

Sherman ISD

Agricultural Project Center Use Summer Agreement

The Sherman ISD Agricultural Project Facility is provided by Sherman ISD, as an extension of the Sherman High School Agricultural Science Program and Classroom. The purpose of this facility is to provide an area for use by the FFA members to raise their livestock projects. These projects are designed to give students an opportunity to gain a sense of responsibility, as well as leadership and showmanship skills. The care and maintenance of the facility is the responsibility of the FFA Members, Agricultural Science Teachers, and District. In order to ensure that these facilities may continue to be used for these purposes, the following guidelines are provided.

All animals housed at the SISD Project Center must be owned and cared for by a Sherman ISD student who is in the Sherman FFA Program. All animals must be current projects. Pets and retired show animals are not allowed to be housed at the Project Center.

The following are rules and guidelines that will apply to the use of the SISD Agricultural Project Center:

Section I: Facility Use

1. All SISD rules and the student code of conduct must be followed while at the Project Center. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner. Students are expected to follow all directives given by the Agricultural Science Teachers and supervising adults. Students and parents driving vehicles in the facility must obey a speed limit of 10 miles per hour for the safety of the students and animals. Students who violate school rules will receive a discipline referral to their grade-level principal and may lose facility privileges.
2. Animals are not allowed to be placed on the project facility grounds without the permission of an Agricultural Science Teacher or another authorized designee. It is requested that the student provide the Agricultural Science Teachers with 48 hours' notice. **An Agricultural Project Facility Agreement must be signed prior to the animal being delivered to the project facility.**
3. If Sherman FFA has more students wanting to raise livestock projects than there are available pens, students may be limited to the use of one pen until all students have been given the opportunity to participate in an animal project. Additional pens will be assigned beginning with Senior FFA Members first and continuing with each subsequent grade level. High School FFA Members have priority over Junior FFA Members. All High School Members will be assigned pens first.
4. Pen locations will be assigned by an Agricultural Science Teacher in an equitable manner that will allow the maximum number of students to participate in animal projects being housed at the Project Center.
5. **There will be a maximum of four animals allowed to be housed per student at the Project Center. At this time, due to pen space, students with Sheep and/or Goats will be given access to one pen per student. In that pen, the student may house 2 goats or 2 sheep. Students with excellent academic and disciplinary records may be allowed additional projects/pen space at the Ag Teachers' discretion and availability.**

6. Project Center Usage Fees - ALL Fees are due in full by October 1, 2025:
 - a. \$32.50 per head of sheep and goats (2 per pen, only one species per pen)
 - b. \$32.50 per head of swine (1 per pen)
 - c. \$65 per calf (1 per pen)
 - d. \$10 per rabbit (1 per cage)
 - e. \$10 per chicken (2 per cage)
 - f. \$25 per tack pen (if available)
7. **A signed contract is due before the animal may be admitted onto the facility grounds.** A new agreement will be required along with yearly barn dues at the beginning of the new school year.
8. Animals of different species may not share pens.
9. Project Center hours of operation are between 5:30 am - 10:00 pm each day.
10. Time spent at the Project Center should be limited to the time needed to care for animal projects.
11. No alterations to facilities may be made without permission from the SISD CTE Coordinator. No makeshift or homemade pens, shelters, or fences may be constructed and used.
12. All adults who enter the facility must complete the [SISD Volunteer Application](#). No guests outside of the student's family are allowed.
13. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the project facility daily.
14. Only student and parent/guardian vehicles are allowed to park in designated areas of the facility. Vehicles and trailers may not be left overnight or unattended unless approved by an Agricultural Science Teacher.
15. Students will be provided a gate code for entering the facility. Under no circumstances should a student give out their gate code to another student or guest. Only the student's immediate family may have access to the facility.
16. All shearing areas must be cleaned after each use by the student who was shearing. All equipment, including clippers and blowers, must be returned clean to their designated area or secured by the student until they can be returned to the Agricultural Science Teachers. Do not leave animals unattended in the shearing stands.
17. All wash areas must be cleaned after each use. Students are expected to pick up supplies, coil hoses, and clean up manure and hair. Do not leave animals unattended in the wash pen.
18. A four-digit combination lock may be used to secure tack pens, but the combination must be given to an Agricultural Science Teacher. Keyed or locker combination locks will not be allowed on pens. The Agricultural Science Teachers reserve the right to cut any lock in special/emergent circumstances and a replacement lock will be at the student's expense.
19. Subject to availability, each student or family unit may rent one tack pen. All tack must be stored in the areas designated by the Agricultural Science Teachers. All tack, feed, and hay must be kept in a storage box with a secure lid; metal containers are preferred. Tack must be kept clean and organized at all

times. Hay must be cleaned up promptly in the tack areas. All feed bags must be properly disposed of to maintain cleanliness.

20. No horses, dogs, or other personal pets will be allowed on the facility grounds.
21. No intact male sheep, goats, cattle, or swine breeding animals will be allowed on facility grounds.
22. All scheduled farm workdays are mandatory for students using the facility. If for any reason a student cannot attend, they may have a replacement stand-in for them, or the student may make up the time. Suitable replacements include, but are not limited to, parents, guardians, adult family members, or other FFA members. The replacement must be approved by the Agricultural Science Teacher prior to the event. If an individual fails to meet this requirement, action will be taken in accordance with the student discipline section of this contract.
23. Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and firearms are prohibited on the facility grounds.
24. Students must follow the Sherman ISD Dress Code at all times. This includes wearing proper footwear while working at the barn - closed-toe shoes.
25. All pens must be cleaned and free of all animal waste and bedding within one week of the animal leaving. **A \$50 fine will be added to the student's school obligations account for any pen that is left unclean. The student must notify the Agricultural Science Teacher when the pen is cleaned.**

Section II: Animal and Pen Care

1. Animal projects must be fed and watered every day. Students will not be allowed to feed another student's project unless permission has been secured in advance and the Agricultural Science Teacher has been made aware. Under no circumstances will unapproved guests be allowed to feed animals. **Only family members or FFA members with a project at the facility are allowed to feed in a student's absence.**
2. Pens must be cleaned on a daily basis by students who participate under this agreement. Students will also be required to clean their pens immediately upon the request of an Agricultural Science Teacher or designee. Pens will be inspected weekly by an Agricultural Science Teacher on Mondays. **Students with unclean pens on inspection day will receive a \$10 fine per pen. This includes tack pens.**
3. Waste must be disposed of in the designated area. All wheelbarrows and waste containers must be emptied immediately after each use and returned to the main barn.
4. Any student or parent caught using illegal drugs or unapproved feeding or fitting methods on animal projects will forfeit their right to use the facility and will have to remove the animal from the facility within one week. All medication, including prescription medication, used on animals must be disclosed to the Agricultural Science Teacher before use.
5. Any animal that is neglected, abandoned, or abused will be removed from the facility at the owner's expense after one written notification from an Agricultural Science Teacher. Copies of the notification will be sent to the student, parent/guardian, and the student's grade level

principal. A discipline referral will also be made.

6. Students are responsible for providing veterinary care and routine medications for their animals. Any veterinary expense incurred is the responsibility of the student and payment is expected at the time of service.
7. Absolutely no breeding will be allowed at the barn without the prior consent of both Agriculture Science Teachers and the CTE Coordinator.
8. The Agricultural Science Teachers will be available to assist students with their animal projects at the Project Facility by appointment from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Students are expected to work with the Agricultural Science Teachers to schedule a date and time to meet at the Project Center.

Section III: Equipment Use

1. The use of District equipment must be approved by the CTE Coordinator.
2. The Clippers and the lamb/goat tote are available on a first-come, first-served basis for students to check out.
3. Clippers and blowers may not be removed from the premises.
4. The equipment must be returned clean and in working condition.
5. All borrowed equipment must be secured by the student who checked it out until it can be returned to the agricultural science teachers.
6. All damages that result in the repair or replacement of one of these items will be the responsibility of the student.

Section IV: AC Rabbit Barn Rules

All students who house rabbits in the enclosed AC barn must agree to the following conditions.

1. All cages must have a tray.
2. There will be no dog kennels or makeshift cages allowed in the rabbit barn.
3. Trays must be emptied **twice** per week.
4. Pine pellets (equine bedding) will be used in the trays at all times.
5. The floor must be swept daily, and all trash must be removed daily.
6. All feed and hay must be stored in a sealed container.
7. Tack, travel cages, and feed will be stored in the main barn.
8. Rabbits must be fed and watered daily.

Students who do not abide by these rules will lose the privilege of housing their rabbits at the Agricultural Project Facility.

Section V: Livestock Pastures

1. Any livestock turned out to the pasture are the sole responsibility of the owner. The pastures are a shared public space, and animals are turned out at the owner's risk.

2. The pastures are not to be used as a substitute for the daily feeding of projects.
3. Hay for the pastures will be purchased equally among all members of that species. Any members who do not contribute will not be allowed to turn their animals out.

Section VI: Disciplinary Procedures and Concerns

Students housing animals at the SISD Agricultural Project Center will abide by the rules outlined above. All students and parents must follow the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct and Dress Code. Students found in violation of these rules may be excluded from participation in FFA activities for a period of time to be determined by the Agricultural Science Teachers and SHS Administration. Violation of the facility rules may also result in dismissal from the facility and/or dismissal from the SHS FFA Chapter. All fees associated with the project will be forfeited.

In the event that violations of these established rules occur, the following procedures will be enforced:

1. **First Offense:** The student will receive a verbal warning from the Agricultural Science teacher. Parents will be notified via email or phone call.
2. **Second Offense:** The parent and the student's Alpha principal will be notified in writing of the violation. The student will receive a discipline referral to their Alpha principal.
3. **Third Offense:** A discipline referral will be submitted to the student's Alpha principal. The student, parent, and grade-level principal will be notified in writing of the third violation. Upon receiving this notice, the student and parent will be required to remove the animal from the district facility within seven days of the notification. If the animal is not removed by the end of the seven-day period, the animal will be sold at a public auction by SISD. Any expenses incurred will be deducted from the sale price, and the remainder of the proceeds will be forwarded to the student. The student will lose all facility privileges.

Major Infractions: Any major infractions or disciplinary placement may be cause for immediate removal from the facilities and/or program.

Sherman ISD reserves the right to refuse project housing to students who have previously violated this agreement, are not in good standing with Sherman FFA, SISD, or are currently under discipline placement at DAEP or JDC/Boot Camp. If, for any reason, a student moves to another district while their animal is being housed in the Sherman ISD Agricultural Project Center, they have one week to remove the animal(s) and all personal belongings from school property.

Parent/Guardian Concerns:

The parent/guardian is asked to address the concern with that specific teacher immediately and, when applicable, with the FFA teacher team immediately. If the concern continues, the parent/guardian is asked to contact the high school administrator to address the concern.

Medical Alerts:

SISD will follow the same guidelines at FFA shows as it does at school.

- For life-threatening emergencies/injuries,

- 911 will be called
- The parent/guardian will be notified
- For all other medical alerts/injuries,
 - The student will be taken to the medical facility at the showgrounds (if applicable).
 - The parent/guardian will be notified.
 - If no medical facility is available, the parent/guardian will be notified to make a medical facility decision.
 - If the parent/guardian denies staff the option to take the student to an off-site medical facility, the parent /guardian must come to pick the student up.

Section VII: Ag Teacher Contact

1. Any contact with the Agricultural Science Teachers will be through the GroupMe app or email. Phone calls or text messages to the teachers should only be made in true emergencies.
2. In the event of a livestock emergency, students will call a local veterinarian to assist in these matters.
3. The SHS Ag Barn GroupMe is only to be used for communication between members of the barn between 7:00am-7:00pm. These guidelines will be followed for each species-specific GroupMe as well.

Recommended Veterinary Services:

Large Animal

Dr. Bing - Van Alstyne Veterinary Clinic

- 903-482-6603
- 903-482-6604

Dr. Mitch Wasko - Emergencies & Mobile Vet

- 903-568-4033
- 214-532-4142

Rabbits

- Durant Animal Hospital - 582-924-1640
- The Animal Hospital of Celina - 972-382-4433

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Cattle Project Addendum

All cattle projects utilize the turnout pasture throughout the year. As stated in Section 5 Subsection 5, round bales will be purchased equally among all members of the cattle show team to ensure the cattle have full access to hay year-round.

Each member will be required to contribute to the purchasing of round bales for the cattle. Students will pay \$10/round bale/head of cattle. This will be arranged through the Agricultural Science Teachers. Members who do not contribute will not be permitted to use the turnout pastures.

Ex: A student has 1 heifer; they will pay \$10 every time a round bale is purchased

Hay purchased for the cattle projects will only be used for the cattle. It is not to be used for any other species. (Students MAY NOT get hay off the round bales to feed or bed their other animals.)

All cattle MUST be put back in their pens in the morning unless otherwise arranged with the Agricultural Science Teachers.

Trailers will be cleaned out after every show. Every member will need to provide fresh bedding for the trailers we take. Clean bedding helps to prevent cattle from contracting any illnesses.

Exhibitors or their parents must accompany cattle projects at all times during events. Cattle may not be sent with another student or the Agricultural Science Teachers. As outlined in the Sherman FFA Membership Guide, all Junior FFA members must have a parent or guardian present with them at all times.

All information pertaining to the cattle will be sent through the SHS Cattle GroupMe. This group is to be used only from 7:00am-7:00pm. Any questions or concerns can be sent directly to the Agricultural Science Teachers through the app.

Failure to abide by any rules stated in the addendum or general contract will result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rabbit Project Addendum

All students who house rabbits in the enclosed AC barn, must agree to the following conditions.

Requirements for Housing Rabbits:

- **Cages:** Must use the cages provided by SISD. No dog kennels or makeshift cages allowed.
- **Maintenance:** Trays must be emptied **twice a week**, floor swept and trash removed **daily**.
- **Bedding:** **Pine pellets (equine bedding)** will be used. Each tray must have pelleted bedding.
- **Storage:** Store feed and hay in **sealed containers**; tack and travel cages are to be stored in the **main barn**.
- **Care:** Rabbits must be **fed and watered daily**.

Communication Guidelines:

- GroupMe will be used for project communication.
- Messaging hours: **7:00 am – 7:00 pm** only.
- Direct teacher contact should be made through the app.

Consequences:

- Non-compliance may result in the **loss of the privilege** to house animals at the facility.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Poultry Project Addendum

All students who house chickens at the Ag Barn, must agree to the following conditions.

Requirements for Housing Chickens:

- **Cages:** Must use the cages provided by SISD. No dog kennels or makeshift cages allowed.
- **Maintenance:** Pens must be emptied **twice a week**, the floor swept and trash removed **daily**.
- **Bedding:** Only **pine shavings** are permitted. Each tray must have pelleted bedding.
- **Storage:** Store feed in a **sealed container**.
- **Care:** Chickens must be **fed and watered daily**.

Communication Guidelines:

- GroupMe will be used for project communication.
- Messaging hours: **7:00 am – 7:00 pm** only.
- Direct teacher contact should be made through the app.

Consequences:

- Non-compliance may result in the **loss of the privilege** to house animals at the facility.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Dairy Goat Project Addendum

All dairy goats are permitted to use the turnout pastures during the day. Projects MUST be put back into their pens by dark. Failure to do so will result in the student losing the privilege of utilizing the pastures. Pastures are not to be used as a substitute for the daily feeding of projects.

Students assume any and all responsibility when utilizing the pastures. A group effort must be made to ensure animals have full access to shade and fresh water at all times. Access to the pasture can be revoked by the Agricultural Science Teachers at any time if the pastures are not being maintained.

Students may send projects with another student to shows for the day of check-in only. This must be arranged with prior approval from the Agricultural Science Teacher. Students may not send projects with anyone else for more than 24 hours. As outlined in the Sherman FFA Membership Guide, all Junior FFA members must have a parent or guardian present with them at all times.

Students exhibiting senior does in milk must properly dispose of or store milk from animals. The ag barn does not have the capabilities to store milk; therefore, students will need to take it home or dispose of it elsewhere. Any milking equipment purchased by the student is the full responsibility of the student.

All information pertaining to the dairy goats will be sent through the SHS Dairy Goat GroupMe. This group is to be used only during 7:00 am-7:00 pm. Any questions or concerns can be sent directly to the Agricultural Science Teachers through the app or via email.

Failure to abide by any rules stated in the addendum or general contract will result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ALL FEES ARE DUE BY October 1, 2026

A signed agreement must be received before any animals may enter the barn.

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| Student Name | |
| Grade Level | |
| Student ID | |
| Parent Name | |

Projects (number of head):

Cattle _____ x \$65 = _____ PEN NUMBER(S): _____

Sheep _____ x \$32.50 = _____ PEN NUMBER(S): _____

Goats _____ x \$32.50 = _____ PEN NUMBER(S): _____

Swine _____ x \$32.50 = _____ PEN NUMBER(S): _____

Rabbits _____ x \$10 = _____ PEN NUMBER(S): _____

Chickens _____ x \$10 = _____ PEN NUMBER(S): _____

Tack Pen* _____ x \$25 = _____ PEN NUMBER(S): _____

Total Fees: _____ = _____

***Tack pens are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students may only rent one tack pen.**

Acknowledgment

All participants understand and acknowledge that Sherman ISD is not responsible, in any capacity, for any damage or harm that may come to any student, guest, animal or personal property while at the SISD Agricultural Project Center. Further, the student agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Sherman ISD from any claim or cause of action that might arise out of the student's conduct while participating in the program or while at the SISD Agricultural Project Center.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by Sherman ISD for the use of the Agricultural Project Center. I acknowledge that any unpaid fees (tags, entries, fines, veterinary fees, etc.) and pen fines will be added to my student obligations account by May 1, 2026.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____