



ARKANSAS STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK NEWS

2009 STATE FAIR: OCTOBER 9–18

2009 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW: APRIL 30–MAY 2

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The 2009 Arkansas Spring Livestock Show, sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau will be held April 30–May 2 at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds. Livestock Competitions will take place for Prospect Steers, Commercial Heifers, Breeding Beef Cattle, Prospect Lambs, Boer Goats, Junior Dairy Goats, Dairy Cattle, Rabbits and Poultry. Online entry will be available at www.asfg.net in late March. An Exhibitor BBQ & Dance on Friday evening are being planned again this year. If you are a member of the Hospitality Committee, or would like to join the Committee, please contact Allison McEwen at allison@asfg.net so we can begin making plans for the Spring Show. We hope to see you in May!

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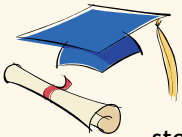
**ASF INTERACTIVE
CALENDAR**

An interactive calendar has been added to the State Fair website for your convenience. All entry deadlines, ownership deadlines & entry rates that have been set for the 2009 State Fair Show season are reflected on this calendar. The information will continually be updated. There is a link to the calendar at www.asfg.net on the Livestock page. This feature has been designed to list all events taking place on the Arkansas State Fairgrounds during the upcoming months. All livestock events are denoted in **BLUE**. If you would like to set your calendar only to reflect information pertaining to the Livestock Department, open the calendar from the website and look to the far left of your screen. Under “Categories”, make sure that **ONLY** the box beside “Livestock” has an X. We hope that this will make it easy for you to stay up to date on Livestock entry requirements and events.

ASF Junior Ambassadors

Junior Ambassador applications are available online at www.asfg.net and are due by February 28. If a person who served as an Ambassador in 2008 volunteered their required 20 hours or more, they do not have to reapply for a position as a Junior Ambassador for 2009. To apply for a Junior Ambassador position, the individual must be 14 years or older before the opening day of the State Fair (October 9, 2009). There will be Junior Ambassador meeting on Saturday, March 21 at 11:30 AM at the State Fairgrounds. Details for this meeting will be sent to Ambassadors at a later time. All Ambassadors should be present, as this will be a very important planning meeting for 2009 activities. ASF Junior Ambassadors are a selected group of Volunteer Junior Exhibitors who dedicate a minimum of 20 hours of service to the State Fair each year. This program is a wonderful way to become more involved with behind the scenes activities that make livestock shows and fairs happen. This is also an excellent leadership activity! If you would like more information about the Junior Ambassador Program, please call the Livestock Office at 501-372-8341.

Thank You Arkansas Pork Producers for your continued support of the Arkansas State Fair Junior Ambassador Program!



The Arkansas State Fair Livestock Department offers Junior Livestock Exhibitors a total of \$9,000 in scholarship awards each year. In order to qualify for a State Fair Livestock Scholarship you must be an Arkansas resident, who is or has been a member of an Arkansas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and who has exhibited livestock at the Agricultural Fairs and Livestock Shows in the State of Arkansas and the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show. The minimum GPA requirement is 3.0 and you must have an ACT score of 18 or above. The applicant may not have been a previous recipient of any State Fair Livestock Scholarship and must attend college this Fall. The application is available at www.asfg.net on the Livestock page. If you need further information, please contact the State Fair Livestock Office. The deadline for applications is June 1. Congratulations to all of our 2009 Seniors! We are proud of you!

2009 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Junior Livestock Auction Committee met on Thursday, January 29th at 6 PM in the Farm & Ranch Building at the State Fairgrounds. There were 35 Committee Members present. The Committee was presented with a Proceed Summary listing details of Auction support for the past four years and unanimously agreed that a goal for the 2009 Auction is for every Auction Participant to receive a minimum of \$1,000 as proceeds from the Auction. Discussions were held about how support for the Auction could be increased and many good ideas came forth from the discussion. A second goal of the group is to recruit more members to serve on the Auction Committee so that more people will be uniting efforts to make the program a success. Another meeting was set for March 26th at 6 PM for the Committee and everyone is invited to attend. Members of this Committee are also working to improve the Auction Animal Display and lots of hands will be needed for planning and preparation. Joining this Committee is a great way to get involved with the Fair and to become a part of helping our exhibitors receive the rewards they have earned. Everyone is needed and we hope that you will join us!