If the guest/family member violates the rules of the Livestock Facility, it will be treated as though the student violated the rules.
5. Drive and park in designated areas. Students and parents may park in the FRONT BARN parking lot. This parking lot is just to the left of the main barn entrance. The back of the barn is for unloading and emergency parking only.
6. Keep animal pen(s) clean at all times. Any animal not fed, watered, and cared for daily will be removed from the facility at the owner's expense.
7. Students will provide their own animal care equipment.

8. No male breeding animals are allowed at the facility. Heifers no longer eligible to compete at approved shows must be removed from the facility within two weeks after the last show for which they were eligible to compete.
9. If a student becomes ineligible to show, he or she will have 2 weeks from the day they became ineligible to remove the animal from the Livestock Facility.
10. All manure and feedstuffs must be properly disposed of daily in the approved designated areas.
11. Tack rooms are to be kept neat and clean. No hay will be allowed into the tack rooms. The safety, sanitation, and appearance of the barn are a priority.
12. Valuables of any kind are suggested to be brought to and from home as needed. The school district and its employees are not responsible for theft or damage.
13. The student is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the project area (e.g. pen) at all times. At certain times of year, students may be required to clean their project area and assist others in cleaning the facility as a whole. Agriculture Science Teachers will assign tasks based on a rotation.
14. Priority for space will be given to Crosby Fair animals.
15. No modifications may be made to the existing structure of the Livestock Facility.
16. Students must fill out a *Livestock Facility Application*, which considers the students' discipline, attendance, eligibility, and need.
17. A student may have no more than 1 animal at the facility at a time. Any additional animals/pens will be left up to AST discretion.
18. All students' projects are under the direct supervision of the Agricultural Science Teachers.
19. The use of power equipment such as tractors, bobcats, other front-end loader, etc. must follow Crosby ISD Policy.
20. Pen rent must be paid in full prior to placing the animal at the facility. The rate is \$25 per month in addition to a \$100 refundable deposit. All rent monies will go toward barn supplies and expenses. Which is must be paid in full before the animal is moved into the barn. Before returning the deposit, students must meet the exit specifications of the AST. If a student is evicted, the deposit will be forfeited.
21. No heat lamps are allowed in the barns at any time.
22. Projects must be related to FFA. No 4H projects. Jr FFA projects may be housed at the discretion of the AST, based on pen availability.
 - a. The animals listed below may be kept at the facility:
 - i. Junior Breeding Heifers
 - ii. Junior Show Steers
 - iii. Junior Show Hogs
 - iv. Junior Show Lambs
 - v. Junior Show Goats

23. Removal of animals requires cleaning the pen out within two (2) weeks after exhibiting the animal at the designated show. If a student does not clean out the pen within two weeks, the deposit of \$100 will be forfeited for not cleaning the pen. The student will not be allowed to stall an animal at the facility the following year.
24. Animals are to be washed in designated areas only.
25. Students will be required to purchase two security cards at the rate of \$5.00 each. Each card after the initial two cards have been purchased may be replaced for \$15.00 each.
26. The student will show respect to the value of the Crosby ISD Livestock Facility. Any defacing of property or equipment will mean dismissal from the complex IMMEDIATELY.
27. Passageways, including door openings, are not to be cluttered with boxes, equipment, or animals. Both routine and emergency traffic must be allowed to move efficiently.
28. All broken or stolen equipment must be reported to the AST immediately. All equipment must be cleaned and returned to the proper storage area after each use. All wheelbarrows WILL be emptied AFTER EACH USE.
29. No glass containers are allowed at the barn complex. Broken glass can cause severe damage to a student or project.
30. No pets are allowed at the barn.
31. Following the Crosby Fair, students will have two weeks to remove all property and clean the facility. At this time, all security cards will be deactivated. Graduated students will no longer have use of the project facility.
32. Crosby ISD, Crosby FFA, Crosby Young Farmers, Crosby ISD Agricultural Science Teachers, nor any school official will be responsible for injury to or death of any project animal while it is on school property or any other property.
33. Each student will be assigned a stall based upon species.
34. Each student will be required to fulfill barn duties assigned at the AST's discretion
35. Steps followed when failure to uphold the regulation agreements are:
 - a. ****First offense-** the student will receive a letter from the AST, which issues a warning. The problem must be remedied within two (2) days of the letter's date to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Science Teacher. The letter will be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian, and filed in the CTE office of Crosby ISD. A copy of the letter will be made available to the campus administrator of the student.
 - b. ****Second offense-** Will follow the same steps as above, but will be considered a final warning.
 - c. ****Third offense-** The student will be evicted from the facility and the animal will be removed from the premises at the owner's expense.
 - d. ****Fourth offense-** If the animal has not been removed from the barn within 72 hours of having been served an eviction notice via certified mail, the animal will be sold at auction. If the animal was sponsored by a scramble or non-profit organization, any residual funds (after all outstanding dues and fees are paid) shall be returned to that organization. If the animal was not

purchased by a scramble or non-profit organization, any residual funds (after outstanding dues and fees are paid) shall be donated to the student's FFA chapter.

36. If a student is evicted from the facility, he/she will not be allowed back on the livestock facility premises.

I have read the above policies and regulations listed in the Livestock Facility Regulations Agreement and agree to uphold them to the standard of Crosby ISD.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Crosby FFA Junior Membership

Crosby Junior FFA Membership shall be permitted to **children of Young Farmer members** enrolled in Crosby ISD up to their incoming 8th grade year.

- One parent or guardian must be a **paid member** of the Crosby Young Farmers (CYF) by CYF deadline- usually early October.
 - Exhibition of Major Show livestock and poultry requires 4H or FFA Membership (Jr membership begins in the 3rd grade or 9 years of age prior to December 1st of the current year.)
 - Membership will be permitted by the Local FFA Advisors in accordance with the guidelines of our Crosby ISD school policies and FFA Handbook.
 - Parents and Junior Members will follow all guidelines/rules required by HS FFA members in the exhibition of livestock.
 - Parents will be responsible for the transportation and overseeing of all livestock projects. Parents will maintain contact with the FFA Advisors and Young Farmers Organization for livestock and poultry entries and deadlines.
 - **Parents should stay current with their email address on the FFA Chapter email out.**
 - Parents/exhibitors should stay current with their show rules and deadlines.
 - Because Junior FFA members are not in the high school agriculture classes and Advisors do not have daily access to the Jr members, Parents/Jr Members should be attentive to all show rules and information.
- Ag Teachers are advisors to the students only.
 - 8th Grade students **MUST** be enrolled in ag science class that is offered at the CMS campus. These students are Discovery Degree FFA members and no longer Junior FFA members. If an 8th grade student is not in the class they cannot be an FFA member or Junior FFA member.

Ag Teachers can assist in the transportation of the animals at sanctioned shows listed in the handbook. Parents/students must stay in contact with advisors as of the needs to weigh, oversee or transport animals for the sanctioned shows. We have a great community of supporters that offer to help us weigh and transport projects during the year. We can assist you if you keep in touch.

SHOOTING SPORTS OR AG CLAYS PROGRAM

State Ag Clays Shoot held in June at the National Shooting Sports Complex in San Antonio

This program introduces Clay Target Shooting, also known as Ag Clays, to students who participate in Wildlife, Fisheries, and Ecology Management curriculum. It is designed to enhance the Ecology Management portion of this course by developing personal skills that may be carried on throughout a lifetime of enjoyment of the outdoors. This curriculum has specific extracurricular time and this shooting activity may apply as part of that time spent in the field.

Amateur Trap Association Rules will apply during shoot. AG Clays Rules Summary will be followed. Refer to the Texas Ag Science - Clay Target Shooting rules for more details at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education/shooting-sports-opportunities/AG-science-381>

Any student who participates in the Crosby FFA Shooting Sports/Ag Clays Program, their parents and/or guardian is required to read, understand and sign this document before a Notary Public.

The student and Parent understand that:

Crosby FFA Advisors and the leaders approved by Crosby ISD policy and the principal are hereby referred to as Crosby FFA Shooting Team Leadership. The adult leaders shall be appointed by the Advisors and approved by the HS principal.

1. Due to the nature of this team, a parent &/or guardian must attend a meeting held prior to the shoot off turn in a notarized release form before the first scheduled practice or shoot of the sanctioned year.
2. Students must be a current FFA member in good standing to be able to practice with the Shooting Team Leadership. Team members may practice at Clay mounds or other facilities at any time as their parents approve.
3. The shooting team members & leadership will operate under the Crosby ISD code of conduct and the FFA student handbook. Parents and students must follow all Crosby ISD school policy while acting as a Crosby FFA member and parent. Any safety violations, use of alcohol, tobacco, misconduct or foul language by the student or parent on the field or in any public area attended by the Crosby FFA team may result in a review by the Advisors, team leadership and HS principal for review and possible removal from the team or the parent being banned from future FFA activities. The FFA Advisors withhold the authority to maintain the status of the Crosby FFA Shooting Sports/Ag Clays program. The team status will be reviewed by the Advisors and approved or denied as a Crosby FFA team yearly as is with every FFA team.
4. The Crosby ISD/FFA chapter will sanction the 381 Ag Clays as a FFA Chapter event.

The following will be adhered to:

- Advisors will post a meeting in the spring on the FFA Calendar and website of any official FFA practice shoots prior to the 381 State Shoot. Rules will be covered and forms taken at that time.
- There will be a shoot off in April/May to qualify for the 381 Ag Clays set up by the Advisors if applicable.
- There will be 2 shoot offs one for Sporting Clays and one for Trap if applicable.

- Those who shoot the highest will qualify to make the team. In the case of a tie a 2nd shoot off will determine who makes the team out of those that tied. This shoot off will be supervised by the high school agriculture science/FFA instructors and our approved Crosby ISD volunteer team leadership.

Two divisions

Ag Clays State Sporting Clays Event

- The mixed team 2 males-2 females will be:
- Male 2 top shooters
- Female 2 top shooters

Ag Clays State Trap Event

- The mixed team 2 males-2 females will be:
- Male 2 top shooters
- Female 2 top shooters

5. The Crosby ISD, Agriculture Science Department, FFA Advisors and/or Crosby ISD approved parent volunteers will not be held responsible for accidents, lost or stolen property.

6. As is with other SAE's, students will be allowed to attend the Crosby ISD sanctioned AG Clays 381 shoot with their parents and an FFA Advisor. This SAE, like all other SAEs, will be on the student's time and will also assume all financial responsibility, this includes not only competitions but practices and equipment. Any official FFA practice shoots prior to the 381 State Shoot will be posted by the Advisors on the FFA Calendar.

7. Students must secure and transport their own firearms, shells and practice equipment. Firearms cannot be transported in school vehicles. No firearms are allowed on school property.

8. Any equipment acquired by the Crosby FFA Shooting team is property of the Crosby FFA Chapter. In the event the Shooting is disbanded the equipment will continue to be the property of Crosby FFA. Equipment will not be loaned out or allowed access to without Shooting Team leadership present. This is a safety issue and will be adhered to at all times. Just as with livestock team awards the chapter is the owner/manager of all equipment awarded as a Crosby FFA Team. Any awards won as an individual will be awarded to the individual.

FFA AG CLAYS 381 PROGRAM

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of participant, do hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the rules and regulations of the Crosby FFA Shooting Team/Ag Clays Program and rules at the Range. I also understand that my son/daughter must abide by the rules and regulations of the FFA Shooting Team/Ag Clays Program and Range. I understand that my son/daughter will be subject to a background check to determine Parks and Wildlife Code Violations and Penal Code Violations. I also understand that these records will not be public knowledge, but may eliminate a participant from the program for such law violations. As a parent I understand that alcohol, drugs, foul language or poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated by Crosby ISD. Any such behavior may result in immediate removal from involvement in any Crosby FFA sanctioned activity.

 FFA Member Signature Date Printed Name

 Parent Signature Date Printed Name

 Relationship to Minor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public: _____

Notary Stamp: _____

Date of Expiration

I certify that the above Parent/Guardian appeared before me and that they and the participant have been informed of the Rules and Regulations and the consequences for any violation.

 FFA Advisor Date Printed Name

BY SIGNING Crosby FFA HANDBOOK SIGNATURE FORM, I/MY PARENT ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE SHOOTING REGULATIONS FOR Crosby ISD/FFA as well as will turn in the notarized form above.

Parent Involvement

The Crosby FFA is supported by a very active Young Farmer organization made up of parents, former students, and community members. Without the help of these dedicated individuals, our chapter would not be what it is today. We encourage all parents to become active in our adult education/agriculture support organization. It will keep you and your student more informed of chapter opportunities.

Crosby Young Farmers

The Crosby Young Farmers

Crosby Young Farmers meeting run simultaneously with
Crosby FFA meetings.

Contact: Wilton Schexnayder (President) - wcschexnayder@oilwelltubular.com

Any Hoehner (secretary)- ahoehner@crosbyisd.org

Rachel Hicks (Treasurer) - rchicks@crosbyisd.org

Paul Odom (Advisor) - podom@crosbyisd.org

Cassie Morrison (Advisor) - cmorrison@crosbyisd.org

Kelly Padgett (Advisor) - kpadgett@crosbyisd.org

Gabby DeLauri (Advisor) - gdelauri@crosbyisd.org

Cameron Flanery (Advisor) - cflanery@crosbyisd.org

Eligibility Policy

The Crosby Independent School District, by state law, must adhere to the "No-Pass, No-Play" policy of the Texas Education Agency. This policy states that all students participating in extracurricular activities must be passing all courses. **Students who fail any subject during the UIL period will be ineligible for a period of three (3) weeks.** Students may not participate in competition (livestock shows are included) during the three week period following the failing grade, but they are allowed to continue to practice and be part of other activities. At the end of the three weeks, a grade check will be done in order to determine if the ineligible student is passing. If the student is passing after the third week then the student becomes eligible for participation in competition after the fourth week (there is a one week grace period). If the student is still failing at the end of the three weeks, then the student will remain ineligible until the end of the next three weeks or the next grading period.

- It is important to note that the semester grade has no bearing on eligibility.
- One other important thing to note is that a grade of "incomplete" renders a student ineligible until it is changed to a passing grade. Students must clear incomplete grades before the end of the five (5) school days grace period following the end of the six weeks, or they are ineligible for the remainder of the following six weeks.
- Students are encouraged to notify the Agri-Science teacher as soon as possible if they suspect that a grade is below an acceptable level. It is sometimes possible to offer suggestions and /or locate appropriate tutors from within the Ag program. Remember, the Agri-Science teacher cannot help once grades are posted.



Re: Text Messages to Students

During the course of the school year, it may be necessary for a sponsor/coach to text message your child's personal cell phone to apprise him/her of important information and vice versa. Text messaging is an easy way to send and receive information fairly quickly. We would like to have your permission to use this form of communication during the scheduled events or activities that your child is participating in during the year.

As a rule, we have advised staff that all text messaging should occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. However, there may be situations that require a school employee to text outside of that time frame. For instance, if students are scheduled to leave prior to 7:00 a.m. and there is a schedule change (i.e. rain delay or cancellation), a sponsor or coach would notify the student as soon as information becomes available even if it is before 7:00 a.m.

Should you ever be concerned about the nature of any text message, please contact the campus principal immediately.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to call the campus principal or my office at
(281)328-9237

Please sign and return the signature form on page 39 of this handbook to your child's sponsor.

ENROLLED IN CROSBY AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT CLASSES

The High School website has the most current courses taught for the school year. This list may be revised at any time according to student needs.

By signing this yearly permission slip document, I allow my child to participate/work in any of the course labs and shop environment of Crosby. I will work with my child to supply safety PPE attire.

- **All students will follow safety requirements at all times.**
- **All students must wear safety glasses to enter the shop.**
- **All students will maintain a calm and collected demeanor when working around livestock.**
- **Student's grades will reflect their behavior, work ethic, personal safety equipment daily and assignments given by the Advisors of Crosby Agriculture Department.**
- **Any accidents should be reported to the Advisor immediately.**
- **Safety in the Agriculture Department is our number one priority. Students working in the shop must wear approved safety glasses, closed toed shoes, long pants and other appropriate attire assigned.**

Ag Mechanics program/lab/shop

- Ag Power
- Agriculture Mechanics
- Agriculture Facilities & Fabrication

Animal Science

- Small Animal Management
- Livestock Production
- Advanced Animal Science
- Vet Med

Horticultural Science

- Landscape Management/ Turf Grass Management
- Floral Design 1 year Art Credit
- Horticultural Science

Others

- Wildlife
- Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

***Parents* we need your help.**

Please join us for our Young Farmer Parent Meetings!

Parents and students, we offer email notifications of upcoming events and requests for parents to volunteer throughout the year. If you have not already done so, please go to the Crosby FFA Website at www.crosby.ffanow.org and click on the link to the right and enter the information requested. Providing your information on the website is imperative to your child's active participation and staying informed throughout the year, as well as taken for a grade in class.

Crosby FFA Advisors will send deadlines, show schedules, entry dates, and other updates throughout the year using this email system. It is your responsibility to sign up for these emails! Crosby FFA advisors will not be held responsible for any information missed by students and/or parents who did not sign-up for the emails.

The Crosby FFA website has a calendar that is updated throughout the year, BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. This calendar contains all FFA and Agriculture Science Department information and events regarding the 2017-2018 school year.

FOR ALL AG SCIENCE / FFA MEMBERS STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN CROSBY AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT CLASSES

Please return this page of the rulebook:

Please view the Rulebook at www.crosby.ffanow.org

Yearly

Acknowledgment Form

For Crosby FFA/ Crosby Ag Department

Cassie Morrison, Paul Odom, Kelly Padgett, Gabby DeLauri, Cameron Flanery

Student's Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Please go to the www.crosby.ffanow.org website and register yearly for email notifications of events:

The above named student has my permission to attend FFA/Agriculture field trips &/or class/shop/meats lab/greenhouse/school barn activities with the Crosby Agriculture Department throughout the current school year.

We authorize the Advisors to publicize achievements/pictures of my child in School related activities on the official FFA web-site/FFA magazine, the Ag Experience Tracker-AET, in the classroom and social media.

- We have read and understand the FFA guidelines-also including livestock show rules/FFA, hold harmless agreement, officer rules and will follow instructions of FFA Advisors.
- I understand the guidelines set forth for text messaging my child, _____, and give any and all sponsors/coaches permission to notify my child of relevant information regarding the activities they are participating in during the school year
- I know that my child must have proper PPE.
- I know that my child may be working with plants, lawn equipment, shop equipment and sharp objects.
- I also understand that my child may be handling livestock/animals/small animal management animals and agree with the animal handling regulations and hold harmless agreement in this handbook.
 - My student has _____ allergies (include plants or animals)
- We understand that all the rules and regulations as stated in the school handbook also apply at any school sponsored activity. We understand that the sponsor and chaperones have the right to search handbags or personal belongings for illegal items in order to protect the entire group.

Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian

Email: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home area code and telephone: _____

Business area code and telephone: _____

Emergency Contact name and number: _____

TRAVEL RELEASE & BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

_____ has my permission to go to **Crosby FFA Activities during the 2019-2020 School Year** with Crosby ISD and Crosby FFA. Myself and child will read and understand all guidelines and rules that will apply to this trip. We understand that the sponsor and chaperone(s) have the right to search any items that are brought on the trip. These searches can occur anytime the sponsor or chaperone see fit in order to protect the entire group. Students that participate in this trip will at all times be under the rules and guidelines set by Crosby ISD and its use of the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY as stated in the Student Handbook. I understand that myself and child can be held responsible for any damage that may occur due to negligent behavior. I understand that the sponsor(s) in charge can set rules and guidelines as needed to protect the entire group and that if any rules or guidelines are not followed any condition of the following will occur:

1. The parents will be notified of any problem as seen fit by the sponsor(s).
2. The student will be sent home by the safest means possible, as soon as possible, at the total expense of the parent.
3. The student will face disciplinary action as stated in the student handbook.
4. School officials will be notified of the students misconduct
5. The student will be removed from the Crosby FFA Program either on a temporary or permanent basis. This will include the loss of any current officer status and the right to participate in any event through Crosby FFA.

We understand that the Crosby Independent School District, Crosby FFA/Agriculture Department, the sponsor(s), and chaperone(s) cannot be held liable for accidents and that myself and child will be held accountable for actions taken during this trip. This form must be signed by all involved, or the student will not go on this trip.

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature
 _____ Student Signature

_____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Other

Family Physicians Name and Phone: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Insurance Information: (Name and Number)

In the event that emergency treatment or surgery is needed, a minor cannot be operated on, without the consent of a parent or guardian. Parents should consider and act at their discretion on the following:
 I give permission for _____ to receive emergency treatment by a qualified physician in any licensed hospital if the need should arise.

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature ***Please add any additional information on the back**