

SHEEP AND GOAT VALIDATION OF TEXAS

July 19, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents - ANR and 4-H
Agricultural Science Teachers

SUBJECT: Texas 4-H/FFA Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation Ordering Information

The 4-H/FFA Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas Program is requesting that validation orders be made for market lambs, market goats, commercial/wether dams, commercial/wether does, breeding sheep, and breeding goats. In preparation for sheep and goat validation, please note some very important reminders below.

Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation:

- Major Show lamb and goat validation *fee and ordering process can be found online at:*
<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com>
 - Please submit *only ONE* order per county. This should be submitted by the County Validation Chairperson.
 - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** You will notice on the ordering screen that you are able to see selections for different species of livestock in which you may not be the chairperson (ie. market steers and breeding heifers). Please ONLY submit an order for the species in which you serve as the validation chairperson. This could mean that you indicate a number for only one specie/division, or up to four species.
 - Your login information for <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com> is the same as your HLSR access code and the code used for Heifer Validation. You may contact our office to retrieve this password.
 - Once logged on, select “Manage My County/Chapter” and type the number of tags you need to order in the text box to the right of the species in which you serve.

NEW FOR 2023 Lambs and goats validated during the 2023 State Fair Validation Period WILL BE ELIGIBLE for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Market animals validated for the 2023 State Fair will carryover for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project MUST stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor MUST REVALIDATE the project within the next validation period. Please see the Validation Guidelines for more details.

- Validation fee for Major Show Breeding and Market Lambs and Goats:
 - **\$15** per head **August 1-31, 2023**
 - **\$25** per head **September 1 – October 24, 2023**
 - **Physical Validation – October 1-31, 2023**
 - Payment will be due at the time of *invoicing*, not ordering. Invoices will be sent on September 5th for orders placed on or before the deadline. Late orders will be invoiced as orders are completed and mailed out. Please send payment with the invoice for each ordering period.
 - The Validation Chairperson that submitted the order will be the contact that is invoiced for the validation fee for the entire county.
 - **REMEMBER: you will not be able to order tags/UINs if there is an outstanding balance for your account.** That said, all invoices from previous seasons must be paid before you can order for this

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year! You may view/pay this balance by selecting Manage My County/Chapter and scrolling to the bottom of the page under the sections titled Validation Invoice History. If the status reads unpaid, these will need to be paid at this time.

REMINDERS:

- Validation tags leftover from State Fair Validation in June are eligible to be used only for Major Show Validation in October.
- **If a TGBA/TLBA tag is added to the animal's ear after the State Fair show season, then the animal must be re-validated during the Major Show Validation season in order for the TGBA/TLBA tag number to be properly recorded on the *Validation Form* and eligible for TGBA/TLBA premiums during the spring show season.**
- Market lambs and goats that were validated during State Fair Validation in June and that plan to participate in the roll-over program for market lambs and goats are NOT required to be presented to the County-Level State Sheep and Goat Validation Committee at validation in October. The validation tag number should **NOT** be recorded on the *Validation Form* during Major Show Validation, if the project was validated for State Fair.
 - Recommendations for County-Level State Sheep and Goat Validation Committees during or prior to Major Show Validation in October:
 - Check tattoos of animals validated for State Fair
 - Ensure projects planning to go to San Angelo have TLBA/TGBA tags in their ear and the tag number was recorded on the *Validation Form* in June
- In 2021, Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas announced the introduction of the **Roll-over Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goat program**.
 - For example, any BREEDING animal validated during the State Fair 2021 validation period is eligible to be exhibited by that exhibitor through the State Fair 2024 show season. IF OWNERSHIP CHANGES, THEN THE ANIMAL MUST BE RE-VALIDATED. Please see the Validation Guidelines for more details.

Realizing this is a very busy time for each of you, we wanted to ensure that you have these dates and changes in mind so you may begin contacting families within your county. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions regarding the validation process!

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