

*Santa Maria High School*  
*Agriculture Department and FFA*



## Livestock Contract

**Student Behavior:** As both a member of the National FFA Organization and the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District the students are required to conform to the rules, policies and expectations that are detailed in the FFA Code of Conduct and the SMHS Student Handbook. Students in violation of the rules and policies will be subject to the disciplinary process outlined in the SMHS Handbook in addition to losing their eligibility to show as an exhibitor of Santa Maria FFA.

**Academic Eligibility:** Every student must be eligible to participate in a school activity per the district and schools requirements, including but not limited to:

1. Acceptable conduct and grades are required in order to purchase animals and must be maintained in order to show animals at the fair. (no unsatisfactory, attendance eligibility, and a 2.0 grade point average)

**FFA Leadership:** Students have participated in 90% of the FFA meetings and met their FFA Leadership activity participation requirements for the semester.

**Showmanship & Weigh In**

Student has also been at least 90% of showmanship practices prior to the fair.

Students must weight livestock animals weekly and calculate average daily gain.

**Purchase of Livestock Project:** Prior to the purchase of a student's livestock project the following conditions must be met, unless stated otherwise by the project advisor.

1. Livestock Exhibitor Contract must be completed and submitted to Santa Maria Agriculture Department by **March 25th, 2022.**
2. Students wanting to house their livestock projects at the school farm must have their Buena Vista School Farm Livestock Contract and rental Fees submitted to Santa Maria Agriculture Department by **March 31st, 2022.**
3. First Grade Check must be submitted to Santa Maria Agriculture Department by **March 31st, 2022.**

4. All livestock projects must have the approval of the FFA Advisor. Animals purchased without the approval of the FFA Advisor will not be exhibited as a member of the FFA.
5. Students wanting the FFA Advisor to purchase the animal must be paid in full by **March 31st, 2022** to the ASB Bookkeeper and submit the receipt to your advisor.
  - a. Lambs minimum \$600
  - b. Hogs minimum \$700
  - c. Goats minimum \$550
  - d. Steers minimum \$1000
  - e. Replacement Heifers minimum \$1200
  - f. Chickens minimum \$60
  - g. Turkeys minimum \$100
  - h. Rabbits minimum \$120

Note above estimates do not include the price of an FFA Jacket

**Livestock Entries:** Entries must be properly filled out with proper payment attached in the form of Check or Money order and given to the advisor to sign and take to the fair. This deadline date for this is: **April \_\_\_\_\_, 2022**, unless stated otherwise by the project advisor.

**Animal Care:** As exhibitors of the Santa Maria FFA students are expected to provide the up most care to their animal. This includes;

1. Animal being fed properly
  - a. Correct amount of quality feed
  - b. Twice daily (if not automatic)
  - c. Consistent timing
2. A clean and constant supply of water
3. Regular exercise
4. Appropriate shelter
5. Clean bedding
6. Clean stalls/pens
7. Student must check on their livestock animal as outline below
  - a. Rabbits & Poultry – every other day and can not go two days consecutive days without checking on their hog
  - b. Lambs, goats, pigs & beef – animals must be checked on daily

8. Appropriate treatment for disease, infections, & fungus

- a. Seek advisor consultations and then Vet assistance if needed.

The advisor must be notified of any sick animals. Advisors will do their best to help the student with the sick animals and will give advice to the best of their knowledgeable. If further medical attention is needed it is the student/parents responsibility for any medical or veterinary fees that accrued from the treatment of the students animal.

Prior to the fair all animals must be in good health and properly fitted in order for the student to be allowed to take the animal to the fair. Animals that are not in good health or properly fitted will not be allowed to be exhibited at the fair. This includes external wounds, such as fight marks.

#### **Pre- Fair Items:**

1. All Record Books and Thank you letter drafts must be up to date as of **June 30th, 2022** and *submitted VIA E-MAIL* to your advisor 1 week prior to the fair. Failure to meet this deadline will result in you entry being pulled from the fair.
2. Must submit at least **3** addressed professional buyer's letters with stamp to advisor (if applicable)
3. Students must participate in one of the following committees
  - a. Decoration Creation at the school farm
  - b. Tack loading at the school farm
  - c. Tack unloading at the school farm

**Fair Policies:** During the fair students will meet the following expectations. If the student fails to meet the following expectations students will be given a fee.

1. All students will participate in the creation, installation and deconstruction at the fair decorations.
2. All students will participate in the cleaning loading and unloading of tack and equipment at the fair.
3. Students will participate in barn duty as outlined by the individual advisers. Students are expected to supervise the appropriate area for the entirety of the assigned shift.

4. Each student will have their animal fed and watered, pen cleaned, and aisle swept by **7:00 am and 6:00 pm daily.**
5. Students will follow the dress code of Santa Maria High School and the National FFA Organization at all times during the fair. Student in violation must change their attire immediately.

**Post Fair Responsibilities:** Student will not be given their checks until the following conditions have been met:

1. QUALITY Thank You letters submitted to your ADVISOR, *not directly the fair nor buyer by noon on the last day of the Fair.*
2. Student participated in the unloading cleaning, and storing of show tack and equipment.
3. Students with projects kept at the school farm has cleaned and sanitized their pen and tack area.
4. FFA Record Book is updated with the most recent and accurate animal accounting, and submitted to the advisors via e-mail.
5. All borrowed FFA Jackets/uniforms are cleaned and returned to the Agriculture Department.
6. Farm bills and FFA bills are paid to Santa Maria FFA Account

#### **Livestock Project Fees:**

If an exhibitor does not follow/meet the required policies detailed in the contract, they will receive a \$5.00 fee. The following is a list of reasons for receiving an infraction warning.

1. Late to any of the meetings that are in regards to the student's livestock project and fair.
2. Late 15 minutes or less to the prescribed feeding time outlined in the contract.

A \$10 fee can be accrued for the following reasons:

1. More than 15 minutes late to the designated time to feed and clean livestock pens
2. Livestock animal not being fed/watered/cleaned
3. Pen not being clean
4. Not completing any necessary paperwork by a deadline/due date

**Santa Maria High School  
Agriculture Department and FFA**



**Livestock Contract Signature Page**

This contract must be returned to your livestock Advisor by **March 25th, 2022** unless stated otherwise by the project advisor.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print full student name), agree to follow and abide by all of the policies, rules, and conditions that are addressed in this contract. I am fully aware of the "3 Strike" policy and realize that on my third strike I will not be allowed to exhibit and sell my animal at the county fairs and will not be able to show for at the next two consecutive fairs. I understand that if I cannot sell my animal at the fair I am responsible for all debts associated with my animal which includes my project loans.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, the parent, have read and reviewed the policies, rules, and conditions that are addressed in this contract, and agree and grant my son or daughter permission to participate in raising a livestock project. I am fully aware that if my son or daughter is not allowed to sell his or her animal, that my child assumes all financial responsibility for the project and must find alternative means to sell the animal independently.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
FFA Advisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date