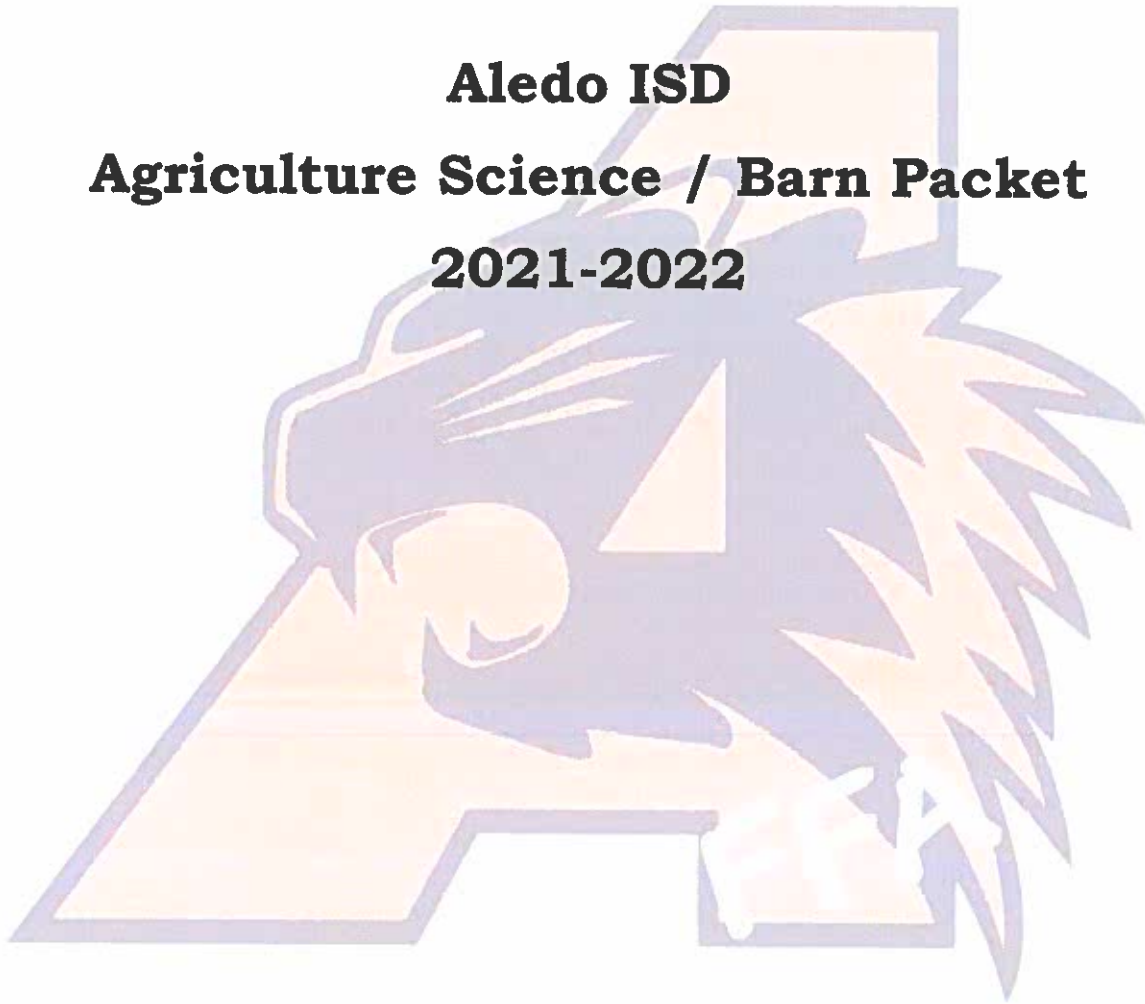


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LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION

BARN RULES

Students enrolled in the Agriculture Science Program are eligible to participate in the livestock project program. Students may purchase animal projects to care for during the school year and exhibit those animals at stock shows. Students may keep the projects at the Aledo Ag Complex or in special cases the animal can be kept at home. These projects allow students to take on responsibility while having the opportunity to practice the skills learned in class and maybe even earn a little money by selling their animal project. Animal projects are NOT MANDATORY so the following questions should be considered when determining if a student will participate in the animal project part of the program:

1. Can the student and/or parent afford the project?
2. Where will the project be kept?
3. Daily transportation to feed and care for the animal.
4. Transportation of the animal if needed
5. Time involved
6. Risk of losing money-some projects can be a loss.
7. Commitment of the student and parents to the project.
8. Can the student feed & maintain the project **before school** hours and **after school** hours?

Please keep in mind these animal projects are a gamble and they can become a total loss if not maintained properly by the student. Animals can be hurt, die, or become sick and not recover. The risk of loss can be reduced by student's hard work and desire to learn and application of their knowledge. The student commitment to take care of their animal can make the difference between risk vs reward. *It is only what you make of it!!* At times it may be necessary to perform surgical procedures on livestock. Whenever possible, a veterinarian will be used to perform the procedures. However, regardless of who does the procedure, the student and parent must realize there is always a possibility for complications. The owner must accept all costs, and risk of illness or death of the livestock.

No overnight trailer parking at any Aledo ISD Ag facility/barn without preapproval from AG Teacher. If approval is given, trailers may only stay for one night.

PURCHASING PROJECTS AND EXPENSES

Animals kept at the school farm are raised for market or breeding purposes. The end result is that all animals will eventually be removed and/or sold for food.

1. The Aledo Ag Complex is not a permanent home for animals. All breeding projects are for exhibition purposes only.
2. All breeding animal projects must be removed after-show term.
3. The selection and purchase of an animal project is a cooperative effort involving the student, parent, and teacher. The agriculture teacher's role is to help the student find the best animal possible in the price range set to help achieve established goals. Animals purchased by inexperienced buyers can and often result in an unsatisfactory project experience due to the health, quality, age, and ability of the student. The teacher will not dictate what to buy, how much to spend or where to purchase from.
4. All animals should be coordinated with the teacher **BEFORE** they are finalized and purchased. Any animal project bought without the teacher's approval may not be allowed to be housed at the Aledo Ag Complex due to the space, quality, and health of the animal.
5. **Before any animal is brought into the Aledo Ag Complex, it must be examined by the Ag science teacher in charge of the species.**
 - a. ***Required: Vaccination record from the breeder with the date of birth.**
6. The student and parent are responsible for the cost of feed, the animal, the SAE fees, entries, validations, and any other costs associated with the project. The animal project must be paid for prior to the advisor purchasing the project. Entry Fees vary according to each stock show. Final payments (other than the cost of the animal) for all stock show fees and FFA fees are due at the November FFA meeting. Failure to pay the fees will result in the removal of the animal from the complex.
7. Projects purchased must meet the requirements of the show intended. The teacher will assist in providing the necessary information regarding the care and grooming of projects for each show.

8. All students are expected to purchase their own feed and additives. Advisors' will advise the students what feed and additives should be fed. Feeds must be approved by the animal species advisor. The student is responsible for purchasing shavings as needed at the barn and for stock shows.
10. **Project owners are responsible for the costs of any veterinarian or other services that cannot be provided by the advisors.**
11. Show season end of year procedures: Final clean-out of animal pens must take place within 7 days of the animal's removal. Failure to satisfactorily clean the animal pen will result in a \$100 fine. Students will not receive a premium check until the pen is clean or the fine is paid. If the student fails to clean the pen and/or pay the fine the result will be suspension from future participation in the FFA program.
12. Due to limited space, teachers have the right to limit the number of animals at the barn. If this should occur, students allowed to house at Aledo ISD AG complex will be determined by a set of criteria including grade level, and/or experience in raising and showing said species.
13. Students will not be able to attend to animals during school hours.
14. **Students unable to attend team events i.e. loading cattle for the stock show, set up, validation, clipping, etc. will have to repay the FFA program with an hour's time per event before they are allowed to participate in another event. There will be a record kept. For example- You are unable to attend validation you will owe 1 hour of clean-up time at the school barn. This is your project and you should not put the brunt of the work on others or AG Science Teachers.**
15. Students need to be able to assist with the Aledo Buckle Show in May, and the BDGA clay shoot in March.

VISITORS AT AG FACILITY

Students who **do not own an animal in the Ag barn will not be allowed in the Ag facility** without pre-approval from an Ag Teacher. This prevents harm to other students, animals, and equipment at the Ag Barn. If there is a student who is a non-family member too who you provide transportation or your student receives transportation from another student who is not an exhibitor for Aledo FFA, they must be listed on the visitor pre-approval form prior to entry.

CARE OF ANIMAL PROJECT

Each animal must be cared for in a proper manner as approved or established by the instructor. The instructor is authorized to determine any necessary practices to ensure proper care of the student's project. This includes, but is not limited to, daily maintenance of pen/facility, feeding, hair care, showing techniques, exercise, etc. All daily animal project requirements should be

taken care of **outside of school hours**. Students must adhere to practices set forth by the Agricultural teacher and these practices may not be changed. This applies to all projects that are shown under the Aledo FFA Chapter including owned animals.

Consequence System for failure to care for the animal- The following will be used when addressing animals without feed, water, or with unsatisfactory conditions:

1st Offense = Parent and Student verbal warning.

2nd Offense = Parent and Student signed documentation

3rd Offense = Parent, Student, Teacher, and Administrator Conference with signed documentation that includes a description of the deficient behavior and expectations for the future.

4th Offense = Removal of animal from barn/loss of barn privileges. Projects without feed or with unsatisfactory pen/area conditions for prolonged periods of time will result in the removal of the project from the student and facility.

The student is responsible for proper care of his/her project. This includes adequate nutrition and hydration for proper growth, the development of the project, cleaning the pen and surrounding area. In the event of the need for emergency care for an animal, the Ag teachers will exhaust all contact information received from the owner. Final approval for emergency procedures is the responsibility of the owner. Please keep contact information up-to-date.

PENS- feces are to be removed as needed. The shavings should be replaced as needed at the expense of the student/parent.

AISLE- the aisles are to remain clean and free of trash, feed, hay, etc.... this is the responsibility of all students. Tack is to be kept in designated areas and put up neatly. Trash and debris can cause harm to animals if ingested. This is an *OSHA* violation.

TRASH/DUMPING- wheelbarrows are provided for all to use at the barn. When cleaning out pens it is the responsibility of the student(s) to take the wheelbarrow to the front of the barn and dump it in the dumpster and not outside our barn doors or in the driveway. Improper dumping will attract flies and cause more disease and infections in the barn. If you see improper dumping please report it immediately to the Ag science teacher so appropriate actions can be taken. The dumpster is located in the front of the barn, please make sure all your personal and animals trash is thrown away properly and not left on barrels, or in aisles.

FEED- Projects are to be fed twice daily on a twelve-hour schedule, or as advised by the Ag Science teacher. BE CONSISTENT. It is recommended that feeding should be done before 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Animals are creatures of habit.

WATER- Fresh, clean water should be supplied daily to your project. Empty water buckets are unacceptable; they should be filled every day during feeding. Water buckets/automated waters must be dumped and cleaned daily outside of the stalling area and not in any aisle.

EXERCISE- exercise programs will be on a per species basis and will be given to the student/parent from the Ag Science teacher. Please note these programs can change as needed for the project.

WEATHER- Students should check the weather each day. Regardless of the weather conditions, your animal(s) need to be fed and given fresh water. This includes rain, snow, ice, and just cold weather. In the event of extreme weather conditions, Aledo ISD reserves the right to shut off water lines to the Ag barn facilities. In the event, this occurs students/parents are responsible for hauling water to the Ag barn facility to care for the project. Always seek Ag science teacher advice if there are questions regarding weather conditions and the daily care of your animal.

EQUIPMENT- materials used daily by the student will be purchased at the student's expense. A list will be provided prior to the purchase of the animal and is subject to change as the need arises.

SHAVINGS- these are the students' responsibility and an expense you are expected to incur. Ag Science teacher will advise on type, and when they are needed. Shavings are used in stalls, pens, and at various shows, this will be communicated through the Ag Science teacher.

Pen Assignments

Due to space restrictions and equipment costs, the number of animals a student may raise at the Aledo ISD Ag Barn facility is limited to the available space. The Ag Science teacher will assign a stall or pen where the project animal will be kept; they are not to move without permission from Ag Science teacher. In the event that more requests for stalls or pens have been made than spaces available, the Ag Science teacher will devise an appropriate plan of action that best fits the needs of said species.

Pens are reserved for Aledo ISD actively enrolled students only.

No locks are allowed on any animal pens in case of fire or other emergencies.

Failure to comply will result in the lock being cut off and removed.

The STUDENT is responsible for:

1. The daily care of his/her project before and after school. Not during school hours.
2. Combination locks are required for locker – combinations must be shared with the AG teacher.
3. Informing the teacher regarding any problems and/or progress of the project.
4. The payment of all costs associated with the animal project.
5. Attendance of ALL mandatory barn clean-ups from start to finish. Students must attend unless prior arrangements are cleared through an Ag Science teacher. Parent substitution is NOT permitted. There will be scheduled barn cleanings throughout the year.
6. The cleanliness of individual pens and unsanitary barn conditions make it bad for your animals and your neighbors. Unsanitary conditions can lead to dismissal from the program.
7. Reading all rules of shows entered and the AISD Ag Program
8. Communication with the teacher(s) should a question or problem arise concerning the project or student's performance.
9. Students are expected to work as a team and assist in all areas needed.
10. **There will be a job of the month chart for students. Students are expected to participate. Students who do not complete their assigned job(s) will be subject to the following system:**

1st Offense = Parent and Student verbal warning.

2nd Offense = Parent and Student signed documentation

3rd Offense = Parent, Student, Teacher, and Administrator Conference with signed documentation that includes a description of the deficient behavior and expectations for the future.

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11. If a new situation arises, rules will be established and communicated to students and parents.

The PARENT is responsible for:

1. The general supervision of the project on a day-to-day basis.
2. Communication with the teacher should a question or problem arise concerning the project or student's performance.
3. The transportation of students to the complex for feeding and care of the animal TWICE daily 8-12 hours apart.
4. The transportation, cost of lodging, and accommodations of students at all

stock shows.

5. Proper removal of any animal that may become deceased during the show season, and costs associated with the removal.
6. Make sure all payments are made by the student in a timely manner.
7. Being aware of student grades to prevent ineligibility to show. Please sign up for the AISD parent portal to access grades online.
8. Following AISD behavior guidelines. See Student Code of Conduct.
9. Reading all rules of shows entered by the student as well as AISD rules. These can be found online with the respected stock shows. Breeding animal official registration papers should be given to the Ag teacher at least 2 weeks prior to validation. No Registration Papers=No Validation
10. Parents are expected to work as a team and assist in livestock projects. Ensuring your student participates in the following if they have an animal project: assisting with loading and unloading, set up and barn cleanliness
11. Payment for stock show registration is expected upon registration. It is mandatory for you or your student to attend meetings or make arrangements with the Ag science teacher. If you are not present we will not register your child.
12. Families will make their own hotel arrangements.

The AGRICULTURE TEACHER is responsible for:

1. Providing advice in regards to any problems that may occur with the animal project during normal working hours. The teacher is not required to make emergency calls after hours for the purpose of treating sick or injured animals. However, the teacher will make every effort to assist when needed with those problems.
2. The teacher will visit all projects in accordance with Texas Education Agency guidelines.
3. Selecting the feeding programs for each animal project area. All animals at the complex should be fed the recommended feed. Feeding instructions for animals raised at the barn are to come from Ag science teachers only. We require this so that we know what the animals are being fed and what adjustments we need to make. All feed is purchased by the students as directed by the teacher.
4. Livestock show participation is not a requirement of the program, therefore it cannot be guaranteed that teacher supervision will be available at every show. Efforts will be made to assist students but if numbers or schedules do not permit Ag Teachers will not attend.
5. The teacher will assist in giving medications when possible. The teacher will NOT be held liable for injury to livestock while assisting the student with

their project. This includes giving medications, castration, dehorning, docking, worming, trimming, or any other activity directly involving the teacher and animals.

6. The Aledo FFA teachers will provide transportation for animal projects to the predetermined shows entered by the chapter when there are at least 3 exhibitors participating in junior shows. ***The shows are as follows:*** Fort Worth Stock Show, San Antonio Stock Show, Houston Stock Show, Aledo Jackpot Show, and Parker County Show.
7. **All open show exhibitors must provide their own transportation. We do not haul to pen shows.**
8. In addition, the animal projects will be divided among the Ag science teachers in the following manner:

Mr. Horton – Cattle and Breeding Rabbits

Ms. Holland – Market Rabbits, Poultry, and Swine

Mr. Knight- Goats, Sheep and Ag Mech.

Chain of Command: All questions and concerns for these animals should first be addressed with the advisor in charge. If that does not satisfy your needs please refer to the chain of command located under General Rules #6.

LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPATION

1. To show a project, a student must be a member of the FFA. This is a state requirement of the FFA organization.
2. In order to participate in a livestock show, contests, or calf scramble students must be passing all courses as determined by UIL and district rules and be considered academically eligible.
3. Junior members must also maintain the standards of UIL eligibility.
4. Students whose projects are not ready or are not of sufficient quality to participate in a show will not be allowed to show. This decision will be made by the teacher and is final.
5. A list of eligible students will be prepared by the Ag science teachers to authorize attendance at the show. **In order to participate in school-sponsored stock shows the student must contact the Ag teacher one week in advance. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.**
6. The parents and students will make arrangements with the teacher for supervision at major shows.
7. Students and parents are responsible for transportation, lodging, and costs at all stock shows.

8. School policies will be enforced at all times and discipline will be according to the student code of conduct.
9. **Students who fail to follow rules at shows or contests will be removed from the eligibility list and barred from future participation.**
10. Inappropriate public displays of affection will not be tolerated in public and can be grounds for being sent home at parents' expense.

CODE OF ETHICS

Agriculture Science students will honor the National FFA Code of Ethics. Failure to comply with the code of ethics will result in removal from the FFA program. They will conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their organization, chapter, school, and community by:

1. Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
2. Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous.
3. Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
4. Respect the property of others.
5. Refraining from the loud, boisterous talk, swearing, and other unbecoming conduct.
6. Demonstrating sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests, and meetings.
7. Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussions.
8. Taking pride in their organization.
9. Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending National and State meetings.
10. Public Displays of Affection will not be tolerated.

GUIDELINES FOR THE ALEDO AGRICULTURE COMPLEX

The Aledo Ag Complex is a learning classroom. Therefore:

1. All policies of the AISD governing students conduct apply at all times to all students. Policies governing smoking, illegal weapons, alcohol, etc. for any person on school property will also apply at all times. A consequence will be issued for students failing to comply with project center rules.
2. Family members who violate rules will also result in a student receiving a consequence.
3. Three consequences could result in the removal of the project from the Aledo Complex.
4. The primary responsibility for supervision at the facility rests with the student and/or parents when an instructor is not present after hours

including summer hours.

5. Students will be held financially accountable for willful acts of vandalism.
6. The use of tobacco or alcohol by students or parents on the AISD premises will result in the immediate removal of students and projects.
7. Each student is responsible for feeding and general daily care of his/her project. Students WILL NOT feed animals or enter pens that do not belong to them unless prior arrangements have been made with the owner or advisor.
8. Daily care includes Fresh feed freshwater Removal of manure, soiled areas, and debris from pen grooming exercise monitor the well-being of the animal clean the feed areas, alleyways, exercise areas, wash racks, and grooming areas after use returning all equipment to the proper storage place. Students who do not meet these requirements will be on the 3 consequence system.
9. Any student failing to properly care for their animal may be turned in to the local police for animal cruelty and could face charges.
10. NO FIREARMS!
11. NO family pets, family dogs, etc.
12. Projects are considered complete within 7 days of the student's last show and must be removed from the complex within those 7 days. Anyone planning to process an animal after the show needs to have a processing date arranged prior to the show and the animal must be removed within 7 days of the last show. BOOK PROCESSING APPOINTMENTS EARLY! Students are responsible for all processing fees. Pens must be cleaned thoroughly within the 7 days, or an additional clean-up fee will be charged \$100. Failure to remove the animal will result in an authorized livestock hauler or Ag teacher removing the animal at the owner's expense. Monies generated from the sale of the animal will be used to remove the animal. Any remaining balance will be distributed back to the owner.
13. Ineligibility from Shows - Once a student becomes ineligible to show their animal, the student will be placed on a probationary contract. If the student fails to regain eligibility after being placed on a contract, the student's animal must be removed from the AG complex.
14. **The ag science teachers have the right to remove and ban any individual from the complex.**
15. No mechanical, wooden, electrical, or metal structures may be placed in pens without the advisor's approval. Pen structures may not be altered without the approval of the Ag science teacher.
16. Loitering at the complex will not be allowed. Students who are present must be working with their animal or cleaning pens.
17. Theft at the AISD AG Complex will not be tolerated and any student proved to be stealing will be subject to the consequences of the Student Code of Conduct and possible prosecution.
18. Parking is to be done in designated areas. **Students are not to park in barn or shop areas during school hours.**

19. Students are not to be outside of Ag classroom, shop, or instruction areas unless given permission. Those who are will be marked absent, and/or reported to administration.
20. The AISD FFA Program reserves the right to remove any animal from the complex if any one of the following conditions exists:
 - Animal abuse or neglect in any form
 - Diseased or infected animals

Aledo ISD Ag Barn Facility

VISITOR PRE-APPROVAL FORM

Each exhibitor will be allowed to have four (4) persons approved (beyond immediate family) to feed/care for them when you or your immediate family cannot. These 4 individuals will be the only ones allowed in the barn for the purposes of feeding/caring for your animal during this time. This must be documented on your whiteboard when someone else is feeding/caring for your animal. This documentation must include the individual's name and phone number so that we can contact them in case of an emergency.

All visitors must be listed on this form (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) and be pre-approved prior to entering the facility. You must list Parent/ Guardians/Immediate family below; they will be considered as one person and you will receive 4 additional approved visitors. Students who ride home with you on a regular basis but do not have an animal must be on this list as one of your 4 approved persons. Contact the Ag Advisors to verify your approval. The pre-approved visitor list may be changed once a semester preferably at the beginning of the semester in January. This form must be completed and returned to Mr. Horton.

Aledo ISD Ag Facility
1008 Bailey Ranch Road
Aledo, TX 76087
Telephone: 817-701-5514

Exhibitors Full Name: _____
Last First Phone Number

1-Immediate Family: _____
Last First Phone Number

2-Immediate Family: _____
Last First Phone Number

3-Immediate Family: _____
Last First Phone Number

4-Immediate Family: _____
Last First Phone Number

5-Immediate Family: _____
Last First Phone Number

Please fill in the 4 additional visitors list below:

1- Relationship to Exhibitor: _____

Visitor's Name: _____
Last First Phone Number

2- Relationship to Exhibitor: _____

Visitor's Name: _____
Last First Phone Number

3- Relationship to Exhibitor: _____

Visitor's Name: _____
Last First Phone Number

4- Relationship to Exhibitor: _____

Visitor's Name: _____
Last First Phone Number

I have read and understand all the information above. I understand that as an exhibitor and parent of the exhibitor, I am responsible for all of my visitors on my approved list. Failure to comply with barn rules will result in possible removal from Aledo ISD AG Barn or other disciplinary action.

Student Exhibitor Date

Parent of Exhibitor Date

Agricultural Science Teacher Date

Barn Duties

Swine Side Duties:

Safety check:

- Lockers and pens are shut
- Broom, Shovels, and Wheelbarrows are put in Tack Room
- Hoses rolled up
- Heat lamps secured to tops of railing with zip ties
- Extension cords are NOT in the aisle

Wash Rack/Scales:

- Hose off manure in wash rack
- Remove manure off scales and turn off
- Roll up hoses

Main Aisle- Sweep and Clean Manure

Aisle A- Sweep and Clean Manure

Aisle B- Sweep and Clean Manure

Locker Aisle A & B (side aisles) – Sweep and Clean Manure

Trash- Put trash in dumpster

Cattle/ Lamb/ Goat Side Duties:

Tack Room – Sweep floor make sure all items hung up on hooks

Dumpsters:

- Sweep around dumpster
- Make sure no manure/shaving/wheelbarrows are left lying around them

Cattle Locker Aisle – Sweep daily

Cattle Pen Aisle- Sweep daily

Wash Rack- Clean out and hose rolled up and placed on hook

Barn Check:

- No manure left in arena
- Hoses rolled up, placed on hooks
- Shovels, brooms left out need to be put in tack room on hooks

Clean Scale- Clean manure on it and around it

Helpful Resources

- ~Please follow us on Facebook at ALEDO FFA

- ~Remind 101 Groups for FFA Members, Teams, Officers, and Livestock Participants and Parents – Send text the @ **code below to 81010**
 - FFA Remind-@2122ale**
 - Pig Remind-@2122swine**
 - Cattle Remind-@gegb3ke**
 - Goats Remind-@h837k3a**
 - Lambs Remind-@lambexhibi**
 - Ag Mech-@agme2122**
 - Barn Remind-@aledoagb**

- ~Google classroom for parents & students informational only-
CODE: jem7lw6

- ~Calendar of Events will be located at <http://aledoffa.ffanow.org>

- ~Electronic Forms found Online at <http://aledoffa.ffanow.org>

- ~SAE Project Ideas Can be found on Pinterest or by
“Googling” University of Illinois SAE Project Ideas

- ~Please view rules for specific stock shows found at stock show websites.
 - West Texas Stock Show & Rodeo – www.taylorcountyexpoctr.com
 - North Texas State Fair – www.ntfair.com
 - State Fair of Texas – www.bigtex.com
 - Heart of Texas -<https://www.hotfair.com/events/2021/livestock-show>
 - Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo – www.fwssr.com
 - San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo – www.sarodeo.com
 - San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo- www.sanangelorodeo.com
 - Houston Livestock Stock & Rodeo – www.rodeohouston.com
 - Austin Stock Show & Rodeo- www.rodeoaustin.com
 - Parker County Stock Show – www.parkercountystockshow.com

- ~ AG BACKERS – meet 1st Monday of each month from Aug – June.

