

## Aubrey FFA Dictionary of Terms

**Add-On:** Money given towards a student, typically a smaller amount than sale price. This is in addition to sale price amount.

**AG Mechanics:** A contest held at livestock shows to promote student's skills in metal or wood working.

**Ag Science Fair:** A contest held at some livestock shows and State/National FFA Conventions promoting the students ability to research and present a science project.

**American Degree:** The highest degree bestowed upon a FFA member. This is given by the National FFA during the convention one year after their senior year of High School or before their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Prestigious Degree.

**Areas:** A group of FFA Chapters aligned according to regional FFA mapping. Some states do not have Areas. Aubrey FFA is in AREA V.

**Barrow:** A castrated male pig without reproductive ability.

**Breeding:** An animal for reproduction purposes.

**Buckle Sponsor:** A specific dollar amount of sponsorship given towards Aubrey FFA support. This can be combined from different donors or one single donor. This should be collected from supporter/businesses that support the Aubrey FFA.

**Buy Back:** A purchase after the completion of the auction, typically for meat purpose.

**Castrate:** Removal of the testicles from a male animal.

**CDE:** Career Development Events, this is a contest in the spring available for students in our 8-12 grade programs promoting career preparation.

**Chapter Degree:** The highest degree a chapter can bestow on a student after their 2<sup>nd</sup> full year of Ag class and strong FFA participation. Must obtain this degree to run for office and be eligible for state awards.

**Chapters:** A group of FFA members aligned by a National and State FFA Charter within a public school setting. Typically one High School makes up a chapter. In Aubrey the MS and HS are one.

**Discovery Degree:** this is an award that can be earned by 1<sup>st</sup> time students who take one semester of AG typically in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. See requirements at [www.texasffa.org](http://www.texasffa.org)

Districts: A group of FFA Chapters aligned according to localized FFA mapping. Sometimes by County. Aubrey FFA is in DISTRICT VII, which is made up of Denton County Schools with FFA Chapters.

Division Champion: The first place winner out of several classes combined. Typically this winning will move towards the opportunity for Grand Champion.

Doe: A female goat.

Ewe: A female sheep.

Gilt: A female pig that has not had a baby yet.

Grand Champion: The best out of all the classes for each breed/species or category at a livestock show. #1 of them all.

Greenhand Degree: This is an award that can be earned by 2<sup>nd</sup> year students, or first full year of an Ag class, typically 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is the first level that qualifies you for higher awards in the FFA.

Heifer: A female cattle that has not had a baby yet.

Junior Member: A student in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade/or 8 years old up to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, who desire to show livestock. Primarily open to family with younger siblings. Or students in middle school.

LDE: Leadership Development Event, this is a contest in the fall available for students in our 8-12 grade programs promoting leadership skills.

Major Livestock Show: A statewide livestock show; Dallas State Fair, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Austin, Houston. Aka: Major, or major show.

Market: Typically a male animal sold for meat or other purposes. Taken from the student.

Members: May start their official FFA career in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade until 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Must pay annual dues and maintain good standings with the Chapter. See membership guidelines and advisors for full qualifications.

National Convention: A gathering of Chapters around the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam to recognize winnings, attend leadership workshops and hear from speakers. 2012 in Indianapolis, then to Louisville KY. Typically 50,000+. Largest Youth National Convention.

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**Officer Team:** Leaders selected from a specific Chapter, District, Area, State or National level to lead the students for a school year.

**Parent Club:** A grouping of parents or alumni that are interested in supporting the FFA Chapter.

**Pee-wee Member:** A student under the age of 8 or before 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who desires to show livestock in open shows only. In Aubrey this is primarily open to families with younger siblings only.

**Premium:** Typically a female animal sold for support. Returned to the student.

**Reserve Grand Champion:** The runner up to the Grand Champion.

**Ship:** Term used during the Sale. If a buyer buys an animal with no desire to keep it, they pay the difference between the market price and the sale price.

**Showmanship:** Competition in which the judge evaluates the showman's ability to show an animal.

**Speaking contests:** A contest held at livestock shows and CDE's that promote students ability to write, and give a prepared or extemporaneous speech.

**State Convention:** A gathering of Chapters around the state to recognize the success of members. State of Texas rotates to different cities each July. Typically 15,000+ in attendance.

**State Degree:** The highest degree a state can bestow on a student. In Texas it is call the LONE STAR Degree. In Aubrey most are eligible by the end of their Junior year and are encouraged to do the work to receive the degree.

**State FFA:** Chapters around the state representing their residing state.

**State Validation:** A certification issued by the state to qualify an animal for participation in major livestock shows. Usually involves a fee, tag, nose print, and or hair removal by an official.

**Steer:** Castrated male cattle unable to reproduce.

**Wether:** A castrated male goat or sheep unable to reproduce.