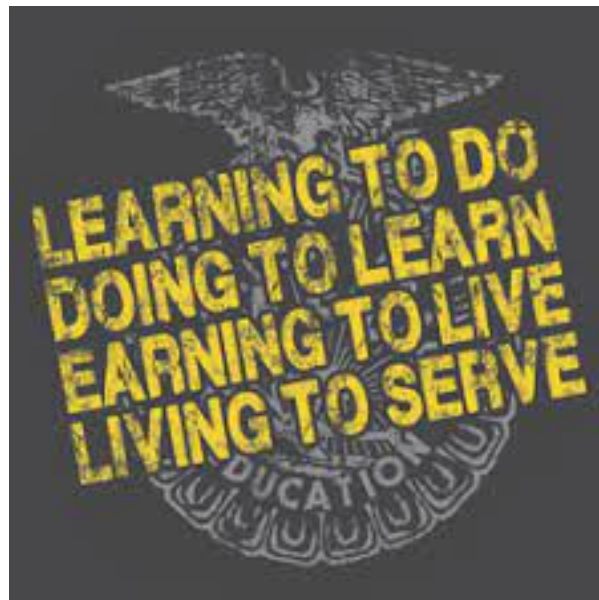




# Member Handbook 2022-2023

*(In Revision for the 2022-2023 school year)*



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Lorena FFA. It is great to see all of the new and returning FFA faces. Your officer team will be planning a fun filled year, so I hope you are all as excited as we are. We hope that everyone will attend the many activities and meetings available. The FFA is a great way to make new friends and establish friendships with not only students of your own school, but schools all across the state. Friendships you make this year can last a lifetime. With everyone's support our chapter will achieve greatness. Here's to an exciting year.

Sincerely,

Lorena FFA Advisors and Officers

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	High School	
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## **Program of Activities (Tentative Dates) for 2023:**

### *January*

9th: Brazos County Horse Judging Contest @ Bryan

17th: Fort Worth Stock Show Horse Judging Contest @ Fort Worth

17th: FFA Chapter Meeting @ 6PM

(all members encouraged to attend since we will NOT be having a February meeting!)

19-23rd: FWSSR- Lambs, Goats & Heifers

28-29th: FWSSR- Breeding Sheep

### *February*

**\*NO chapter meeting this month due to busy scheduling\***

2-4: FWSSR- Steer show

3rd: San Angelo-Public Speaking Contest

4-6th: San Angelo- Market lambs & goats

6-7th: San Angelo- Market steers

6-10th: MCJLS

10th: Bell Co. Youth Fair Horse Judging Contest

8-12th: San Angelo- Heifers

10-12th: San Antonio- Breeding sheep

13th: SALE Horse Judging Contest

13-15th: San Antonio- Market lambs & goats

13-17th: San Antonio- Heifers

16th: Prairie View A&M Horse Judging Contest

16-19th: San Angelo- Breeding sheep

17th: Itasca FFA Public Speaking Contest

20th: Speaking Contests AM @ McGregor, PM @ Belton

20-24th: San Antonio- Market steers

27-March 1: Houston- Breeding Sheep

### *March*

3rd: Taylor-Katy CDE Invitational

6th: HLSR Horse Judging Contest

7-9th: Houston- Lambs & Goats

9-11th: Rodeo Austion- Market Steers

6-11th: Houston- Heifers

11-12th- Houston- Public Speaking Prelims & Finals

12-15th- Rodeo Austin- Breeding Heifers

12-17th: Houston- Steers

17-18th: Rodeo Austin- Lambs & Goats

20-24th: Lehman FFA Online Vet Science Contest

21st: Cisco College Invitational CDE Contests

21st: FFA Chapter Meeting @ 6PM\* Possibly a reschedule due to Cisco College CDE's!

22nd: Decatur Invitational Judging Contests  
23rd: Tarleton Invitational CDEs  
24th: Angelo State Invitational CDEs  
27-31st: Liberty Hill FFA Panther Classic Online Invitational  
28th: Weatherford College Invitational CDE's  
29th: HOT Invitational CDE's  
30th: Alvarado/Cleburne Invitational CDE's

### *April*

3-7th: Rusk FFA Online CDE contest  
4-6th: Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Online Vet Science contest  
6th: District Meeting @ Bruceville Eddy @ 4:30PM  
10th: FFA Chapter Meeting @ 6PM  
12th: Tarleton Area CDEs  
19th- District Convention/Degree Check @ Whitney, 1PM

### *May*

5th: Chapter FFA Banquet

## **Proficiency Award Areas**

The following awards can be given to students who excel in any of the following areas and who complete a record book and application:

Agricultural Communications  
Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication  
Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance  
Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems  
Agricultural Processing  
Agricultural Sales  
Agricultural Services  
Beef Production  
Dairy Production  
Diversified Agricultural Production  
Diversified Crop Production  
Diversified Horticulture  
Diversified Livestock Production  
Emerging Agricultural Technology  
Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management  
Equine Science  
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production  
Floriculture  
Food Science and Technology  
Forage Production  
Forest Management and Products  
Fruit Production  
Grain Production  
Home and/or Community Development  
Landscape Management  
Nursery Operation  
Outdoor Recreation

Poultry Production  
Sheep Production  
Small Animal Production and Care  
Specialty Animal Production  
Specialty Crop Production  
Swine Production  
Turf Grass Management  
Vegetable Production  
Wildlife Management

## **FFA Degrees and Awards**

Students who participate in FFA events and activities can be eligible for degrees and awards on the chapter, area, state, and national levels. Members interested in attaining these awards must complete required record books and applications, and other guidelines set by the national FFA. These guidelines can be found in the FFA Manual.

### **FFA Degrees**

**Greenhand Degree**  
**Chapter Farmer Degree**  
**Lone Star Degree**  
**American Degree**

### **Star Awards**

Outstanding members at each degree level are selected for the Star Awards on all FFA levels.

**STAR GREENHAND**  
**STAR CHAPTER FARMER**  
**STAR LONE STAR**  
**OUTSTANDING SENIOR – Dekalb Award**

### **Herdsman Award**

Given to the member who has done the most outstanding job with their SAEP project. Criteria of this award is based on feeding and management practices of animal or other supervised projects and attitude and character demonstrated by the student throughout the school year.

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

**\$2,000 - \$20,000**

San Antonio Livestock Show Program

Houston Livestock Show Program

National FFA Foundation

Texas FFA Scholarships

Ford Motor Company

Farm Credit

Walrath Foundation



# **Career and Leadership Development Events**

## **Leadership Contests (LDE)**

Jr. Chapter Conducting  
Sr. Chapter Conducting  
Jr. Prepared Public Speaking  
Sr. Prepared Public Speaking  
Jr. FFA Quiz  
Sr. FFA Quiz  
Jr. Creed Speaking  
Sr. Creed Speaking  
Jr. FFA Skills  
Sr. FFA Skills  
Radio  
Public Relations  
Extemporaneous Speaking  
Ag Issues  
Job Interview  
Agricultural Advocacy

## **Career Developments Events (Judging Contests) (CDE)**

Horse	Livestock
Tractor Tech	Cotton
Vet Science	Milk Quality (MQP)
Land	Poultry
Nursery Landscape	Entomology
Wool	Ag Technology & Mechanics
Meats	
Farm Business Management	
Wildlife	
Floriculture	

## **Leadership Activities**

Greenhand Camp	National Convention
Area Leadership Camp	National FFA Week
State Convention	

## **FFA CREED**

I believe in the future of agriculture with a faith born not of words but of deeds – achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturalists; in the promise of better days through better ways even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations, which even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturalists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so – for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends on me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

Written by: E.M. Tiffany

## **FFA Motto**

Learning to do,  
Doing to learn,  
Earning to live,  
Living to serve.

## Opening Ceremony

President: FFA members, why are we here?

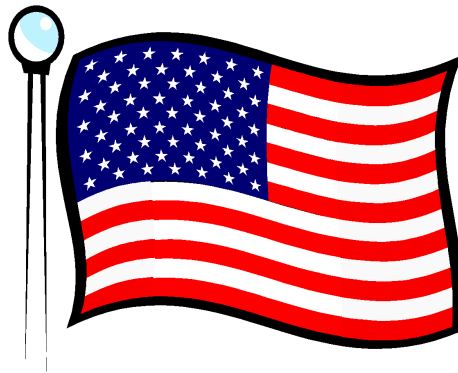
Members in Unison: (rise after three taps of the gavel)

**To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership which an FFA member should possess.**



## Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



# **Agricultural Science and Technology Course Offerings**

## **Introduction to Agriculture (9-12)**

Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

## **Mechanized Agriculture (10-12)**

Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies

Agricultural Power Systems

Agricultural Facilities Design and Fabrication

Welding

Advanced Welding

Concepts of Engineering and Technology

Engine Technology

Advanced Engine Technology

## **Horticulture (10-12)**

Principles and Elements of Floral Design

Landscape Design and Turf Management

Horticultural Science

Advanced Plant and Soil Science

## **Animal Sciences (10-12)**

Equine Science

Livestock Production

Small Animal Management

Veterinary Medical Applications

Advanced Animal Science

Scientific Research and Design

Veterinary Medical Applications

## **Leadership/ Business Development**

Professional Standards in Agribusiness

Agribusiness Management and Marketing

Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

Professional Communications

Entrepreneurship

**Biotechnology**

Biotechnology

Advanced Biotechnology

**Environmental and Natural Resources**

Advanced Environmental Technology

Wildlife, Fisheries, and Ecology Management

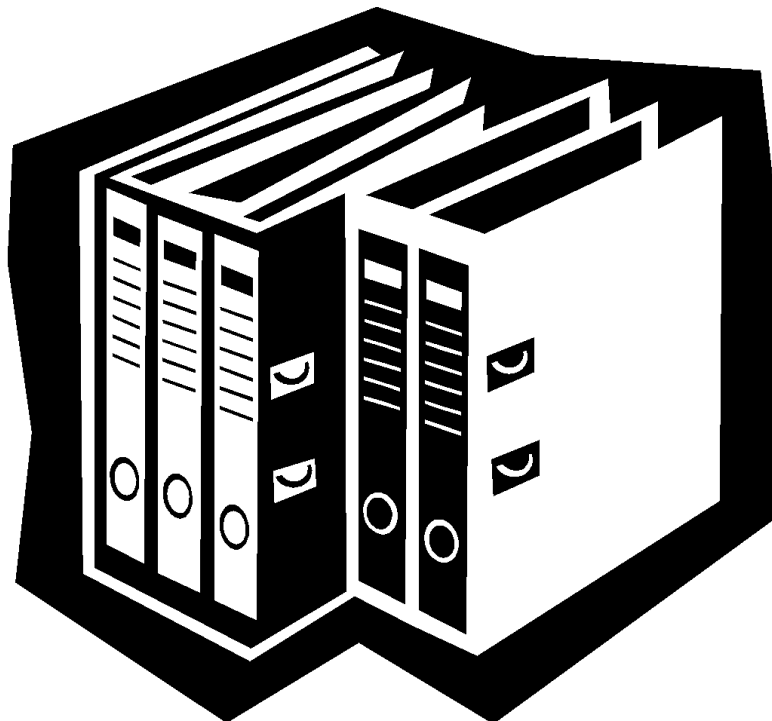
Range and Ecology Management

Forestry and Woodland Ecosystems

**Food Technology**

Food Technology and Safety

Food Processing



## **FFA Fundraising Activities**

The FFA does many activities throughout the year that require money. The trips to contests, community service projects, food and refreshments at meetings, animal projects, the chapter banquet, and trips to leadership camp and the state convention require a large sum of money to support. You are asked to participate in whatever fundraising activities we have. The more money our group makes, the more activities we can participate in.

We are limited to one fund-raiser per school year. We will be offering meat, dessert & fruit items from Fresh Country Fundraising in the fall. These products are also great for selling to large businesses. You have a chance to earn rewards for how much you sell. High Point Seller- Free Belt Buckle, 2nd High Point Seller- \$75, 3rd High Point Seller, \$50. If you earn 20 points in selling, you will be able to attend the incentive selling “field trip”. Other service projects will be done throughout the year for raising money as well. Please join in on our fundraisers and take an active role in supporting your chapter.





## STUDENT PARENT LETTER

### Lorena FFA

iFreshCountry Organization Code: GJ6184



### Top Three Point Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Free Belt Buckle
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$75
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$50

### Individual Student Rewards

-All students that earn 20 or more points will get to go on a surprise field trip. More details will be disclosed towards the end of our fundraising!

-Any student that DOES NOT pick up the product they sold on the day the product is delivered to the school will forfeit all rewards.

-ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS are responsible for picking up sold items from the high school aq shop on the announced day of product truck delivery & must be delivered to their customers, within a 24-hour period. The truck specific delivery date will be announced closer to arrival; the window of product arrival will be during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you do not pick up your merchandise within 72 hours, it will be donated. PLEASE pick up your products! If you have any discrepancies with your order, we need to know within 24 hours.

### Important Dates & Information

- Ending Date of Sale: Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- All sales must be made in the iFreshCountry app & paid with credit card ONLY. Do not take cash or check payment for any individual sale.
- Delivery: Expect delivery in November. You will be notified in advance of the exact delivery date.

Download  
iFreshCountry

Watch Video #3 at  
[www.freshcountry.com](http://www.freshcountry.com)  
for instructions.

### We Need Your Help!

It is that time for our Annual Fall Fund Raiser! We are selling some delicious Fresh Country food products. Your participation is much needed and appreciated to raise the necessary funds to fuel our FFA Chapter. Note that all funds raised will be used exclusively to benefit our FFA members.

[www.freshcountry.com](http://www.freshcountry.com)



## **Lorena FFA Alumni**

Parents of current Lorena FFA and 4-H members, community members, and former students comprise the Lorena FFA Alumni Club. Money raised from fundraisers supports our students in all of their various chapter, district, area & state endeavors. Meetings are currently held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the ag classrooms. One fundraiser includes the Holiday Christmas Classic held in Clifton in December.

### **2023-2023 Officers:**

President	Krystal Coleman
Vice-President	Christy Walker
Secretary	Candis Diaz
Treasurer	Leslie Belloat

### **Directors:**

John Elliott  
Ashley Lynch  
Remmington Herrod



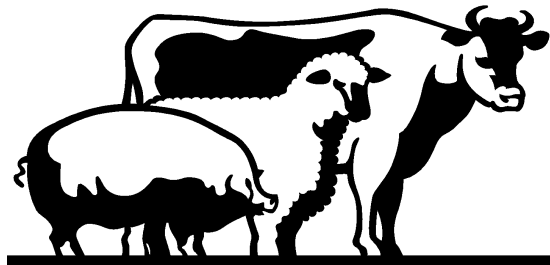
## **Member Participation**

Every FFA member should take advantage of the variety of activities that the FFA has to offer. Each different activity that an FFA member participates in will be worth one point. This system will also be used to determine what members can qualify to go to Area Leadership Conference and the State Convention. Members must participate in an LDE and a CDE event, be participating in the FFA Agriscience Fair, be elected to an FFA Office, or be the recipient of an award to be eligible for the state convention.

Participation also helps to determine who will get the star awards. Sign in sheets will be at each activity held, please make sure you get your name on the sheet to receive credit.

### Activities:

- Monthly Chapter Meetings
- District FFA Meetings
- LDE's – District, Area, State
- Local FFA Activities
- Community Service Activities
- CDE's
- Exhibiting animals at local, county, and major stock shows



### **FFA Dues – \$20.00**

This includes local, district, area, state and national dues, Jr & Sr level. Membership also includes a subscription to the FFA Horizons magazine which arrives sometime after January 1<sup>st</sup>. **Remember, to participate in meetings, contests, and conventions you have to pay your dues each year!**

### **FFA Jackets**

FFA Jackets can be purchased for \$60.00. Orders will be taken until September 30<sup>th</sup> in order to have them in time for the first leadership contest. All members are encouraged to purchase a FFA Jacket, especially if you have plans to compete on LDE or CDE teams.

### **Jr. FFA**

Jr. FFA membership is open to students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades who are showing livestock projects, and should have an older sibling enrolled in the Lorena FFA program. Dues for Jr. Members must be paid to the Lorena FFA before November 1<sup>st</sup>. **Dues are \$20.** Since they are not enrolled in high school ag courses, they are not eligible to participate in high school FFA events, but they are eligible to show in all stock shows.



## **FFA and Agriscience Department Code of Conduct**

FFA Members should conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community, and family.

### **Requirements and Expectations at School and During All School Sponsored Activity:**

#### ***FFA Member should:***

1. Communicate in an appropriate manner.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
3. Respect the rights of others and their property.
4. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
5. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion as outlined in the Cisco ISD Student Handbook.

#### ***FFA Members Will Not:***

1. Be a part of robbery or theft.
2. Assault or vandalize people or their property.
3. Fight or be a part of a violent situation.
4. Use or have in their possession fireworks or firearms of any type.
5. Be a part of sexual harassment situations.
6. Use unethical practices to show or exhibit their projects.
7. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol beverages.
8. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of tobacco or tobacco related paraphernalia.
9. Partake, possess, or be under the influence of illegal substances.

#### ***Consequences:***

1. Notification of Lorena Administration
2. Notification of the parent or guardian.
3. Removal of the animal or exhibit. The animal will be ineligible for further participation in any event.
4. Removal of the student from the activity.
5. Upon return to the school, consequences outlined in the Student Handbook will be enforced.

## **Livestock Showing Requirements**

### **Stock Show Eligibility**

To be eligible to participate in any livestock show, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in an agricultural science class
- Be a member in good standing with the Lorena FFA Chapter (dues paid)
- Meet TEA guidelines for academic eligibility
- Have paid entry fees on time and meet show requirements
- Have approval of agricultural science teacher

### **Show Entries**

The agricultural science teachers will assist in making arrangements for participation in the MCJLS and any approved major shows. Entries in all other shows will be the responsibility of the student.

### **Travel to and from Shows**

Students may be responsible for some personal travel to and from livestock shows when it cannot be provided by the agricultural science teacher. Sometimes this may include transportation of livestock.

### **Discipline While at Shows**

Livestock shows are an extension of the Lorena ISD Classroom; therefore students will be responsible for their personal conduct. All school rules are in effect at these shows.

### **Animal Care at Shows**

While at livestock shows, each student will be responsible for all feeding, care and grooming of his/her respective animal(s).

### **Responsibility to Buyers**

The student will write, gain instructor approval, and provide addressed and stamped envelopes and thank you cards to buyers before receiving any money for show projects. A thank you list will be handed at the monthly ag booster meeting following the county show.

### **Equipment/Trailer Use**

Arrangements must be made for the use of any equipment belonging to the FFA. Clippers, blowers, ect. must be returned in a diligent manner so that others may be able to use them. The use of livestock trailers will be limited to the agricultural science teachers and others as deemed necessary. Any equipment lost, stolen or destroyed while in the possession of a student will be replaced at the expense of the student.

### **Specific Show Rules**

It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with all rules pertaining to his/her livestock project (this information includes weight limits, entry requirements, age, etc.) This information may be obtained from the agriscience teachers or by visiting the web sites of the shows you are entering. (see website reference page)

### **Recommendations for Feeding and Care of Animals**

The feeding and care of the animals is a very important aspect of the livestock project. Many authorities believe it as important as purchasing a high quality animal. All authorities believe it is responsible for at least 50% of the success or failure of a project. Below is a list of several proven practices which if done consistently, will lead to success in the show ring.

### **Daily Care/Feeding**

The daily routine of feeding and care is very important. All animals respond well to an organized routine. They should be fed twice daily in most cases. Normally this will require at least 30 minutes in the morning and thirty minutes in the evening (7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and 3:30-6:00p.m. at the school farm). Your feeding program will be tailored to your particular animals as recommended by your Agriscience teacher. Your choice of feeds will be up to you based upon your particular situation. It is best to discuss with the Agriscience teachers the feeding program that you are going to use.

### **Halter Breaking or Teaching an Animal to Lead**

One of the more important considerations that arise early in the feeding period is teaching the calf, lamb, or goat to lead with a halter or collar. The animal must be worked daily. This is no easy task and sometimes can be very time consuming. Consistency is the key. Some animals learn more quickly than others do, but normally this can be accomplished in the first several weeks. The animal must also be trained to stand correctly and calmly. This is critical, as in some cases the judge may want to handle the animal. The practice will require several additional hours each week.

### **Disease Prevention**

Your animal's pen must be kept clean on a daily basis. They will help reduce fly problems and help in keeping the animal clean. Regular worming for internal parasites and vaccinations for more serious diseases is recommended. A close examination of your animal's feces, appetite, and attitude can help you assess its general health.

### **Approved Livestock Surgical Practice**

Many times it will be necessary to perform surgical procedures on livestock which will improve their general appearance. Some of these practices may be performed by the Agriscience teachers; however, if the parent would rather have the work performed by a veterinarian, it is understandable. Regardless of who does the procedure, the parent must realize there is always the possibility of complications. The owner must accept all risks of illness or death of an animal.

### **Weighing on a Regular Basis**

Knowing your animal's weight and weighing on a regular schedule is very important. Weight gain or loss is a good indicator of how well the animal is progressing. Animals should be weighed as often as feasible. It is particularly important near show time, as weight limits and weight classes are sometime critical to placing the animal. It is also important to know the minimum and maximum weight limits for the species you are showing and the show you are entering.

### **Grooming Livestock for the Show**

During the latter part of the feeding period, much time must be devoted to grooming the animal. Brushing and combing your animal are important daily routines. Washing and clipping your animal will also be done on regular intervals to get a good view of how the animal is growing and progressing. In most cases, all animals will be clipped prior to the show to meet maximum hair requirements of the show that you are entering.

### **Major Stock Shows Attended by the Lorena FFA**

The Lorena FFA attends MCJLS & any major stock shows deemed as necessary based on the number of families entered. Depending on the year, teachers will travel to any of the following shows: Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston & Austin. Any additional shows in which students wish to attend may be approved by the ag teachers and school administration; however, they will not be excused unless an ag teacher is present at the show. If students meet all eligibility requirements and have an adequate number of extracurricular days, they may attend on their own, but will not be "excused". It should be known that the ag teachers will not be able to attend or provide transportation to any shows other than the ones listed above.

# SAE

## Supervised Agricultural Experience Program

A unique aspect of the Agricultural Science Program is the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, or SAE. It enables students to feed and exhibit livestock projects, develop agricultural crop or horticultural enterprises, or experience the other aspects of the agricultural industry.

The SAE is a powerful tool that teaches responsibility, time management, commitment, teamwork and sound financial practices.

### Important Notice

It is strictly prohibited to administer any type of vaccine, drug, spray, feed additive, or substance internally or externally without first receiving approval of the Agriscience teachers. All substances used on the animal must be approved for use on the animal or be recommended by the Agriscience teacher. All students are expected to read and agree to abide by the Animal Welfare Agreement that can be found on the following pages.

Estimated Cost of Livestock Projects

Species	Time Duration	Cost	Feed/Track	Facility Use***
Cattle	12 months – March – February	\$5000.00	\$2000.00	Keep at your home
Swine	5 months – October-March	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$25.00/head deposit
Sheep/Goats	7 months July-Feb/March	\$800.00	\$300.00	\$25.00/head deposit
Rabbits	2 months	\$180.00	\$20.00	Keep at your home

Source List  
Livestock Show Feed and Supplies

**Show Supplies**

- Sullivans Show Supply      [www.sullivansupply.com](http://www.sullivansupply.com) 1-800-588-7096
- Buzbee Feed & Seed (Waco) 1701 S Loop 340, Waco, TX 76706  
(254) 757-1557
- Brazos Feed & Seed (Waco) <https://brazosfeed.com/>      (254) 756-6687
- Stock Show Pros (Eastland) <https://stockshowpros.com/pages/contact-us-1>  
(432) 425-5030

**Local Veterinarians**

Cottonwood Creek Veterinarian      Andrew & Alese Roemisch, DVM



# **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

## **Lorena FFA**

Revised December 2022

### **LORENA HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE/AGRIBUSINESS**

#### **Article I- NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the “Lorena Chapter of the FFA.”

The

letters “FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.

Section B: The purposes for which this chapter has been formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive agricultural leaders.
2. To develop an awareness of the global importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. To strengthen the confidences of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an Agriculture career.
5. To stimulate development and encourage achievement in individual agricultural experience programs.
6. To improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources to the community.
7. To develop competencies in communications, human relations and social abilities.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To build cooperative attitudes among agricultural students.
10. To encourage wise management of resources.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide organized recreational activities for agricultural students.

#### **Article II- ORGANIZATION**

Section A: The Lorena Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of The Texas FFA Association which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B: This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Texas Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

#### **Article III- MEMBERSHIP**

Section A: Membership in the chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active, (2) Alumni, and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section B: The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

Section C: Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D: Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing if they:

1. Attend local Chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. They show an interest in and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. Pay their dues regularly.
4. Abide by the FFA code of Ethics.

#### Article IV- EMBLEMS

Section A: The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the Chapter.

Section B: Emblems used by the members shall be uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designated by the national FFA Organization.

#### Article V- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

Section A: There shall be four degrees of active membership in the Chapter. These degrees are (1) The Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) The Chapter FFA Degree, (3) Lone Star FFA Degree, and (4) American FFA Degree. All Greenhands are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. Chapter FFA wears the Silver emblem degree pin, Lone Star – gold charm, and American – gold key.

#### Section B: GREENHAND: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in Agricultural Education class, and have satisfactory plans for a supervised experiences program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA creed, motto, and FFA Mission Statement.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and explain proper use of the FFA Jacket.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter program of activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual.
7. Submit a written application.

#### Section C: Chapter Degree - MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least 180 hours of systematic instruction in Agricultural Education at or above the ninth grade level, and have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agricultural science program.
3. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least 3 official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
4. Have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the members own efforts or worked at least forty five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA Award Program.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D: STATE FFA DEGREE- Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Association.

Section E: AMERICAN FFA DEGREE- Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Association.

## Article VI- OFFICERS

Section A: The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and the Sentinel. The advisor shall be the teachers of Agricultural Science in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective officers as listed in the Official FFA Manual.

Section B: Officers shall be elected annually. Members will vote for two candidates as to their preference for each officer at the time of election. Officer candidates will go through an interview and take a test over the FFA Organization at the time of the election.

Section C: The officers of the chapter, together with the chairmen in charge of the major sections of the annual program of activities shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the Chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.

Section D: Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of the advisor.

Section E: Chapter officers must hold the degree of the Chapter Farmer and have satisfactory scholastic standing and a commendable citizenship and conduct record.

## Article VII – CHAPTER SWEETHEART

Section A: One chapter sweetheart will be elected yearly. The sweetheart will be elected by majority vote from the FFA membership, and will be elected in the spring in conjunction with chapter officer elections. The chapter sweetheart recipient will be awarded at the chapter banquet.

Section B: Criteria for sweetheart nomination:

1. Must be a female senior.
2. Must have been an FFA member all four years of high school.

## Article VIII- MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Section A: Regular Chapter meetings shall be held at least once a month during the school year at such time and place as is designated by the Chapter Executive Committee, and the Chapter may hold at least one regular meeting during the summer. Special meetings may be called at any time.

Section B: Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All regular meetings shall open and close with the official ceremonies. Parliamentary procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

Section C: Delegates, as specified by the state constitution, shall be elected annually from active membership to represent the chapter at the state convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the state.

Section D: A majority of active members listed on the secretary's membership roll shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum must be present at any meetings at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

## Article IX- AMENDMENTS

Section A: This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active membership present providing it is not in conflict with the State Association Constitution or that of the National Organization.

Section B: By-laws may be adopted to fill the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such by-laws conflict in no way with the constitution and by-laws of either State Association or the National Organization.

## BY-LAWS TO LOCAL CONSTITUTION

### I. OFFICER ELECTIONS

A. The chapter officers will be composed of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10) active members, and will carry out the official business of the chapter. The number of officers elected, will be determined by the FFA advisors and will be dependent on the amount of officers candidates running each year.

B. Chapter officers must apply for officer. Point accumulated from the interview, test, and student vote will determine officer position.

C. Officers will be interviewed by a committee and ranked

D. Officers will take a written test over the FFA and Parliamentary Procedure.

E. Officers will be voted upon by the members attending the specially held meeting.

F. The percentages that the interview, test, and elections will be determined by the advisors prior to the election.

## II. OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS

A. All officer candidates are to know and agree to abide by the FFA Code of Ethics.

B. All officer candidates are to have knowledge of The Mission and Strategies of the FFA Organization.

C. All officer candidates are to have commendable citizenship and conduct records.

D. All officer candidates shall have their official FFA dues paid.

E. Officer candidates shall meet the following respective scholastic requirements: Chapter officer candidates must have an average of “B” or better in past Agricultural Science courses.

F. All officer candidates are to have a sincere desire to carry out the duties of the office to which they are elected.

G. All officers must agree to abide by the FFA Officer Rules as created each year by the Chapter Executive Committee and sign a statement agreeing to abide by them.

## III. Officers are to carry out their duties as outlined in the official FFA Manual, and as assigned by the President and approved by the Advisors.

#### IV. TERM OF OFFICE

- A. The terms of office shall be for one year, ending after the newly elected officers are installed.

#### V. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Officers may be removed from office for failing to meet the qualifications stated in the constitution.
- B. Officers must meet the same qualifications for holding office the second school semester as they did when elected, otherwise their term of office will expire.
- C. An officer will be entitled to a full and impartial review and hearing by the executive committee. They may be temporarily or permanently dismissed from office. A decision will be based upon the facts.

#### VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

- A. Membership may be temporarily or permanently denied for failure to abide by the Code of Ethics.

#### VII. OFFICIAL FFA CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

- A. Each individual member takes upon themselves the responsibility of wearing official clothing and accessories with dignity and pride so as not to reflect any bad criticism upon himself, the school, the FFA Organization, or the Local chapter.

#### VIII. OFFICIAL FFA AND SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- A. All members will show pride in the FFA Organization in his/her school by properly caring for and using the facility, its equipment, and official paraphernalia in a proper, dignified manner.

#### IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Each individual FFA member is to realize that they are a personal representative of their school and FFA Chapter. The image of their school and chapter are reflected through and by them as an individual. Aim for and achieve excellence.

# **Form Section**

# Forms

On the following pages are the forms, which need to be returned to the agscience teachers, if they apply to you. If you are going to participate in any FFA activity we must have the permission slip and emergency information. If you are raising an animal, we need the animal welfare agreement. If you are using a pen at the barn, we need the pen agreement. Also, the acknowledgement form indicating you have received the handbook needs to be filled out and returned to your ag teacher by **September 22, 2023.**



# **Lorena FFA**

## **Agricultural Project Center**

- **A pen rent fee of \$25 per pen will be collected from each member using the facility.**
- The facilities are for Lorena FFA and Lorena Jr. FFA members. McLennan County 4-H member projects may be housed at the discretion of the AST, based on pen availability.
- Students are responsible for cleaning and maintaining project area (ie. Pens, alley ways, wash racks, and weight scales) at all times.
- Workdays for maintenance and cleanup of the general facility will be scheduled and students using the facility will be expected to be there.
- Facility will close at 10:00 pm nightly unless permission is granted by AST.
- The project center is an alcohol, tobacco, and drug free area. Violators will be asked to leave immediately.
- Lorena ISD Code of Conduct rules as listed in the student handbook will apply to the facility.
- Guest will be allowed with members in good standing. If your guest violates any rules it will be treated as if the student has violated the rules and proper action will be taken.
- While at the facility, vehicles must stay on the road.
- Stall assignments will be made by AST after consulting students. Pens may be chained and/ or locked, but a key or combination must be made available to the AST.
- If parent of student feels there is a problem with animals, facilities, or other students, the Ag Science Teachers must be contacted first.
- No pets allowed in the barn.
- No feeder (non-show) animals will be allowed in the barn.

### Penalties for violations of rules and procedures:

- **First offense:** will result in the student having a written warning with a copy kept in the Ag Science Dept.
- **Second offense:** will result in written warning and call to the parents and will be considered a final warning.
- **Third offense:** student's animal may be evicted from the facility at student's expense.
- **Major Offenses:**
  - **Neglect of animal. (i.e. lack of adequate feed and shavings)**
  - **Neglect to keep facilities and pens clean**
  - **Abuse of animal**
  - **Drug, tobacco or alcohol use.**
  - **Any other actions determined to be serious by the AST.**
- If you are asked to remove your animal you will have 7 days after which your animal will be removed and sold.
- If these rules are broken by someone who does not have an animal, legal action will result.

### Disclaimers:

- Any equipment brought to the facility is at your own risk. The school district will not be responsible for lost stolen or broken equipment.
- At the conclusion of the livestock show you have 3 weeks to remove the animal from the facility unless other arrangements are made. Each pen must have a final cleaning before any livestock show checks are issued.
- Lorena ISD and any school official will not be responsible for injury or death of any project any while on school property or any other property. (Project insurance may be secured through local insurance agents)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

-

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
AST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Lorena FFA Emergency Information

This form must be completed by the parent/guardian of each member. This form is required of all members of the FFA. This form must be updated yearly or in the event that any of the information should change.

**WITHOUT THIS COMPLETED FORM, YOUR CHILD MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN  
THE FFA PROGRAM.**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

FFA ACTIVITIES (known **or** planned to participate in)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

MOM'S WORK# \_\_\_\_\_

DAD'S WORK # \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE CARRIER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF INSURED \_\_\_\_\_

ID NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP # \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN # \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number or relative or friend who can be contacted in case of emergency when parent or guardian is unavailable.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY DOCTOR \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DENTIST \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

IF IN THE JUDGEMENT OF ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL, THE ABOVE STUDENT NEEDS IMMEDIATE CARE AND TREATMENT AS A RESULT OF ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS, I DO HEREBY REQUEST, AUTHORIZE, AND CONSENT SUCH CARE AND TREATMENT AS MAY BE GIVEN SAID STUDENT BY ANY MEDICALLY QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE. I DO HEREBY, AGREE, TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE SCHOOL AND ANY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE FROM ANY CLAIM BY ANY SUCH PERSON OF SUCH CARE AND TREATMENT OF SAID STUDENT.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

LORENA FFA / AGRISCIENCE DEPARTMENT  
PARENT TRAVEL PERMISSION FORM

FOR PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SANCTIONED EVENTS DURING THE  
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR AS A MEMBER OF THE CISCO FFA/AGRISCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT.

FACULTY SPONSORS:      Ashley Lynch                      John Elliott

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

The above named student has my consent to travel to and from each event participated by this organization during this school year including all errands and activities related to duties and assignments made to members enrolled in the AGRISCIENCE/FFA CLASS. The mode of transportation may be LISD provided transportation, or a private vehicle driven by school personnel, a parent, the above named student, or another member of AGRISCIENCE/FFA.

I understand that the student may not be chaperoned/supervised while enroute or while participating in some activities. All students must abide by state, district, and campus policies at all AGRISCIENCE/FFA sponsored events, whether held during normal school hours, after school hours, or on weekends and holidays. I understand that student's who violated said policies will be subject to disciplinary consequences in accordance with the STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT, including possible removal from future participation in FFA events.

I understand that infractions to any of these said policies which include theft, vandalism, and possession of illegal substances will result in notification of parent/guardian and my child being returned to school at the parent's expense with no reimbursement of funds.

I agree to, and hereby, release Lorena ISD and its trustees, employees, sponsors and volunteers from all legal responsibility from liability resulting from any activities of this organization, including liability cause by or related to the negligence of any such party.

**I agree or do not agree (please circle one) to allow my child to swim at any events that have swimming opportunities available.**

**I agree or do not agree (please circle one) to allow my phone number and address to be published in the FFA Directory.**

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This form must be signed and returned to the sponsor before the student will be permitted to participate in any activities of this organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent                      Date

## Student and Parent Acknowledgement

**This Lorena FFA Handbook has been published to help your son/daughter gain the greatest possible benefit from his/her agricultural science/FFA opportunities.**

**The FFA needs your cooperation. It is very important that each FFA member understands the opportunities and regulations outlined in this handbook. Parents are to encourage their son/daughter to abide by all rules or regulations set forth in this handbook. Please go over all agreements outlined in this handbook and return them to your Agriscience teacher.**

**Your signature and that of your child acknowledge the receipt of this FFA Member Handbook and the agreement to take full advantage of all the opportunities that are available to members.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*The following forms must also be returned**

1. Emergency Information Form
2. Parent Permission Agreement
3. Pen Agreement (if applicable)
4. Animal Welfare Agreement (if exhibiting animals)