

## Waskom FFA 2011-2012

The Waskom FFA currently has a paid membership of 109 students enrolled in grades 7-12 in the Waskom school system. We additionally serve and support students below the 7<sup>th</sup> grade as Jr. FFA members. The Waskom FFA is a member of the Longview District and the Area VI Association of the Texas FFA. Our district is made up of all schools in the 5 counties of Harrison, Gregg, Rusk, Panola, and Marion which is 20 of the schools that make up the Area VI Association which takes in almost 90 schools in Northeast Texas. The state is divided up into 10 areas and has a state-wide membership of over 81,000 members. All chapters in the state compete against one another at the district, area, and state level without regard to the size of the school. Waskom is one of the smaller schools in the district while Marshall, Longview, Hallsville, Gladewater, Kilgore & Carthage are some of the larger.

### Quick facts for the 2011-2012 school year

- \* The Waskom FFA Jackpot show held at the Marshall City Arena in August drew 327 entries from four states with a payout of \$6,345.00 with over 800 in attendance.**
- \* Waskom FFA officers host “Waskom FFA Greenhand Orientation” each year to introduce incoming students to the FFA program and it’s opportunities at Waskom.**
- \* Waskom FFA won the District Sweepstakes award for leadership for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.**
- \* Waskom FFA hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Leadership Conference with 9 schools and over 100 students attending.**
- \* Five of our eleven leadership teams advanced to Area by placing in the top 3 in district. Our leadership teams have advanced to the area level every year for the past 22 years.**
- \* Waskom FFA horticulture students held two plant sales each year in October and April.**
- \* Five exhibitors showed steers and heifers in Ft. Worth and Houston with one of our exhibitors placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the Ft. Worth steer show and selling for \$5,000.**
- \* Waskom FFA judging teams have /are competing in**

Wildlife	Livestock	Meats	Dairy Cattle
Forestry	Milk Products	Poultry	Farm Business
Vet Science			Horse Judging
- \* Wildlife qualified for regional’s for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year**
- \* Jr. Livestock placed in the top 10 at Dallas & Corsicana**
- \* The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Waskom FFA / Harrison Co. Farm Bureau Leadership Contest held annually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November had 17 schools and over 500 students competing in 11 different events. \***

Waskom FFA hosts two golf tournaments each year for fund raisers.
- \* Waskom FFA officers help during the Marshall Pro Rodeo “Exceptional Rodeo” each year for special need children.**
- \* Waskom FFA livestock exhibitors showed 33 pens of rabbits, 30 head of lambs & goats, 17 steers & heifers, 6 pigs, and 10 shop projects at the Harvest Festival & Farm-City Week Shows during the year and were rewarded with over \$100,000 in the premium sales. (\$69,215 at Farm-City Week last month)**
- \* Waskom FFA members are eligible to apply for seven different scholarships each year that are only available to FFA members. Waskom FFA has also won more scholarships at the Harvest Festival and Farm-City Week than any other school or group eligible to apply.**

\*68% of our membership (74 students) compete in one or more areas of extracurricular activities that Waskom FFA competes in.