



# Sutton County 4-H Forecast



**March 2026**



Special points of interest:

- Club News
- Project News
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Monthly calendar

**4-H Club Meeting-** The next general 4-H meeting will be on March 30, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

**Judging Teams-**

If interested in judging teams, give us a call. John Jones is our wool & mohair coach. Pascual coaches range science.

RANGE SCIENCE will meet on March 3, 24, 31st at 4 pm at the Extension Office.  
Be watching for WOOL & MOHAIR practice.

**WOOL/MOHAIR/RANGE CONTESTS:**

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Horseshoe Arena, Midland TX  
 April 21<sup>st</sup> - Gillespie County Office, Fredericksburg TX  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pearce Pavillion, College Station TX  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> - HEB Barn, San Angelo TX

**Sonora Invitational Contests & Fleece Show-** April 11, 2026

Schedule is as follows:

8AM • Registration (GRASS ID & RANGE JUDGING) If not pre-registered  
 8:45AM • Depart for Range Judging Site  
 9:00AM • Range Judging On-Site Orientation - Contest immediately following  
 11:00AM • Grass Id Contest Begins **\*\* Will use Scantron**  
 1PM • Awards (GRASS ID & RANGE JUDGING )

1PM • WOOL & MOHAIR/FLEECE SHOW Registration  
 1:30PM • Orientation  
 2PM • WOOL & MOHAIR Contest/FLEECE SHOW Begins  
 5PM • Awards (WOOL & MOHAIR JUDGING/ FLEECE SHOW)

**Steer/Heifer Ear Tag Orders-**

Anyone interested in showing steers or heifers next stock show season ear tag orders open March 1. Cost is \$25.00 per tag. Please order your tags by April 2. Validation will take place in June.

**2026 State Fair Lamb and Goat Validation.**

**STATE FAIR TAG ORDERS FOR 2026 WILL OPEN MARCH 1ST;** Please order your tags by April 2. Cost is \$25/head.

**2026 State Fair Swine Validation.**

The Texas Swine Validation tag ordering system for the 2026 Texas Fall Major Stock Shows will open April 1, 2026.

**San Angelo Stock Show Results**

**BUCK KIDS-**  
 Kelbi Blesing- 2nd, 7th; Andie Harter 5th; Stella Harter- 4th

**YEARLING BUCKS-**  
 Andie Harter 10th; Kelbi Blesing- 4th, 6th; Stella Harter- 2nd (Res Ch);

**AGED BUCKS-**  
 Andie Harter 2nd; Kelbi Blesing- 4th, 7th; Stella Harter- 8th;

**DOE KIDS**  
 Stella Harter-1st (Res Ch); Kelbi Blesing- 2nd, 8th; Andie Harter- 6th;

**YEARLING DOES**  
 Andie Harter- 3rd; Kelbi Blesing- 4th, 6th;

**AGED DOES**  
 Stella Harter- 5th; Kelbi Blesing- 3rd, 8th;

**ANGORA WETHER**  
 Kelbi Blesing- Lt Med 1st & Res Ch

**MARKET LAMBS/GOATS**  
 Daylin Dillard- 6th Class 6 Meat Goat  
 Kelbi Blesing- 1st SD; 5th FW; 3rd FWX; 3rd Class 3 Meat goat;

**RABBITS**  
 Elizabeth Griffin- 12th dwarf Netherland buck; 15th Jr mini Satin Doe

**BREEDING SHEEP**  
 Jocelyn Rogers- Ch Ram Jr Show; Ch Ewe Jr Show



# Inside Story....

## San Antonio Stock Show Results

### ANGORA GOATS

Kelbi Blesing– Reserve Ch. Angora Doe

### COMMERCIAL DOES

Kelbi Blesing– 2nd Place Doe

### REGISTERED BREEDING SHEEP

Jocelyn Rogers—Reserve Champion Ram open show ; 2nd place Yearling Ewe Open show; 1st place Aged Ewe Open show

### MARKET GOATS

Kelbi Blesing– 9th (Class 13)

### MARKET LAMBS

Kelbi Blesing– 6th (Class 41 FWX);

### MARKET SWINE

Luke Snyder– 5th place (Class 10 Spot)

## District 10 Spring RoundUp- Registration begins **March 2** on 4-online

Many opportunities for everyone to showcase their talents! Events are:

Livestock Judging– April 20 (Gillespie County Fairgrounds)

Range & Pasture ID, Range Evaluation, Wool Judging, Mohair Judging— April 21 (Gillespie County Fairgrounds)

4-H Talent Showcase– April 24 (First Baptist Church– Fredericksburg)

\*\*\*Registration deadline is **March 24, 2026** on 4-H Online.

## Texas Brigades-

Now accepting applications; open to youth, 13-17 years of age, who are interested subject-specific stewardship, conservation, and management topics throughout 5 days. Camp fees (\$500) include meals, lodging, materials, and more. Local sponsorships are available and encouraged.

Limited to 30 participants. Scheduled 2026 camp dates and locations:

Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade (June 7-11 in Rising Star, TX)

South Texas Buckskin Brigade (June 7-11 in La Pryor, TX)

South Texas Bobwhite Brigade (June 17-21 in McCoy, TX)

South Texas Ranch Brigade (June 27– July 1 in Freer, TX)

North Dakota Waterfowl Brigade (July 7-11 in Washburn, ND)

Bass Brigade (July 8-12 in Santa Anna, TX)

Waterfowl Brigade (July 22-26 in Garwood, TX)

Ranch Brigade (July 13-17 in Santa Anna, TX)

North Texas Buckskin Brigade (July 26-30 in Santa Anna, TX)

Coastal Brigade (July 28– Aug 1 in Anahuac, TX)



Find more information on Texas Brigades and their long-time partnership with AgriLife at [www.texasbrigades.org](http://www.texasbrigades.org).

Apply online at [www.texasbrigades.org/applications](http://www.texasbrigades.org/applications) by the **March 15th** deadline.

## Sutton County 4-H Scholarship-

We have scholarships available for graduating 4-H seniors. To qualify:

1. Must submit a completed application to the Extension office by **May 1**, 2026. All required materials must be included.
2. Must be currently enrolled as a member of the Sutton County 4-H Club.
3. Must be active during Jr & Sr year in the **Sutton County** 4-H Club & have attended at least 4 club meetings per year.
4. Must have been involved with 4-H a minimum of 5 years. (including your junior and senior year)
5. Must submit proof of acceptance at the educational institution of choice. (jr. college, university, vocational school)
6. Must be candidate for graduation from Sonora H.S. in the spring of the current year. Must provide copy of official school transcript.
7. Must have been involved in at least 2 projects within your 4-H career.
8. Must have been involved in a minimum of 2 community service projects per year of club membership. Of those, at least 1 must be a 4-H community service project annually. A completed service form must be turned in for non-4-H service projects.
9. Must have been involved in leadership activities.(i.e. elected position, judging team, county/district/state/national competition, community service, leadership labs, state and/or national congress, record book competition)
10. Must interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship must be used for college expenditures (dormitory/apartment, books, tuition). Funds will be made payable to the institution. Students are to provide the Extension Office with the college's scholarship donor forms or contact information for the college's Financial Aid Office.

## Texas 4-H Photography Contest -

A senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit no more than 1 photo per category (15 total). The rules are posted on the state Photography page : <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/> . The timeline for entry is **April 1-15**.

## 2026 Texas 4-H Virtual Fishing Reel 'em In Skill-a-thon

Registration is open on 4HOnline at <https://texas.4honline.com> for those wanting to get a jump on registration for the spring program.

### **New Highlights for 2026:**

1. You can now access all information, rules of play, official placings on either the **Texas 4-H Sportfishing website** or via **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1202432833284039> .
  2. New live, but hosted virtually by Zoom, educational programs for youth in March and May featuring **saltwater species** and **managing your fishing resources**.
  3. Each 4-H youth participating in a tournament will receive a complimentary **Check-it-Stik** and **Tail Pinching tool**, thanks to our new program sponsor, **PondBoss**.
  4. This year Anglers/Clover Kids will be featured on their Facebook page with the **First Fish Species Caught spotlight**.
1. New fish species permitted in the tournaments include **Rio Grande Cichlids** and **Black Drum**.

Be sure to check out all the unique educational opportunities offered across the state through this 4-H program on the Texas 4-H website at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/sportfishing/>

SPRING & SUMMER 2026

## TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM

### Program Highlights

**Zoom Educational Programs - No charge**  
March 17, 24, & 31 and May 19, 26 & June 9 @ 5:30 pm  
Registration required via Google <https://forms.gle/Rsvw7Bzdf4bMfV77>

**Freshwater & Saltwater Division Tournaments - \$50**  
Fish in YOUR location across the state!  
Spring: April 4-May 30 Summer: June 13-August 8  
Register via 4HOnline at <https://texas.4honline.com>

**Texas 4-H Sportfishing Skill-a-thon Contest - \$5**  
Spring: May 15 - 30 Summer: July 17-August 8

**Texas 4-H Sportfishing Angler Certification - No charge**  
Participate in 3 educational programs, one tournament and one skill-a-thon

**NEW!**

### New for 2026

- Complimentary tail-pinching tool & Check-it-stik
- Saltwater Fishing 101 & Managing Fish Resources programs
- First Fish Species Caught - Angler News Spotlight
- Black Drum and Rio Grande Cichlids permitted

Questions? Contact  
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### Texas 4-H Horse Validation

For the 2026 season, horse validation will be **open in 4-H Online from March 1 – May 1, 2026 in a new platform, Texas Show Pass:** <https://4h.texasshowpass.com/login>

●ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.

●From March 1 – April 15, cost for each horse is \$10.00; April 16 – May 1, cost is \$20.00.

\*NEW IN 2026\* -

\* Families may add and save all of their horses to their profile and then pay for all horses in one credit card transaction!

\* All horses are now family validated under your created family profile in Texas Show Pass. Any eligible 4-H members within a family that are properly added to the family profile prior to submitting horses for validation will be eligible to enter horses in the district and state 4-H shows.

Check out the walk-through video and validation guide at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> for more information.

Contact the Extension Office if interested.

### Club Officer Elections:

It's time to consider running for 4-H office. Only candidates who regularly attend club meetings should run. Being selected to office means being committed to serving. Applications may be submitted via email or by dropping them off at the office. **Applications due May 1, 2026.**

72nd Annual Texas Youth Range Workshop- June 21–26, 2026.

Are you the outdoor type?

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of an enriching experience that goes beyond plant collections to provide a competitive edge for future endeavors. Learn about rangelands and natural resource management. Spaces are limited, so act fast!

June 21–26, 2026

Ages 14–18

Texas Tech University Junction Campus

APPLY NOW: <https://tinyurl.com/yryw2026>

Call if interested. Scholarships available.

### Mailing List:

If you are on the 4-H mailing list and would rather read the 4-H newsletter online, please let us know so that we can remove you from the mailing list.

### Ask Us About.....

Scholarship Opportunities Judging teams Summer Camps

### Spring A&M Wool & Mohair Judging Contests

Registration is OPEN for the 2026 4-H wool and mohair judging contests! Below are the registration deadlines for each contest. Reminder: **registration** will take place on **4-H online**; there will be a \$25 registration fee per child.

Registration will close at 11:59 pm on the following days for the respective contest:

- March 31 - Midland
- April 13 - Fredericksburg
- April 22 - College Station
- May 4 - San Angelo

**April 11 - Sonora Invitational Contests; No cost to participate.**

### Something To Think About...

Most people quit because they look how far they have to go, not how far they have come.~ Ziad K. Abdelnour  
But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

If I had to select one quality, one personal characteristic that I regard as being most highly correlated with success, whatever the field, I would pick the trait of persistence. Determination. The will to endure to the end, to get knocked down seventy times and get up off the floor saying, "Here comes number seventy-one!" ~ Richard DeVos

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2026</h1>						
1 <i>State Fair Lamb &amp; Goat Validation Tags Steer &amp; Heifer Validation Tags Texas Brigades registration Open</i>	2 District 10 Spring Round up registration Opens	3 Range Science @ 4 pm - Civic Center Conference Room	4 <i>Happy Birthday Elizabeth Griffin</i>	5 <i>Happy Birthday Olivia Araujo</i>	6	7
8 <i>Happy Birthday Abigail Gill &amp; Isidro Munoz</i>	9 Photography @ 4 - Conference Room	10 No Range Science	11 No Sports Fishing	12	13	14
15 Spring Break  Registration Deadline for the Texas Brigades	16 <i>Happy Birthday Justin Arredondo</i>	17 Sports Fishing TBA  <i>No Range Science</i> Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Photography @ 4 pm - Conference Room	21 Spring Break 
22	23	24 <i>Happy Birthday Jeffery Bannon &amp; Emerson Maricle</i> **Range Science @ 4 pm - Civic Center <b>Deadline to Register for District 10 Spring Round up</b>	25 Sports Fishing @ 4- 4:50 pm - Civic Center	26	27	28
29	30 4-H Club Meeting @ 5:30 pm - Civic Center	31 Sports Fishing at Golf Course TBA  Range Science @ 4 pm - Civic Center		***April 2 <sup>nd</sup> deadline to order State Fair lamb and goat validation tags & Steer/Heifer validation tags		