

Welcome!



2021 Golden Valley FFA Livestock Exhibitor Meeting

# Introductions

Mr. Swartwood - Principal

Vikki Dompe - Ag. Department Head/Rabbit & Poultry Advisor

Rebecca Mendonza - Ag. Teacher/Swine Advisor

Madison Zittel - Ag. Teacher/Beef Advisor

Karl Montague - Ag. Teacher/Dairy Cattle Advisor

Cody Jacobsen - Ag Teacher/Sheep & Goat Advisor



# YQCA Information

- Mandatory for all exhibitors - large or small animals
- Purpose of YQCA
- Must be completed online this year - no in person will be available.
- \$12 online fee
- CA Rule
- Annual test
- [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org)



# F&M Bank Loan Information

- Financial Opportunities for students
- Application and flyer is posted on the Golden Valley FFA website.
- Plan in advance if you are wishing to get a loan, it takes some time.
- More questions? Visit the F&M Bank on G Street across from InShape gym.



# Important Dates

## General Contract Deadlines

- Large Livestock (Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Goats) - January 8th, 2021
- Small Livestock (Rabbits & Poultry) - February 5th, 2021
- Merced County Fair - June 6th-13th, 2021 (Does not conflict with school this year!)
- Fair Check Pick Up- June 14th, 2021

\*Other deadlines depending on species



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1. Because of the importance of scholastic achievement, the Golden Valley Agriculture Department requires its livestock exhibitors to maintain a satisfactory scholastic record, **which means 2.0 or better in his/her classes with no D's or F's in any Agriculture courses and no more than 2 F's in any other Non-Ag courses.** Therefore, if any exhibitor fails to meet his/her requirement, **he/she may lose their show privileges. Check your GPA or grades PRIOR to purchasing Livestock (Market or Breeding).** It is **NOT THE AG TEACHER'S JOB** to check on your grade or GPA.
2. All students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) must maintain at least 90% attendance. Attendance is monitored weekly and if an exhibitor falls below the 90% threshold during their show week, he/she will lose their show privileges.
3. All Livestock students **WILL** complete an **FFA AET RECORD BOOK** and attend scheduled livestock species exhibitor meetings throughout the project period as outlined by the advisor.
4. All exhibitors are to follow the directions and advice given to them by their advisor. The advisor's directions are to be followed for the length of time the project is eligible for exhibition with Golden Valley FFA, and during the fairs where the project is being exhibited.
5. FFA members are required to obtain their homework from all of their teachers in advance for attending fairs/shows, so they do not fall behind in class.



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6. All exhibitors are expected to haul their animal and tack to the fair **unless other prior arrangements are made with the advisor (before the fair).**
7. All rules and regulations of Golden Valley High School will apply to students participating at fairs/shows (showing is a school activity). In addition, the Golden Valley FFA Constitution provides guidelines and outlines valid rules/regulations/code of conduct for all exhibitors to adhere.
8. Each exhibitor must read/understand/ and follow the rules and regulations in the County Fair's Premium Book. These rules apply, in addition to number 7 above. As well as, all California Fairs and Expositions Exhibitor rules apply during the duration of the fair projects.
9. Each exhibitor is responsible for feeding, watering, grooming and management of his/her animal(s) for the entire length of the fair unless prior arrangements are made through their advisor. Please note: When you place your animal on the fairgrounds until it leaves--- you are an exhibitor and on a school activity and all rules apply during the fair dates until the fair concludes. **Yes, that means 24 hours/day!**
10. Each exhibitor will participate in showing his or her animal even if it is over or underweight. **Student's fair passes will be stripped if they choose not to participate. The advisor reserves the right to make exceptions based on the evaluation of the animal.**

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11. All students **WILL** participate in both Market and Showmanship classes. (**NO EXCEPTIONS!**).
12. **ALL** exhibitors are required to serve barn duty as assigned at specified times by the advisor. Failure to show up for barn duty or late to barn duty will result in extra hours of barn duty. Three violations can result in the loss of livestock auction/premium check.
13. All FFA exhibitors will be required to wear an official FFA uniform while showing their animals.

## ***FFA Uniforms***

- Gentlemen- White pants, white button down collared shirt, FFA jacket, FFA tie and black/brown boots or shoes.
- Ladies - White pants, white button down collared, FFA jacket, FFA scarf and black/brown boots or shoes.

14. Market animal exhibitors are required to write “Thank You” letters to their buyers **on FFA Stationary** to receive auction check (Regardless of a gift given at the sale). It is the exhibitors’ responsibility to contact community members to consider purchasing their animal. Marketing and communication skills are part of their FFA Livestock SAE project.
15. All exhibitors **must attend** the awards ceremony on Sunday to remain in “good standing” and to receive their auction/premium check. Waist up FFA attire is **required** to attend the ceremony (FFA jacket, white button down collared shirt, FFA tie/scarf. In addition to the ceremony, all exhibitors must be present for the final clean-up of pen stalls and tack area.



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16. Students are to follow all schedules and times given to them for the week of the fair. Any violation will result in a “violation”. (Three violations and you are out rule applies)
17. Violation papers will be handed out to students who do not comply with rules and schedule.
18. **The advisor of any species will have the authority to take whatever disciplinary action necessary toward any student that fails to comply with these rules. This includes scratching an exhibitor from any fair or show and/or the livestock sale pending the violation.**
19. Each exhibitor is required to fill out a drug residue policy form prior to the fair. Failure to comply will result in termination from the fair. If the exhibitor or animal is not cleared from this policy as documented by the fair’s livestock office, then it is understood that the animal/exhibitor is not eligible to show/exhibit.
20. You are required to keep track of your show times and make sure you are in the barns and not roaming the fair during the show. If you miss your classes and you and your animal do not show according to the fair rules, the result will be termination from participating in the fair exhibition show. It is not the advisor’s job to find you and tell you to go to the show ring or get dressed.

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21. On sale day, it is your responsibility to sell your own animal. You are to keep track of lot numbers and make sure you are dressed 60 lots before your number is to be “called”. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY---IF YOU MISS YOUR LOT NUMBER IN THE SALE YOU WILL NOT SELL.

22. You are to keep track of your equipment! If the advisor picks up your equipment because you left it out, it will **result in one violation**. Therefore, pick up after yourselves! You and your parents have invested a lot of money into your projects so treat it like gold.

23. Golden Valley FFA will not take any responsibility for a student loan. If you wish to take out a student loan to fund your project, you must use F&M Bank. Golden Valley FFA will not utilize American Ag Credit for student loans, nor will they approve the project if using American Ag Credit student loan program. Although we greatly appreciate all that American Ag Credit does for our program, we will only allow F&M bank. Parents will take on **FULL RESPONSIBILITY** of loan payments at the conclusion of the project. Golden Valley FFA and Golden Valley High School will not be held accountable for any unpaid loans.

# Questions or Comments?

Disperse into specie advisor groups...

## Breakout Room Options

Hogs - Mrs. Mendonza

Sheep/Goats - Mr. Jacobsen

Dairy Cattle/Beef Cattle - Mr. Montague & Ms. Zittel

Rabbits & Poultry - Mrs. Dompe

