

1. When are they able to do cattle?
 - a. **Students can do cattle starting their freshman year in high school. Payments for a steer are typically due in 2 payments with the first one due in February, and the 2nd payment due in March, and then the student will get their steers in May.**
2. Are there different breeds of pigs or are they all the same? what types?
 - a. **For the CFISD show we raise crossbreeds, which is a cross of a yorkshire, and a hampshire pig. These are considered dark and light crosses.**
3. What about students that are not raising animals
 - a. **Students are not required to raise animals, nor will it affect their grade. We do encourage students to get involved in other ways so that they can be an active member of the Cypress Woods FFA. Cypress Woods FFA is the largest FFA chapter in CFISD and we are always striving to grow as a chapter which can be done in many ways besides raising livestock.**
4. Why are pigs' total cost higher than goats and lambs?
 - a. **Pigs typically cost more than goats or lambs because they eat more feed. On average a pig will go through a bag of feed about every 10 days, while a goat or a lamb would go through a bag every 2 ½ - 3 weeks.**
5. Do we have to wear a mask while showing?
 - a. **We do not have the answer to that as of now. Things are changing daily so what may happen next week, may be very different to what may happen in 4 months from now.**
6. What about other livestock shows around Houston and surrounding areas? Do you help students with that? What about judging competitions with FFA?
 - a. **Yes absolutely we will help your students with raising a livestock project for major shows such as HLSR. We can assist with finding a breeder for you, and giving you feed advice as well. However, should a student choose to raise a project for a major show, then you will have to be responsible for finding a place to keep your animal as we cannot keep major show animals at our barn this year. Additionally we do not know how major shows will look like this year due to the pandemic. If you are considering raising for a major show then you need to let an ag teacher know ASAP!**

7. So will students still go to class during show week or miss like last year
 - a. **This year students will not get to miss class during show week. Due to the social distancing order every show for the CFISD show besides the pig show will be held after school. Additionally students will not be permitted to miss school to watch the pig show that will be held at 10AM on the Friday of show week.**

8. Are there any fundraisers this year?
 - a. **We do not have that information as of yet, but we will be releasing that information just as soon as we get an answer.**

9. When will the pigs move to show since its different this year?
 - a. **Tentatively, they will check in on Thursday, February the 4th, which is the day before the pig show.**

10. Is there going to be any shows in December or January?
 - a. **There may be a few prospect shows around the area. If you are unaware, a prospect show is a practice show that students can compete in. Different prospect shows can be found online. If you may think that you are interested in one of these shows, please let your ag teacher know for more information.**

11. Do the students have to wear masks at the barn when caring for the animal?
 - a. **Absolutely!! This year it will be required that all students wear a mask at the barn at ALL times. The barns are an extension of the school so the same rules that apply at the school also apply at the barn. Failure to wear a mask at the barn could result in the removal of your animal at the barn.**

12. What are the hours and days at the barn?
 - a. **We do not have the information for the hours at the barn as of yet, but we will be releasing that information just as soon as we find out how many students will be at the barn so that we can figure out logistics on social distancing protocols. The barn will be open everyday of the week as it is highly important to feed your animal everyday of the week at least two times a day.**

13. What is needed to access the barn if we are a parent going up without a student?
 - a. **Every student will receive a barn key card for their use. Parents will be given the option to purchase an additional key card at around \$10.**

14. So is there a place to wash hands? Are there extra sanitizers in the barn?
- a. **The barn has both a ladies, and a mens restrooms that have a sink and soap dispenser. Only one student will be allowed in the restroom at a time. Additionally extra hand sanitizer stations have been placed throughout the barn.**
15. Can a student raise more than one type of animal, or is there a limit?
- a. **Students can raise more than one animal at a time. However, students are only permitted to keep one animal at the district barn. For example, you could keep one animal at the Telge barn (a pig, steer, goat, or a lamb), and then keep chickens at your house. If you are keeping all of your animals at home, then you could raise as many animals as you would like.**
16. What happens if your animal gets ill and you can only be those time slots?
- a. **Please inform your ag teacher, and we will work with you so that you can be with your animal.**
17. Do you have a vet or do we need to find one? what are vet requirements
- a. **We have a veterinarian that we recommend. His name is Dr. Wunderlich from Washington County Animal Hospital out of Brenham TX. Dr. Wunderlich does not make house calls, so it would be the responsibility of the parent and student to provide transportation for the animal to Dr. Wunderlich. We also recommend that if your animal does get sick, then please first inform your ag teacher so that we can try to help and save you a trip out to Brenham. If it becomes an emergency, call a vet.**
18. So how often are they cleaning the barn? they did not clean the barn too much last year.
- a. **We do not have that information as of yet, but we will let you know as soon as we find out. It is still the responsibility of the student to keep their personal area and pen sanitized and clean at all times.**
19. What is the website for the booster club?
- a. **Cywoodsffa.org**
 - b. **The website to pay dues is <https://cypress-woods-ffa-booster.square.site/>**