

# Le Grand FFA School Farm Contract

Students utilizing pen space at the School Farm Facilities at Le Grand High School must complete the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fair/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

**(Number that advisor/farm manager can contact the student and parent 24 hours a day!)**

Type of Animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Le Grand High School and the Le Grand FFA will provide use of the facility for the above animal under the following terms:

## **The Student Will:**

1. Le Grand FFA Advisors, Le Grand High School, Le Grand Union High School District, and Le Grand FFA are not responsible for loss of animals, feed, or equipment, due to theft, vandalism, or ACCIDENTS to animals or STUDENTS.
2. Log in via thumb scan every time they are present at the school farm.
3. Make sure his/her animal has clean water and feed every day; twice a day at scheduled feeding times. Students may feed from 6:30am-7:55am and 4:30pm-7:30pm. All students must be off the School Farm property by 7:30pm.
4. If unable to feed his/her animal, he/she will fill out an LGHS School Farm Absence form that has been shared via the student's Google Drive. The student is responsible for contacting the school farm manager to find someone to feed for them during their absence.
5. Care for his/her own animal in a humane way that the advisor deems appropriate and do not disturb other animals unless otherwise instructed.
6. Keep all areas of the farm clean at all times including pen area and tack and storage facilities.
7. Maintain all equipment provided by Le Grand FFA including, but not limited to, feeders, tack boxes, show supplies, rakes, shovels, wheel-barrows, push brooms, hand tools, feed scale, livestock shears, stands, and veterinary supplies.
8. Purchase required supplies for project including but not limited to halter, show stick, goat show chain, FFA Show Uniform, feeder/feed pan, and lamb tube/cover.
9. Participate in mandatory livestock meetings, showmanship practices, weigh days, wash/shearing workshops, farm clean up days, summer fair meeting, fair haul-in, barn duty, fair awards ceremony, fair haul-out, and any other project related activities.
10. Notify his/her advisor if he/she is unable to attend mandatory activities such as livestock meetings, showmanship practices, weigh days, farm clean-up/work days, or other obligations due to vacation, sickness or other important events, which may cause them to be absent.
11. Follow instructions given by the FFA advisors.
12. Report any damages of equipment, tools, pens, gates, etc. to advisor immediately.
13. Report any injuries or uncharacteristic animal behaviors to advisor immediately.
14. Use common sense to solve minor problems.
15. Pay off any debt owed such as animal cost, feed, and supplies to Le Grand FFA within 1 week of the conclusion of the Fair. Failure to do so may result in withholding of check by advisor.

16. Pay off any debt owed to American Ag. Credit, if a project loan was taken out, within 5 days of selling his/her animal at the Merced County Fair. Failure of repayment of loan may result in losing the privilege of showing for Le Grand FFA in the future, financial obligation to Le Grand High School and potential fees.
17. Retain any or all profit gained or lost from their project.

School Farm Facilities are a privilege for students to utilize for their SAE project. Students must participate in the upkeep of the farm.

**The Student Will:**

1. **Follow ALL COVID-19 Safety Protocols including but not limited to temperature checks, self screening logs, wearing a face mask/covering at all times, hand washing and sanitizing, and glove usage.**
2. Pick up **ALL** trash and throw it away in appropriate containers.
3. Keep farm aisle ways clear of debris.
4. Keep pens clean of manure daily and provide fresh bedding when needed.
5. Participate in farm clean up days led by the FFA advisors to help maintain and improve upon the facility. This will include tasks such as: mucking out pens, pen/gate repair, fence repair, weed control, and any other tasks on an as needed basis. **If students do not participate in work days they will be subject to fees, completion of make-up work hours, and/or withholding of check at the conclusion of their project.**

Whatever the reason may be that an animal is unable to attend the fair (failure to meet grade requirement/sick animal), that animal **MUST** be removed from the facility the **same day** the other animals are hauled to the fairground. All animals will be hauled on the Sunday before the week of fair.

*Because exhibiting an animal for the Le Grand FFA Chapter is a privilege, students are accountable for their actions. The Le Grand Agriculture Teachers have a "THREE STRIKE" system, which repeated violations could result in an exhibitor not showing, selling, or participating at the Chowchilla and/or Merced Fair.*

*The first strike will be a verbal warning with documentation; the second strike will result in a phone call to a parent or guardian with documentation and the third strike will result in the livestock animal being pulled from the Fair. If you are a student housing your animal at the Le Grand High School Farm; with the third strike you will lose the privilege of housing your animal at the School Farm the following year and/or participating in County Fairs with the Le Grand FFA.*

**Failure to follow the rules set forth in this agreement will result in loss of privileges and cancellation of this agreement at which time the animal must be removed from the site within 5 days of written notification.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (owner, please print name) agree and will abide by the terms of this contract. I understand, violation of the terms of this contract may result in disciplinary action. I understand that disciplinary action includes but is not limited to possible strikes, disqualification of participation in County Fairs and/or the loss of privilege of housing my animal(s) at the LGHS School Farm.

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

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