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2026 COMPETITIVE EVENTS SCHEDULE
This schedule is subject to change.

Friday, March 6

Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show Arrival	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Junior Agricultural Mechanics Skillathon.....	1 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show Judging.....	8 a.m.
Ultimate Scramble Championship Prelims.....	9 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11

Junior Market Steer Arrival.....	6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Junior Market Steer Check-in.....	6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Junior Beef Cattle Skillathon.....	11 a.m.
Junior Market Steer Classification.....	Approx. 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

Junior Market Steer Show (Shorthorn, British, Brahman, ABC, and Black Cross).....	8 a.m.
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Friday, March 13

Junior Market Steer Show (Red Cross, Other Cross).....	8 a.m.
Gold Stirrup Arrival.....	5 – 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Gold Stirrup Horse Show	9 a.m.
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Sunday, March 15

Youth Robotics Challenge.....	9 a.m.
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Monday, March 16

Junior Market Poultry Arrival/Sift.....	6 – 9 a.m.
Junior Market Poultry Show.....	10 a.m.*

*Show will begin approximately 30 minutes after the last exhibitor is checked in

Tuesday, March 17

Junior Wether Dam Arrival.....	7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Junior Wether Doe Arrival.....	7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Junior Wether Dam Check- in.....	7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Junior Wether Doe Check- in.....	7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

Junior Wether Dam Show (<i>West Arena</i>).....	8 a.m.
Junior Wether Doe Show (<i>East Arena</i>).....	8 a.m.
Youth Agricultural Science Fair.....	9 a.m.
Youth Agricultural Public Speaking.....	1 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

Junior Market Lamb Arrival.....	6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Junior Market Goat Arrival.....	6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Junior Market Lamb Check- in.....	6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Junior Market Goat Check- in.....	6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Junior Sheep Skillathon.....	12 p.m.

Friday, March 20

Junior Market Lamb Show (<i>West Arena</i>).....	8 a.m.
Junior Market Goat Show (<i>East Arena</i>).....	8 a.m.

Saturday, March 21

Junior Market Barrow Arrival.....	6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Junior Market Barrow Check-in.....	6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Junior Swine Skillathon.....	12 p.m.
Ultimate Scramble Championship Finals.....	7 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

Junior Market Barrow Show (Duroc, Berkshire, OPB-Dark, OPB-White, Hampshire, Yorkshire).....	8 a.m.
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Monday, March 23

Junior Market Barrow Show (Light Crossbred, Crossbred).....	8 a.m.
Junior Agricultural Product Identification Contest.....	10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 24

Junior Livestock Judging Contest.....	10 a.m.
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Wednesday, March 25

Junior Breeding Heifer Arrival – Wave 1 (American).....	7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Junior Breeding Heifer Check-in.....	7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

Junior Breeding Heifer Show – Wave 1 (American).....	8 a.m.
<i>East Arena: Beefmaster, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis</i>	
<i>West Arena: Brangus, Red Brangus, Simbrah, ARB</i>	

Friday, March 27

Junior Breeding Heifer Arrival – Wave 2 (British/Continental).....	7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Junior Breeding Heifer Check-in.....	7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Junior Poultry Judging Contest.....	10 a.m.

Saturday, March 28

Junior Breeding Heifer Show – Wave 2 (British/Continental).....	8 a.m.
<i>East Arena: Charolais, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Simmental, ORB</i>	
<i>West Arena: Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn</i>	
Youth Auction.....	8:30 a.m.*

***Youth Auction at Rodeo Austin Fairgrounds**

Youth Auction Opening Ceremony.....	8:30 a.m.
Junior Market Poultry Auction.....	8:45 a.m.
Junior Market Goat Auction.....	10:00 a.m.
Junior Market Lamb Auction.....	11:30 a.m.
Junior Market Steer Auction.....	1:00 p.m.
Youth Art Auction.....	2:45 p.m.
Junior Market Barrow Auction.....	3:00 p.m.

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2025 YOUTH AUCTION CHAMPIONS

<u>Grand Champion Junior Market Steer</u>	\$130,000
Purchased by: McCarty Corporation	
<u>Reserve Grand Champion Junior Market Steer</u>	\$50,000
Purchased by: Bar W Ranch, Dauphen Jackson Cattle Company, Urban Concrete	
<u>Grand Champion Junior Market Lamb</u>	\$25,500
Purchased by: Bar W Ranch, Chasco, Tommy Dodd Memorial Buyers Group, Pit Stop Buyers Group and Cookoff Team, Austin Underground, Inc., Diamonds and Spurs Buyers Group, Rambo Materials, Benny Boyd Lampasas, Big State Electric, Matt Mathias	
<u>Reserve Grand Champion Junior Market Lamb</u>	\$20,000
Purchased by: Chasco, Pit Stop Buyers Group and Cookoff Team, Horns Up	
<u>Grand Champion Junior Market Goat</u>	\$30,600
Purchased by: Horns Up, Champion Site Prep, David Buzzelli	
<u>Reserve Grand Champion Junior Market Goat</u>	\$20,000
Purchased by: Straub Family, Horns Up, President's Club Buyers Group, H-E-B, Lehne Construction, Inc.	
<u>Grand Champion Junior Market Barrow</u>	\$33,100
Purchased by: Direct Propane, Mark Jasek & Loyce Jacobs	
<u>Reserve Grand Champion Junior Market Barrow</u>	\$25,500
Purchased by: 100X Buyers Group, Chasco, Dauphen Jackson Cattle Company, Bar W Ranch, Kidd Roofing, Pit Stop Buyers Group and Cookoff Team, Big State Electric, Capitol Cleaners	
<u>Grand Champion Junior Market Pen of Broilers</u>	\$10,000
Purchased by: Papa Cluck & The Cluckers Buyers Group	
<u>Reserve Grand Champion Junior Market Pen of Broilers</u>	\$8,200
Purchased by: Pappa Cluck & The Cluckers Buyers Group, Capital City Chicks for Chicks, Texas Professionals Enriching Future Scholars	
<u>Grand Champion Junior Market Turkey</u>	\$10,000
Purchased by: MH Underground LLC, Gillespie County Wild Game Dinner, Capitol Cleaners	
<u>Reserve Grand Champion Junior Market Turkey</u>	\$8,100
Purchased by: Urban Concrete, Austing Underground, Inc., Cerberus Security, ABC Fence Co., Ryan Bayer	

**RODEO AUSTIN
2025 YOUTH AUCTION RESULTS**

TOP 20 YOUTH AUCTION BUYERS

Austin Syndicate
Bar W Ranch
Benny Boyd Lampasas
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Direct Propane
Goat Hounds Buyers Group
H-E-B
Horns Up

Lehne Construction, Inc.
Lone Star Cattlemen Foundation
McCarty Corporation
Pappa Cluck & The Cluckers Buyers Group
Pit Stop Buyers Group & Cookoff Team
President's Club Buyers Group
Rambo Materials
RA Youth Auction
Straub Family
Tommy Dodd Memorial Buyers Group

Youth Auction Results

Junior Market Steers.....	\$1,163,242.00
Junior Market Lambs.....	\$483,852.00
Junior Market Goats.....	\$515,508.00
Junior Market Barrows.....	\$636,228.00
Junior Market Poultry.....	\$174,275.00
Junior Art.....	\$137,025.00
YOUTH AUCTION GRAND TOTAL.....	<u>\$3.1 Million</u>

Species	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion	Breed Champions Average Excludes Reserve Breed Champions	2025 Minimum Amount*
Steers	\$130,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$12,140.00	\$5,000.00
Lambs	\$25,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$8,025.00	\$3,000.00
Goats	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$9,650.00	\$4,000.00
Barrows	\$33,000.00	\$25,500.00	\$7,964.30	\$3,000.00
Turkeys	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	-	\$2,000.00
Broilers	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	-	\$2,000.00
Art	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	-	\$4,000.00

* There is not a guaranteed minimum amount in place for 2026 exhibitors. The minimum amount will be determined the day of the Youth Auction, Saturday, March 28, 2026, by the Youth Auction Buyers.

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2025 YOUTH AUCTION BUYERS

Thank you to the Youth Auction Committee and the buyers listed below for their contributions to the youth of Texas!

Horns Up	Jimmy Evans Company	Latka Cattle Company, LLC
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Dauphen Jackson Cattle Company	Evans Family	Robert Jordan
H-E-B	Karla Stewart	Robin and Chad Hensley
Pit Stop Buyers Group & Cookoff Team	Kurt and Becky Newton	Shannon Payne
RA Youth Auction	Matt Mathias	Shelby Schultea
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Diamonds and Spurs Buyers Group	Kidd Roofing	Harrell Ent / Steph Clutter
Austin Syndicate	The Grass Patch, Inc.	Winslet Racing
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JasperRuth Ranch	Gilbert & Susan Turrieta	Ed LaGrone
Brisket Brothers Buyers Group	Jamie Halfmann	Shelby Sultemeier
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Urban Concrete	The Syndicate Pig Sale	Aaron Hart and Dustin Sanders
ROCS LLC	Beutler & Sons Rodeo Co.	Bill Belew Farms
Capitol Cleaners	Outsiders	Bradley Williams
Gillespie County Wild Game Dinner	Double L Ranch & Wildlife Feed	Champion Site Prep
BBQ Buyers Group	Norman Kohls	Chip & Audri Bowers
Austin Underground Inc.	TCS Mechanical	Creative Awards & Trophies
MH Underground LLC	Bobby & Monica Rokohl	Curtis Calhoun
Republic of Texas Tailgate	Kerry & Cassandra Wiggins	Dana Spacek
Wade Busby Memorial	Matkin Hoover Eng & Surveyors	David Venegas
Capital Farm Credit	Rucoba & Maya Const.	Evans Livestock
High Tech Buyers Group	Natural Bridge Caverns	Fitters Edge
All In	Pruitt Cattle	Fred Weber
100X Buyers Group	4 The Kids	Hutto Feed & Landscape Supplies
HB Family Foundation	BBQ Boys Buyers Group	James Fordham
Outsiders BBQ Team	Chisholm Trail Vet Clinic	Lance & Cheryl Lively
Big State Electric	David Grosse	Larry Larrison
Capital City Chicks for Chicks	Gary Haby	Lyssy & Eckel Feeds
Chasco	Harvey and Lana	Mark Measell
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 Mark and Cindy Riley
 Mark Jasek and Loyce Jacobs
 Necia Guelker
 Ronnie and Carol Ehrlund
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Rodeo Austin is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. No one has a greater economic stake in the welfare of animals than the livestock producers and organizations involved in the promotion of agriculture.

Definitions

As used in these Rules, the following Definitions shall apply.

- A. **“Auction”** Shall mean the maximum sums paid to the exhibitor, as stated in Special Rule 18 of the Junior Livestock Show Special Rules. If bidding exceeds the Auction Cap, the excess amount is allocated to the Youth Auction Endowment Fund, which provides scholarships and other educational support.
- B. The **“Board”** shall mean the Board of Directors of Rodeo Austin. **“Executive Committee”** shall mean the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Rodeo Austin.
- C. **“Department”** means any of the following Competitive Events:
 - Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show
 - Junior Livestock Judging Contest
 - Junior Poultry Judging Contest
 - Junior Breeding Heifers
 - Junior Market Barrows
 - Junior Market Broilers
 - Junior Market Goats
 - Junior Market Lambs
 - Junior Market Steers
 - Junior Market Turkeys
 - Junior Wether Dams
 - Junior Wether Does
 - Ultimate Scramble Championship
 - Junior Beef Skillathon
 - Junior Swine Skillathon
 - Junior Sheep Skillathon
 - Youth Robotics Challenge
 - Youth Agricultural Science Fair
 - Junior Agricultural Product Identification
 - Youth Agricultural Public Speaking
 - Junior Agricultural Mechanics Skillathon
- D. **“Drug Residue Avoidance Policy”** shall mean the Drug Residue Avoidance Policy established by Rodeo Austin in conjunction with the Animal Care Policy as it may hereinafter be amended from time to time, specifically including the policies contained in the General Rule 26.
- E. **“Exhibitor”** shall mean the bona fide owner of the animal or project. See department Rules for clarification.
- F. **“Junior Livestock Show”** shall mean the contests in the Departments identified in these Rules open to Participants who satisfy the requirements to be an Exhibitor under these Rules.
- G. **“Major Livestock Show”** refers to any of the following: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Rodeo Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and the State Fair of Texas.

- H. **“Market Animal”** means an animal entered in one of the shows that is eligible to be sold in the Youth Auction.

- I. **“Participant”** or one who “participates” shall mean an Exhibitor (including his or her parent or legal guardian), a member of the Board, a member of the Executive Committee, a Show Official, a Supervisor or any other individual who enters and or takes part in any of the events and activities of the Show.

- J. **“Premium”** shall mean an award of any kind, including Scholarships, cash, plaques, ribbons, trophies, and other such articles awarded to or received by Exhibitors and/or Participants as prizes for accomplishments in the Show.

- K. **“Privilege”** shall mean the opportunity to participate in the Show and specifically includes the opportunity to exhibit, to compete for Premiums, to offer for sale or sell any exhibit in any auction or other sale staged as part of the Show.

- L. **“Rules”** shall mean these General Rules and any applicable Special Rules.

- M. **“Scholarship”** means a sum to be paid by the Show’s scholarship fund for an Exhibitor’s post high school education or training. Post high school education may include cost and expenses of attending junior or senior colleges and universities, trade and vocational schools and participating in job training programs approved by the Show.

- N. **“Show”** shall mean “Rodeo Austin” and the events and activities that it sponsors.

- O. **“Show Grounds”** shall mean the grounds of the Travis County Exposition Center and trailer parking lots, where Rodeo Austin is held annually.

- P. **“Show Management”** means an individual who has been duly appointed by Rodeo Austin to assist with the Show, including, but not limited to Staff, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Sub-Committee Chairs, Official Veterinarians, Arena Directors, Department Superintendents, Show Secretaries and Ring Stewards.

- Q. **“Show Official”** means an individual who has been duly appointed by Rodeo Austin to assist with the Show, including, but not limited to Staff, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Sub-Committee Chairs, Judges, Classifiers, Official Veterinarians, Arena Directors, Department Superintendents, Show Secretaries and Ring Stewards.

- R. **“Supervisor”** shall mean an adult individual who is either (a) a County Extension Agent, “CEA”, who is supervising members of a 4-H Club whose members are Exhibitors in the Show, or (b) a High School Agricultural Science Teacher, “AST”, who is supervising members of an FFA Chapter whose members are Exhibitors in the Show.

- S. **“Youth Auction”** shall mean the auction sale staged as an event of the Junior Market Livestock Show for qualifying Exhibitors and their entries.

GENERAL RULES

1. **Emergency Evacuation of Livestock/Property Statement:** During such time as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, Rodeo Austin, and/or its officials may, temporarily or permanently, evacuate the fairgrounds. Incidents such as, but not limited to, extreme weather conditions, pandemics or other health emergencies, bomb threats, terrorist acts, acts of war, declaration of war will be acted upon in accordance and cooperation with local, state and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life, then livestock and/or property. In such cases, exhibitors may turn over the care of their livestock or property to Rodeo Austin, or as directed by governmental authorities. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations, as the circumstances dictate. At such time the evacuation notice is lifted, exhibitors will be allowed to re-enter the fairgrounds and claim their livestock or property.
2. **Interpretation and Violation of Rules:** Individuals, including Participants, are requested to report any Rule violation(s) to the Show Management immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. Rodeo Austin reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the Show; and to amend or add to these Rules as its judgment may determine. Any Exhibitor who violates any of the Rules will forfeit all Privileges and Premiums and be subject to such penalty as Rodeo Austin may order.

Rodeo Austin shall have the right to further delegate any or all of the rights, authorities and responsibilities which it has under these Rules to such Show Officials as it deems appropriate.

3. **Special Rules:** Special Rules are published in any department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, the terms of the Special Rules shall control over the General Rules.
4. **Decisions:** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proven. Any objections to a judge must be submitted as an Official Protest (See General Rule 5 below for Official Protests).
5. **Official Protests:** Official Protests must be submitted to the Competitive Events Department in writing and accompanied by a \$300.00 deposit which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered to Show Management immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident may not be considered. These cases are referred to Rodeo Austin who will have full power to act in its sole discretion. The decision Rodeo Austin shall be final and non-appealable. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.
6. **Disqualification:** Should any animal/entry awarded a prize be disqualified; the lower placing animals/entries will NOT move into the higher position.
7. **COVID-19 Warning, Rules and Acknowledgment of Risk:** An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present, including Rodeo Austin's livestock events at Rodeo Austin's facilities. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to potentially life-threatening illness and even death. All Exhibitors, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events at Rodeo Austin's facilities (collectively, "Participants") shall comply with Rodeo Austin's health and safety guidelines. Participants are encouraged to receive one of the U.S. Federal Drug Administration approved COVID-19 vaccines, including any boosters, prior to arrival at Rodeo Austin events.
8. **Liability:** All Exhibits will be under the control and direction of Show Management, but Rodeo Austin will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage which may occur. The Exhibitor is solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the Rules. He/She shall indemnify Rodeo Austin against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the Exhibitor, article or any of the animals exhibited with such exhibition or any of the animals so exhibited.
9. **Entry Rules**
 - a) **Eligibility:** This is an invitational Show; Rodeo Austin reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor or participant.

- b) **Social Security Number Requirement:** All Exhibitors and contestants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in Rodeo Austin. Social Security Numbers must be recorded on entry forms. International Exhibitors and contestants may be approved on an individual basis.
- c) **Online Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received electronically through the official Rodeo Austin online entry program and adhere to the following deadlines:

Ultimate Scramble Championship
Junior Livestock Show
Junior Contests and Skillathons

December 15, 2025 (entries open; first come, first serve)
December 15, 2025
December 15, 2025

- d) **Entry Forms:** Application for entry must be submitted online. Entry forms and other important documents can be located at www.RodeoAustin.com.
- e) **Mailing: Please mail the following items to the Competitive Events Department.** Payment, W-9 form, online entry receipt and Certificate of Entry Form must be submitted with required signatures to:

Rodeo Austin
Competitive Events Department
9100 Decker Lake Road
Austin, TX 78724.

Payment must be (Check from Club/Chapter account, Cashier's Check, Money Order). **No personal checks will be accepted.** Credit card payments are accepted via the online entry system.

Payment, W-9 form, online entry receipt and Certificate of Entry Form must be postmarked on or before the deadlines below. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the Show Grounds.

- f) **Entry Fees:** The following entry fees will be charged for all entries.

Show	Entry Fee
Junior Livestock Judging	\$60 per team
Junior Poultry Judging	\$60 per team
Junior Agricultural Mechanics	\$60 per project
Junior Agricultural Mechanics Skillathon	\$30 per person
Junior Beef Cattle Skillathon	\$30 per person
Junior Swine Skillathon	\$30 per person
Junior Sheep Skillathon	\$30 per person
Junior Breeding Heifer	\$50 per entry
Junior Market Barrow	\$45 per entry
Junior Marker Broilers	\$45 per entry
Junior Market Goat	\$45 per entry
Junior Market Lamb	\$45 per entry
Junior Market Steer	\$50 per entry
Junior Market Turkey	\$45 per entry
Junior Wether Dam	\$45 per entry
Junior Wether Doe	\$45 per entry
Ultimate Scramble Championship	\$40 per entry
Youth Robotics Challenge	\$75 per team
Youth Agricultural Science Fair	\$30 per entry
Junior Agricultural Product Identification	\$60 per team
Youth Agricultural Public Speaking	\$30 per person

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No entry will be accepted unless entry has been submitted online on or before the respective entry deadline, and payment with entry signature authorization postmarked on or before the respective postmark date.

If the bank for any reason should return the check accompanying entries, the entries will be canceled and returned. There will be a \$50.00 service charge on all returned checks. Rodeo Austin has the right to ban any Exhibitor from future participation should there be a continuous problem with fees from Exhibitor.

- g) Late Entries:** Rodeo Austin reserves the right to accept or deny any late entry. Late entries are subject to any capacity restrictions that may exist at the time of the Show.



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Show	Late Entry Fee	Deadline
Junior Livestock Judging Contest	\$75 per team	Accepted through check-in
Junior Poultry Judging Contest	\$75 per team	Accepted through check-in
Junior Agricultural Mechanics	\$120 per project	Accepted through check-in
Junior Agricultural Mechanics Skillathon	\$60 per person	Accepted through check-in
Junior Beef Cattle Skillathon	\$60 per person	Accepted through check-in
Junior Swine Skillathon	\$60 per person	Accepted through check-in
Junior Sheep Skillathon	\$60 per person	Accepted through check-in
Junior Breeding Heifer	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Market Barrow	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Market Broilers	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Market Goat	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Market Lamb	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Market Steer	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Market Turkey	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Wether Dam	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Wether Doe	\$500 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Youth Agricultural Science Fair	\$60 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Junior Agricultural Product Identification	\$75 per team	Accepted through check-in
Junior Agricultural Public Speaking	\$60 per entry	Accepted through Jan. 10
Ultimate Scramble Championship	\$40 per entry	Accepted through check-in
Youth Robotics Challenge	\$150 per team	Accepted through Jan. 10

- 10. Passes:** Junior Livestock Show, Agricultural Mechanics, Ultimate Scramble Championship and Gold Stirrup Horse Show passes will be mailed to clubs/chapters prior to Show.

Gate Pass: Each Exhibitor will be issued one (1) free Gate Pass valid for the duration of the Show and may purchase additional passes. CEAs and ASTs who are supervising projects will be issued one (1) free Gate Pass valid for the duration of the Show. Daily grounds passes are \$10 each and are single-entry.

Season Gate Pass (Valid March 11 – March 28, 2026) \$30.00

Car Pass: Each Exhibitor may purchase car passes. CEAs and ASTs who are supervising projects are issued one (1) free car pass. Car passes must be fully affixed to the windshield. Partially applied, laminated, wrapped or taped stickers are not valid. Failure to comply will result in confiscation of car pass and loss of parking privileges.

Season car passes grant access to Lot B. Once Lot B is full, parking attendants will direct overflow parking to G lots. To guarantee a season car pass, purchase with online entries. Additional passes will be sold at arrival based on availability. Day parking is \$20 and is single-entry.

Season Car Pass (Valid March 11 – March 28, 2026) \$35.00

Ag Mech/Ultimate Scramble Car Pass (Valid March 6 – March 7, 2026) \$15.00

11. **Parking:** Livestock Exhibitors must enter through Gate #1 Livestock Entrance on Decker Lane, Austin, Texas 78724. Large trucks and all trailers cannot park onsite, offsite trailer parking is available. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be towed at owner's expense.

Horse Show Exhibitors must enter through Gate #2. Horse Show Exhibitors must have a pass to park in Lot D.

12. **Livestock Substitution:** There will only be entry substitutions allowed in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show. Heifer entry substitutions may be made by the owner of the original entry with a fee of \$50.00 for each entry. Substitutions will be approved by Show Superintendents. Substitutions NOT officially recorded in this manner are invalid. Substitutions will NOT be permitted once check-in is completed. Substitution forms must be filled out completely including the certification by the CEA or AST on all Junior Entries. Registration Certificates will be required to verify ownership. Substitution of owners is NOT permitted.
13. **Premiums, Market and Auction Proceeds:** Premium monies from all sources will be distributed by Rodeo Austin. No Premium checks will be issued until all funds from all sources are received by Rodeo Austin. Premiums awarded and/or paid to Exhibitors shall be subject to the Youth Auction Caps described in the Junior Livestock Show Special Rules.

Checks for sifted and non-placing animals will be distributed by Texas Livestock Marketing Association. Market/floor money will be forfeited if the animal is condemned at slaughter or deemed unmerchantable. Auction checks will be distributed by Rodeo Austin when funds have been collected from buyers. Rodeo Austin checks must be cashed within 90 days of the date check is issued. Requests to re-issue Rodeo Austin checks must be made in writing to Rodeo Austin to the Controller's attention. A \$50.00 handling fee will be assessed on approved requests. If a check has not been cashed within three years of issue date, the Finance Department will consider this check abandoned and will turn over the funds to the State of Texas, as mandated by law. Any Exhibitor who is requesting to have the check reissued after three years will need to collect their funds from the State of Texas.

14. **Barred Exhibitors:** Rodeo Austin, in cooperation with member Shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of any Exhibitor who has been barred from any Show/Rodeo on the basis of unethical practices.
15. **Ownership Requirements:** All animals must be entered in the name of the owner as shown on the Registration Certificate if applicable. See Junior Show Rules and Department Rules.
16. **Livestock Stalling:** In so far as possible, shelter will be provided for livestock. The Show does not charge a stall fee in barns and does not guarantee stall space to any entry. Stalls will be assigned upon arrival. Stalling will be done on a first come, first serve basis. Exhibitors must arrive together to stall together. Early arrivals will not be permitted on to the Show Grounds until the designated arrival time.
17. **Erroneous Entry:** Animals that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to the proper class prior to judging upon application to the Superintendent, who will determine the matter. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened. No animal shall be changed from one class to another after the deadline date unless it is ineligible for the class in which it is entered.

18. **Arena Promptness:** Exhibitors are expected to arrive at the show ring on time. To maintain the efficiency and flow of the event, classes including division, breed, and overall drives will not be delayed for late arrivals. Exhibitors who fail to present their animal to the ring in a timely manner may be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the superintendent.



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19. **Sifting/Classifying Committees:** Rodeo Austin will appoint Sifters and/or Classifiers to inspect animals. Exhibitors must remove any cover from animals at inspection. Animals deemed unworthy must be removed from the show. Decisions of the Sifters and/or Classifiers will be final and protests will not be considered. Interference with Sifters and/or Classifiers will not be tolerated. Exhibitors and others are requested not to question their decisions, and to do so may disqualify the Exhibitor concerned.
20. **Judging:** Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the times at which their Exhibits will be judged. Any Exhibit not presented promptly will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition in the class. No complaint or protest on the Show Grounds that the judge overlooked animals/projects will be considered.

21. **Interference:** If any Exhibitor, in any way, whether in person, by agent or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them, or the Show, Show Management may demand a proper apology from the Exhibitor, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the Show Grounds, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
22. **Restraint / Unruly Animals:** Show Officials may remove any unruly animal from the Show; there will be no appeal. Cattle must be shown with a halter and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled. If exhibition of an animal poses a danger to the Exhibitor and/or other parties, Show Officials reserve the right to remove the animal from competition.
23. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Livestock Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated "Phantom" style halters are permitted.
24. **Livestock Release:** All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release without written consent from Show Management. Anyone attempting to load livestock before their release time may have his/her truck and/or trailer towed away. No livestock may exit the Show Grounds between 10:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Any violation of release times may cause the forfeiture of all Premium and/or sale monies earned and the Exhibitor may be barred from future participation.
25. **Photographs:** Exhibitors agree to present their animal(s) at the request of Show Officials for official photographs. All photographs taken by the official photographer(s) become the property of Rodeo Austin. Unofficial (i.e. personal) photographs may not be published without written approval of Show Management. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the official photographer. Designated photo backdrops are for Rodeo Austin official photographer's use, no one else is allowed to take photographs at the designated photo backdrops.
26. **Animal Care:** All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as Rodeo Austin does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or Exhibitors thereof. Rodeo Austin does not assume ownership of livestock projects entered in the Show.

Any Exhibitor who improperly handles an animal is subject to removal from the Show. Show Management reserves the right to remove and/or disqualify the Exhibitor.

27. **Unethically Fitted Livestock:** The showing of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, or the misrepresentation of breeding or milking status is prohibited.
 - a) **Description:** Unethical fitting means an alteration of the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by an unnatural means, as well as changing the normal conformation of any part of the animals' body or using drugs, medications, chemicals, or other substances (including over-the-counter and extra-label substances and uses), or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup or performance of the animal. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to the following:
 - i. Animals that are in milk due to an unnaturally induced lactation.
 - ii. Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
 - iii. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
 - iv. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
 - v. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
 - vi. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
 - vii. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, hair, or feet (this is to include any materials added to feet of an animal) except the removal of warts or horns and permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
 - viii. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
 - ix. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animals' body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the Show.

- x. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus), is prohibited.
 - xi. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
 - xii. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench at the show.
 - xiii. The use of diuretics.
 - xiv. Administration of a drug internally or externally prior to the Show that does not adhere to the Rules, specifically including the Drug Residue Avoidance Policy (see page 19 and 20).
 - xv. Administration of a drug internally or externally at the Show by someone other than the Official Show Veterinarian or that otherwise does not adhere to the Rules, specifically including the Drug Residue Avoidance Policy (see page 19 and 20).
 - xvi. The practice or use of acupuncture at the show is prohibited.
- b) **Verification:** The Exhibitor specifically represents that no animal entered by him/her is unethically fitted, and that the breeding age and milking status is correctly stated. All Junior Market and Breeding Animals will be required to have signatures on each entry form stating that the animal was not unethically fitted. These forms must be signed by the following:
- i. Junior Exhibitor
 - ii. Parent or Guardian
 - iii. County Extension Agent (CEA) or Agricultural Science Teacher (AST)
- c) **Medication Received Prior to the Show:** Adequate time must have passed so that an exhibitor's animal does not test positive for drugs upon arrival. Once the animals arrive on the Rodeo Austin Grounds, they must remain free and clear of all residues of medications, drugs, chemicals, and other substances. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA-approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear the system **is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal. Those animals that have consumed or been given, even under the care of a licensed veterinarian, any type of performance enhancing medication, drug, chemical or substance, including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers, **are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications or eligibility should consult with the Official Rodeo Austin Veterinarian prior to competition.**
- d) **Medication During the Show:** The Official Rodeo Austin Veterinarian Office is located on the North End of the Show Ring in the Show Barn. For the convenience of Exhibitors, the Show arranges to have veterinarians available; however, they do NOT donate their services or medications. Fees should be discussed before treatment. Additionally, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to properly communicate to the veterinarians if the animal is eligible for further competition. **All medication and treatment administered during the livestock show must be administered by the Official Rodeo Austin Veterinarian** and a written medication record must be filed. Animals receiving performance enhancing drugs (including, but not limited to, steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers) in this manner are ineligible for competition. The Official Show Veterinarian is authorized to remove any animal from competition if the health, safety, or welfare of the animal is in question.
- i. The Official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with Rodeo Austin, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that requires a withdrawal time, the animal may be determined ineligible for competition.
- e) **DRUG RESIDUE AVOIDANCE POLICY:** Rodeo Austin believes in the ethical and humane treatment of all animals. It is important to remember that livestock, including those for Show and exhibition, are raised for the primary purpose of producing food. In efforts to support the best practices in both Animal Care and food safety, Exhibitors and/or guardians must act responsibly to ensure the safe use of drugs in these animals and the safe production of food products. Best practices demand that the use of all drugs in food producing animals be conducted by or under the direction of a veterinarian.

All animals harvested for food, including show animals, are subject to testing for drug residues by the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Exhibitors and/or

guardians should note that FSIS places more scrutiny on show livestock and tests carcasses with a higher frequency than livestock from the commercial industry (FSIS Directive 10800.1 Page 9). Exhibitors and/or guardians can make informed decisions about administered drugs under the supervision of a veterinarian and by understanding the type of drug administered.

- f) **Drug:** The term “drug” shall mean any substance for which the sale, possession, or use of which is regulated by federal, state, or local law or regulation, as well as any substance used by the medical or veterinary professions that affects the circulatory, respiratory, muscular, skeletal or central nervous system of any species of livestock. If drugs are used by the Official Show Veterinarian to treat a recognized disease in market animals, the withdrawal times listed by the drug manufacturer will be strictly followed.

Antibiotics/Antibacterials Exhibitors and/or guardians should follow all label directions in order to decrease the likelihood of residue in edible tissue. Detection may result in action from the USDA and/or Rodeo Austin.

Anti-inflammatories Drugs that may enhance performance or mask defects of livestock are strictly prohibited.

Beta-agonists Exhibitors and/or guardians must follow all label directions to ensure food safety. Growth promoting drugs may only be administered to approved species for that compound. Rodeo Austin will not tolerate the presence of ractopamine hydrochloride (Optaflexx™; Paylean®) in market entries other than market steers or market barrows, respectively. Rodeo Austin will not tolerate the presence of ractopamine hydrochloride (Topmax™) in Market Poultry, specifically all turkeys and broilers. Rodeo Austin will not tolerate the presence of zilpaterol hydrochloride (Zilmax®) in any market species or breeding animal.

Prohibited Drugs Any drugs listed in 21-Code of Federal Regulations 530.41 are strictly prohibited. Drugs that are unapproved by the FDA and/or USDA are also prohibited.

Following slaughter withdrawal recommendations for these drugs does not ensure that these drugs will not be detected. All instructions concerning the use of any drugs should be followed precisely and meticulous records should be kept by the Exhibitor and/or guardian. If the Exhibitor is found to have violated the Drug Residue Avoidance Policy, the Show reserves the right to bar the Exhibitor from competition for an indefinite amount of time. Infractions of the Drug Residue Avoidance Program will be addressed based on the category of residue detected. The Exhibitor will likely forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, auction proceeds, premiums and scholarships if disqualified. The market or floor money will also be forfeited if the animal is condemned at slaughter. The Exhibitor may be submitted to the Rule Infraction Database (RID), and other shows may choose to prevent the Exhibitor from competing in the future.

Exhibitors may have the right to appeal a violation of the Drug Residue Avoidance Policy. Rodeo Austin has full and exclusive discretion as to whether any appeal is permitted and as to whether any Exhibitor may utilize any appellate process.

g) **Inspection/Testing:**

- i. Each exhibitor, by entering or exhibiting an animal at Rodeo Austin, agrees that any animal entered by him or her may be subjected to inspection or examination by any veterinarian appointed by Rodeo Austin and that Rodeo Austin may subject any such animal to any tests, sample-takings, or inspections that Rodeo Austin deems necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to testing for drugs or other substances, at any time. Rodeo Austin shall have the right to conduct or have conducted for it all tests, inspections, or analyses it deems appropriate or necessary, including but not limited to ultrasound, D.N.A., tissue, blood, urine, feces and/or hair laboratory analysis made on any animal entered in or exhibited at Rodeo Austin. The Exhibitor or approved substitute exhibitor, the exhibitor’s parent or guardian, or AST or CEA for Junior Exhibitors, must be present during the collection of an initial sample for analysis and must witness, seal and initial the sample as well as sign the appropriate sample documentation; thus verifying the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. Subsequent samples of any sort may be taken by or for Rodeo Austin without the presence of the exhibitor or his or her parent, legal guardian, or AST or CEA.
- ii. All decisions, determinations, and conclusions based on any test, inspection, analysis, or examination shall be final and conclusive without recourse against Rodeo Austin or any of its officers, directors, volunteers, and employees, or any veterinarian appointed by Rodeo Austin.
- iii. **EACH EXHIBITOR, BY ENTERING AND EXHIBITING AN ANIMAL OR PROJECT IN**

OR AT RODEO AUSTIN, WAIVES AND RELEASES RODEO AUSTIN FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, SUITS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, DEMANDS, COSTS, EXPENSES (INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES), AND OTHER LOSSES OF EVERY SORT BASED ON, ARISING OUT OF, OR RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OR TESTING OF ANY SUCH ANIMAL AND ANY RULING, DECISION, OR ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF OR IN RELIANCE ON THE RESULTS OF ANY TEST OR INSPECTION, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH TESTING OR INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES. THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND RELEASE APPLIES TO ANY CAUSES OF ACTION, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS BASED ON RODEO AUSTIN'S ACTUAL OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE.

iv. All testing conducted at the election of Rodeo Austin will be paid for by the Show. Payment for any other tests (i.e. blood typing, etc.) required in the Junior Livestock Show will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and at the discretion of the Official Show Veterinarian.

h) **Breeding Animals:** As breeding animals are not entering the food chain, the USDA Wholesome Meat Act does not apply; however, breeding animals may be closely screened for any performance enhancing compounds. This includes but is not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers.

i) **Wholesome Meat Act:** The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock. Only Market Animals eligible for immediate harvest may be brought onto the Show Grounds and exhibited:

- i. Animals must be in good health and free of drug or chemical residues.
- ii. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- iii. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue, the entire carcass may be condemned.

Rodeo Austin will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of carcasses or the sale price of the animal. In such cases, the Exhibitor forfeits all rights to any and all proceeds including: auction prizes, Scholarships, Premiums, market (floor) price and special awards.

j) **Consequences:** In the event that Rodeo Austin determines any animal to be unethically fitted by Show officials, veterinarian or analyzing agency, Rodeo Austin is authorized to bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. Reinstatement of anyone barred may be made only by Rodeo Austin. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, auction proceeds, Premiums and Scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified. Market/Floor money will be forfeited if the animal is condemned at slaughter or deemed unmerchantable.

28. **Participant Decorum:** Rodeo Austin is a family friendly event. While on the fairgrounds, a Participant is seen as an ambassador of Rodeo Austin and the agriculture industry. As such, a participant's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators may be subject to punishment up to disqualification. Please refrain from any improper or disruptive conduct, public display of profanity, violence, excessive consumption of alcohol, and inappropriate social media content regarding Rodeo Austin or Rodeo Austin representatives.
29. **Rule Infraction Database:** Each Exhibitor understands and agrees that Rodeo Austin is entitled to report any and all rule infractions to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSARMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID). The Exhibitor agrees that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSARMA.
30. **Animal Health Requirements:** State Law requires certain classes of stock entering the Grounds to be accompanied by proper health papers that shall be presented at the time stock arrives on the Grounds at Rodeo Austin. See Texas Animal Health Commission Rules for detail, there will be no exceptions. All livestock must enter through Gate #1.
31. **Diseased Animals:** No animals having a disease of any character will be admitted to the Show Grounds at any time, and the Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to any livestock, horses and poultry having a disease or undesirable ailment. Market/floor money will be forfeited if the animal is condemned at slaughter or deemed unmerchantable.
32. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each Junior Breeding Heifer Show entry is assigned a back number. Numbers must be displayed by Exhibitor when animals are being judged.

33. **Scales:** Scales will be provided by the Show. No additional scales may be brought in by exhibitors.
34. **Exhibitor Campgrounds:** Campground space will be extremely limited for most shows. Parents, CEAs, ASTs, adult leaders or their representatives are asked to assist in reducing the number of chairs, coolers, and other equipment from their respective county or chapter. Exhibitors must be aware of their surroundings and cognizant of others when making space for their campgrounds. Exhibitors abusing campground areas may be subject to disqualification.
35. **Objectionable Exhibits:** Show Management reserves the right to remove from the Show Grounds any exhibit, animal or entry that may be falsely entered, or deemed unsuitable, or objectionable in the sole discretion of Show Management, without assigning a reason therefore. All fees will be forfeited.
36. **Unauthorized Animals:** Junior Market Show exhibitors are limited to one project per species. Any animal(s) brought onto the Show Grounds which is/are NOT entered for competition or exhibition will become the property of Rodeo Austin and will be disposed of as Rodeo Austin may direct. Any exhibitor who arrives with additional projects will not receive market value for the additional projects and may be subject to additional penalties at Show Management discretion.
37. **Bedding/Feed:** Initial bedding will be provided in cattle stalls by Rodeo Austin. Bedding will not be provided in small animal pens. Straw/hay bedding is prohibited. Outside bedding will be permitted, however if Show Management deems an individual has brought excessive amounts of outside bedding, Show Management reserves the right to prohibit the amount of bedding the individual unloads and if any individual is not respectful of the Show Managements decision they may be disqualified and asked to leave the Show Grounds. Additional bedding may be purchased from the Show.
38. **Stalls, Pens and Alleys:** Stalls, pens, alleys and exhibit spaces must be kept clean. Refuse matter must be disposed of as follows: Manure and/or bedding to be placed in designated recycling dumpsters; Trash to be placed in trash barrels. Feed, or equipment boxes, etc. are not permitted in the main alleys or in barn aisles. We understand families may need space for feed, chairs, equipment boxes, and tack, however, please be mindful of others and do not occupy public space. No lights are to be strung on the stalls or pens (with the exception of bar lights **ONLY** during the Breeding Heifer, Wether Dam and Doe show.) Show Management reserves the right to remove/prohibit any excessively loud and/or offensive music in or around the barn.
39. **Fans:** Fans will be limited to one (1) fan per three (3) head of cattle and one (1) fan per five (5) head of sheep or goats exhibited. No fans will be permitted in aisles during the Show. Only battery powered fans are allowed during the hog show, these must run on rechargeable batteries.
40. **Signs:** No sign which refers in any way to a commercial product, including "For Sale" signs, may be placed over any livestock exhibit; such signs will be confiscated. Any sign with derogatory language will be removed and exhibitor may be subject to penalty.
41. **Electrical Equipment:** All electrical equipment brought onto the Show Grounds must conform to all applicable safety regulations. Any exhibitor who refuses to cooperate with Show Management in this matter will have their exhibit immediately removed from the Show Grounds. The Exhibitor will forfeit all fees and Premiums.
42. **Generators/Fuels:** Personal generators and flammable fuels are prohibited on the Show Grounds.
43. **Fire Regulations:** Due to fire code regulations, no equipment, showboxes, chairs, extension cords, etc. will be allowed in aisles. Blocking of any aisle will be strictly prohibited. Please make necessary provisions, if needed, to store equipment safely in or above pens.
44. **Campers/Trailers:** Pickup trucks with campers may park inside the Show Grounds but cannot be used as living quarters. House and cook trailers are not permitted to enter the Show Grounds.
45. **Pets:** No pets, including dogs, are allowed on the Show Grounds.
46. **Electronic Communication:** The use of electronic communication devices (i.e., smart watches, cell phones) by exhibitors/contestants during competition is prohibited.
47. **Force Majeure:** Rodeo Austin is not liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and/or

events to the extent such delay or failure results in a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from the causes beyond the reasonable control of Rodeo Austin that delays or prevents performance by Rodeo Austin otherwise required by this agreement, including but not limited to any:

1. Breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities
2. Any strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulties
3. Statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities
4. Judicial decrees or orders
5. Acts of God
6. Animal diseases and/or quarantines
7. Wars, riots, or insurrections
8. Civil disobediences, public demonstrations, or sabotage
9. Fires, floods, explosions, or inclement weather
10. Inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation
11. Depressions, recessions, or other economic downturns
12. Embargoes or energy shortages
13. Other causes beyond Rodeo Austin's reasonable control

48. **Event Cancellation:** Rodeo Austin reserves the right to cancel an event for reasons beyond Force Majeure.
49. **Refunds:** There will be no refunds of fees. In the event of cancellation of a specific contest/show, refunds may be offered in-partial or in-full and will be determined solely by Rodeo Austin.
50. **Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code (TABC):** As this is a TABC licensed facility, no outside alcohol is permitted on the Show Grounds. Violations of this Rule may result in immediate removal from the Show Grounds.
51. **Notice to Parents or Guardians of Participants:** Rodeo Austin, at its election, may choose to use photographs, videos and other likenesses of Participants in future publications including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, television, promotional literature, World Wide Web (Internet) and Rodeo Austin programs. By allowing your child or ward to enter events of Rodeo Austin, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of your child or ward.
52. **Notice to Adult Participants:** Rodeo Austin, at its election, may choose to use photographs, videos and other likenesses of Participants in future publications including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, television, promotional literature, World Wide Web (Internet) and Rodeo Austin programs. By participating in events of Rodeo Austin, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of yourself.
53. **Notice to Participants:**

WARNING

UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES.

WARNING

UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW SPECIAL RULES

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** Junior Livestock Show Exhibitors are subject to the General Rules as well as the Special Rules. Participants are responsible for knowing and complying with all Rules of this Show.

Participation in the Junior Livestock Show is limited to Texas resident students, who are bona fide members of a Texas 4-H Club or Texas FFA Chapter, and who have continuously owned and personally fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. Exhibitors must be enrolled in and attending public, private or home school, elementary or secondary schools in Texas. Students must be between the ages of 9 and 18 on or before August 31, year prior to Show. Exception: students in the 3rd grade become eligible on their 8th birthday.

Exhibitors may enter as either a 4-H or FFA member, but not as both in the same Department. Any Exhibitor who enters as both in the same Department will have all his/her entries disqualified without refund of fees.

2. **Ineligible Exhibitor:** A Junior Exhibitor who has placed a Grand Champion in any prior Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show for Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Barrow, Market Turkey or Market Broiler is not eligible to enter the Department in which that Grand Champion was placed.

Junior Exhibitors and Participants suspended under **Texas Education Code 33.081 “No Pass, No Play”** are ineligible to participate in any Rodeo Austin Junior activity, event or competition. Any animal or project owned by an ineligible Exhibitor is ineligible for competition.

All Texas 4-H and FFA Exhibitors are considered to be eligible by Rodeo Austin to participate in the Junior Livestock Show at the time entries are received from the AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who has a member in his/her 4-H or FFA program who becomes ineligible to participate in the Junior Livestock Show according to Texas Education Code must provide written and signed notification to Show Management or the appropriate Superintendent of the Livestock Show at least 24 hours prior to any weighing, sifting, classifying or judging. If such notification is not received at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of competition, Rodeo Austin will consider the Exhibitor as eligible to participate.

3. **Social Security Number Requirement:** All Exhibitors and Participants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in Rodeo Austin. Social Security Numbers must be recorded on Certification of Entry Acknowledgement/Substitute W9 Form. International Exhibitors and contestants may be approved on an individual basis.
4. **Foreign Exchange Students:** Non-United States citizens and foreign exchange students are eligible to compete in the Junior Livestock Show provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. Such individuals are ineligible to receive Rodeo Austin Scholarships.
5. **Entry:** Rodeo Austin makes available to CEAs and ASTs in charge of 4-H Clubs or FFA livestock programs the opportunity to enter members in their programs in the Junior Livestock Show, subject to these Special Rules. These Rules are only minimum requirements for participation in the Show and are not intended to limit the right of any CEA or AST, or the Texas AgriLife Extension or the Texas Education Agency to impose additional requirements as they deem necessary. The opportunity to enter 4-H Club and FFA members' projects in the Junior Livestock Show is made available only to CEAs and ASTs supervising these livestock projects. In no event are these Rules to be construed as making any offer or opportunity available to any 4-H Club or FFA member. Processing and/ or deposit of funds does not constitute acceptance of entries from an individual and or club or chapter. Eligibility of individual members of a club or chapter are subject to verification and approval. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered to be an agent of Rodeo Austin for any purpose.

Entries in the Junior Livestock Show must be made by the CEA or AST under whose supervision the animals were fed and will be returned if submitted by others. The CEA or AST must certify on the entry form that the animal and the owner(s) are eligible under the Rules of this Show. Entries for all other contests such as Agricultural Mechanics, Skillathons, etc. must be made by the Supervising CEA or AST. It is the responsibility of the CEA or AST to read all Rules and check each entry form carefully before signing it. If entries are not correctly submitted, they will be returned.

Entry receipts and signatures from 4-H and FFA club and chapters must come in separate packages with separate checks. Junior entry receipts and signatures must be on current forms with a current Junior Summary Sheet for each club or chapter, listing all owners and their entries along with one (1) check to cover total fees due (entries and passes). Checks for junior entries must be drawn on 4-H or FFA accounts, money orders or cashier's checks. **Personal checks will not be accepted.**

For more information regarding Entry Forms refer to the General Rules on page 15 or www.RodeoAustin.com.

6. **Signatures:** All Junior livestock Exhibitors must have the required signatures (Exhibitor, AST/CEA and Parent or Guardian) on each Certification of Entry and Substitute W9 form.
7. **Quality Counts:** All Exhibitors must be Quality Counts certified through their respective Texas 4-H or FFA program by December 15, year prior to Show. Exhibitor's Quality Counts certification number is required at time of online entry. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret and amend the Quality Counts requirements.
8. **Ownership:** Exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of and throughout the entire feeding and fitting period. Exhibitors must feed, care for, and exhibit their animals without any aid or assistance during the entire feeding and fitting period except from the CEA, AST, immediate family member, or other 4-H or FFA members from the respective 4-H club or FFA chapter from which the animals are entered. Show Management will rule on all issues regarding ownership.
9. **Ownership/Feeding/Fitting Periods:** The required ownership, feeding and fitting periods are:
 - Market Steers: June 30, year prior to Show
 - Market Lambs: October 31, year prior to Show
 - Market Goats: October 31, year prior to Show
 - Breeding Heifers: October 31, year prior to Show
 - Wether Dams: October 31, year prior to Show
 - Wether Does: October 31, year prior to Show
 - Market Barrows: November 30, year prior to Show

Market Turkey and Broilers: Please check www.posc.tamu.edu for ownership dates. All market poultry must be purchased through Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department.

Market Animals: The Texas Youth Livestock Validation Program will be used to verify ownership date for Market Animals.

Breeding Heifers: Original registration certificates will be used to verify ownership date for breeding heifers. Animals must be registered in the herd book of their association in the name of the junior owner on or before the required ownership date. Purchase, delivery, possession and registration must all take place on or before the required ownership date. In addition, all heifers must be validated through the Texas 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program for the Junior Breeding Heifer Show. Heifer validation will include uploading registration papers online and physical validation. The deadline for heifer validation is October 31, 2025, but Exhibitors must adhere to county deadlines for physical validation.

Wether Dams & Does: The Texas Youth Livestock Validation Program will be used to verify ownership date for Wether Dams & Wether Does. To be eligible to exhibit in the Junior Wether Dam Show/Junior Wether Doe Show, all ewes/does must be validated as a Wether Dam/Doe or Registered Breeding Sheep/Goat in the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Sheep/Goat Validation Program.

10. **Country of Origin:** Entry is limited only to Market Animals that meet United States Country of Origin requirements. By entering a Market Animal, the Exhibitor attests to first-hand knowledge, normal business records or producer affidavit(s) that all livestock entered into the Show are of United States origin. Rodeo Austin refuses entry of market livestock that are not of United States origin for entry into the Show.
11. **Partnerships:** Partnership animals are NOT eligible in the Junior Livestock Show.
12. **Ineligible Animals:** Any animal owned by an ineligible Exhibitor is ineligible for competition. Any animal which has sold at auction at any Major Livestock Show is NOT eligible for the Junior Livestock Show. Any animal that has been sold during the feeding period via private treaty or public auction is ineligible to show. If ownership changes or has the

possibility of changing through a sale offering (including animal(s) purchased back by the exhibitor), regardless of method or length of time, that chain of animal ownership is considered broken, and the animal is ineligible. This specifically excludes animals sold at the local or county level at a Premium Auction, where the animal in question never had the possibility of changing ownership.

13. **Exhibitor Substitution:** Entries in the Junior Livestock Show must be shown by their owner. In all cases, the Department Superintendent must approve the Exhibitor substitution and will do so only if all conditions are met. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the following conditions:

Substitute Exhibitors may show only one animal (except in shows which an exhibitor may enter more than one project), in addition to their own project, in each Junior Department. Substitute exhibitors must be entered and exhibiting their own project in the respective department in which they are serving as a substitute. An exhibitor of a past grand champion at Rodeo Austin in a respective junior market department is not eligible to serve as a substitute exhibitor within that department.

Type A — Other School Activity: This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent or leader upon arrival at the Show. This request must be made on the official Rodeo Austin Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a notarized statement, signed by a School Administrator, on school letterhead stating the specific reason a substitute is requested. The completed official Rodeo Austin Exhibitor Substitution Form and the notarized statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.

Type B — Sickness/Injury: This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent or leader upon arrival at the Show. This request must be made on the official Rodeo Austin Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a physician, on his/her letterhead. The completed official Rodeo Austin Exhibitor Substitution Form and the physician's statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.

Type C — More than one entry in a class or the Exhibitor has entries in more than one department showing at the same time, or Exhibitor is showing at another Major Livestock Show at the same time: this substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent or leader upon arrival at the Show or as soon as the problem arises, but in any case no later than the start of the respective Show. This request must be made on the official Rodeo Austin Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. The completed official Rodeo Austin Exhibitor Substitution Form must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.

In any of the three (3) situations listed above, or in the case of an emergency, the Department Superintendent may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered, the substitute must be from the same school, FFA Chapter or 4-H Club as the original Exhibitor with the following two (2) exceptions.

- a. The original Exhibitor is the only Exhibitor from that school, FFA Chapter or 4-H Club entered in that Department.
- b. All other members from that school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club are exhibiting at the same time.

In either case, any Junior Livestock Show Exhibitor (meeting all requirements of the Junior Livestock Show Exhibitor in the Department entered) meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent may exhibit the animal.

14. **Custom Fitting:** Any project cared for or fed by a custom fitter is not eligible. A custom fitter may be considered anyone who is not an immediate family member, AST/CEA, local county/chapter adult volunteer, or another 4-H/FFA member. Violators of this rule are subject to disqualification and may be denied future participation in Rodeo Austin events.
15. **Animal Care:** The exhibitor is expected to feed, care for, fit, and exhibit their animal/project while at Rodeo Austin. Exhibitors must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the Show at all times. If needed, the exhibitor may have a competent caretaker (must be an immediate family member of the exhibitor, AST/CEA, other 4-H/FFA member, or Local County/Chapter Adult Volunteer) care for the project(s). However, the exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). Show Management reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable treatment of animal projects. Unacceptable treatment of animals projects will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor along with his/her club/chapter.
16. **Youth Auction Animals:** All placing market steers, lambs, goats, barrows, broilers and turkeys must be sold through the Youth Auction. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals may be required to be displayed for the

duration of the Show. The Youth Auction is limited to placing animals.

17. **Youth Auction Exhibitors:** The Junior Exhibitor must be present for the Youth Auction, unless substitution criteria are met, or that lot may be removed from the Youth Auction at the discretion of Show Management.

18. **Youth Auction Caps:** Youth Auction Caps are as follows:

Grand Champions

Steer	\$75,000
Barrow	\$35,000
Lamb	\$30,000
Goat	\$30,000
Broiler	\$15,000
Turkey.....	\$15,000

Reserve Grand Champions

Steer	\$45,000
Barrow	\$25,000
Lamb	\$20,000
Goat	\$20,000
Broiler.....	\$10,000
Turkey.....	\$10,000

The Grand Champion of each species must sell for more than the Reserve Grand Champion of its species. The Reserve Grand Champion of each species must sell for more than lower placing animals of its species. If the amount bid for an animal exceeds any of the above Youth Auction Caps, the excess money will be contributed to the Youth Auction Endowment Fund. Exhibitors will receive all add-on money, less than 5% in commission. Add-ons must be paid in full the day of the Youth Auction.

19. **Terminal Shows:** Rodeo Austin is a terminal Show for lambs, goats, barrows, poultry and all placing steers. All lambs, goats, barrows, poultry and all placing steers brought onto the Show Grounds must go to market. Non-placing steers have the option to sell at market price or be released to the Exhibitor. In the event a suitable resale market is not established for a Junior Market species, Show Management reserves the right to release all animals back to the Exhibitors.
20. **Sift, Non-Place, Premium and Auction Checks:** Owners will be paid for sifted and non-placing animals based on weigh-in weight. Checks for sifted and non-placing animals will be mailed to the 4-H or FFA address. A sales fee will be deducted from all resale lots to defray the cost associated with shipping and handling. If applicable, Premium monies for class placings will be distributed by Rodeo Austin and mailed to the 4-H or FFA address. Auction sale checks will be issued by the Rodeo Austin Youth Auction to the 4-H or FFA address. Junior market poultry owners will not receive a check for sifted and non-placing animals, as cost of shipping and handling exceeds their market value.

Market Animal Disposition:

Rodeo Austin strives to ensure a fair price for Market Animal projects. Market conditions may dictate the sale of Market Animals to be conducted through local terminal markets (i.e. sale barns, etc.). Rodeo Austin reserves the right to charge the Exhibitor freight, yardage and any and all marketing fees applicable to the sale of each animal.

21. **Stalling:** Animals entered in the Junior Livestock Show must be stalled or penned in the area set aside for this purpose. Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together. There is limited space for feed, chairs, equipment boxes, and tack. Therefore, all exhibitors must limit the amount of tack they bring. Additionally, exhibitor's tack must be kept in the directly adjacent available space to their assigned stall space. Excessive tack and equipment must be removed upon request.
22. **Cattle Tie-Outs:** Tie-out spaces may be purchased upon arrival on a first-come, first-serve basis from the Howdy Trailer through arrival. Following arrival, Tie-outs are sold at the Show Office based on availability. \$20.00 per tie-out. Tie-outs are not sold prior to arrival.
23. **Animal Load-Out:** It is the responsibility of each Exhibitor to see that his/her animal is received at the load out area, check-in card is present with the animal, and the entry number is written on the Animal Disposition Form for Texas Livestock Marketing Association (TLMA).

- 24. **Scales:** Exhibitors will NOT be allowed to bring portable scales into the Show Barn. Scales will be provided by the Show.
- 25. **Blocking Tables and Trim Chutes:** No sheep blocking tables, goat blocking tables, or cattle trim chutes are permitted on Show Grounds during the Junior Livestock Show.
- 26. **Clipping:** No electrical clippers are permitted on the Show Grounds. Battery-powered clippers are allowed for touch up only.
-  27. **Blow Dryers:** No livestock blowers are permitted during the junior market shows, except for battery powered, hand-held blowers. These must run only on rechargeable batteries. No cords or gas-powered blowers are allowed.
- 28. **Fans:** Fans will be limited to one (1) fan per three (3) head of cattle and one (1) fan per five (5) head of sheep, goats or hogs exhibited. No fans will be permitted in aisles during the Show.
- 29. **Generators:** No generators are permitted on Show Grounds.
- 30. **Fire Regulations:** Fire code regulations require that no equipment, show boxes, trim chutes, etc., are allowed in aisles. Blocking of any aisle will be strictly prohibited. Equipment may be stored in or above assigned pens in the Show Barn.

**ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

All livestock and poultry must enter through Gate #1 only. Equine will enter through Gate #2 only. State Law requires all equine and out-of-state origin livestock entering the Show Grounds to be accompanied by proper health papers which shall be presented at the time of arrival on to the Show Grounds. Health Papers are NOT required for Junior Market Animals or Texas Origin Breeding Heifers, Wether Dams, or Wether Does. Exhibitors agree to read and comply with all current Texas Animal Health Commission Rules and Regulations. See Texas Animal Health Commission Rules for details. Current Texas Animal Health Commission Rules and Regulations take precedent over this Rule. There will be no exceptions. If falsified health papers are presented at the time of arrival, exhibitors will be fined \$250 and will be required to receive current health papers from the Show Veterinarian before unloading on to the grounds.

Rodeo Austin Officials are allowed to impose animal health regulations that are more restrictive than those imposed by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Specific TAHC regulations will supersede the Show requirements if there is a dispute between the two in which the Show rules are less restrictive than TAHC regulations.

No animals having a disease of any character will be admitted to the Show Grounds at any time, and the Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to any livestock, horses and poultry having a disease or undesirable ailment. Market/floor money will be forfeited if the animal is condemned at slaughter or deemed unmerchantable.

The Show considers itself an interstate (accepting entries of livestock and poultry from within Texas and from other states) Show for livestock entries. Exhibitors with livestock originating outside the state of Texas are encouraged to contact their state Animal Health officials to confirm what specific requirements, if any, their state may impose on animals returning from a Texas Show.

Routine Inspection Procedures (What the Exhibitor Should Expect):

- For the Livestock Show, Show representatives will meet the incoming livestock vehicle at the Gate #1 check- in trailer.
- All documents are to be examined and a visual inspection of the animal is to be made. Be certain that Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, EIA test information, permits, etc. are still valid. A visual exam of the animals is to be made to ensure that the animals described on the documents are the same as those in the shipment.
- If animals meet all entry requirements, Rodeo Austin will allow the driver to proceed and return the certificates and other documents to the owner or driver.
- If an animal does not meet the requirements, the driver should pull the truck or trailer out of the traffic's way. If animals must be unloaded, they must remain in a separate pen (holding area) away from other livestock. Individuals should be allowed to contact the Official Show Veterinarian or their own veterinarian to obtain proper documents and/or test. Documentation must be in writing – no corrections will be allowed by phone. Fax documents are permissible.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must indicate that the accredited veterinarian found the animals, horses or fowl to be free of symptoms or evidence of communicable disease and that all tests, immunizations or treatments required by the Texas Animal Health Commission were completed. The certificate is required to accompany animals and fowl entering the State of Texas as stated in the following summary of entry requirements. The certificate is valid for 30 days for equine and for all other species. Prior entry permits are required as noted for specific classes of livestock. Permits may be obtained by calling (800) 550-8242 or (512) 719-0777, 24 hours a day, or by writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966, or by email to permits@tahc.texas.gov.

CATTLE**Junior Market Steers**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.

Junior Breeding Heifers

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.

GOATS**Junior Market Goats**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.

Junior Wether Does

2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.
3. All sexually intact exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag.

POULTRY

Junior Market Poultry

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.

SHEEP

Junior Market Lambs

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.

Junior Wether Dams

2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.
3. All sexually intact exhibition sheep must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag.

SWINE

Junior Market Barrows

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is **NOT** required.

EQUINE

Texas Origin Equine

1. Negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test (also known as “Coggins Test”) within 12 months. In state origin equine: foals, under eight months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing. Test document must be in hand or test results and related information must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
2. Pre-Fair: Exhibitors showing before the Fair’s opening day, are required to provide a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, **ONLY**, if a horse originates within a 50 mile radius of a specific location that has been identified/quarantined for Vesicular Stomatitis VS/EHV1. An EIA test is still **REQUIRED** for all horses.
3. Fair time: A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, current, and issued within 30 days, and an EIA test is **REQUIRED**.

Out of State Origin Equine

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, current, issued within 30 days or a current, valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card, issued within six months.
2. Must meet the same requirements as for Texas Origin Equine

DOGS

1. **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS** due to safety and public health regulations. This Rule will be strictly enforced and applies to Exhibitors and their employees, as well as Show visitors. This Rule does not apply to official dog entries in a sanctioned Rodeo Austin competitive or entertainment event or to guide dogs for those with physical impairments. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current within thirty (30) days is required to accompany all dogs eligible to enter the Show Grounds. Certificate must state that the dog has had a rabies vaccination within 365 days prior to arrival on the Show Grounds.

JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW

Dr. Scott Greiner – Judge
Travis Thorne – Arena Director
Edward Schneider – Superintendent
Dr. Mark Miller – Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

SCHEDULE:

Staging..... Tuesday, March 10, not before 8 p.m.
 Arrival..... Wednesday, March 11, 6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Check- in Deadline..... Wednesday, March 11, 3 p.m.
 Other Cross Optional Classification..... Wednesday, March 11, 1 p.m.– 4 p.m.
 Classification and Sift..... Wednesday, March 11, Approx. 5 p.m.
 Judging (*Shorthorn, British, Brahman, ABC and Black Cross*)..... Thursday, March 12, 8 a.m.
 Judging (*Red Cross and Other Cross*)..... Friday, March 13, 8 a.m.
 Grand Champion Steer Pre-Judging..... Immediately following Show or at 5 p.m., whichever is later
 Grand Champion Steer Selection..... Friday, March 13, Approx. 7 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena
 Release..... Following conclusion of breed shows or by 8 p.m.
All tack must be off the grounds by March 13 at 8 p.m. or one hour after the conclusion of the Show; whichever is later with the exception for breed champion and reserve champion steers.
 Steer Auction..... Saturday, March 28, 1:00 p.m.

SPECIAL RULES:

- Entry:** Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) market steer. Entry is open to the state of Texas.
- Validation:** All Junior Market Steers must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Steer Validation Program. Steers will utilize the validation tag as their identification number at the Show. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Texas 4-H and FFA Steer Validation Program will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret the Official Validation Rules.
- Ear Tags:** All ear tags except the official Texas validation tag must be removed before the Show. The official Texas validation tag number will be used for animal identification. No tag alterations – Any change to size, shape, form, or color will void the tag.
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- Unethical Fitting:** Per the General Rules, the act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping to include pumps and water hoses, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus), is prohibited.

8. **Medication:** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal law. Please refer to Rule #26c in the General Rules. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear **the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal.

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Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc.

Check-in must be completed by **Wednesday, March 11 at 3 p.m.**, or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the confirmation is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show. Weight/breed changes will not be allowed once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.

10. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their steer. Show Weights will range from 1000 lbs. to no maximum. All steers with weights turned in outside of this range will be sifted. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.

11. **Age:** Steers are NOT required to have temporary central incisors in place.

12. **Hair:** Steers must be shorn to not more than 1/4" on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch. The tail switch will be no more than 12" above the end of the cartilage of the tail. Steers must be shorn before arrival onto the Show Grounds. Steers will be checked at weigh-in for 1/4" length; violation of 1/4" uniform length over entire body will result in immediate disqualification. Steers not shorn will be disqualified from showing. The decision of the Superintendent will be final.

13. **Breeds:** The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show. All breed classification guidelines are listed below (See Special Rule number 15).

- a. Shorthorn
- b. British (Includes Angus, Red Angus, Hereford and Polled Hereford)
- c. Brahman
- d. American Breeds Cross (ABC)
- e. Black Cross
- f. Red Cross
- g. Other Cross

14. **Weigh-backs:** Weight limits are a minimum 1,000 lbs. to no maximum. All steers selected by Show management, superintendent, or show judge will be subject to weigh-back. All steers selected for weigh-back weighing more than 5% above or below the declared weight will be disqualified. Should a steer weigh less than 5% of the declared weight, the floor payment will be based on the reweigh weight.

15. **Grand Champion Weigh-back:** Prior to selection of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, all Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions may be weighed back. Should a Champion or Reserve weigh-out, he would retain his status as Breed Champion or Reserve Breed Champion but be ineligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion.



16. **Classification:** Steers must be presented for classifying and sifting by breed, according to the following order:

<u>Line A</u>	<u>Line B</u>	<u>Line C</u>
Black Cross	Brahman	Shorthorn
Red Cross	ABC	British
Other Cross		

Only the owner or an official substitute Junior Exhibitor may present steers for classification; adults will NOT be allowed in the arena. This will be strictly enforced.

No registration papers will be required for any breed. Steer must meet the classification requirements for his breed. Steers will be visually classified by a three-member committee. Exhibitors will have one chance to classify into a breed. Crossbred class options, including ABC, and Black Cross, Red Cross and Other Cross, may be entered at time of check-in; additionally, steers may be reclassified into these divisions at the discretion of official Classifiers.

All steers classified out of their respected breed will proceed to the Black Cross, Red Cross and Other cross classification, with the exception of Brahman, which proceed to ABC first. All steers classified out of the ABC classification must come back to the arena during the Black Cross, Red Cross and Other Cross classification for review. Other Cross optional classification will take place from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. All Other Cross steers must be inspected during classification.

17. **Breed Classification Guidelines:** The classification guidelines (*see Standards for Steer Classification*) will be provided to the Classification Committee for reference. The interpretation of these guidelines is at the sole discretion of the Classification Committee. Decision of the Classification Committee will be final.
18. **Floor Declaration:** Any Exhibitor wishing to sell their steer through the floor market established by the Show must declare their intent to floor on the Show Office Copy of the disposition form at time of check-in. If the Exhibitor has not declared the steer by the end of the check-in process and the steer does not receive one of the Youth Auction sale lots, the steer will be required to release with the Exhibitor during the designated release time.
19. **Sift:** Any steer not eligible for the class he is entered in due to weight, hair, soundness, health, etc. will be sifted.
20. **Fitting:** Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers or scissors will be allowed. The decision of the Superintendents regarding fitting will be final and cannot be protested. Violators of this rule will be disqualified and may be barred from future participation.
21. **Judging Arena:** Only the exhibitor leading the steer may enter the judging arena. Steers will enter the arena for judging in a designated order.
22. **Unruly Steers:** Show Management or Superintendent may remove any unruly steer from the Show; there will be no appeal.
23. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated “Phantom” style halters are permitted.
24. **Trim Chutes:** No cattle trim chutes will be permitted on Show Grounds.
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26. **Pre-Judging:** The seven (7) Breed Champion Steers are required to compete for Grand Champion Steer. Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion steer exhibitors are required to report to the cattle arena on Friday, March 13 at 5 p.m. for pre-judging. At this time, each Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion exhibitor will be presented one handler credential and two rodeo tickets.

27. **Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Selection:** Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Steers of the Show will be selected during the Rodeo performance in the Rodeo Arena. Only one handler is allowed to accompany each Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion steer exhibitor to the Rodeo Arena. Handler must be a parent/guardian, direct family member or CEA/AST. All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion Steers must be led into the Rodeo Arena by exhibitor. After the Grand Champion Steer of the Show has been selected, the Reserve Champion Steer of that Breed will compete with the other Breed Champion steers for Reserve Grand Champion Steer of the Show.

STANDARDS FOR STEER CLASSIFICATION:

SHORTHORN

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn
- Red with white hair in tail switch
- White with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus, or tail
- Any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Orange or light red color
- Black nose pigment
- Coarse head
- Coarse joints/structure
- Solid red with red tail switch
- Round muscle pattern

Absolute Disqualification:

- Diluter color pattern (e.g., yellow or yellow roan)
- Blacks, blue roans, or grays
- Brindle
- Solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus
- Motley-face or brockle-face
- Black hair (any location)

BRITISH

This group includes cattle that appear to be purebred Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, and Red Angus.

Angus

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus
- Solid Black
- Polled (i.e., born without horns)
- Needs to have a sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground
- *Angus*-type ear set, small to moderate ear size sitting high on the head and tying horizontally into the poll

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Continental breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head
- Bumps or a ridge where horns would be on a horned animal
- Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification)
- *Non-Angus*-type ear set (ear set and excessive ear size as in Continental breeds)
- Large navels and angular sheaths

Absolute Disqualification:

- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel (White on the navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot or tail
- Horns or scurs
- Brindle
- Diluter color pattern
- Dehorning scars
- Double muscling
- A defined ridge/bump running vertically from the center of the skull into the poll (i.e., TH Bump)

Hereford

Ideal Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford
- Some white on the back of both ears

- Red body with white face, white underline, and white on the lower 1/3 of leg
- Traditional feather on neck
- Horned Herefords must show evidence of being dehorned

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

(These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating)

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Eye pigment
- Solid red ear(s)
- Black hair in tail (or ear of animal)
- Freckling on the nose/face
- White above switch in tail
- White across rump above the twist
- White on legs
- White above the underline

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Solid white ear(s)
- Larger ear size
- Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch
- White above the hocks (on the outside and back side of rear legs)
- Excess pigment or color around the eyes
- Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
- Excessive line back
- Coarse joints
- Head
 - Dish head
 - Excessive long head
 - Roman nose
 - Extreme muscle definition

Absolute Disqualification:

- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)
- Excessive black hair on legs

Polled Hereford

Ideal Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Polled Hereford
- Some white on the back of both ears
- Red body with white face, white underline, and some white on lower 1/3 of leg
- Traditional feather on neck
- Must be polled or have loose scurs

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

(These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating)

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Eye pigment
- Solid red ear(s)
- Black hair in tail (or ear of animal)
- Freckling on the nose or face
- White above switch in tail
- White across rump above the twist
- White on legs

- White above the underline

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Solid white ear(s)
- Larger ear size
- Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch
- White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
- Excess pigment or color around the eyes
- Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
- Excessive line back
- Coarse joints
- Head
 - Dish head
 - Excessive long head
 - Roman nose
 - Extreme muscle definition

Absolute Disqualification:

- Horn attachment to the skull
- Evidence of tampering with horns (or dehorning scars)
- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)
- Excessive black hair on legs

Red Angus

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Red Angus
- Solid red (shades may vary)
- Polled
- A blond, light red (or mixed switch)
- Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs
- Needs to have sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Coarse joints (not to be confused with big boned cattle)
- Solid white switch
- Smut/gray pigmentation

Absolute Disqualification:

- Horns or scurs breaking through the skin
- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in front of the navel (white on navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg or tail/switch
- Black pigmentation of the skin (not to be confused with freckling on the nose or anus)
- Roaning
- Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
- Black skin on the nose
- A defined ridge/bump running vertically from the center of the skull into the poll (i.e., TH bump)

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% Brahman
- A prominent hump beginning at the shoulder and going forward but must angle back down to the neck to create a hump – the width of the hump base should wrap around the neck or shoulder and not be a crest
- Any color (or color pattern)
- With adequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and ear sheath/navel should represent Brahman characteristics

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Sheath score of 2 or less

Absolute Disqualification:

- A crest with an inadequate hump (or lack of hump)
- Inadequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and/or ear

AMERICAN BREEDS CROSS (ABC)

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Any color (or color pattern)
- Progression of importance to include *Bos indicus*-influenced head (longer from eye-to-nose than from eye-poll), eye (e.g., almond shaped), ear of adequate length (slightly drooping, slightly tapering at the end, and opening down and forward), showing *Bos indicus* influenced sheath
- Crest (or evidence of hump)
- With adequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and ear characteristics (sheath score is of less importance)

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- *Bos taurus* head
- *Bos taurus* short ear
- *Bos taurus* eye
- Sheath score of 1
- Slick neck (lack of crest or evidence of hump)

Absolute Disqualification:

- A combination of a *Bos taurus* head, eye, and ear

BLACK CROSS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must have a black body cavity - defined as the area behind the top of the shoulder blade down to the point of the shoulder and above the belly line
- White in the body cavity is only acceptable in the following instances:
 - White is a continuation of the feathering
 - White is at the fore and/or rear flanks (similar to Hereford color pattern)
 - White spotting not collectively larger than 9 inches (e.g., basketball size) in diameter per side cannot be all on the same side
- Skunk tail cattle are permitted provided the white above the rectum does not exceed the amount of white spotting allowed (e.g., basketball size)
- Absent of diluter gene

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Slight brindling is allowed, provided it does not extend below the fore and rear flanks

Absolute Disqualification:

- Roans
- Excessive white in the body cavity collectively larger than 9 inches (e.g., basketball size) in diameter per side—cannot be all on the same side

RED CROSS

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must have a red body cavity. Defined as the area behind the top of the shoulder blade down to the point of the shoulder and above the belly line
- White in the body cavity is only acceptable in the following instances:
 - White is a continuation of the feathering
 - White is at the fore and/or rear flanks similar to Hereford color pattern
 - White spotting not collectively larger than 9 inches (basketball size) in diameter per side (cannot be all on the same side)
- Skunk tail cattle are permitted, provided the white above the rectum does not exceed the amount of white spotting allowed (basketball size)
- Absent of diluter gene
- Black hair outside the body cavity and below the anus is permittable

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Slight brindling is allowed, provided it does not extend below the fore and rear flanks

Absolute Disqualification:

- Roans
- Excessive white in the body cavity collectively larger than 9 inches (e.g., basketball size) in diameter per side—cannot be all on the same side

OTHER CROSS

- Steers of any coloration pattern are acceptable

Classification Glossary

American breeds. Breeds created in the United States by interbreeding existing breeds, including at least one tropically adapted breed

(most often American Brahman).

Bald face. Appearance when white covers most of the face.

Blaze or streak face. A wide strip of white down the face to the muzzle.

Bos indicus (zebu). Subspecies of cattle originating in south Asia; has a prominent hump on top or in front of shoulder.

Bos taurus. Subspecies of cattle; originated in west Asia but is usually called European.

Brindle. A streaking of black, brown, or white on the body of the steer (tiger stripe).

British/English. Cattle originating in the British Isles; Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn are most numerous in the United States.

Brockle or motley face. Red or black spotting on a white or bald face.

Continental. Breeds originating in Continental Europe; sometimes called European or Exotic.

Diluter gene. A gene that determines color. Cattle that carry both copies of the gene will appear white. Non-diluter cattle will appear black or dark red, whereas those carrying a single diluter gene will appear gray or yellow.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to disqualification.

Horned. Horns are solidly attached to the skull, or there is evidence of dehorning.

Painting. Large white markings covering a major portion of the steer.

Pigmentation. Dark skin coloring on the points of the steer (eyes, nose, ears, anus, tail).

Polled. Naturally hornless.

Purebred. Showing visual characteristics of a particular breed and none of any other breed.

Scurs. Horny tissue or rudimentary horn attached to skin but not the skull.

Sheath score. Scoring system from 1 to 5 based on the length of the sheath (1 = little sheath; 5 = excess sheath).

Smut. Dark gray color pattern.

Spotting. White spots on the steer.

Summary

In the commercial beef industry, most cattle are sorted by visual characteristics into numerous groups for marketing purposes. Similarly, during livestock shows, participating steers are sorted into breed classes based on visual characteristics. As you can see, in most classes there are generally few factors that will absolutely disqualify an animal, and those are usually easily identified. Instead, most disqualified animals have more than one subjectively evaluated discriminatory characteristic.

Steers should be selected and shown based only on their visual appearance because that is how they will be evaluated for classification. Remember that classifiers are asked to exercise their judgment. If your steer is classified out, it doesn't mean that the classifier or anyone else is accusing you of lying, cheating, or being unethical. Nor does it mean that the steer cannot be the breed you say it is. Look at breed classification as the first stage of judging. Don't be too upset if the classifier makes (or you think he or she has made) a mistake. It's all a matter of judgment.

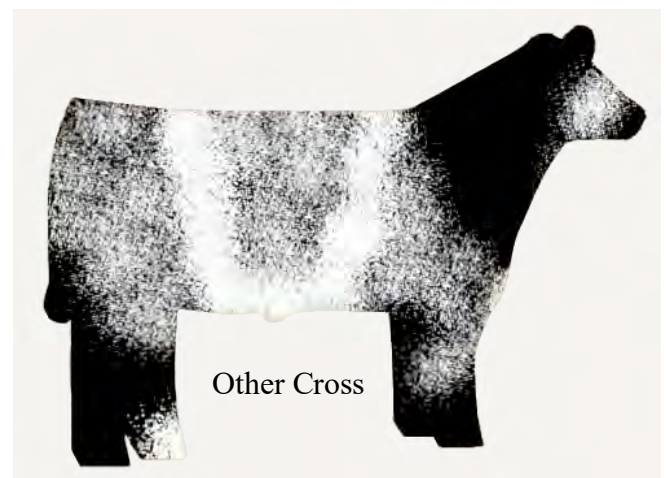
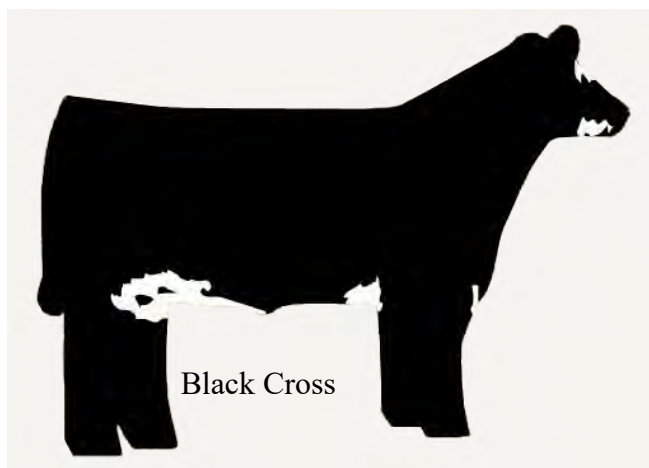
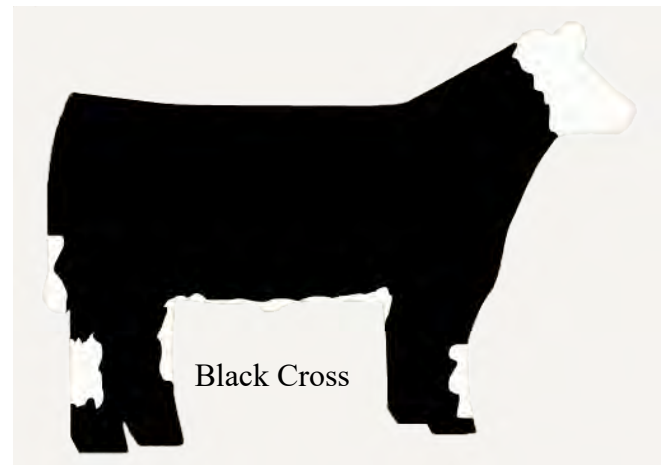
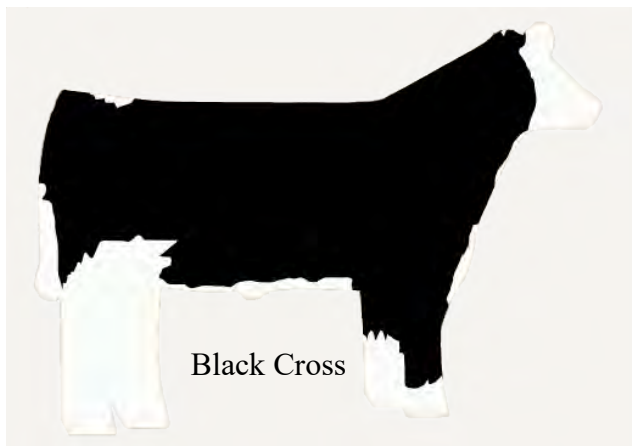
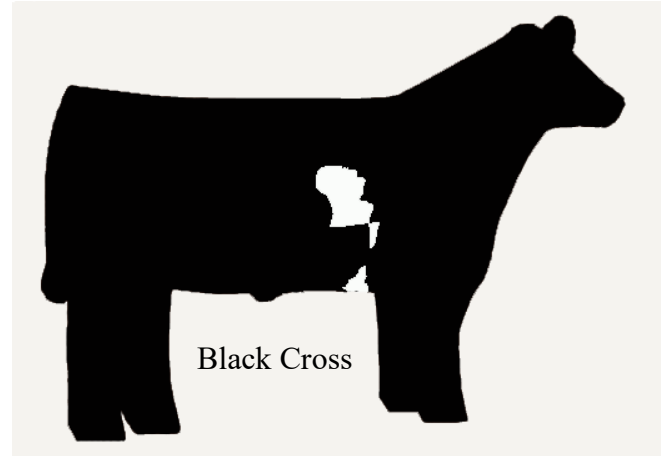
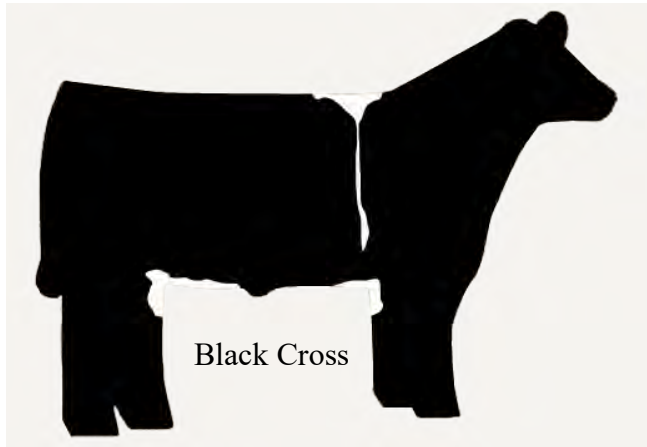
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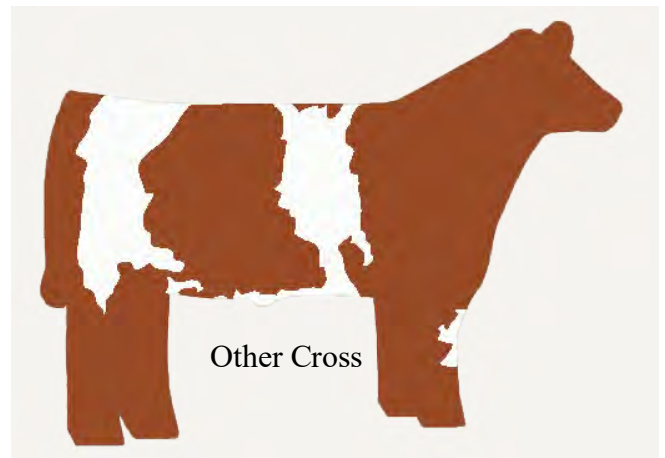
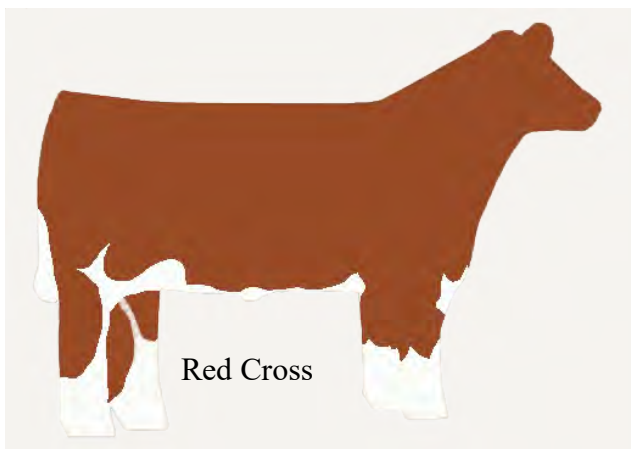
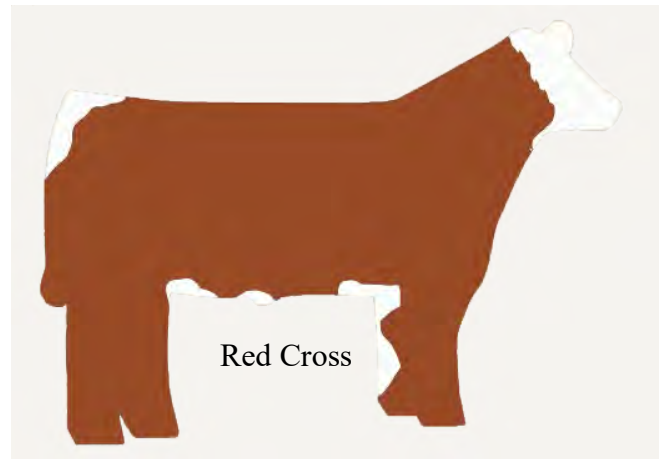
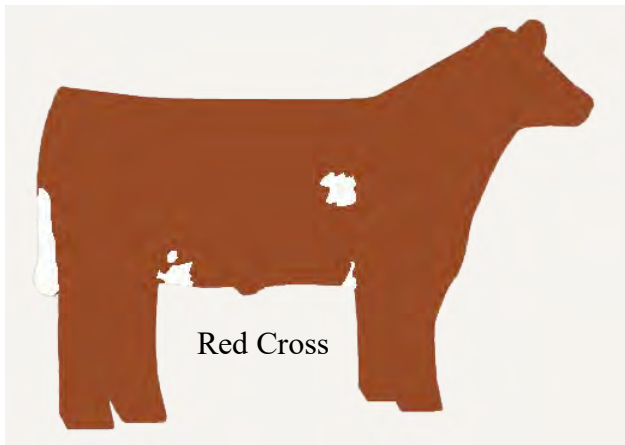


Figure 2. Examples of non-Brahman influence and Brahman influence ears



Figure 3. Black Cross, Red Cross and Other Cross Examples





CLASSES AND PLACINGS:**Shorthorn** (Total head placed = 8)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
1	1 st through 4 th
2	1 st through 4 th

British (Total head placed = 9)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
3	1 st through 3 rd
4	1 st through 3 rd
5	1 st through 3 rd

Brahman (Total head placed = 6)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
6	1 st through 3 rd
7	1 st through 3 rd

ABC (Total head placed = 20)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
8	1 st through 4 th
9	1 st through 4 th
10	1 st through 4 th
11	1 st through 4 th
12	1 st through 4 th

Black Cross (Total head placed = 16)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
13	1 st through 4 th
14	1 st through 4 th
15	1 st through 4 th
16	1 st through 4 th

Red Cross (Total head placed = 9)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
17	1 st through 3 rd
18	1 st through 3 rd
19	1 st through 3 rd

Other Cross (Total head placed = 32)

**There will be 7 classes of Other Cross with 32 total sale spots that will be determined by Show Management.*

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
20	*
21	*
22	*
23	*
24	*
25	*
26	*

<u>Class</u>	<u>Award</u>
Grand Champion	Banner, Trophy and Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion.....	Banner, Trophy and Buckle
Breed Champion.....	Banner
Reserve Breed Champion	Banner

GRAND TOTAL PLACED = 100

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW

Dan Willoughby – Judge
Garry Branham – Arena Director
Dr. Jeff Ripley – Superintendent
Terry Millican – Assistant Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE–DECEMBER 15, 2025

SCHEDULE:

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 Arrival.....Thursday, March 19, 6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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All tack must be off the grounds by March 20 at 8 p.m. or one hour after conclusion of show, whichever is later.
 Lamb Auction Saturday, March 28, 11:30 a.m.

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Check-in must be completed by **Thursday, March 19 at 3 p.m.**, or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the confirmation is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show.

8. **Show Weights:** All exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their lambs. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs. (except Southdown and Dorper lambs, 90 lbs.) with no maximum. All lambs with weights turned in outside of this range will be sifted. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
9. **Classes:** Superintendents along with Show Management will break classes after all weights have been turned in. In the event of a large number of lambs within the same weight class and same breed, the Show may break these groups into multiple sub-weight classes. To more effectively break classes, weights may be grouped by a maximum of a 3 lb. spread (i.e. 157-160). Classes could also be broken into sub-weight classes based on a measure other than weight. Lambs must show in assigned class, no exceptions will be made to posted classes unless check-in system receipt is in hand to prove mistake. Show Management reserves the right to shift classes within a breed.
10. **Age:** Lambs are NOT required to have milk teeth in place.
11. **Shearing:** Lambs must be shorn slick (**with no indication of blocking**) to the skin directly above the knee and hock joints before arrival on the Show Grounds. No electrical clippers will be allowed on the Show Grounds. Battery-operated clippers are allowed for touch-ups only. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification.
12. **Weigh-backs:** All lambs selected by the judge will be subject to re-weighing. Lambs that weigh more than 5 lbs. above the weigh-in weight will be disqualified. Should a lamb weigh less than 5 lbs. of the declared weight, the floor payment will be based on the reweigh weight.
13. **Grand Champion Weigh Back:** Prior to selection of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, all Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions may be weighed back. Should a Champion or Reserve weigh-out, he would retain his status as Breed Champion or Reserve Breed Champion but be ineligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion.
14. **Reclassification:** Lambs will be subject to reclassification by the classifying committee. Lambs may be reclassified into the appropriate division at the discretion of official classifiers. See Lamb Classification Standards.
15. **Sift:** Any lamb not eligible for the class he is entered in due to weight, hair, soundness, health, etc. will be sifted.
16. **Fitting:** No painting, powdering, artificial coloring or adhesives are allowed. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
17. **Medication:** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal law. Please refer to Rule #26c in the General Rules. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear **the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal.
18. **Placing Market Lambs:** All placing lambs, 90 head, will sell in the Youth Auction.
19. **Equipment:** Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment (show boxes, feed pans, etc.) is prohibited. All Equipment must be stored above pens.

20. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated “Phantom” style halters are permitted.
21. **Blocking/Trim Tables:** No blocking/trim tables will be permitted on the Show Grounds.
22. **Pens:** Pens should not be taken apart or altered in any way that cannot be fully reversed. While temporary modifications are discouraged, any pen that is altered must be returned to its original state. No lights may be strung on the pens.
23. **Animals Outside of Barn:** Sheep must remain inside the Show Barn. Any animal found outside of this area will be subject to disqualification.
24. **Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) Premiums:** In conjunction with the Texas Lamb Breeders Association, Rodeo Austin will award the two highest placing Texas-Bred lambs, with the correct TLBA tag in the lambs’ ear and properly recorded in the Texas 4-H and FFA Lamb Validation Program, that do not qualify for the Youth Auction a total of \$750 each (checks to be mailed at the same time as Rodeo Austin mails all Junior Market Auction checks) in each of the 19 classes of the Junior Market Lamb Show.

UPDATED

STANDARDS FOR LAMB CLASSIFICATION:

FINEWOOL

Acceptable

- Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds.
- Silky, white face.
- Silky ears, medium to moderate in length.
- Soft pelt.
- Yellow to white hooves (neutral).
- Black pads on hooves and black dew claws.
- Minimal amount of black streaking in the hooves. Less than 1/8 of cumulative hoof surface.
- Nose should be neutral to pink in color.
- May be polled or horned. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

Discriminatory

- Moderate amounts of brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
- Moderate freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose, and lips.
- Black eyelashes.
- Excessive black streaking in hooves more than 1/8 cumulative of hoof surface.
- Birthmarks.

Absolute Disqualification

- Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Excessive brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
- Excessive freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose, and lips.
- Brown or black spots in hairline above the hooves to the dew claw.
- Solid black toe or hooves.
- Black lambs.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Head, ear and/or horn shape non-typical to the Finewool breeds (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds).

FINEWOOL CROSS

Acceptable

- The standard for Finewool Crosses is a Finewool Ewe (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds) bred to a Hampshire or Suffolk Rams only.
- Soft pelt which is characteristic of ½ blood wool (60's-62's spinning count).
- Face and ears should be soft and silky.
- Spotting and/or brown face and ears.
- Moderate spotting and/or brown legs not extending above the rear flank and fore flank.
- Wool must be present below the hocks on the rear legs; wool below the knees on the front legs is not necessary.
- Reddish, rust colored legs are acceptable.
- Birthmarks.
- Scurs are acceptable.

Discriminatory

- Excessive black spotting in the skin above the knees and hocks.
- Moderate black or chocolate brown color on face, ears and legs (including wool).
- Moderately coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.

- White-faced or ring-eyed crosses.
- Moderately coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Horns are discriminatory on finewool crosses (except classed out finewools with horns indicative of acceptable finewool breeds).

Absolute Disqualification

- Excessive black or dark chocolate brown color on face, ears, and legs (including wool).
- Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Total absence of wool on rear legs.
- Black lambs.
- Evidence of other breeds including, but not limited to Dorset and Southdown breed types (head and ear shape of Dorset and/or Southdown).
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.

SOUTHDOWN

Acceptable

- Hair color on muzzle should be mouse-colored, gray to brown and match color on legs and pasterns.
- Nostril pigmentation may be black to purplish-gray.
- Head and muzzle should be broad and proportional to body.
- Head of moderate length and in proportion to body.
- Ears of moderate length, in proportion to body, and covered with short hair or wool.
- Black hooves.
- Slight chalk around eyes.
- Slight chalk around muzzle.
- Spots or speckles in the skin only when shorn.
- Birthmarks.

Discriminatory

- Solid white color or dark chocolate color on muzzle and/or head.
- Coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Predominately pink nose with few black spots.
- Excessive black pigmentation on ears.
- No hair or wool on ears.
- Scurs.
- Absence of wool between scur areas.
- Striped hooves.
- Reddish, rust colored hair above hoof to pastern.
- Black fibers in wool outside of birthmark.

Absolute Disqualification

- Speckled face, ears, or legs.
- Horns.
- White hooves.
- Intentional alteration of hair color or skin pigmentation.
- Total pink pigmentation of nostrils.
- Black lambs.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge.
- Excessive ear size and length not in proportion to head.

- Head, ear shape non-typical to the Southdown breed.

DORPER

Acceptable

- Must be a Dorper or White Dorper.
- Conformation: long, deep, wide body with well sprung ribs and excellent muscling.
- Color: Dorper – white sheep with black limited to head, neck, and forequarters not below the knee or behind the heart girth; White Dorper – white sheep.
- Must have at least 1/3 hair primarily on belly, forearm, and britch.
- 100% hair below the knees and hocks.
- 100% hair forward of poll.
- Moderate size ear with no wool covering.
- Head should be strong, bold with a deep jaw.
- Polled or small horns or scurs.
- Spots or speckled pigment in the skin only when shorn.
- Black spots above the hoof line and below the dewclaw.

Discriminatory

- Tall, leggy, shallow, and/or narrow-bodied lambs.
- A limited amount of dark fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth not to exceed a cumulative total of the size of a softball.
- A white sheep with brown or red colored speckles in the covering, confined to the head and neck.
- Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm, and britch).
- Wool forward of poll.
- Heavy horns.

Absolute Disqualification

- All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm, or britch.
- Wool below the knees or hocks.
- Wool on the ears.
- Excessive amount of black fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth exceeding a cumulative total of the size of a softball.
- Black below the knee/hock to the dewclaw.
- Tri-colored sheep.
- A white sheep with black hooves (stripes or solid) and/or black on nose.
- Solid brown, red, rust colored head.
- Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper, including but not limited to characteristics such as long pendulous ears and long narrow muzzle.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Evidence of color alterations.

MEDIUM WOOL

This class generally includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit into the Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown, or Dorper breed classes.

CLASSES AND PLACINGS:**Fine Wool** (Total head placed = 12)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
1	1 st through 4 th
2	1 st through 4 th
3	1 st through 4 th
Breed Champion	
Reserve Breed Champion	

Dorper (Total head placed = 6)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
10	1 st through 3 rd
11	1 st through 3 rd
Breed Champion	
Reserve Breed Champion	

Fine Wool Cross (Total head placed = 12)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
4	1 st through 4 th
5	1 st through 4 th
6	1 st through 4 th
Breed Champion	
Reserve Breed Champion	

Medium Wool (Total head placed = 48)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
12	1 st through 6 th
13	1 st through 6 th
14	1 st through 6 th
15	1 st through 6 th
16	1 st through 6 th
17	1 st through 6 th
18	1 st through 6 th
19	1 st through 6 th
Breed Champion	
Reserve Breed Champion	

Southdown (Total head placed = 12)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
7	1 st through 4 th
8	1 st through 4 th
9	1 st through 4 th
Breed Champion	
Reserve Breed Champion	

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Award</u>
Grand Champion	Banner, Trophy and Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion.....	Banner, Trophy and Buckle

GRAND TOTAL PLACED = 90

JUNIOR MARKET GOAT SHOW

Jimmy Davis – Judge
Garry Branham – Arena Director
Dr. Dottie Goebel – Superintendent
Eric Zimmerman - Assistant Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

SCHEDULE:

Staging.....Wednesday, March 18, not before 8 p.m.
Arrival.....Thursday, March 19, 6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Check-in Deadline.....Thursday, March 19, 3 p.m.
Judging.....Friday, March 20, 8 a.m.
All tack must be off the grounds by March 20 at 8 p.m. or one hour after conclusion of show, whichever is later.
Goat Auction.....Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Entry:** Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) wether goat. Entry is open to the state of Texas.
2. **Validation:** All Junior Market Goats must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Goat Validation Program. Failure to comply with the Rules and regulations of the Texas Goat Validation Program will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret the Official Validation Rules.
3. **Ear Tags:** All ear tags except the Texas Validation Tag, Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag, and Scrapie tag must be removed before the Show. Scrapie tags should not be cut out but **MUST** be covered prior to exhibition. The Texas validation tag number will be used for animal identification. No tag alterations – Any change to size, shape, form, or color will void the tag.
4. **Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Junior Market Goat Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, the Rodeo Austin is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, Youth Auction proceeds, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.
5. **Quality Counts:** All Exhibitors must be Quality Counts certified through their respective Texas 4-H or FFA program by December 15, year prior to Show. Exhibitor's Quality Counts certification number is required at time of online entry. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret and amend the Quality Counts requirements.
6. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together. Due to the limited availability of stalls, sheep and goats may be required to stall together.
7. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the Howdy Trailer during stall assignment. All three copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 3 p.m. to the Show Office

Market Copy – Must be turned in at shipping location

Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation receipt)

Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc.

UPDATED

Check-in must be completed by **Thursday, March 19 at 3 p.m.**, or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the confirmation is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show.

8. **Show Weights:** All exhibitors will turn in the official Show weight for their goat. Goats must weigh between 60 lbs. to 120 lbs. All goats with weights turned in outside of this range will be sifted. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
9. **Classes:** Superintendents along with Show Management will break classes after all weights have been turned in. In the event of a large number of goats within the same weight class, the Show may break these groups into multiple sub-weight classes. To more effectively break classes, weights may be grouped by a maximum of a 3 lb. spread (i.e. 117-120). Classes could also be broken into sub-weight classes based on a measure other than weight. Goats must show in assigned class, no exceptions will be made to posted classes unless receipt from check-in system is in hand to prove mistake. Show Management reserves the right to shift classes within the Show. All animals will be divided into fifteen (15) weight classes.
10. **Age:** Goats are NOT required to have milk teeth in place.
11. **Hair:** Goats must be shorn slick (**with no indication of blocking**) to the skin directly above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch, before arrival on the Show Grounds.
12. **Horns:** Exhibitors will be required to have horns tipped blunt on all goats before arrival on the Show Grounds. Removal of horns on Show Grounds is NOT permitted.
13. **Class Weigh Back:** All goats selected by judge will be subject to re-weighing. Goats that weigh more than 4 lbs. above the weigh-in weight will be disqualified. Should a goat weigh less than 4 lbs. of the declared weight, the floor payment will be based on the reweigh weight.
14. **Grand Champion Weigh Back:** Prior to selection of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, all Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions may be weighed back. Should a Champion or Reserve weigh-out, he would retain his status as Breed Champion or Reserve Champion but be ineligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion.
15. **Fitting:** No painting, powdering, artificial coloring or adhesives are allowed. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
16. **Medication:** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal law. Please refer to Rule #26c in the General Rules. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear **the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal.
17. **Placing Market Goats:** All placing Market Goats will sell in the Youth Auction. A total of 90 Market Goats will sell in the Youth Auction.
18. **Blocking / Trim Tables:** No blocking /trim tables will be permitted on the Show Grounds.
19. **Clipping:** No electrical clippers will be allowed on the Show Grounds. Battery-operated clippers are allowed for touch-ups only. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification.
20. **Equipment:** Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment (show boxes, feed pans, feed, etc.) is strictly prohibited. All equipment must be stored above pens.
21. **Pens:** Pens should not be taken apart or altered in any way that cannot be fully reversed. While temporary modifications are discouraged, any pen that is altered must be returned to its original state. No lights may be strung on the pens.

22. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated “Phantom” style halters are permitted.
23. **Animals Outside of Barn:** Goats must remain inside the Show Barn. Any animal found outside of this area will be subject to disqualification.

CLASSES AND PLACINGS:**Class****Placing****Division I**

Class 1

1st through 6th

Class 2

1st through 6th

Class 3

1st through 6th

Class 4

1st through 6th

Class 5

1st through 6th

Division I Champion

Reserve Division I Champion

Total head placed = 30**Division II**

Class 6

1st through 6th

Class 7

1st through 6th

Class 8

1st through 6th

Class 9

1st through 6th

Class 10

1st through 6th

Division II Champion

Reserve Division II Champion

Total head placed = 30**Division III**

Class 11

1st through 6th

Class 12

1st through 6th

Class 13

1st through 6th

Class 14

1st through 6th

Class 15

1st through 6th

Division III Champion

Reserve Division III Champion

Total head placed = 30**GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS:****Class****Award**

Grand Champion Banner, Trophy and Buckle

Reserve Grand Champion..... Banner, Trophy and Buckle

GRAND TOTAL PLACED = 90

JUNIOR MARKET BARROW SHOW

Justin Rodibaugh – Judge
Dr. Nate Wolf – Arena Director
Dr. Kevin Williams – Superintendent
Dr. Trent Schwartz– Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

SCHEDULE:

Staging.....Friday, March 20, not before 8 p.m.
 Arrival.....Saturday, March 21, 6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Check-in Deadline.....Saturday, March 21, 3 p.m.
 Judging (*Duroc, Berkshire, OPB-Dark, OPB-White, Hampshire, Yorkshire*).....Sunday, March 22, 8 a.m.
 Judging (*Light Crossbred, Crossbred*).....Monday, March 23, 8 a.m.
All tack must be off the grounds by March 23 at 8 p.m. or one hour after conclusion of show, whichever is later.
 Barrow Auction..... Saturday, March 28, 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL RULES:

- Entry:** Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) barrow. Entry is open to the state of Texas.
- Validation:** All Junior Market Barrows must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Barrow Validation Program. Barrows will utilize the Texas validation tag as their identification number at the Show. Failure to comply with the Rules and regulations of the Texas Barrow Validation Program will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret the Official Validation Rules.
- Ear Tags:** All ear tags except the official Texas validation tag and USDA Premise Identification Number (PIN) tag must be removed before the Show. The Texas validation tag number will be used for animal identification. No tag alterations – Any change to size, shape, form, or color will void the tag.
- Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Junior Market Barrow Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, Rodeo Austin is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, Youth Auction proceeds, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.
- Quality Counts:** All Exhibitors must be Quality Counts certified through their respective Texas 4-H or FFA program by December 15, year prior to Show. Exhibitor's Quality Counts certification number is required at time of online entry. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret and amend the Quality Counts requirements.
- Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
- Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the Howdy Trailer during stall assignment. All three copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

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Market Copy – Must be turned in at shipping location

Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation receipt)

Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc.

Check-in must be completed by **Saturday, March 21 at 3 p.m.**, or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation receipt. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the receipt is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show.

8. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their barrow. Show Weights will range from **250 to 300 lbs.** All barrows with weights turned in outside of this range, will be sifted. Weight changes will not be allowed once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
9. **Classes:** Superintendents along with Show Management will break classes after all weights have been turned in. In the event of a large number of barrows within the same weight class and same breed, the Show may break these groups into multiple sub-weight classes. To more effectively break classes, weights may be grouped by a maximum of a 3 lb. spread (i.e. 297-300). Classes could also be broken into sub-weight classes based on a measure other than weight. Barrows must show in assigned class, no exceptions will be made to posted classes. Show Management reserves the right to shift classes within a breed.
10. **Classification:** Breed must be declared at Self-Check-In. Barrows will be subject to classification by a three-member classifying committee. Any barrow classified out of their respective breed must come back to the arena during the Light or Crossbred Breed Show, within their appropriate weight class for judging. The decision of the classifying committee will be final. See Barrow Classification Standards.

Barrows will be divided into the following breed divisions: Duroc, Berkshire, Hampshire, Yorkshire, OPB-Dark, OPB-White, Light Crossbred, and Cross.

11. **Fitting:** The use of talc, oils, adhesives, paint, powdering or any foreign material is prohibited. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification.
12. **Clipping:** No electrical clippers will be allowed. Battery-powered clippers are allowed.
-  13. **Fans:** Only battery powered fans are allowed during the hog show. These must run on rechargeable batteries.
14. **Medication:** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal law. Please refer to Rule #26c in the General Rules. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear **the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal.
15. **Placing Barrows:** All placing barrows will sell in the Youth Auction. A total of 114 Barrows will sell in the Youth Auction.
16. **Crossbred Division:** Light Weight and Heavy Weight Divisions are included in the Crossbred Breed of the Market Barrow Show. Only weight division champions and reserve champions will compete for Breed Champion Crossbred and Reserve Breed Champion Crossbred.
17. **Class Weigh-back:** All barrows penned in each class, or any barrows selected will be subject to re-weigh. Barrows that weigh 10 lbs. less than the declared weight or more than 10 lbs. above the declared weight will be disqualified. Should a barrow weigh less than 10 lbs. of the declared weight, the floor payment will be based on the reweigh weight.
18. **Grand Champion Weigh-back:** Prior to selection of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, all Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions may be weighed back. Should a Champion or Reserve weigh-out, he would retain his status as Breed Champion or Reserve Breed Champion but be ineligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion.

STANDARDS FOR BARROW CLASSIFICATION:

DUROC

Ideal Characteristics

1. Must be red in color, possessing Duroc breed character.
2. Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable Characteristics

3. Acceptable colors range from light red to dark brown.
4. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory Characteristics

5. Minimal amounts of black hair.
6. Black spots on the skin under two inches in diameter.
7. Partially erect/level ears.

Absolute Disqualifications

8. Excessive amounts of black hair.
9. White hair.
10. White skin on the body or legs, or that extends over the rim of the nose.
11. Four (4) or more black spots on the skin, any of which are larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
12. Evidence of a belt.
13. Erect ears.
14. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

HAMPSHIRE

Ideal Characteristics

1. Black in color with a full white belt over the shoulders encompassing both front legs/feet.
2. Possess Hampshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.
3. Erect ears.

Acceptable Characteristics

4. Black head with a white body, with evidence of pigment and freckling down the top.
5. White belt starting on a front foot/leg; belt partially encircles body extending to at least the chest floor (half belt).
6. Freckling in the belt.
7. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory Characteristics

8. Large spots within the belt.
9. Belt is in front of or behind a solid black front leg.
10. If belt v's and progresses towards the poll (base of the ear).
11. White tip on tail, if docked.
12. White on rear leg extends to the base of the ham.

Absolute Disqualifications

13. Streaking or evidence of white on forehead.
14. White skin extends over the rim of the nose.
15. When mouth is closed, the white under the chin cannot exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover.
16. Black head with a white body without freckles or pigmentation.
17. Belt extends past the sheath (sheath must be black).
18. Excessive frosting or white hair outside the belt.
19. Red hair.
20. Droopy or floppy ears.
21. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

YORKSHIRE

Ideal Characteristics

1. Must be completely white in color possessing Yorkshire breed character.
2. Erect ears.

Acceptable Characteristics

3. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory Characteristics

4. Excessively large or wavy ears.
5. Color pigmentation (on body):
 - Two individual pigmentation spots of which neither can be larger than a U.S. minted dime.

- One pigmentation spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter.

Absolute Disqualifications

6. Any hair color that is NOT white.
7. Broken/down ears.
8. Combined pigmentation spots that exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar.
9. Any series of dots that indicate masking.
10. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

CHESTER WHITE – (OPB WHITE)

Ideal Characteristics

1. Solid white in color possessing Chester White breed character.
2. Medium sized ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable Characteristics

3. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory Characteristics

4. Partially erect/level ear.
5. Skin pigmentation.

Absolute Disqualifications

6. Erect ears.
7. Colored hair.
8. Color on the skin, cumulatively larger than a U.S. minted silver dollar.
9. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character

LANDRACE – (OPB WHITE)

Ideal Characteristics

1. Must be solid white possessing Landrace breed character.
2. Large ears that droop and slant forward coming to a sharp point.

Acceptable Characteristics

3. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory Characteristics

4. Short rounded ears.
5. Short snout mimicking that of a Chester White.

Absolute Disqualifications

6. Erect ears.
7. Any hair color other than white.
8. More than 3 spots of skin pigmentation; each individual spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter.
9. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

POLAND CHINA – (OPB DARK)

Ideal Characteristics

1. Predominantly black possessing Poland China breed character.
2. A Poland China should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at the end of the tail (unless tail is docked).
3. Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable Characteristics

4. A slight continuation of white from the legs to the body.
5. Ear may have white on it.
6. Three of the four legs must be white.
7. May have an occasional splash of white on the body.
8. Hair and skin texture can vary from coarse to thin, and color can vary from dark black to ashy/pale.
9. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory Characteristics

10. Partially erect/level ears.
11. A moderate continuation of white from the legs to the body.
12. Moderate freestanding white, not attached to a leg.

Absolute Disqualifications

13. Erect ears.
14. Solid white or solid black face.
15. More than one solid black leg.
16. If the white on a solid white ear goes past the base of the ear.
17. An excessive continuation of white from the legs, encompassing the upper hip or shoulder.

18. Excessive freestanding white, not attached to a leg.
19. Evidence of belt formation.
20. Red or sandy hair.
21. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

SPOTTED – (OPB DARK)

Ideal Characteristics

1. Must be black and white, possessing Spotted breed character.
2. Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable Characteristics

3. Predominantly black with white spots or predominantly white with black spots.
4. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory Characteristics

5. Partially erect/level ears.
6. Moderate brown spots.

Absolute Disqualifications

7. Erect ears.
8. Solid black head from base of ears forward.
9. Distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
10. Red hair.
11. Excessive brown spots.
12. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

BERKSHIRE

Ideal Characteristics

1. Predominantly black possessing Berkshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.
2. A Berkshire should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at end of tail (unless tail is docked).
3. Erect ears.

Acceptable Characteristics

1. An occasional splash of white skin/hair may appear on the body.
2. Three of the four legs/feet must be white.
3. Ear can have white on it (not full coverage).
4. Red or fawn hair, if over black or white skin pigmentation.
5. Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory Characteristics

6. Gray pigmentation on the body (spotting or mottling pattern).
7. Moderate amount of white skin splashes.

Absolute Disqualifications

8. Solid white or solid black face from base of ear forward.
9. Solid black nose (white does not break rim of nose).
10. Solid white ear.
11. Excessive white on the body.
12. Full coverage of white coming up the lower one-third of the body (not including legs) that extends from the base of the jaw through sternum and lower body through seam of the ham.
13. White splash extends from rear leg to upper hip.
14. White skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.
15. Any evidence of belt formation on the body.
16. Lacks breed character with regards to skull and/or ear shape.
17. Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

LIGHT CROSSBRED

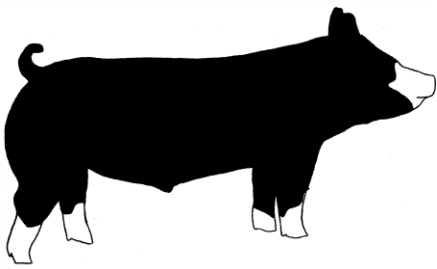
1. Any pigs with white and/or blue only.

CROSS

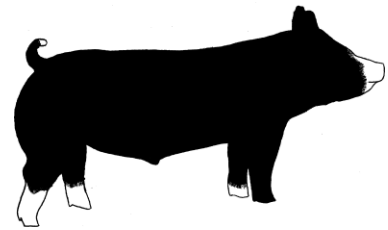
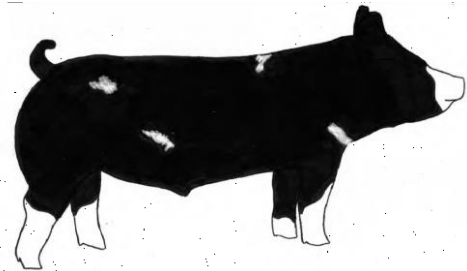
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2. Excluding solid white or blue.

Berkshire

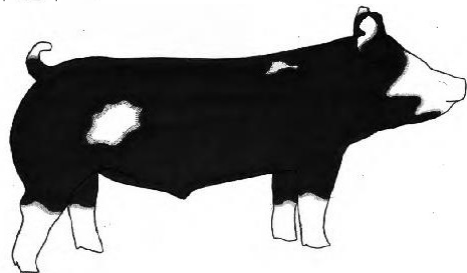
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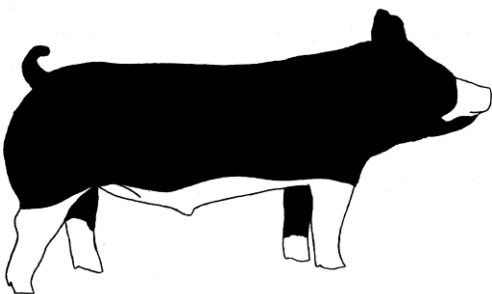


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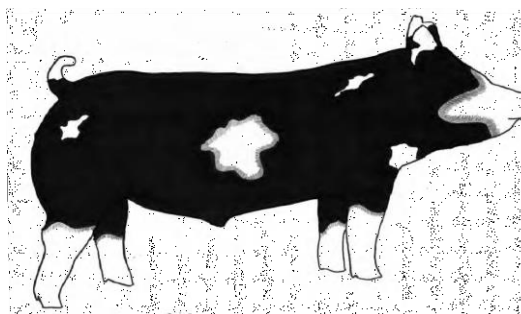


An occasional splash of white skin/hair may appear on the body.

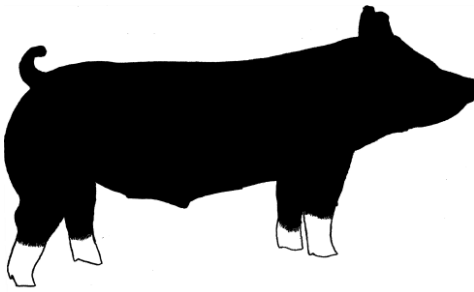
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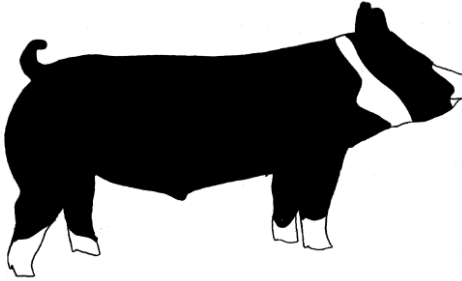
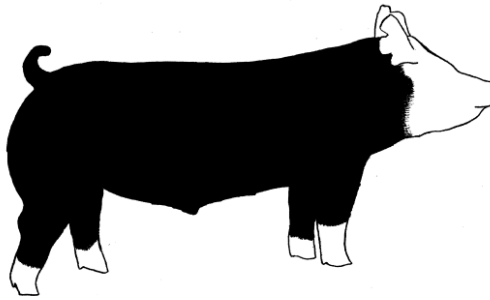
Moderate amount of white skin splashes.



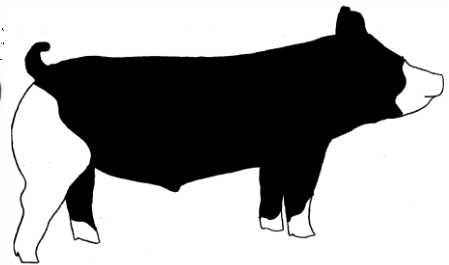
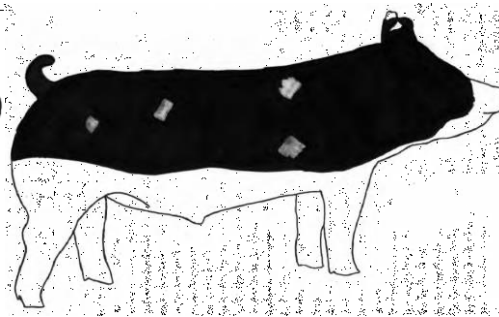
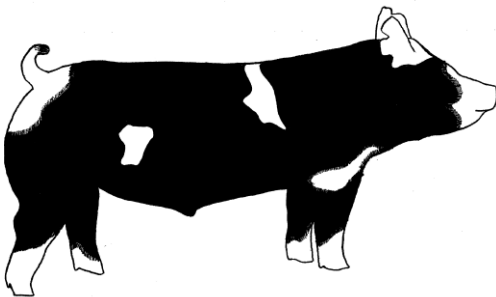
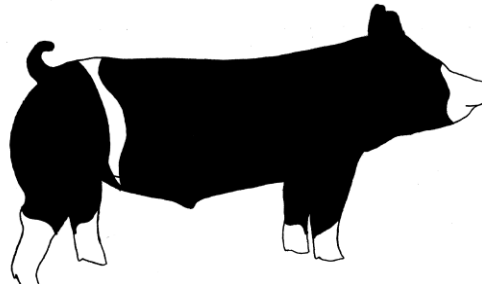
Absolute Disqualification:



Solid white or solid black face from the base of the ear forward.



White skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.



Excessive white on the body.

- Full coverage of white coming up the lower one-third of the body (not including legs) that extends from the base of the jaw through sternum and lower body through seam of the ham.
- White splash extends from rear leg to upper hip.



Solid white ear.



Solid black nose (white does not break the rim of the nose).



Lacking Berkshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.

Chester White
Ideal:



Discriminatory:



Absolute Disqualification:



Duroc
Ideal:



Discriminatory:

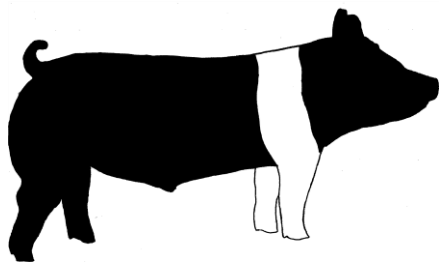


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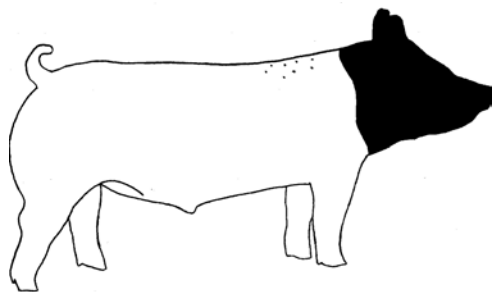


Hampshire

Ideal:

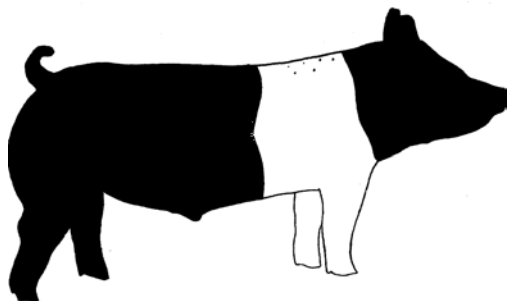
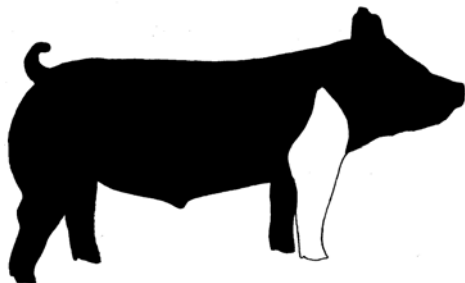


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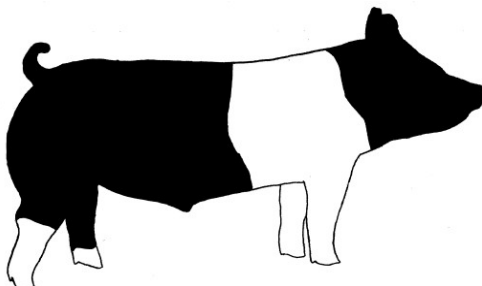
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White belt starting on a front foot/leg; belt partially encircles body extending to at least the chest floor (half belt).

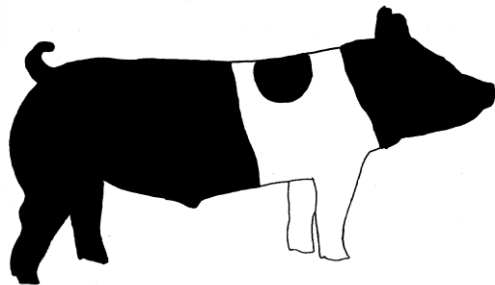


Freckling in the belt.

White on rear leg is below the base of the ham.

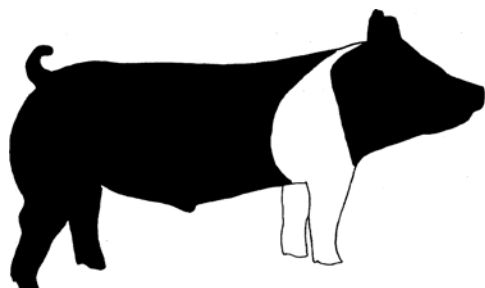
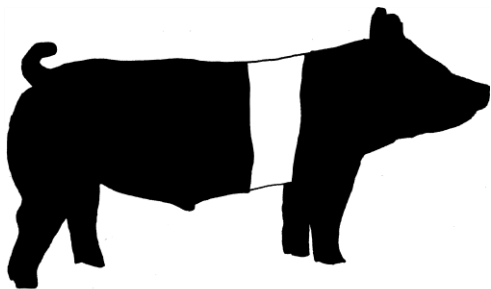


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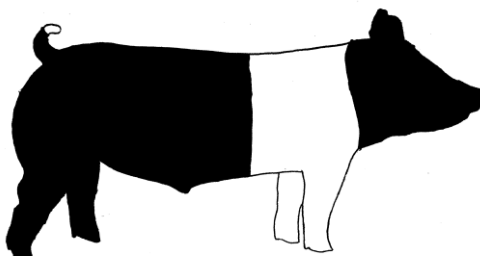


Large spots within the belt.

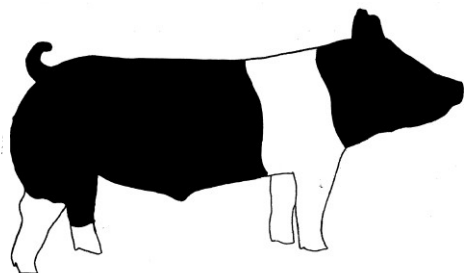
Belt is in front of or behind a solid black front leg.



If belt v's and progresses towards the poll (base of the ear).



White tip on tail, if docked.



White on rear leg extends to the base of the ham.

Absolute Disqualification:



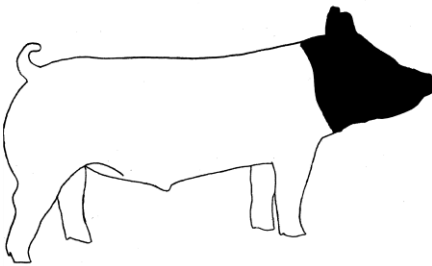
Streaking or evidence of white on forehead.



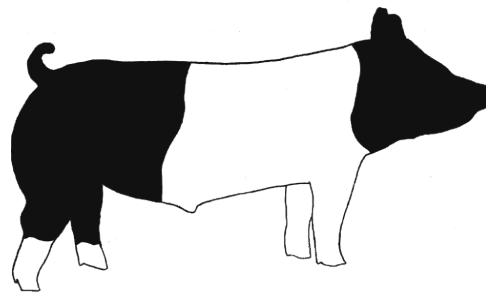
White skin extends over the rim of the nose.



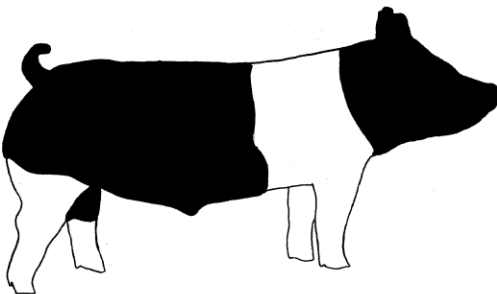
White under the chin cannot exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover.



Black head with a white body without freckles or pigmentation.



Belt extends past the sheath (sheath must be black).



White on rear leg extends above the base of the ham.



Landrace

Ideal:



Discriminatory:

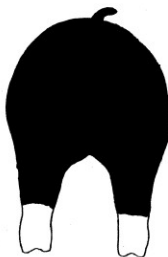
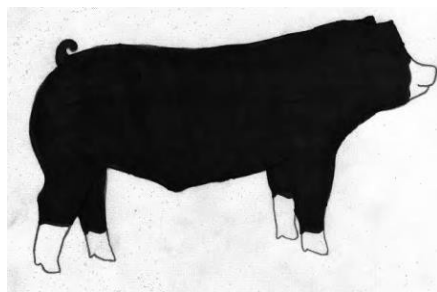


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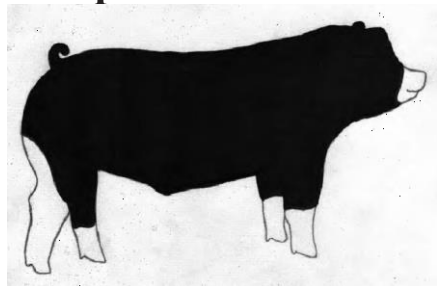


Poland China

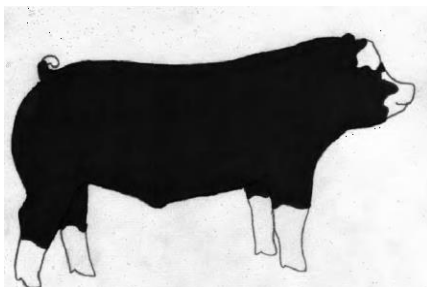
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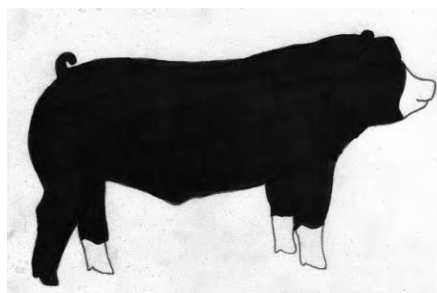
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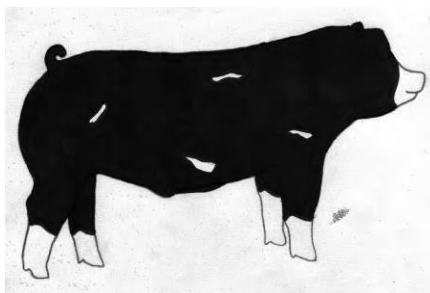
A slight continuation of white from the legs to the body.



Ear may have white on it.

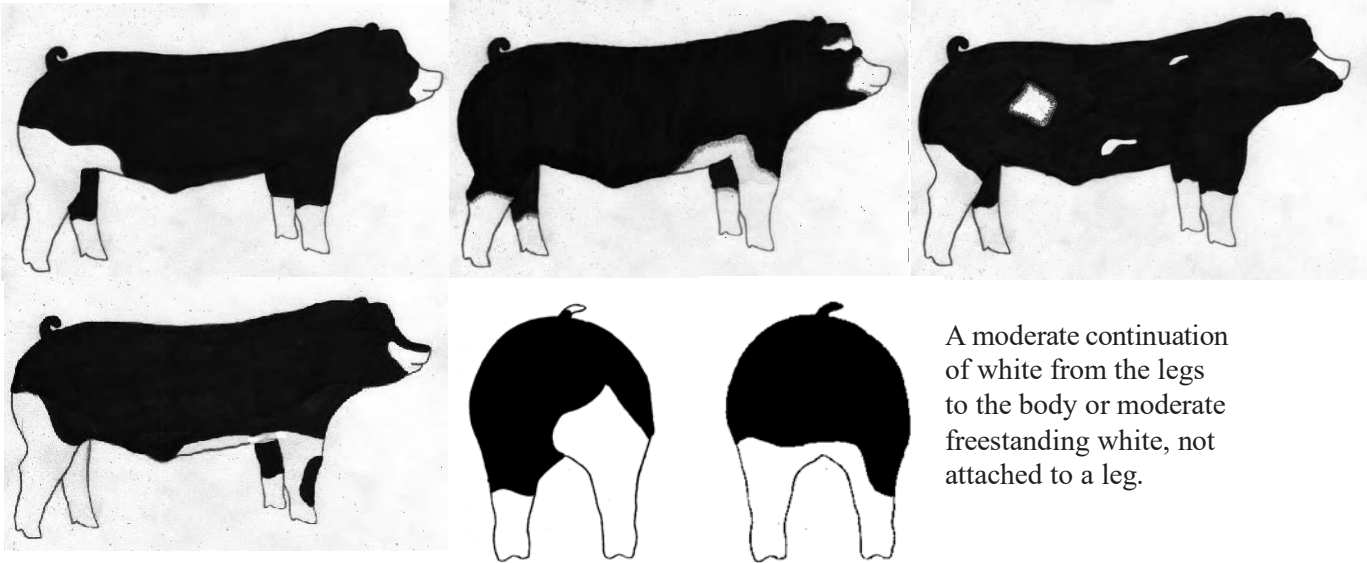


Three of the four legs must be white.

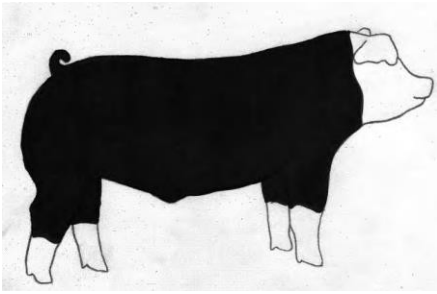


May have an occasional splash of white on the body.

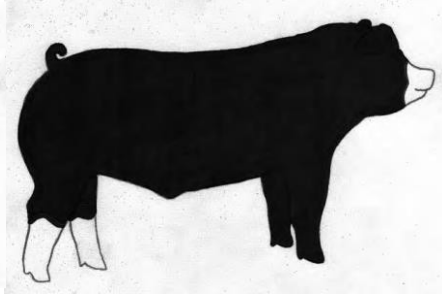
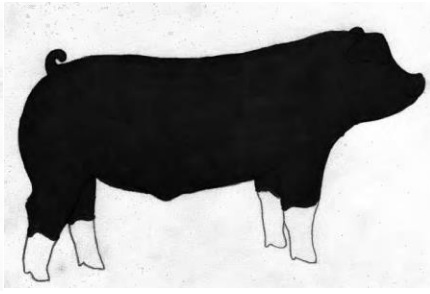
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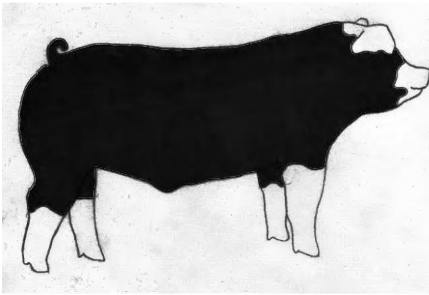
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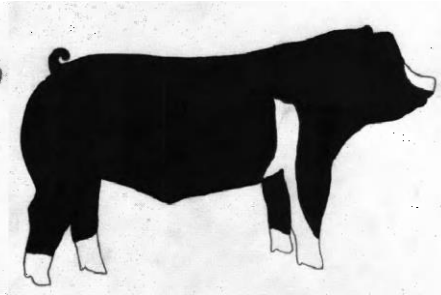
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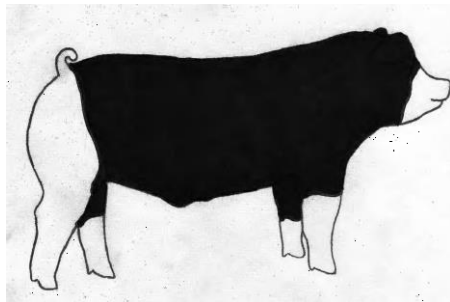
More than one solid black leg.



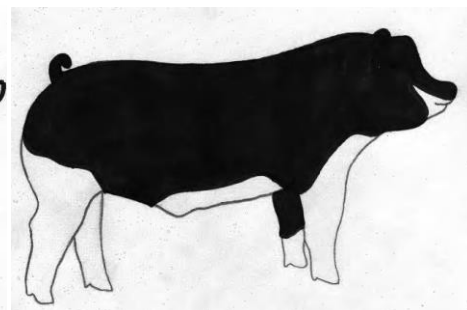
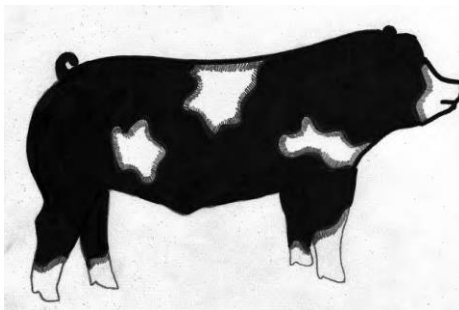
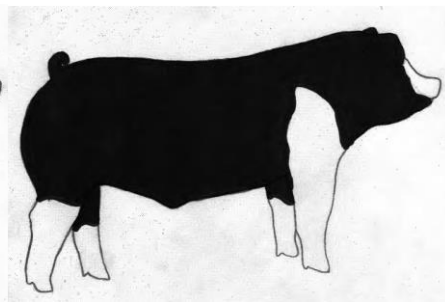
If the white on a solid white ear goes past the base of the ear.



Evidence of belt formation.



An excessive continuation of white from the legs, encompassing the upper hip or shoulder.



Excessive freestanding white, not attached to a leg.



**Poland China & Spotted
Ideal:**



Discriminatory:

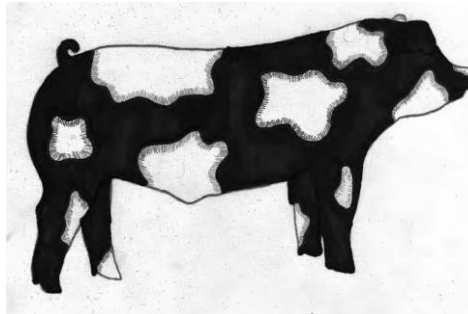
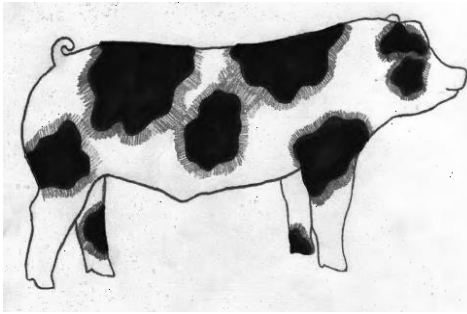


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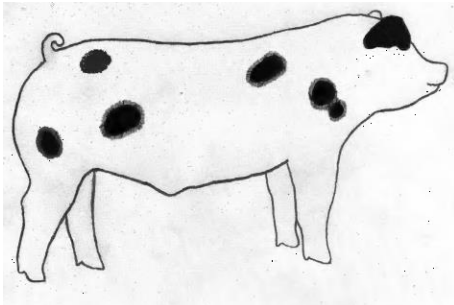


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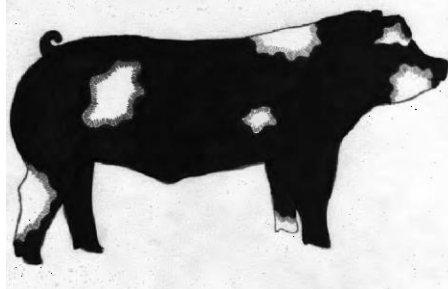
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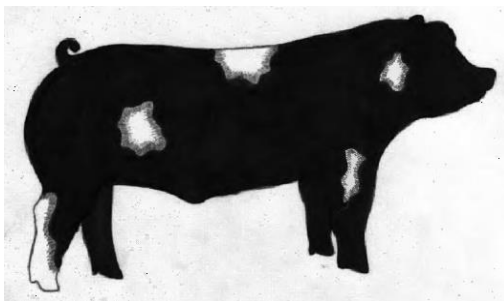


Predominantly white with
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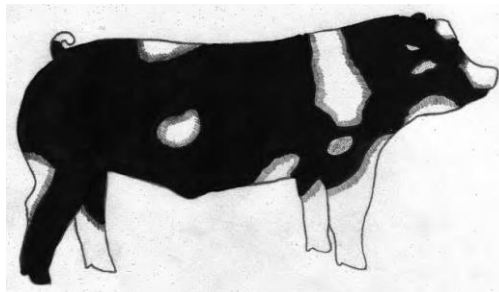


Predominantly black with
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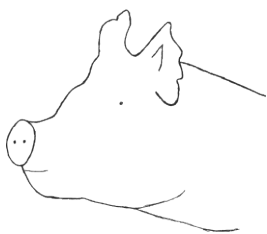


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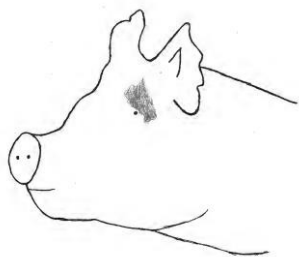
Yorkshire:
Ideal:



Discriminatory:



Absolute Disqualification:



CLASSES AND PLACINGS:

<u>Duroc</u>	(Total Head Placed = 12)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
1	1 st through 3 rd
2	1 st through 3 rd
3	1 st through 3 rd
4	1 st through 3 rd
Champion	
Reserve Champion	

<u>Yorkshire</u>	(Total Head Placed = 9)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
19	1 st through 3 rd
20	1 st through 3 rd
21	1 st through 3 rd
Champion	
Reserve Champion	

<u>Berkshire</u>	(Total Head Placed = 9)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
5	1 st through 3 rd
6	1 st through 3 rd
7	1 st through 3 rd
Champion	
Reserve Champion	

<u>Light Crossbred</u>	(Total Head Placed = 18)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
22	1 st through 3 rd
23	1 st through 3 rd
24	1 st through 3 rd
25	1 st through 3 rd
26	1 st through 3 rd
27	1 st through 3 rd
Champion	
Reserve Champion	

<u>OPB -DARK</u>	(Total Head Placed = 9)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
8	1 st through 3 rd
9	1 st through 3 rd
10	1 st through 3 rd
Champion	
Reserve Champion	

<u>Crossbred</u>	(Total Head Placed = 33)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
28	1 st through 3 rd
29	1 st through 3 rd
30	1 st through 3 rd
31	1 st through 3 rd
32	1 st through 3 rd
33	1 st through 3 rd
Light Weight Division Champion	
Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	
34	1 st through 3 rd
35	1 st through 3 rd
36	1 st through 3 rd
37	1 st through 3 rd
38	1 st through 3 rd
Heavy Weight Division Champion	
Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion	
Champion	
Reserve Champion	

<u>OPB – White</u>	(Total Head Placed = 6)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
11	1 st through 3 rd
12	1 st through 3 rd
Champion	
Reserve Champion	

<u>Hampshire</u>	(Total Head Placed = 18)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Placing</u>
13	1 st through 3 rd
14	1 st through 3 rd
15	1 st through 3 rd
16	1 st through 3 rd
17	1 st through 3 rd
18	1 st through 3 rd
Champion	
Reserve Champion	

<u>Class</u>	<u>Award</u>
Grand Champion	Banner, Trophy and Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion.....	Banner, Trophy and Buckle

GRAND TOTAL PLACED = 114

JUNIOR MARKET POULTRY SHOW

Keith Scott – Broiler Judge
Jacob Price – Turkey Judge
Stephanie Klein – Superintendent
Brett Meisinger – Assistant Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

SCHEDULE:

Arrival..... Monday, March 16, 5 a.m. – 9 a.m.
 Sift..... Monday, March 16, 6 a.m. – 9 a.m.
 Judging..... Monday, March 16, Approx. 10 a.m.*
**Show will begin approximately 30 minutes after the last exhibitor is checked in*
 Poultry Auction..... Saturday, March 28, 8:45 a.m.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Entry:** Each owner is limited to one (1) turkey (hen or tom) and/or (1) pen of three (3) broilers. The sexes will be shown separately in the broiler and turkey division. All broilers in the pen must be the same sex. Additional birds will become property of Rodeo Austin. Entry is open to the state of Texas.
2. **Turkey and Broiler Orders:** All turkey poults and broiler chicks must have been ordered through Texas A&M University's Poultry Science Department in accordance with "The Rules and Procedures" outlined on the Poultry Science Department website at <http://posc.tamu.edu>. For clarification of any part of the Rules and Procedures, please call Dr. Craig Coufal at (979) 845-4318. Failure to comply with the Rules and regulations provided by Texas A&M University's Poultry Science Department will result in disqualification. The Show reserves the right to interpret and amend the Rules and Procedures.
3. **Quality Counts:** All Exhibitors must be Quality Counts certified through their respective Texas 4-H or FFA program by December 15, year prior to Show. Exhibitor's Quality Counts certification number is required at time of online entry. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret and amend the Quality Counts requirements.
4. **Sift:** A sifter/judge will be appointed by the Show. Birds must be free of external parasites and disease. Each entry must have the original wing band. Any bird which has lost its wing band for any reason will be sifted. All birds must be of Grade A quality or will be sifted.
5. **Ineligible Birds:** In the event a bird is not alive at time of entering the ring to be judged, said pen will be disqualified and not allowed to show. If a bird expires after entering the ring to be judged, said pen will be placed at the bottom of that specific call back.
6. **Wing Bands:** The sifter and judge will disregard any wing damage caused by the required wing band.
7. **Supplies:** Each Exhibitor is required to supply their own feed. Feed that appears to have additives not consistent with normal poultry feeds will be tested by the Show and presence of unapproved compounds may result in disqualification. Each exhibitor is required to bring containers of their choice for feed and water providing that they do not compromise the space allotted to other exhibitors. Electrolytes may be used in water.
8. **Fans:** Self-contained, battery-operated fans are permitted. No fans requiring electricity will be allowed on property.
9. **Placing Birds:** 26 placing broiler pens (13 pullets and 13 cockerels) and 26 placing turkeys (13 hens and 13 toms) will be sold in the Youth Auction.
10. **Medication:** Refer to General Rule #26. The showing of any poultry that has been administered any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or that has NOT been properly withdrawn from approved drugs is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean NOT approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals. As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any poultry entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, and agrees to have such poultry submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian.

The Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any poultry entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved drugs, or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of poultry producing an analysis with a quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved drugs will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock including poultry in the future at the Show.

11. **Beta-agonists:** Rodeo Austin will not tolerate the presence of ractopamine hydrochloride (Topmax™) in Market Poultry, specifically all turkeys and broilers. Rodeo Austin will not tolerate the presence of zilpaterol hydrochloride (Zilmax®) in any market species or breeding animal.
12. **Junior Broilers and Turkeys:** Broilers and turkeys will be placed for the Youth Auction according to the following schedule:

CLASSES AND PLACINGS:

MARKET BROILERS

Market Broiler Cockerels, Placing 1st through 13th

Market Broiler Pullets, Placing 1st through 13th

Grand Champion Pen of Market Broilers

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Market Broilers

Total Pens Placed = 26

MARKET TURKEYS

Turkey Hens, Placing 1st through 13th

Turkey Toms, Placing 1st through 13th

Grand Champion Turkey

Reserve Grand Champion Turkey

Total Head Placed = 26

GRAND TOTAL POULTRY PLACED = 52

JUNIOR BREEDING HEIFER SHOW

Macey Scotten – Judge (Beefmaster, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis/Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn)
Tyler Winegardner – Judge (Brangus, Red Brangus, Simbrah, ARB/Charolais, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Simmental, ORB)
Harrison Smith – Arena Director
Dr. Marcy Beverly – Superintendent
Dr. Mark Anderson – Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Stanley Kelley – Assistant Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

SCHEDULE:

Wave 1 (American)

Staging.....Tuesday, March 24, not before 8 p.m.
 Arrival.....Wednesday, March 25, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Check-in Deadline.....Wednesday, March 25, 1 p.m.
 Judging.....Thursday, March 26, 8 a.m.
 East Arena: *Beefmaster, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis*
 West Arena: *Brangus, Red Brangus, Simbrah, ARB0*
 American Division Heifer Drive.....Thursday, March 26, following end of Show
 Release.....Following Breed Show*
** All cattle must be off the grounds Thursday, March 26 by 8 p.m. or one hour after the conclusion of the Show, whichever is later.*
**Wave 2 heifers will not be allowed in the barn or in tie outs during Wave 1. Wave 2 heifers brought to Wave 1 will result in disqualification of both heifers.*

Wave 2 (Continental/British)

Staging.....Thursday, March 26, not before 8 p.m.
 Arrival.....Friday, March 27, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Check-in Deadline.....Friday, March 27, 1 p.m.
 Judging.....Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m.
 East Arena: *Charolais, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Simmental, ORB*
 West Arena: *Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn*
 Continental Division Heifer Drive Saturday, March 28, following ORB Show
 British Division Heifer Drive Saturday, March 28, following Shorthorn Show
 Release.....Following Breed Show*
** All cattle must be off the grounds Saturday, March 28 by 8 p.m. or one hour after the conclusion of the Show, whichever is later.*

PREMIUMS:

Rodeo Austin.....up to \$26,850
Total Cash Premium.....up to \$26,850

PREMIUM SCHEDULE:

Champion Division Heifer (American, British, Continental).....\$1,000.00
 Reserve Champion Division Heifer (American, British, Continental)..... \$750.00
 Breed Champion \$500.00
 Reserve Breed Champion..... \$300.00
 First Place \$50.00

SPECIAL RULES:

- Entry:** Each owner may enter a maximum of two (2) heifers. Entry is open to the state of Texas. Exhibitors entering one heifer in each wave may not bring a British or Continental heifer to the American heifer arrival. Additionally, American heifers may not hold over through Wave 2.
- Ownership:** Original registration certificates will be used to verify ownership date for breeding animals. Animals must be registered in the herd book of their association in the name of the junior owner on or before the required ownership date. Purchase, delivery, possession and registration must all take place on or before October 31, year prior to Show.



Exhibitors are required to bring the original registration paper to the Show ring and to keep the original paper in their possession while exhibiting the heifer.

3. **Validation:** Original registration certificates will be used to verify ownership date for breeding animals. Animals must be registered in the herd book of their association in the name of the junior owner on or before the required ownership date. Purchase, delivery, possession and registration must all take place on or before the required ownership date.

All heifers must be validated through the Texas 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program for the Junior Breeding Heifer Show. Heifer validation will include online registration paper uploading and physical validation. The deadline for heifer validation is **October 31, 2025**, but Exhibitors must adhere to county deadlines.

4. **Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, Rodeo Austin is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, Youth Auction proceeds, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.

ID Verification: The tattoo or brand will be checked on the top two (2) placing heifers at the conclusion of each class and must match the permanent ID that appears on the original registration paper. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to have the correct registration paper on their person during the Show and **ensure the brand or tattoo is legible prior to arrival on Show Grounds**. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their heifer does not have a matching tattoo or brand, if the tattoo or brand is illegible or if the exhibitor does not have the correct registration paper on person. Tattooing services will not be offered on the Show Grounds. In the event of a disqualification, the next placing heifer with matching identification will advance.

5. **Quality Counts:** All Exhibitors must be Quality Counts certified through their respective Texas 4-H or FFA program by December 15, year prior to Show. Exhibitor's Quality Counts certification number is required at time of online entry. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret and amend the Quality Counts requirements.
6. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
7. **Check-In Cards:** Check-In cards will be distributed at the Howdy Trailer during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered during Self-Check-In. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 3 p.m. to the Show Office

Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation) and kept on their person during show.

Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to confirm their heifers have arrived by selecting "Check-In."

Check-in must be completed by **Wednesday, March 25 (Wave 1) at 1 p.m. or Friday, March 27 (Wave 2) at 1 p.m.**, or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation receipt. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the receipt is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show.

Substitution Check-In: If the Exhibitor has a substitution heifer, the ASTs, CEAs, parents or Exhibitor will take the Check-In card received from the Howdy Trailer Office during the stalling assignment to the Show Office. The individual will fill out a form for the substituted heifer to verify the animal is validated through the Texas 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program. Once approved, the individual will take the validation approved form and Check-In card to the Show Office for Show Management to Check-In. Once the substituted heifer is entered in the system, they will be “checked-in” and the individual will keep the Exhibitor copy of the Check-In Card with substituted heifer information and Show Management initials. The individual will get a copy of the receipt for the substituted heifer.

8. **Fans:** Fans will NOT be permitted in aisles. This includes butt fans behind cattle.
9. **Trim Chutes:** No trim chutes will be allowed on the Show Grounds during the Junior Breeding Heifer Show.
10. **Clipping:** No electrical clippers will be allowed on the Show Grounds. Battery-powered clippers are allowed. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification.
11. **Fitting:** This is a “Blow and Go” Show. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.
12. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated “Phantom” style halters are permitted.
13. **Health Papers:** Health Papers will be required for all animals; see current Texas Animal Health Commission Rules and Regulations in the General Rules.
14. **Medication:** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal law. Please refer to Rule #26c in the General Rules. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear **the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal.
15. **Breed Divisions:** The following Breed Divisions will be offered at Rodeo Austin Junior Breeding Heifer Show:

Angus: Heifers must be purebred and registered with the American Angus Association.

Beefmaster: Heifers must be registered with the Beefmaster Breeders United as a purebred and out of a BBU-certified Purebred dam, Second Cross dam or as otherwise stated in the BBU By-Laws. Beefmaster E6 Certified or Beefmaster Advancer will show as ARB.

Brahman: Red and Grey Brahman heifers must be registered in the American Brahman Breeders Association. Red and Grey Brahman will show as one breed. Brahman Golden Certified F-1 and Brahmousin heifers will show as ARB.

Brangus: Heifers must be registered in the International Brangus Breeders Association. Brangus Ultra Black, Brangus Ultra Red, Brangus Optimizer and Brangus Premium Gold will show as ARB.

Charolais: Heifers must be purebred and registered with the American-International Charolais Association (AICA). Percentage Charolais heifers will show as ORB.

Hereford: Horned and polled heifers must be purebred and registered with the American Hereford Association. Horned and polled Hereford heifers will show as one breed.

Limousin: Heifers must be registered Limousin or Lim-Flex (at least 50% Limousin). All orange papered Limousin heifers must be 75% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on registration certificate issued by the North American Limousin Foundation. All purple papered Lim-Flex heifers must be at least 50% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on registration certificate issued by the North American Limousin Foundation. Lim-Flex heifers less than 50% Limousin will show as ORB. NALF percentages not actual percentages shall be used to determine eligibility.

Maine-Anjou: All Maine-Anjou heifers must be 75% or more Maine-Anjou as indicated on the brown registration certificate issued by the American Maine-Anjou Association. All green papered MaineTainer heifers (25% to 62.5%) as indicated on registration certificate issued by the American Maine-Anjou Association will show as ORB.

Red Angus: Heifers must be registered as Red Angus Category 1A as indicated on the registration certificate issued by the Red Angus Association of America.

Red Brangus: Heifers must be registered (not certified) with the American Red Brangus Association (ARBA) or the International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA).

Santa Gertrudis: Heifers must be registered in the herd book of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International. All Santa Gertrudis Star 5 heifers will show as ARB.

Shorthorn: All heifers must be registered with the American Shorthorn Association. All Shorthorn Plus heifers will show as ORB.

Simbrah: Heifers must be purebred Simbrah (5/8 Simmental and 3/8 Brahman) and must be registered with the American Simmental/Simbrah Association. Simbrah* will show Simbrah. Percentage Simbrah heifers will show as ARB.

Simmental: Heifers must be purebred Simmentals and must be registered with the American Simmental/Simbrah Association. Percentage Simmental heifers will show as ORB.

ARB: The American Registered Breeds Heifer Show is open to any heifer of *Bos Indicus* type, registered or issued a certificate of registry with a recognized breed association. Examples include but are not limited to Braford, Braford F-1/Base, Brahman Golden Certified F-1, Brahmousin, Charbray and Gelbray. Certificate animals such as Santa Gertrudis Star 5, Brahman Golden Certified F-1, Brangus Ultra Black, Brangus Ultra Red, Brangus Optimizer and Brangus Premium Gold are eligible to show in this division. The ARB Division is only for those heifers that do not meet the requirements of the other established 14 breeds.

ORB: The Other Registered Breeds heifer Show is open to any heifer of *Bos Taurus* type, registered or issued a certificate of registry with a recognized breed association. Examples include, but are not limited to, Braunvieh, Braunvieh Beef Builder, Percentage Charolais, Chiangus, Chianina, Gelbray, Gelbvieh, Gelbvieh Balancer and Pinzgauer. Certificate animals such as MaineTainer, appendix Shorthorn, Balancer, etc. are eligible to show in this division. The ORB Division is only for those heifers that do not meet the requirements of the other established 14 breeds.

***Please refer to the breed eligibility chart below for further information regarding ARB/ORB qualifications.**

BREED	RODEO AUSTIN
Beefmaster E6 Certified	ARB
Beefmaster Advancer	ARB
Braford	ARB
Braford F-1/Base	ARB
Brahman Golden Certified F-1	ARB
Brahmousin	ARB
Brangus Ultra Black	ARB
Brangus Ultra Red	ARB
Brangus Optimizer	ARB
Brangus Premium Gold	ARB
Charbray	ARB
Gelbray	ARB
Santa Gertrudis Star 5	ARB
Simbrah (percentage)	ARB
Simbravieh	ARB
Braunvieh	ORB
Braunvieh Beef Builder	ORB
Charolais (percentage)	ORB
Chiangus	ORB
Chianina	ORB
Gelbvieh	ORB
Gelbvieh Balancer	ORB
Lim-Flex (Less than 50% Limousin)	ORB
MaineTainer	ORB
Pinzgauer	ORB
Shorthorn Plus	ORB
Simmental (percentage)	ORB

16. **Division Champion Drive:** All Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Champion Heifer Drives. The American Breed Champion Heifer Drive will take place upon the completion of the American Show on Thursday, March 27. The British and Continental Heifer Drives will take place upon the completion of the British and Continental Heifer Shows on Saturday, March 29.
17. **Premiums:** Division Champion and Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion premiums will be mailed to the Exhibitor. All 1st place premiums will receive a voucher at the Show and can be redeemed at the Show Office on day of Show.

CLASSES AND PLACINGS:

Heifer Calf Classes

1. Calved on or after April 1, 2025
2. Calved March 1-31, 2025
3. Calved February 1-28, 2025
4. Calved January 1-31, 2025
5. **Champion Heifer Calf**
6. **Reserve Champion Heifer Calf**

Junior Heifer Classes

7. Calved November 1-December 31, 2024
8. Calved September 1-October 31, 2024
9. Calved July 1-August 31, 2024
10. Calved May 1-June 30, 2024
11. **Champion Junior Heifer**
12. **Reserve Champion Junior Heifer**

Senior Heifer Classes

13. Calved March 1-April 30, 2024
14. Calved January 1-February 29, 2024
15. Calved September 1-December 31, 2023
16. **Champion Senior Heifer**
17. **Reserve Champion Senior Heifer**
18. **Breed Champion Heifer**
19. **Reserve Breed Champion Heifer**

Champion Division Heifer
Reserve Champion Division Heifer

JUNIOR WETHER DAM SHOW

Conner Brew – Judge
Garry Branham - Arena Director
Dr. Jeff Ripley – Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE–DECEMBER 15, 2025

SCHEDULE:

Staging.....Monday, March 16, not before 8 p.m.
 Arrival.....Tuesday, March 17, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Check-in Deadline.....Tuesday, March 17, 1 p.m.
 Judging.....Wednesday, March 18, 8 a.m.
All tack must be off the grounds by March 18 at 8 p.m. or one hour after conclusion of show, whichever is later.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Entry:** Each Exhibitor may enter a maximum of four (4) ewes. Entry is open to the state of Texas. The Junior Wether Dam Show is intended to be an exhibition for ewes suited for club lamb production. Ewes are not required to be registered. All breed types will show together within age/weight divisions.
2. **Validation:** To be eligible to exhibit in the Junior Wether Dam Show, all ewes must be validated as a Wether Dam or Registered Breeding Sheep in the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Sheep Validation Program. Registered Breeding Sheep are also eligible to show. Each entry must follow individual validation requirements for their type (Wether Dam or Registered Breeding Sheep) declared at validation. Each entry must have been recorded on the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Sheep Master List completed by the County Lamb Validation Committee. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Sheep Guidelines will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret the Official Validation Rules.
3. **Ear Tags:** All ear tags except the Texas Validation Tag, and Scrapie tag must be removed before the Show. Scrapie tags should not be cut out but MUST be covered prior to exhibition. The Texas Validation tag number will be used for animal identification. No tag alterations – Any change to size, shape, form, or color will void the tag.
4. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together. Due to the limited availability of stalls, sheep and goats may be required to stall together.
5. **Check-In Cards:** Check-In cards will be distributed at the Howdy Trailer during stall assignments. All copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 3 p.m. to the Show Office

Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation) and kept on their person during show.

Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card.

Check-in must be completed by **Tuesday, March 17 at 1 p.m.**, or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation receipt. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the receipt is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show.

Show Weights: All exhibitors will turn in the official Show weight for their ewes. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leave the Self-Check-In area.

6. **Judging/Divisions:** Classes will be divided into divisions by weight. Each division will have a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.
7. **Shearing:** Ewes must be shorn slick (**with no indication of blocking**) to the skin directly above the knee and hock joints, excluding before arrival on the Show Grounds.
8. **Sheep Age:** Ewes will be shown according to weight only.
9. **Class Weigh Back:** All ewes selected by judge will be subject to re-weighing. Ewes that weigh more than 5 lbs. above the weigh-in weight will be disqualified.
10. **Champion Weigh Back:** Prior to selection of the Champion, all Class 1st/2nd Place animals may be weighed back. Should a Class 1st Place or 2nd Place weight-out, she would retain her status but would be ineligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion. No other animals will move up.
11. **Medication:** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal law. Please refer to Rule #26c in the General Rules. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear **the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal.
12. **Fitting:** No painting, powdering, artificial coloring or adhesives are allowed. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
13. **Blocking / Trim Tables:** No blocking /trim tables will be permitted on the Show Grounds.
14. **Clipping:** No electrical clippers will be allowed on the Show Grounds. Battery-operated clippers are allowed for touch-ups only. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification.
15. **Equipment:** Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment (show boxes, feed pans, feed, etc.) is strictly prohibited. All equipment must be stored above pens. No tack pens will be allowed.
16. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated “Phantom” style halters are permitted.
17. **Pens:** Pens will NOT be taken apart or altered in any way. No lights may be strung on the pens.
18. **Animals Outside of Barn:** Lambs must remain inside the Show Barn. Any animal found outside of this area will be subject to disqualification.
19. **Premiums:** Champion and Reserve Champion premiums will be mailed to the Exhibitor. All class placings will receive a voucher at the Show and can be redeemed at the Show Office on day of Show.

PREMIUMS:

PREMIUM SCHEDULE:

Champion Wether Dam.....	\$1,000.00
Reserve Champion Wether Dam.....	\$500.00

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The following sliding scale of placings and premiums apply.

# Show/Class	Placing									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1-3	\$45									
4-6	\$50	\$45								
7-10	\$55	\$50	\$45							
11-14	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45						
15-20	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45					
21-24	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45				
25-28	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45			
26-30	\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45		
31-33	\$85	\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45	
34+	\$90	\$85	\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45

CLASSES AND PLACINGS:

Wether Dam Division – Classes within each division will be broken by weight. There will be a minimum of 3 divisions.

1. Division I Champion and Reserve Champion
2. Division II Champion and Reserve Champion
3. Division III Champion and Reserve Champion
4. Champion Wether Dam
5. Reserve Champion Wether Dam

JUNIOR WETHER DOE SHOW

Colby Redifer – Judge
Garry Branham - Arena Director
Dr. Dottie Goebel – Superintendent

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SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Entry:** Each Exhibitor may enter a maximum of four (4) does. Entry is open to the state of Texas. The Junior Wether Doe Show is intended to be an exhibition for does suited for market wether production. Does are not required to be registered. All breed types will show together within age/weight divisions.
2. **Validation:** To be eligible to exhibit in the Junior Wether Doe Show, all does must be validated as a Wether Doe or registered Breeding Goat in the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Goat Validation Program. Registered Goats are also eligible to show in this show. Each entry must follow individual validation requirements for their type (Wether Doe or Registered Breeding Goat) declared at validation. Each entry must have been recorded on the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Goat Validation Master List completed by the County Goat Validation Committee. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Goat Guidelines will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret the Official Validation Rules.
3. **Ear Tags:** All ear tags except the Texas Validation Tag, Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag, and Scrapie tag must be removed before the Show. Scrapie tags should not be cut out but **MUST** be covered prior to exhibition. The Texas Validation tag number will be used for animal identification. No tag alterations – Any change to size, shape, form, or color will void the tag.
4. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together. Due to the limited availability of stalls, sheep and goats may be required to stall together.
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Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card.

Check-in must be completed by **Tuesday, March 17 at 1 p.m.**, or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation receipt. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the receipt is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the

case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show.

Show Weights: All exhibitors will turn in the official Show weight for their does. All does must meet the minimum weight requirement of 50 lbs. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leave the Self-Check-In area.

6. **Judging/Divisions:** Classes will be divided into divisions by weight. Each division will have a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.
7. **Hair:** Does must be shorn slick (**with no indication of blocking**) to the skin directly above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch, before arrival on the Show Grounds.
8. **Goat Age:** Does will be shown according to weight only.
9. **Class Weigh Back:** All does selected by judge will be subject to re-weighing. Does that weigh more than 4 lbs. above the weigh-in weight will be disqualified.
10. **Champion Weigh Back:** Prior to selection of the Champion, all Class 1st/2nd Place animals may be weighed back. Should a Class 1st Place or 2nd Place weight-out, she would retain her status but would be ineligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion. No other animals will move up.
11. **Medication:** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal law. Please refer to Rule #26c in the General Rules. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear **the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal.
12. **Fitting:** No painting, powdering, artificial coloring or adhesives are allowed. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
13. **Blocking / Trim Tables:** No blocking /trim tables will be permitted on the Show Grounds.
14. **Clipping:** No electrical clippers will be allowed on the Show Grounds. Battery-operated clippers are allowed for touch-ups only. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in disqualification.
15. **Equipment:** Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment (show boxes, feed pans, feed, etc.) is strictly prohibited. All equipment must be stored above pens. No tack pens will be allowed.
16. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated “Phantom” style halters are permitted.
17. **Pens:** Pens will NOT be taken apart or altered in any way. No lights may be strung on the pens.
18. **Animals Outside of Barn:** Goats must remain inside the Show Barn. Any animal found outside of this area will be subject to disqualification.
19. **Premiums:** Champion and Reserve Champion premiums will be mailed to the Exhibitor. All class placings will receive a voucher at the Show and can be redeemed at the Show Office on day of Show.

PREMIUMS:**PREMIUM SCHEDULE:**

Champion Wether Doe.....	\$1,000.00
Reserve Champion Wether Doe.....	\$500.00


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The following sliding scale of placings and premiums apply.

# Show/Class	Placing									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1-3	\$45									
4-6	\$50	\$45								
7-10	\$55	\$50	\$45							
11-14	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45						
15-20	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45					
21-24	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45				
25-28	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45			
26-30	\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45		
31-33	\$85	\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45	
34+	\$90	\$85	\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45

CLASSES AND PLACINGS:

Wether Doe Division – Classes within each division will be broken by weight. There will be a minimum of 3 divisions.

1. **Division I Champion and Reserve Champion**
2. **Division II Champion and Reserve Champion**
3. **Division III Champion and Reserve Champion**
4. **Champion Wether Doe**
5. **Reserve Champion Wether Doe**

ULTIMATE SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIUMS:

USC Purchase Certificates \$1,000-\$6,000

ENTRY FEE:

Entry Fee..... \$40.00

SCHEDULE:

USC Preliminary Round.....Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m.

USC Finals..... Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m.

SPECIAL RULES:

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Participants must have reached their 12th but not their 18th birthday on August 31, year prior to Show, and must not be enrolled beyond their junior year in High School. Participants must be active participants in a FFA or 4-H program and reside in the state of Texas.
2. Each Participant must complete a current USC Entry Form. Incomplete and faxed USC Entry Forms will not be accepted. All information requested on the USC Entry Form must be complete, with original signatures (no copies). The USC Entry Form must be signed by a parent/guardian, contestant and the CEA or AST.
3. Rodeo Austin will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur to any contestant in USC before, during or after USC.

SELECTION OF CONTESTANTS:

1. USC is limited to 168 Participants. Participants will be selected **ONLY** by CEAs or ASTs. CEAs and ASTs will then enter selected Participants on www.RodeoAustin.com. Online entries will be accepted until all 168 USC spots are filled. Participants are accepted to USC on a first-come, first-serve basis. After Participants are successfully entered online, CEAs and ASTs must mail entry fees, online entry receipts and USC Entry Forms to Rodeo Austin office as soon as possible to keep the Participant's spot on the USC list. Please address mailings to **Rodeo Austin, ATTN: USC, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Documents must be received within 10 days of online entry submission. If entry fees, online entry receipts and USC Entry Forms are not received within 10 days of online entry submission, the Participant will not be allowed to compete in USC and an alternate will advance. Each participant will receive one (1) Gate Pass if entered online by the December 15 deadline. Competitive Events Parking Pass (valid March 6-7, 2026) will be available for purchase.
2. After the 168 Participant spots are filled, entries will remain open for alternates. Any Participant who is entered and fails to submit entry fee, online entry receipt and USC Entry Form within 10 days of online entry submission will relinquish their spot and the spot will be given to an alternate. Alternates will be notified when spots become available. CEAs and ASTs must mail entry fees, online entry receipts and USC Entry Forms for their students only when notified to be alternates in USC. Show Management will designate a deadline for documents to be received depending on when alternate spots become available.
3. The USC bracket will include a Preliminary round and Finals round. Females and males will compete in each division separately. The top three (3) female and male contestants from each heat who catch a calf will advance to the Final round, Saturday, March 21, 2026. The fourth and fifth place Participant from each heat will receive a \$1,000 certificate. There will be 21 female and 21 male contestants competing in the respective female or male final round in the Rodeo Austin Arena. Participants unable to compete in the Final Round, Saturday, March 21, 2026, will forfeit their certificate. Reference the bracket online at www.RodeoAustin.com.
4. Participants will be notified through their supervisor if they have been accepted to participate and their scheduled participation time, if applicable.

5. The University Interscholastic League State Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education, has formulated a plan to permit calf scrambles and still protect Participant's amateur standing. This is done by placing the matter under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Department of the School and the CEA's prohibiting the Participants from receiving anything of cash value for winning the athletic part of the program.
6. Contestants must weigh at least 100 lbs. and be in top physical condition.

ARENA RULES:

1. Participants will be notified of their first heat time with their mailed entry packet. Participants must arrive one hour before their heat for orientation. Participants who do not arrive one hour before their heats will be replaced with an alternate.
2. Participants will be notified of their first heat time with their mailed entry packet. Participants must arrive one hour before their heat for orientation. Participants who do not arrive one hour before their heats will be replaced with an alternate.
3. Participants will carry into the arena a lead rope, which will be supplied by Rodeo Austin. The rope may not be used as a lariat. All calves will be haltered before they enter the arena. The Participant must obtain control of the calf and snap the lead rope to the ring underneath the halter. Any Participant attempting to catch the calf by the halter will be disqualified.
4. Only one Participant will be awarded per calf and therefore only one Participant should take the calf across the finish line. Sportsmanlike assistance is permitted. Participants may not tie the rope to themselves.
5. Participants will advance to the next round based on the order in which they crossed the finish line with the calf. In the event Participants cross the line at the same time, a coin toss will be used to determine who moves to the next round.
6. If a Participant has hold of a calf, no other Participant will be allowed to touch the calf unless it breaks away. If two or more Participants catch the same calf, the Participant farthest away from the head of the calf will be asked to release.
7. If Participant catches a calf by the tail, he/she will have a limited amount of time to work towards the head of the calf before they will be asked to release.
8. Poor sportsmanship will automatically disqualify the Participant and undue roughness (i.e. abuse, choking calves, pulling of tails, etc.) will not be tolerated.
9. The Show reserves the right to modify or change any of the arena Rules. Notification of any such modification or change will be made to the Participants prior to the USC performance.

PURCHASE CERTIFICATE RULES:

1. **Purchase Certificates:** Purchase certificates ranging in the amounts of \$1,000.00-\$6,000.00 (except for special awards) must be used in the purchase of any of the following animals: Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Barrow, Breeding Beef Heifers, Wether Dams, or Wether Does. Animals must be approved by the AST or CEA and used as the Participant's FFA or 4-H project. The Participant must return to the 2027 Junior Livestock Show to exhibit the livestock purchased.
2. **Contributor Information:** Participant's contributor contact information will be mailed following the conclusion of the Show.
3. **Contributor Thank You Letter:** Purchase certificates will not be issued to the Participant until the Participant submits a contributor thank you letter to the assigned contributor (contributor address will be provided). A photocopy of this letter must also be sent to Rodeo Austin office. After the letter is received by the contributor and the photocopy of the letter is received by Rodeo Austin office, the purchase certificate will be mailed to the Participant.

4. **Seller Payment:** Payment on USC certificates will not be made to the seller until the following documents are received in the Competitive Events Office:

- a. **Market Animals:** When purchasing Market Animals, Participants must submit the original USC certificate (complete with all information filled out), along with copies of the bill of sale. Purchase, delivery and possession must all take place before the following deadlines.

Deadlines for Market Animal and Dam/Doe paperwork to be received by Rodeo

Austin office: Market Steer – December 1, 2026

Market Lamb – December 1, 2026

Market Goat – December 1, 2026

Market Barrow – December 1, 2026

Wether Dam – December 1, 2026

Wether Doe – December 1, 2026

All Market Animals must be validated through the respective county's validation program to be entered in the 2027 Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show.

- b. **Breeding Animals:** When purchasing breeding animals, Participants must submit the original USC certificate (complete with all information filled out), along with ORIGINAL breed registration certificate. Original breed registration certificates will be used to verify ownership date for breeding animals. Animals must be registered in the herd book of their association in the name of the junior owner on or before the required ownership date. Superintendents will check original breed registration certificates at the time of check-in. Purchase, delivery, possession and registration must all take place by the following deadlines.

Deadlines for breeding animal paperwork to be received by Rodeo Austin office:

Breeding Heifer – December 1, 2026

- c. When returning certificates for payment please adhere to the following guidelines or payment will be delayed. THESE DOCUMENTS MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER.

Market Animals:

1. USC Certificate: signed by the Supervisor (CEA or AST), Seller and Participant
2. Copy of bill of sale

Breeding Heifers:

1. USC Certificate: signed by the Supervisor (CEA or AST), Seller and Participant
2. Original breed registration certificate

Wether Dams & Does:

1. USC Certificate: signed by the Supervisor (CEA or AST), Seller and Participant
2. Original registration certificate if applicable OR copy of bill of sale

NOTE – Breeding Beef Heifers only:

If a calf scramble certificate from another major Stock Show is being used in addition to Rodeo Austin USC Certificate to purchase a breeding beef heifer, the original breed registration papers must be sent by the breeder or the Exhibitor to the stock show which takes place the earliest on the calendar year. After the appropriate copies are made, the first Stock Show then forwards the original documents to the other Show(s) whose certificate values were allocated towards purchasing the breeding beef heifer. Certificates may be combined with certificates from other major stock shows as long as the animal is brought back to Rodeo Austin the following year. The original registration papers will be mailed to the Exhibitor after the scramble heifer has been shown in Rodeo Austin breeding Show and the Official Rodeo Austin Record Book has been received in the Competitive Events Office.

All correspondence should be sent to:

Rodeo Austin

Attn: Ultimate Scramble Championship

9100 Decker Lake Road

Austin, TX 78724

SCRAMBLER RULES:

1. **Purchase Animals:** Participants will NOT be allowed to purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships), or their Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent. Checks will be issued to the seller from Rodeo Austin not to exceed the amount listed on the purchase certificate. Checks will not be issued to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.
2. **2027 Show:** Winners must submit appropriate entry materials through their supervisor by December 15, 2026 and exhibit their animals at the 2027 Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show. Exhibitors must enter the appropriate Show depending on the market or breeding animal being entered.
3. **Monthly Letters:** Participants must write a letter addressed to their contributor(s) informing them of their progress by the 15th of the following month starting in June after the 2026 USC (ex. June letter is due July 15th). Monthly Letters must be sent every month – no matter if participant has not purchased or picked up the animal yet. Letters can be handwritten or typed, and pictures are encouraged. Participants must submit original letters each month to their contributors and upload a copy to the Rodeo Austin website. DO NOT send a monthly financial report form to contributor in the place of a monthly letter. These are two separate assignments.
4. **Business Report:** Participants must create a business report of the year's project. The business report is a required part of the project, and it will be judged based on the participant's essays, projected budget, and expense reports. Participants must keep monthly financial reports to include in the business report. Monthly financial reports can be downloaded at www.RodeoAustin.com. The report is a template; participants are encouraged to create their own monthly report design. The business report must be either delivered or received by mail to Rodeo Austin Competitive Events Office by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2027. Participants are not required to submit business reports to the Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent supervising the project prior turning in the business report. **Business Reports will NOT be returned to the exhibitor. Please ensure that you are not submitting irreplaceable items.**
5. **Failure to Comply:** Participants who fail to fulfill all or part of the obligations as listed will result in the revocation of all rights to the Purchase Certificate and possible repayment of all or part of the value of the Purchase Certificate to Rodeo Austin.
6. **UIL Amateur Standing:** The University Interscholastic League State Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education, has formulated the following model for USC Rules, which permits the event, but still protects the Participant's amateur standing. This is done, as will be noted in the Rules, by placing the whole matter under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Department of the School and prohibiting the Participants from receiving anything of cash value for winning the athletic part of the program.
 - A Participant shall not receive rewards of any kind for participating in USC.
 - Special awards may be given for these animals when they are exhibited in competition with other animals. All awards money and other money derived from the sale of the animal will belong to the Participant as a reward for their labor, feed, veterinary, insurance and other costs after the year's project has been completed and the animal is shown at Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show.
 - Title to an animal received in USC shall NOT pass to the Participant catching the calf until the Participant has demonstrated under competent supervision their interest in caring for the animal and their ability to follow competent instructions in feeding, grooming and showing said animal. The animal must be returned for exhibit at the next Show, unless circumstances approved by Show Management of the Show concerned, and supervisor make this impractical, before title is turned over to the Participant. (For example: The animal may turn out to be unsuitable for the project due to deformity, disease, or other unforeseen reasons, or the student is failing in school).
 - Animals received in USC will not be allowed to be sold, traded or disposed of except by the consent of Show Management and the Participant's supervisor. Under no circumstances will a "For Sale" sign be displayed while the livestock project is being exhibited at Rodeo Austin Junior Livestock Show.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**Dr. Ryan Rathmann – Superintendent****ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025****LATE ENTRY – ACCEPTED THROUGH CHECK-IN****SCHEDULE:**

Registration.....	Tuesday, March 24, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Contest.....	Tuesday, March 24, 10 a.m.
Awards Ceremony	Tuesday, March 24, Approx. 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL RULES:

- Eligibility:** ASTs and CEAs may enter one (1) or more teams. Each team will consist of no more than (4) four team members all from the same 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Entry is open to the state of Texas. The three highest scores will determine the teams' score. Team members are eligible for individual awards. All team members must be in good standing with their organizations.

Junior Division: Participants must be entered as a member of a junior team, be currently enrolled in the third (3) grade and no higher than the eighth (8) grade.

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Senior Division: Participants must be entered as a member of a senior team, be in the ninth (9) grade and no higher than the twelfth (12) grade. Any Participant classified as a junior may move up to compete on a senior team. This will make the junior Participant ineligible for any Junior Division Awards.

- Entry:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$60.00 per team will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, year prior to contest for all 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Late entries will be accepted at contest check-in for a late entry fee of \$100/team. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
- Passes:** Each team will receive four (4) day Show Grounds admissions if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
- Conduct of Contestants:**
 - There will be no talking between Participants during the contest. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - Participants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
 - No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
- Classes:** Participants will be judging eight (8) classes of four (4) animals each. The classes will be made up of animals representing the following species: Cattle, Sheep, Goats and Swine. Contestants will have ten (10) minutes to observe and complete cards.

There will be three (3) questions classes, consisting of five to ten (5-10) questions each. Participants will be notified of the classes requiring questions before placing that class. Participants will have five (5) minutes to study notes and five (5) minutes to answer questions. Notes will be allowed while answering questions.
- Humane Treatment of Animals:** All animals must be treated with the utmost care and respect. At the discretion of Rodeo Austin, violating this rule will disqualify an offending participant from the event.
- Ties:** Ties will be broken using species questions scores, overall question scores and overall score when breaking ties within species. Ties within questions will be broken by overall score and ties within overall score will be broken by overall questions. Scores tied after application of these tie breakers will be broken by a method determined by contest officials. No duplicate awards will be given.

8. **Scoring:** Scan sheets will be provided. All Participants must provide their own #2 pencil and may bring an unmarked clipboard and/or manila folder for use during the contests. Forms that are bent or abused will not be scored.
9. **Results:** The contest results as announced will be final.
10. **Awards:**

TEAM AWARDS

Junior High Team Overall, Award
Junior Reserve High Team Overall, Award
Junior 3rd – 10th High Team Overall, Award
Junior 1st – 5th High Team (Cattle, Sheep, Swine & Questions), Award

Senior High Team Overall, Award
Senior Reserve High Team Overall, Award
Senior 3rd – 10th High Team Overall, Award
Senior 1st – 5th High Team (Cattle, Sheep, Swine & Questions), Award

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Junior High Individual Overall, Award
Junior Reserve High Individual Overall, Award
Junior 3rd – 5th High Individual Overall, Award
Junior 6th – 10th High Individual Overall, Award
Junior 1st – 5th High Individual (Cattle, Sheep, Swine & Questions), Award

Senior High Individual Overall, Award
Senior Reserve High Individual Overall, Award
Senior 3rd – 5th High Individual Overall, Award
Senior 6th – 10th High Individual Overall, Award
Senior 1st – 5th High Individual (Cattle, Sheep, Swine & Questions), Award

JUNIOR POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

Brett Meisinger – Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025
LATE ENTRY – ACCEPTED THROUGH CHECK-IN

SCHEDULE:

Registration.....Friday, March 27, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Contest.....Friday, March 27, 10 a.m.
Awards Ceremony.....Friday, March 27, Approx. 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** ASTs and CEAs may enter one (1) or more teams. Each team will consist of no more than (4) four team members all from the same 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Entry is open to the state of Texas. The three highest scores will determine the team's score. Team members are eligible for individual awards. All team members must be in good standing with their organizations.
2. **Divisions:** All participants will compete in one division. Participants must be nine (9) years old or in the third grade but not older than eighteen (18) years old on August 31, year prior to contest.
3. **Entry:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$60.00 per team will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, year prior to contest for all 4-H/FFA Poultry Judging Contest entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Late entries will be accepted after December 15, with a late entry fee of \$100/team. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the Show Grounds.
4. **Passes:** Each team will receive four (4) day Show Grounds passes if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
5. **Conduct of Contestants:**
 - a. There will be no talking between Participants during the contest. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - b. Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - c. Participants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
 - d. No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - e. Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
6. **Classes:** The classes of birds, eggs, market poultry, and poultry examination will be similar to those used in the Texas FFA Poultry Career Development Events (judging contest). The manual used in FFA is titled POULTRY SCIENCE MANUAL FOR NATIONAL FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS, 7th Ed. It may be purchased from Instructional Materials Service (IMS), Texas A&M University, Box 2588-TAMUS, College Station, Texas 77843-2588; (979) 845-6601. This book is used in the Texas FFA Poultry Judging Contest. Slide sets showing essentials for grading eggs, grading carcasses and selecting and placing birds are available from IMS.
 - Four (4) market broilers for placing
 - Four (4) past production egg-type hens for placing
 - Ten (10) ready-to-cook broiler carcasses graded according to USDA grading standards
 - Four (4) turkey carcasses for placing
 - Ten (10) Chicken eggs for interior quality grading
 - Ten (10) shell eggs for exterior quality grading
 - Evaluate criteria for exterior eggs
 - Boneless further-processed poultry meat products for evaluative criteria
 - Bone-in further processed poultry meat products for evaluative criteria
 - Ten (10) poultry carcass parts for identification
 - Written examination

6. **Humane Treatment of Animals:** All animals must be treated with the utmost care and respect. At the discretion of Rodeo Austin, violating this rule will disqualify an offending participant from the event.
7. **Ties:** Scores tied after application of these tie breakers will be broken by a method determined by contest officials. No duplicate awards will be given. First tie breaker - the team or individual scoring the highest on the total of the placing classes (Market broilers, egg-type hens, and turkey carcasses) will be the winner. Second tie breaker – the team or individual scoring the highest on the written examination will be the winner.
8. **Scoring:** Scantrons will be provided. All Participants must provide their own #2 pencil and may bring an unmarked clipboard and/or manila folder for use during the contests. Forms that are bent or abused will not be scored.
9. **Results:** The contest results as announced will be final.
10. **Awards:**

TEAM AWARDS

High Team Overall, Award
Reserve High Team Overall, Award
3rd – 10th High Team Overall, Award

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

High Individual Overall, Award
Reserve High Individual Overall, Award
3rd – 10th High Individual Overall, Award

JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE SKILLATHON

Dr. Chris Skaggs – Superintendent

Dr. Carly Hoffmann – Assistant Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

LATE ENTRY – ACCEPTED THROUGH CHECK-IN

SCHEDULE:

Registration.....	Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m., Show Barn
Contest.....	Wednesday, March 11, 11 a.m., Show Barn
Awards Ceremony.....	Wednesday, March 11, Approx. 3:00 p.m., Show Barn

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SPECIAL RULES:

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- Eligibility:** ASTs and CEAs may enter one (1) or more contestants. Entry is open to the state of Texas. Contestants must meet all Junior Show Requirements.

Junior Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the third (3) grade and up to fifth (5) grade.

Intermediate Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the sixth (6) grade and no higher than the eighth (8) grade.

Senior Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the ninth (9) grade and no higher than the twelfth (12) grade.

- Entry:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$30.00 per individual will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, year prior to contest for all Skill-a-thon entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Late entries will be accepted at contest check-in for a late entry fee of \$60/contestant. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
- Passes:** Each contestant will receive one (1) Day Gate Pass if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
- Conduct of Contestants:**
 - There will be no talking between Participants during the contest. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - Participants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
 - No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
- Contest:**
 - Preliminary Round:** Consists of written exam questions and identification/industry knowledge stations.
 - Finals:** The top 10 contestants from each age division will advance to the finals consisting of skill stations and interview.
- Study Materials:** The questions and topics will come from the following source: <https://beefskillathon.tamu.edu/>
- Awards:**

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Junior, Intermediate, Senior High Overall - \$250 Premium & Awards

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Reserve High Overall - \$100 Premium & Awards

Junior, Intermediate, Senior 3rd – 10th Overall – Awards

JUNIOR SWINE SKILLATHON

Dr. Lance Kieth - Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025
LATE ENTRY – ACCEPTED THROUGH CHECK-IN

SCHEDULE:

Registration.....	Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m., Show Barn
Contest.....	Saturday, March 21, 12 p.m., Show Barn
Awards Ceremony.....	Saturday, March 21, Approx. 4:00 p.m., Show Barn

SPECIAL RULES:



- 1. Eligibility:** ASTs and CEAs may enter one (1) or more contestants. Entry is open to the state of Texas. Contestants must meet all Junior Show Requirements.

Junior Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the third (3) grade and up to fifth (5) grade.

Intermediate Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the sixth (6) grade and no higher than the eighth (8) grade.

Senior Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the ninth (9) grade and no higher than the twelfth (12) grade.

- 2. Entry:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$30.00 per individual will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724.** Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, year prior to contest for all Skillathon entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Late entries will be accepted at contest check-in for a late entry fee of \$60/contestant. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
- 3. Passes:** Each contestant will receive one (1) Day Gate Pass if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
- 4. Conduct of Contestants:**
 - There will be no talking between Participants during the contest. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - Participants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
 - No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
- 5. Contest:**
 - Preliminary Round:** Consists of written exam questions and identification/industry knowledge stations.
 - Finals:** The top 5 contestants from each age division will advance to the finals. The finals for juniors will consist of additional skill stations. Finals for the intermediate and senior contestants will include additional skill stations and an interview on issues facing the swine industry.
- 6. Study Materials:** The questions and topics will come from the following sources:
 - <https://nationalswine.com/resources/resources-main.php>
 - <http://afs.okstate.edu/breeds/swine>
 - <http://www.nppc.org/>
 - <http://www.texaspork.org/>
 - <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome>
 - <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/safe-food-handling-and-preparation/meat-catfish/fresh-pork-farm-table>
 - It is also suggested to review Study Guides from various State Fair competitions and State 4-H Skillathons.

7. Awards:

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Junior, Intermediate, Senior High Overall - \$250 Premium & Awards

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Reserve High Overall - \$100 Premium & Awards

Junior, Intermediate, Senior 3rd – 5th Overall – Awards

JUNIOR SHEEP SKILLATHON

Dr. Shawn Ramsey – Superintendent
Whitney Whitsel – Assistant Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025
LATE ENTRY – ACCEPTED THROUGH CHECK-IN

SCHEDULE:

Registration.....Thursday, March 19, 11 a.m., Show Barn
Contest.....Thursday, March 19, 12 p.m., Show Barn
Awards Ceremony..... Thursday, March 20, Approx. 4:00 p.m., Show Barn

SPECIAL RULES:

- Eligibility:** ASTs and CEAs may enter one (1) or more contestants. Entry is open to the state of Texas. Contestants must meet all Junior Show Requirements.



Junior Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the third (3) grade and up to fifth (5) grade.

Intermediate Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the sixth (6) grade and no higher than the eighth (8) grade.

Senior Division: Participants must be currently enrolled in the ninth (9) grade and no higher than the twelfth (12) grade.

- Entry:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$30.00 per individual will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, year prior to contest for all Skillathon entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Late entries will be accepted at contest check-in for a late entry fee of \$60/contestant. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
- Passes:** Each contestant will receive one (1) Day Gate Pass if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
- Conduct of Contestants:**
 - There will be no talking between Participants during the contest. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - Participants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
 - No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
- Contest:**
 - Preliminary Round:** Consists of written exam questions and identification/industry knowledge stations.
 - Finals:** The top 5 contestants from each age division will advance to the finals. The finals for juniors will consist of additional skill stations. Finals for the intermediate and senior contestants will include additional skill stations and a speech on a sheep industry issue.
- Study Materials:** The questions and topics will come from the following source: <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/sheep-skillathon/>
- Awards:**

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Junior, Intermediate, Senior High Overall - \$250 Premium & Awards
Junior, Intermediate, Senior Reserve High Overall - \$100 Premium & Awards
Junior, Intermediate, Senior 3rd – 5th Overall – Awards

JUNIOR AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SKILLATHON

Barry Randolph – Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

LATE ENTRY – ACCEPTED THROUGH CHECK-IN

SCHEDULE:

Registration..... Friday, March 6, 12:00 p.m., Show Barn
Contest.....Friday, March 6, 1:00 p.m., Show Barn
Awards Ceremony..... Saturday, March 7, During Agricultural Mechanics Show Awards, Show Barn

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** ASTs and CEAs may enter one (1) or more contestants. Entry is open to the state of Texas. Contestants must meet all Junior Show Requirements.
2. **Entry:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$30.00 per individual will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724.** Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, year prior to contest for all Skillathon entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Late entries will be accepted at contest check-in for a late entry fee of \$60/contestant. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
3. **Passes:** Each contestant will receive one (1) Day Gate Pass if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
4. **Conduct of Contestants:**
 - a. There will be no talking between Participants during the contest. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - b. Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - c. Participants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
 - d. No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - e. Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
5. **Contest Format:**
 - a. **Preliminary Round:** Consists of written exam questions and identification/industry knowledge stations.
 - b. **Finals:** The top 10 contestants from each division will advance to the finals. Exhibitor will complete a metal working skill/demonstration (welding/cutting) and/or a wood working skill/demonstration. The exhibitor will be responsible for bringing his/her own PPE, none will be provided by the show. Materials and equipment for the metal/wood skill will be provided by the show. Exhibitors scores from the Preliminary Round and Finals will be cumulative to decide the winners of each division.
6. **Study Materials:** The questions and topics will come from the following source: To be announced by December 1st
7. **Awards:**

METAL HIGH INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

High Overall - \$250 Premium & Awards
Reserve High Overall - \$100 Premium & Awards
3rd – 10th Overall – Awards

WOOD HIGH INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

High Overall - \$250 Premium & Awards
Reserve High Overall - \$100 Premium & Awards
3rd – 10th Overall – Awards

JUNIOR AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SHOW**Barry Randolph – Superintendent****ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025****ENTRY FEE - \$75 per project****ENTRY FEE AFTER DECEMBER 15 - \$150 per project****SCHEDULE:**

Arrival and Classifying.....	Friday, March 6, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
In Place.....	Friday, March 6, 5 p.m.
Judging.....	Saturday, March 7, 8 a.m.
Awards Ceremony.....	Saturday, March 7, at completion of judging
Begin Release.....	Saturday, March 7, at conclusion of Awards Ceremony
Optional Release.....	Sunday, March 8, 7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

The show arena will close at 8 p.m. or one hour after the last project is unloaded on Friday, March 6, whichever is later. Must be out off the grounds by 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 7 or by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 8.

PREMIUMS:

Rodeo Austin.....	up to <u>\$12,600</u>
Total Cash Premium.....	up to <u>\$12,600</u>

PREMIUM SCHEDULE:

Division Champion.....	\$200.00
Reserve Division Champion.....	\$100.00
Class Winner.....	\$250.00
Class Second Place Winner.....	\$175.00
Class Third Place Winner.....	\$75.00

Premiums will be mailed to the club/chapter upon conclusion of the Show.

SPECIAL RULES:

- Eligibility:** ASTs and CEAs may enter one (1) or more teams. Entries must be the work of eligible 4-H or FFA members. Entry is open to the state of Texas. Rodeo Austin reserves the right to refuse any exhibit. Projects must be constructed by 4-H and FFA members. FFA projects must be constructed as a part of their agriculture mechanic instruction in agriculture science or as part of their supervised work experience program. 4-H projects must be constructed under the supervision of their County Extension Agent.
- Entry:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$60 per project will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, year prior to contest for all Agriculture Mechanics Contest entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Late entries will be accepted after December 15, for \$120 per entry. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the Show Grounds.
- Passes:** Each exhibitor will receive one (1) Gate Pass if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
- Substitutions:** Project substitutions should be made at check-in. Exhibitors may add and/or remove projects during check-in for no penalty.
- Individual/Team:** Projects may be either individually or team constructed and owned. A team consists of two (2) to six (6) participants.
- Exhibit Space:** Projects will be displayed by divisions and classes. Placement of projects will be at the discretion of Rodeo Austin Officials. Once a project is placed on grounds, it is not allowed to be moved by anyone but a Show Official. Display space under shelter is not guaranteed.

7. **Construction Date:** A project may be exhibited only once at Rodeo Austin and construction must have been started within one calendar year of the conclusion of the previous Stock Show.
8. **Types of Projects:** Any project that does not fit into one of the stated classes will be disqualified. Projects may be subject to reclassification upon arrival. Projects must be classified into one of the following classes.

A. Stationary Cooking Equipment

1. Stationary BBQ Pits & Smokers
2. Fryers & Disc Cookers
3. Fire Pit Grill

Champion Stationary Cooking Equipment

Reserve Champion Stationary Cooking Equipment

B. Towable Cooking Equipment

4. Small Towable Cooking Equipment (Must meet TxDOT regulations)
5. Large Towable Cooking Equipment (Must meet TxDOT regulations)

Champion Towable Cooking Equipment

Reserve Champion Towable Cooking Equipment

C. Backyard/Patio Equipment

6. Picnic Tables
7. Outdoor Yard and Garden Equipment
8. Other Outdoor Equipment

Champion Backyard/Patio Equipment

Reserve Champion Backyard/Patio Equipment

D. Livestock & Wildlife Equipment

9. Gates
10. Chute Equipment
11. Feeders & Troughs
12. Wildlife Equipment
13. Other Livestock Equipment

Champion Livestock & Wildlife Equipment

Reserve Champion Livestock & Wildlife Equipment

E. Field Machinery & Equipment



14. Hay Equipment
15. Tractor Equipment
16. Truck & Equipment Accessories
- 16a. Shop Tables and/or Work Stations

Champion Field Machinery & Equipment

Reserve Champion Field Machinery & Equipment

G. Bumper Pull Trailers

17. Bumper Pull – 12 ft. and less (Must meet TxDOT regulations)
18. Bumper Pull – over 12 ft. to 16 ft. (Must meet TxDOT regulations)
19. Bumper Pull – Utility over 16 ft. (Must meet TxDOT regulations)

Champion Bumper Pull Trailer

Reserve Champion Bumper Pull Trailer

H. Gooseneck & Multi-Bale Trailers

20. Lowboy (Must meet TxDOT regulations)
21. Flatbed/Float (Must meet TxDOT regulations)

Champion Gooseneck Trailer

Reserve Champion Gooseneck Trailer

9. **Vehicles:** No trucks or non-entered trailers are allowed in the exhibition area.
10. **Projects Requiring Offloading Assistance:** Projects that need to be lifted from the topside area to need be fitted with lifting eyes at balance points that accommodate 1” shackles. Projects that cannot be safely unloaded will be shown at an alternate site. Additionally, projects may be mounted on a pallet for ease of loading and unloading.
11. **Safety:** All safety procedures must be adhered to when displaying projects but not limited to:
 - a. Appropriate and safe display stands provided for projects needing support.
 - b. Sharp edges and points must be padded or covered to prevent injury.
 - c. All projects that are operated on or transported on public roads must be equipped with safety equipment as stated in the latest DOT publication.
 - d. No paint application on grounds.
12. **Project Completeness:** All projects should be complete including finish. Projects are to be clean, free of dust and debris, and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used. Any item, necessary for use of the project must be a part of it (example: hinges and latches on gates and panels, etc.). Operation of specific features may be demonstrated as directed by the official judges and as space allows. The project display area (including the floor under and around the project) should be neat. Floor covering will be limited to the area under the project.
13. **Welds:** No structural welds are to be ground without penalty. Grinding is to be limited to welds that should be ground for functional reasons and/or welds that would normally be ground for cosmetic purposes.
14. **DOT Requirements:** Any equipment to travel on public highways must meet Federal DOT Standards. Current Federal DOT inspection stickers will be honored. Anything that does not have a current Federal DOT inspection sticker will be subject to inspection by a TXDOT inspector. Projects that require license plate to be DOT compliant must show same. Trailers that are designed for off road or slow speed highway use must be equipped with slow speed tires and a SMV (Slow Moving Vehicle) triangle.
15. **Exhibitor Presentation:** Exhibitors should be dressed appropriately and be with their project when it is judged. Exhibitors should be courteous and helpful to those viewing their project including the public, show officials, and judges. Exhibitors should not interfere with or shield those exhibitors next to them. Exhibitors must be present to exhibit projects.
16. **Signs:** All projects are to be identified. Information should include – Exhibitor(s) Name, Club/Chapter, and Project Description. Additional signs, banners, etc. must meet the approval of the committee members and cannot extend beyond the project’s display space. NO FOR SALE SIGNS.
17. **Project Cleaning:** Cleaning of projects will be limited to the use of spray bottles and towels.
18. **Liability:** All Exhibits will be under the control and direction of Show Management, but Rodeo Austin will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage which may occur. The Exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the Rules. He/She shall indemnify Rodeo Austin against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the Exhibitor, article or any of the animals exhibited with such exhibition or any of the animals so exhibited.
19. **Judging System:**

Workmanship.....	25 points
Student’s Knowledge of project.....	25 points
Design and Materials	15 points
Degree of Difficulty	15 points
Finish	10 points
Plans, Bill of Materials, Photographs, DOT, MSDS	10 points

20. **Skill Demonstration:** One exhibitor per project will be selected by the CEA/AST to complete a welding skill and/or wood demonstration. The exhibitor must be on the official entry card as a participant of the project. The exhibitor will be responsible for bringing his/her own PPE, none will be provided by the show. Coupons for the welding skill will be provided by the show. Materials and equipment for the wood skill will be provided by the show. **Every project must have an exhibitor complete the welding or wood skill demonstration.** The skills portion must be completed on check-in day.
21. **Awards:** Blue, red, and white ribbons will be given for quality. Ribbons for First, Second and Third will also be given for each class from the blue-ribbon projects only.

Grand Champion Overall – Awards

Reserve Grand Champion Overall – Awards

Division Champion – \$200 Premium & Awards

Division Reserve Champion – \$100 Premium & Awards

Class Winner – \$250 Premium & Awards

Class Second Place Winner – \$175 Premium & Awards

Class Third Place Winner – \$75 Premium & Awards



Agricultural Mechanics Classification Guidelines

The Rodeo Austin Agricultural Mechanics Show consists of seven divisions: Stationary Cooking Equipment, Towable Cooking Equipment, Backyard/Patio Equipment, Livestock & Wildlife Equipment, Field Machinery and Equipment, Bumper Pull Trailers, and Gooseneck Trailers. Any project deemed not to fit in the division or class to which it was entered, may be reclassified by show classifiers. Eligibility for the class is determined and evaluated by classifiers appointed by show management. If a project does not fit a division or class offered at 2026 Rodeo Austin, the project will be disqualified.

Stationary Cooking Equipment

Class 1 Stationary BBQ Pits & Smokers

Examples: Stationary BBQ Pits or Smokers with lids. The cooking device **MUST** be small enough to be hand-carried or have small wheels which would allow it to be hand-pulled to move the BBQ pit in the yard. Ease of use, practicality, useful life, cooking ability and cooking surfaces will be considered.

Class 2 Fryers & Disc Cookers

Examples: Fire Disc grill, Plow Disc wok, Cowboy cooking disc, Hibachi grill, Santa Maria Grill and devices used to deep fry food. Gas fired devices are allowed, however, no gas cylinders are allowed at the show. The project must include a cooking/grilling surface.

Class 3 Fire Pit

Examples: Projects in this class are designed to be outdoor fire pit(s) and may have expanded metal or perforated metal to help control wind-born embers. **If project has a solid cover or lid, enter it in class 1.**

Towable Cooking Equipment

Class 4 Small Towable Cooking Equipment

Examples: **Trailer must pass DOT inspection.** Small BBQ Pits, Smokers or Grills permanently mounted to trailers to be used as portable cooking devices. **Trailer must have maximum length of no more than 8ft. NO part of the pit or smoker can extend beyond the 8 ft. by 102 in. box, including dome-end of the tank. This includes any other cooking surfaces. The fire box can extend 2 ft. past the 8 ft. box length, but that extension cannot be used for cooking, heating or smoking purposes. Please remember any part of the project that is used for cooking or heating cannot be outside the box of 102-inch width by 8-foot length.** Safety concerns including heavy lids, sharp edges, grills that cannot be cleaned effectively, proper grill surfaces, the effect of heat on tires, and concerns with heat and cooking gases will be evaluated. Tongue weight and weight distribution are also important considerations. Racks for gas cylinders may be part of the project but no cylinders are to be brought onto the Rodeo Austin grounds. These trailers may include storage areas and covers as part of the cooking trailer. This class is for BUMPER PULL trailers ONLY that are designed as a BBQ Pit.

Class 5 Large Towable Cooking Devices

Examples: **Trailer must pass DOT inspection.** Large BBQ Pits, Smokers or Grills permanently mounted to trailers to be used as portable cooking devices. **Please remember any part mounted on the trailer as a part of the BBQ Pit cannot exceed a width of 102 inches and cannot extend past 4 feet from the trailer body without additional lighting/reflectors (Texas Transportation Code, Section 547.382.).** Safety concerns including heavy lids, sharp edges, grills that cannot be cleaned effectively, proper grill surfaces, the effect of heat on tires, and concerns with heat and cooking gases will be evaluated. Tongue weight and weight distribution are also important considerations. Draft within the pit should be addressed on these large pits. Racks for gas cylinders may be part of the project but no cylinders are to be brought onto the Rodeo Austin grounds. These trailers may include storage areas and covers as a part of the cooking trailer. This class includes trailers, bumper pull, or gooseneck pull, designed as a BBQ pit.

Backyard/Patio Equipment

Class 6 Picnic Tables

Examples: All table projects must be designed for outdoor use. No glass-topped tables will be allowed. Benches may be part of the table. Tables must have at least 25% skill other than carpentry as part of the structure of the project. No all-wood or indoor furniture allowed.

Class 7 Outdoor Yard and Garden Equipment

Examples: Swings, Covered Swings, Planters, Serving Islands, and Food Service Cart. This class includes items used outdoors as convenience or practical items. No all-wood or indoor furniture allowed. Projects must have at least 25% skill other than carpentry as part of the structure of the project.

Class 8 Other Outdoor Equipment

Examples: This class includes items used outdoors for Backyard or Patio use such as Grilling Utensils and any other such items that do not fit in class 6 or 7. No all-wood or indoor furniture allowed.

Livestock & Wildlife Equipment

Class 9 Gates

Examples: Entrance Gate, Pasture Gate, Double Entrance Gate with Arch Way. **Gates must include hinges and latches.** Consider gate length and weight when constructing and placing hinges. Extremely long gates may have a disadvantage compared to two single hung gates. Excessively long gates could lead to a lower score. Cattle guard, or Cattle guard with gate, would show in class 13.

Class 10 Chute & Chute Equipment

Examples: Hydraulic Squeeze Chute, Squeeze Chute, Hoof Trimming Table, Crowding Pens, Working Pens (implies more than a set of panels), Calf Tilt Table, Livestock Working Table, and Loading Chute with or without wheels, etc. Roping Chutes and Loading Chutes. Head Gate, Cattle Trim Chute, Sheep Trimming Stand, Goat Trimming Stand, Hog Clipping Stand, Small Animal Crate, Hog Weighing Station, etc. Projects in this class could encompass hydraulics or mechanical equipment along with significant use of panels and gates. Items in this class may have temporary wheels used for relocation but still require tongue jack, safety chains and lights. Grooming Light Stand, Grooming Stand with Lights and Outlets, Livestock Show Display, Lamb Treadmill, etc. Many projects in this class are used in preparing livestock for a livestock show. Hutches and chicken enclosures would show in class 13. Items in this class may have light weight wheels used for relocation. If the project can be pulled down the road, it must meet DOT requirements.

Class 11 Feeders & Troughs

Examples: Feeders equipped with storage hoppers or bins are to be entered in this class, as are chain-driven style cake feeders. This class is the best fit for concrete water troughs. Feeders made of metal, wood, or both are shown in this class. Covered Mineral Feeder, Wind Vane Mineral Feeder, Open Feed Trough, Mineral and Salt Feeder, Hanging Hay Feeder for Horse Stall, Hay/Grain Feeder, One-Ton Self Feeder, Creep Feeder, Combination Self-Feeder/Creep Feeder, Tricycle type hay feeder wagons will be allowed in this class. Items in this class may have temporary wheels used for relocation. **Large feeder with feed hauling capacity and permanent undercarriage, or pneumatic feed handling equipment with permanent undercarriage (wheels, axle, or springs) will show in one of the trailer classes and be subject to DOT inspection.** Feeders designed to be towed by a truck or farm tractor should meet all DOT regulations that include hitch, jack, safety chains, lights, and reflectors. Codes of Federal Regulations, Title 49, parts 300 to 399.

Class 12 Wildlife Equipment (includes Wildlife Feeders)

Examples: Wildlife Observation Tower, Portable Wildlife Observation Tower, Timed Wildlife Feeder, Deer Chute, Quail Feeder, Feral Hog Removal Equipment, etc. **Trailers with permanently mounted wildlife observation towers may show in this class.** These observation towers on wheels will be subject to DOT Inspection. **Large feeder with feed hauling capacity with permanent undercarriage and pneumatic feed handling equipment with permanent undercarriage (Wheels, axle, or springs) will show in one of the other trailer class and be subject to DOT Inspection.**

Class 13 Other Livestock Equipment (including Cattle Guards, Walkers, Chicken Coops and Hutches)

Examples: Auction Stand, Feed Dolly, Hammer Mill, Feed Mixer, Cattle Guard with Gates, Grain Storage Bin, Farrowing Crate, Sales Ring, Livestock Walker, Show Box, Clipper Blade Sharpener, etc. All hutches and poultry enclosures show in this class. Roping Chutes and Loading Chutes should be in Chute Equipment, Class 10.

Field Machinery and Equipment

UPDATED**Class 14 Hay Equipment**

Examples: Hay Fork, Hydraulic Hay Spear, Front Loader Hay Fork, Bucket Mounted Hay Spear, Hay Accumulator, Pull Type Single Bale Hay Fork, Hay Conveyor, Hay Grabber, etc. This class includes Single or Two Bale Hay Trailers and Bale Pickup Equipment. **Any multi-bale trailer (more than 2 bales), gooseneck or bumper pull, will show in Class 20. Trailers must meet DOT requirements.**

Class 15 Tractor Equipment

Examples: Arena Drag, Scraper, Crust Buster, Carryall, Front End Loader, Rotary Brush Cutter, Trailer Coupler, Box Blade, Pasture Aerator, Disc Harrow, Manure Spreader, etc. Other examples include Chisel Plow, 6 Row Cultivator and/or Land Leveler. Includes tractor or skid steer attachments using Quick Attach. Any piece of equipment that is designed to be attached to or pulled by a tractor or skid steer. Attachments could include Front End Loader, Blade, Bucket, Log Splitter, Tree Puller, Post Driver or Stump Grinder. Equipment which attaches or uses the tractor's or skid steer's hydraulics should be placed in this class. Be sure to include ASABE standards for tractors and SAE J2513 for skid steers in your planning documents. Any project that could potentially be pulled down a public roadway must meet DOT requirements.

Class 16 Truck & Equipment Accessories

Examples: Pickup Headache Rack, Pickup Brush Guard, Front or Rear Pickup Bumper, Grille Guard, Truck Brush Guard, Truck Toolbox, Receiver Hitch Carrier, ATV Rack, ATV Tag Along, Skid Type Fuel Tank, Welder Bed for Truck, Air Flow Tailgate, etc. Exhibited equipment cannot be mounted on actual vehicles in order to display the project. Visers and equipment may be displayed on the project but are not considered in judging.

NEW**Class 16a Shop Tables and/or Work Stations**

Shop tables included in this class range from basic shop tables to working stations that can have drawers, oxy-acetylene cutting tables, grinding stations, specialized metal bending tables, metal working tables, tables specific for cut off saws and grinders, etc. No all-wood tables and no CNC cutting tables are allowed in this class.

Bumper Pull Trailers

Class 17 Bumper Pull - 12 ft. and less (Cargo area is 0 feet to 12 ft.)

Examples: **Trailer must pass DOT inspection.** Tilt Bed Utility, Tandem Axle Utility, Bumper Pull, etc. Also includes flat-bed trailers with load beam or truss beneath the floor.

Class 18 Bumper Pull - over 12 ft. to 16 ft. (Cargo area is over 12 feet to 16 feet)

Examples: **Trailer must pass DOT inspection.** Utility Tandem Axle, Tilt-bed Utility, Flatbed, etc. Included are Flat-bed Trailers with load beam or truss beneath the floor

Class 19 Bumper Pull - Utility over 16 ft. (Cargo area is over 16 feet)

Examples: **Trailer must pass DOT inspection.** Included are Flat-bed Trailers with load beam or truss beneath the floor.

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Gooseneck and Multi-Bale Trailers

Class 20 Lowboy (Bed between the wheels)

Examples: **Trailer must pass DOT inspection.** Lowboys imply that the railing is part of the load bearing member or truss. Gooseneck car hauler or trailers with load beam or truss beneath the floor will be in this class.

Class 21 Flatbed/Float (Bed over wheels)

Examples: **Trailer must pass DOT inspection.** Dovetail implies float or flatbed.

YOUTH ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

Natalie Cervantes – Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

ENTRY FEE - \$75 per team

SCHEDULE:

Registration.....	Sunday, March 15, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., Show Barn
Orientation.....	Sunday, March 15, 9:00 – 9:30 a.m., Show Barn
Build Time (includes 10-minute Coach Time).....	Sunday, March 15, 9:30 – 11:00 p.m., Show Barn
Robot Challenge Pre-Lims.....	Sunday, March 15, 11:00 p.m., Show Barn
Robot Challenge Finals.....	Sunday, March 15, Following Pre-Lims, Show Barn
Awards Ceremony.....	Sunday, March 15, Following Finals, Show Barn

CONTEST DESCRIPTION: This is a challenge-based robotics contest. Some known challenges will be released prior to the contest, and the remaining challenges will be revealed on contest day. Teams build and program their robot for known challenges prior to the contest. Teams will be given time to build and program the robot to account for the newly revealed challenges.

The **AgRobotics Rules & Known challenges** will be posted at this link (under contest section):

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/>.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** Participation is open to Texas 4-H and FFA members, and Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited Texas school or homeschool (with proof of enrollment). Three (3) to four (4) students may constitute a team in this contest. Team may not include students from different age divisions. Students are not allowed to compete on more than one team. Students will not be allowed to compete on both a 4-H and/or FFA team and a school team. All students must be from the same school, or club/chapter.

Junior Division: Participants must be at least eight (8) years old and in the third grade, but no more than eighth grade.

Senior Division: Participants must be in at least the ninth grade, but not older than nineteen (19) years old and in the twelfth grade.

2. **Entry:** Application must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15. An entry of \$50.00 per team will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724.** Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, for all Robotics entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
3. **Passes:** Passes will be mailed to the coach prior to Show. Each team will receive one (1) parking pass and Show Grounds passes if entered online by the deadline.
4. **Contest Format/Rules of Play:** The challenge rules for this year's AgRobotics game have been posted and can be found on the state robotics page here in the contest section: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/>
5. **Minimum Construction Skills and Proficiency:** Competitors must be capable of designing and building a functioning Lego Mindstorm/Spike Prime robot that includes the use of:
 - a. Motors
 - b. Light/color sensor
 - c. Touch sensor
 - d. Ultrasonic sensor
 - e. Levers, arms, claws, etc.

6. **Minimum Programming Skills and Proficiency:** Competitors must be capable of programming a Lego Mindstorm/Spike Prime robot to accomplish the following:
 - a. Move
 - b. Turn
 - c. Lift
 - d. Maneuver attachments effectively
 - e. Use sensors appropriately and effectively
7. **Scoring:** Point values for each separate challenge may vary and should be referenced in the AgRobotics Game Rules. Penalties will also depend upon challenge design, but examples may include: knocking over pieces, restricted human interaction with robot or game pieces, excessive retrievals, etc. Points will be awarded or deducted for each round of match play. Additionally, a teamwork score will be assessed by a panel of judges and added to the match scores to form the preliminary team score. The preliminary team score determines qualifiers for finals. After each match, the team captain will initial the score sheet, indicating agreement to the points awarded. Once signed, the match score is final and cannot be challenged. The contest tabulator will review the score sheet and will correct any mathematical inaccuracies.
8. **Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final.
9. **Awards:**

Junior Division

Champion Team – \$1,000 Premium & Awards
Reserve Champion Team – \$500 Premium & Awards
3rd – 5th Place Teams – Awards

Senior Division

Champion Team – \$1,000 Premium & Awards
Reserve Champion Team – \$500 Premium & Awards
3rd – 5th Place Teams – Awards

YOUTH AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE FAIR

Chelsea Hatch - Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

LATE ENTRY – ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 10, 2026

SCHEDULE:

Registration.....	Wednesday, March 18, 8 a.m. – 9:00 am., 100X Tent
Contest.....	Wednesday, March 18, 9 a.m., 100X Tent
Awards Ceremony.....	Wednesday, March 18, Approx. 12 p.m., 100X Tent

SPECIAL RULES:

- Eligibility:** Participation is open to Texas 4-H and FFA members, and Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited Texas school or homeschool (with proof of enrollment). Participants are limited to one individual entry, team entries are not allowed. A project may be exhibited only one time at Rodeo Austin and must have been researched and developed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.

Junior Division: Participants must be at least eight (8) years old and in the third grade, but no more than eighth grade.

Senior Division: Participants must be in at least the ninth grade, but not older than nineteen (19) years old and in the twelfth grade.

- Entry:** Application must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$30.00 per individual will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, for all Science Fair entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
- Passes:** Each contestant will receive one (1) Day Gate Admission if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
- Conduct of Contestants:**
 - There will be no talking between Participants during the contest. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - Participants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
 - No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
- Divisions:** Each contestant will enter their project in one of four divisions.
 - Animal Systems:** The study of animals systems, including life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and processing, through the study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry.
Examples:
 - Compare nutrient levels on animal growth
 - Research new disease control mechanisms
 - Effect of estrous synchronization on ovulation
 - Compare effects of thawing temperatures on livestock semen
 - Effects of growth hormone on meat/milk production

- b. **Power/Tech/Environmental Systems:** The study of systems, instruments and technology used in waste management; the study of the management of soil, water, wildlife, forests and air as natural resources and their influence on the environment. The study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources and precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding and project planning for agricultural structures.

Examples:

- Effect of agricultural chemicals on water quality
- Effects of cropping practices on wildlife populations
- Compare water movements through different soil types
- Develop alternate energy source engines
- Create minimum energy use structures
- Compare properties of various alternative insulation products
- Investigation of light/wind/water energy sources

- c. **Food Systems/Plant Systems:** The study of product development, quality assurance, food safety, production, sales and service, regulation and compliance and food service within the food science industry. The study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices, through the study of crops, turf grass, trees and shrubs and/or ornamental plants.

Examples:

- Effects of packaging techniques on food spoilage rates
- Resistance of organic fruits to common diseases
- Determining chemical energy stored in foods
- Control of molds on bakery products
- Determine rates of transpiration in plants
- Effects of heavy metals such as cadmium on edible plants
- Compare GMO and conventional seed/plant growth under various conditions
- Effects of lunar climate and soil condition on plant growth
- Compare plant growth of hydroponics and conventional methods

- d. **Ag Sociology:** The study of human behavior and the interaction of individuals in and to society, including agricultural education, agribusiness economic, agricultural communication, agricultural leadership and other social science applications in agriculture, food and natural resources.

Examples:

- Investigate perceptions of community members towards alternative agricultural practices
- Determine the impact of local/state/national safety programs upon accident rates in agricultural/natural resource occupations
- Comparison of profitability of various agricultural/natural resource practices
- Investigate the impact of significant historical figures on a local community
- Determine the economic effects of local/state/national legislation impacting agricultural/natural resources

6. **Judging:** Judging is based on the criteria set forth for the State FFA Science Fair Judges Written Paper Scoresheet and Interview Scoresheet.

7. **Documentation:** Contestants must submit the following information electronically to <https://rodeoaustin.com/youth-ag-programs/competitions/youth-agricultural-science-fair-form/> by January 10, 2026.

- a. Abstract
- b. Manuscript (**Maximum Page Length = 12 pages**) – The maximum page count **does not** include the Abstract or References.

8. **Electronics:** Other than those approved by the event officials, participants will not be allowed to utilize personal electronic communication devices during the entire course of the event (Examples include iPads, tablets, computers, cell phones, Wi-Fi devices, etc.).

9. **Contest Format:**

- a. Contestants must be present at their booths during judging to explain their research/science project to the public and judges to answer any questions.
- b. Contestants will have a maximum of 10 minutes to present their project. This time should include approximately 3 to 5 minutes for student presentation, and 5 to 7 minutes for judges' questions.
- c. Exhibited projects and project reports shall be the result of the contestant's own efforts. The official maximum size for a display is 48" wide by 30" deep (the distance from front to back) by 36" high (from table to top of display). Failure to

meet these requirements will result in disqualification. Please note that the width of tables may vary, but are generally 24" wide.

- d. All projects must have the following information attached to the upper right hand corner of the exhibit: i. Name of student ii. Chapter/club name and location (city) iii. Title of category entered iv. Division of category entered.
- e. Contestants must provide all supplies, including backing, to mount poster board.
- f. Contestants must provide their own extension cords and tape to safely secure cords and prevent tripping.
- g. There will be limited electrical supply provided by the show. Equipment should have an internal power supply for demonstrations.

10. Awards:

Junior Division

Grand Champion – Awards

Reserve Champion – Awards

Category Champion – \$100 Premium & Awards

Category Reserve Champion – Awards

Senior Division

Grand Champion – Awards

Reserve Champion – Awards

Category Champion – \$100 Premium & Awards

Category Reserve Champion – Awards

JUNIOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

Hayley Meyer – Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025
LATE ENTRY – ACCEPTED THROUGH CHECK-IN

SCHEDULE:

Registration.....Monday, March 23, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., 100X Tent
 Contest.....Monday, March 23, 10 a.m., 100X Tent
 Awards Ceremony..... Monday, March 23, approx. 30 minutes following completion of contest, 100X Tent

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** Entries in this division are limited to Texas FFA, FCCLA, 4-H members. Any contestant violating any rule will be disqualified from the contest. Teams must consist of members from the same county or chapter. One (1) to four (4) members may constitute a team. The three (3) high scores will determine the teams' score. Team members are eligible for individual awards. The contestant with the lower score will be designated as alternate, but will be eligible to receive individual awards. A junior age division contestant may move up to compete on a senior team. This will make the junior contestant ineligible for any junior division awards. Team members may only compete on one team.

Junior Division: Participants must be eight (8) years old and in the third grade, but no more than eighth grade.

Senior Division: Participants must be in at least the ninth grade, but not older than nineteen (19) years old and in the twelfth grade.

2. **Entry:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$50.00 per team will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724**. Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, year prior to contest for Product ID Contest entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Late entries will be accepted after December 15, with a late entry fee of \$100/team. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the Show Grounds.
3. **Passes:** Each team will receive four (4) Day Gate Admissions if entered online by the December 15 deadline.
4. **Conduct of Contestants:**
 - a. There will be no talking between Participants during the contest. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - b. Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - c. Participants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
 - d. No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - e. Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
5. **Contest Format:** Thirty Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants will select the correct identification of each product from four (4) possible answers. Each station will also have one (1) multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions are general to the industry that produced the product (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production) and specific to the individual product on display (i.e. cooking method use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety). Contestants will be allowed 30 seconds at each station to identify the product and answer the question.
6. **Resource Materials:** Resources related to the contest may be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> under Ag Product Guide. Teams will also benefit from their own web searches and by visiting supermarkets to view products. Contestants will not receive a list of products to study.
7. **Scoring:** Contestants will receive five (5) points for each product that is correctly identified and five (5) points for each question that is correctly answered. Points will only be awarded on follow up questions (pertaining to the product displayed) if they product is correctly identified.

8. **Ties:** Seven (7) stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. The highest cumulative scores for these classes followed by the lowest standard deviation of all classes will be used for both individual and team ties.
9. **Results:** The contests results, as announced, will be final.
10. **Awards:**

TEAM AWARDS

Junior High Team Overall – Awards
Junior Reserve High Team Overall – Awards
Junior 3rd – 10th High Team Overall – Awards

Senior High Team Overall – Awards
Senior Reserve High Team Overall – Awards
Senior 3rd – 10th High Team Overall – Awards

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Junior High Individual Overall – \$100 Premium & Awards
Junior Reserve High Individual Overall – \$50 Premium & Awards
Junior 3rd – 10th High Individual Overall – Awards

Senior High Individual Overall – \$100 Premium & Awards
Senior Reserve High Individual Overall – \$50 Premium & Awards
Senior 3rd – 10th High Individual Overall – Awards

YOUTH AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Jennifer Jackson - Superintendent

ENTRY DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2025

SCHEDULE:

Online Entries Submission Deadline.....	Saturday, January 10, 11:59 p.m., Virtual
Preliminary Judging.....	Virtual, Contestants do not attend
Semifinal Round Judging.....	Virtual, Contestants do not attend
Finals Registration.....	Wednesday, March 18, 1:00 pm., 100X Tent
Finals Contest.....	Wednesday, March 18, 2:00 p.m., 100X Tent
Awards Ceremony.....	Wednesday, March 18, Approx. 4:00 p.m., 100X Tent

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** Participation is open to Texas 4-H and FFA members, FCCLA members, and Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited Texas school or homeschool (with proof of enrollment). Participants are limited to one individual entry, team entries are not allowed. A project may be exhibited only one time at Rodeo Austin and must have been researched and developed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.

Junior Division: Participants must be at least eight (8) years old and in the third grade, but no more than eighth grade.

Senior Division: Participants must be in at least the ninth grade, but not older than nineteen (19) years old and in the twelfth grade.

2. **Entry:** Application must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com on or before December 15, year prior to contest. An entry of \$30.00 per individual will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signatures must be submitted to: **Rodeo Austin Attn: Competitive Events, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724.** Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked December 15, for all Science Fair entries made payable to Rodeo Austin. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
3. **Passes:** Each contestant advancing to the Finals will receive one (1) Day Gate Admission.
4. **Conduct of Contestants:**
 - a. Only Participants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
 - b. No electronic devices will be allowed in contest area, including cellphones. Violating this Rule may cause the Participants to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
 - c. Any speech with obscene language will be disqualified.
 - d. The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.
 - e. Business attire or official 4-H/FFA/FCCLA attire is recommended.
 - f. Show Officials reserve the right to enforce Rules and disqualify Participants who violate Rules.
5. **Speech Divisions:** Each contestant will enter their speech in only one of five topic areas. The division must be declared at the time on online entry and on the entry form when submitted. There are topics which may be appropriate in more than one division. The contestant is responsible for selecting the most appropriate division. The final determination of the contestant's speech topic area will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Show Management.

Topic Areas:

- **Ag Sciences (Horticulture, Natural Resources):** Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as soil, water, air, rural water, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy, environmental issues, etc. Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production or specialty crop production.
- **Animal Science:** Any current or future subject that addresses any aspects of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries.
- **Ag/Western Heritage (Agricultural Advocacy, Western Heritage):** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Western history, culture or heritage. Any current or future subject that addresses the process or act of journalism, communications, social media or public relations where agricultural related information is being communicated to the public.

- **Agribusiness and Technology:** Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, futures, hedging, advertising, online marketing etc. Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, farm safety, use of technology, research, laser, satellites or advancements made in agricultural practices through the use of technology, computer systems, or cutting-edge ideas.
 - **Ag Policy/Ethics:** Any current or future subject that addresses policy or legislation on the following: domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, politics, legal issues, animal rights, animal welfare, law, subsidies, price supports, etc. Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the ethics practiced in the livestock show industry.
6. **Submission/Upload Guidelines:** All entries for the public speaking contest must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. January 10th**, using the Rodeo Austin online entry portal and YouTube, as noted.

Entry requirements include:

- a. **Abstract:** Abstracts will be uploaded directly into the Rodeo Austin online portal (<https://rodeoaustin.com/youth-ag-programs/competitions/youth-agricultural-public-speaking-form/>). Only one upload per contestant is permitted. Additional attachments will not be accepted.
- b. **Video:** YouTube link of the video upload of the contestant's speech will be provided in the Rodeo Austin online entry portal. Only one upload per contestant is permitted.
- c. **Entry Worksheet:** The Rodeo Austin entry worksheet must have the statement of originality signed by the participant. The Rodeo Austin entry worksheet must be mailed-in, in addition to the required upload materials. Contestants failing to submit all materials by the entry deadline are subject to disqualification.
- d. **A Complete Rodeo Austin Contest Upload Includes:**
 - 6-8 minute video uploaded to YouTube.
- a. **Video Guidelines:**
 - The video may be set to Unlisted (not private) to ensure the privacy of your video which will allow only those with the link to view the upload.
 - In YouTube, complete the settings and title as follows:
 - Unlisted video (not private)
 - Title: 2026 Rodeo Austin Public Speaking Contest
 - Description: 4-H/FFA county, school or club name – First & Last Name – Age division – division
 - Example: Travis County 4-H – Jane Doe – Senior – Agricultural Advocacy
 - The uploaded video should be a recording of the contestant presenting their speech. The video must be of the contestant only. Film at the highest resolution possible and ensure audio quality. Do not add additional graphics, transitions or other effects. The video must be recorded in one continuous video. Edited videos will be disqualified.
 - Accepted file formats will be mp4, mov, avi, mpg, 3gp, webm, wmv, mkv, m4v.
 - Record in a landscape/horizontal format.
 - The video may be recorded from waist up or head to toe.
 - The video should be recorded using a neutral background with contestant only.
 - Check audio quality and video resolution before submitting. If audio/video is of poor quality, judges reserve the ability to award zero points for any and all categories in the rubric.
- b. **Notification of Advancement:**
 - The list of contestants, along with their age division and speech division, who will compete on contest day will be posted at rodeoaustin.com no later than two weeks prior to contest day.
 - All participants, AST, CEA or FCCLA Advisor listed will be notified by email to confirm contestants' accepted or disqualified entry.

7. Contest Format:**a. Speeches**

- Properly entered videos will be evaluated and scored by a panel of 2-3 judges.
- Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Deductions will be applied to overall score if time is under/over the allotted time. Time point deductions will apply as follows:
Under six minutes – one point per ten seconds, over eight minutes – one point per ten seconds.

Preliminary Round

- Judging will be conducted virtually using the uploaded videos.
- All scoring will be done by division.
- A Junior Division winner will be selected in this round, or in the Semifinal Round, if needed.
- The Two Senior Division finalists will be selected in this round, or in the Semifinal Round, if needed.
- No questions will be asked of contestants during the first round of judging using recorded videos.

Semifinal Round

- If the number of entries is warranted, we will hold a semifinal round. It will be a different set of judges.
- The need for this round will be determined by the contest Superintendent.

Finals

- Judging will take place in-person.
- Contest day details will be provided to contestants upon notification of their advancement to Finals.
- For Juniors, one contestant from each division will advance to Finals. The Preliminary Round/Semifinal Round will determine the Junior Division Winners.
- Junior Division winners will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Overall during the Junior Finals that will begin at approximately 2:00 pm in the 100X Tent. Finalist contestants are required to utilize a microphone.
- For Seniors, two contestants from each division will advance to Finals.
- Senior Division winners, in addition to Grand and Reserve Overall, will be selected during the Senior Finals that will begin at approximately 3:00 pm in the 100X Tent. Finalist contestants are required to utilize a microphone.
- **Question/Answer Period: (Finals Only)**
 - A three-minute question/answer period will follow each speech. At the end of three minutes, time will be called and all questioning will end. If time is called during the contestant's answer to a question, the contestant may complete his or her answer.
 - Only official judges may ask questions of the contestants.

8. Scoring: A panel of judges will evaluate and score the presentation. Judges' comments will be available to CEA/AST/FCCLA Advisor by April 15. Score sheets can be found at rodeoaustin.com.

9. Results: The contest results as announced will be final.

10. Awards:**Junior Division**

Grand Champion – Awards

Reserve Champion – Awards

Division Champion – Awards

Senior Division

Grand Champion – Awards

Reserve Champion – Awards

Division Champion – Awards

Division Reserve Champion – Awards

YOUTH AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Statement of Originality

To complete your entry: This Statement of Originality Form MUST be included with the contestant's abstract and uploaded in PDF format by January 10, 2026.

Contestant Name: _____

Chapter/Club: _____

AST/CEA: _____

Speech Topic (please circle one):

- Ag Sciences**
- Animal Science**
- Agriculture / Western Heritage**
- Agribusiness / Technology**
- Agricultural Policy / Ethics**

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the speech and required abstract is a result of the contestant's own undertaking, effort, and ability. All information considered direct quotes or phrases, specific dates, figures and other information are properly acknowledged and cited in the abstract. We understand that failure to properly acknowledge other's works represents plagiarism and will result in the automatic disqualification of the contestant. Furthermore, we, the undersigned, acknowledge that any previous first (1st) place winners in Junior and Senior Divisions must select a new speech and topic to remain eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).

By our signatures below, we hereby certify that we have read, understand, and will abide by the 2026 Agricultural Public Speaking Contest Rules.

Contestant Signature : _____

AST/CEA Signature : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

YOUTH AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Judge Scoring Rubric

	Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Speech Composition & Organization						
1. Introduction (Up to 15 points) Attention of the audience is gained The purpose of the speech is clearly stated Importance of the speech is established						
2. Body (Up to 30 points) One central theme Information is accurate and sources are given Information is current Logical sequence to presentation Appropriate content for category Major points are emphasized						
Speech Delivery						
3. Delivery (Up to 15 points) Appearance Clear and audible voice at all times Correct use of grammar and pronunciation						
4. Expression (Up to 20 points) Eye contact with audience Appropriate use of gestures and body language Uniqueness of presentation Audience appeal						
Speech Topic						
5. Subject Matter (Up to 10 points) Understanding of selected topic Relates to selected topic area Creativity Educational Value						
Questions						
6. Response to Questions (Up to 10 points) Accuracy of answers Poise and self-confidence						
Deductions Under minimum time: 1 pt. per 10 seconds Over maximum time: 1 pt. per 10 seconds						

Total Score (max possible = 100 points): _____

Total Deductions: _____

Final Score: _____

HORSE SHOW SPECIAL RULES

HORSE SHOW ENTRY DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 1, 2025

DEFINITIONS:

Capitalized terms used in these Horse Show Special Rules, but not otherwise defined herein.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** Horse Show Exhibitors are subject to the General Rules as well as the Horse Show Special Rules. Participants are responsible for knowing and complying with all Rules of this Show.
2. **Entry Deadline:** All Horse Show entries must be completed online and required paperwork postmarked for delivery to **Rodeo Austin, Attn: Horse Show, 9100 Decker Lake Road, Austin, TX 78724** no later than February 1, year of Show.
3. **Entry Forms:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located at www.RodeoAustin.com. Payment must be mailed in with the following:
 - Online entry receipt
 - Waiver of Liability (Required: Signatures of Exhibitor and guardian if applicable)

Paperwork and payment must be mailed and postmarked to **Rodeo Austin, Attn: Horse Show, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, Texas 78724** no later than February 1, year of show.

4. **Passes:** See Department rules.

Car Passes: Car passes must be fully affixed to the windshield. Partially applied, laminated, wrapped, or taped stickers are not valid. Failure to comply will result in confiscation of Car Pass and loss of parking privileges.
5. **Parking:** Horse Show Exhibitors with Lot D Parking Passes must enter through Gate 2/Horse Show Entrance on Decker Lane. Additional vehicles will not be permitted to the truck and trailer parking. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be towed at owner's expense.
6. **Stalling:** In so far as possible, stalling will be provided for all horses. Early arrivals will not be permitted on the Show Grounds until the designated arrival time. Stalls are 10' by 10'.

Upon arrival, Exhibitors must proceed directly to the Stalling Office, located at the south end of the Show Barn. Stalls will be locked upon arrival. After stalling, Exhibitors must proceed to the Show Office to check in with the Show Secretary.

7. **Grounds Fee:** Exhibitors who do not utilize a stall will be charged a \$10 grounds fee per horse.
8. **Dogs:** No dogs allowed on the fairgrounds.
9. **Refunds:** There will be no refund of entry fees.
10. **Special Rules:** Special Rules are published in any Department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, Show Management will govern the final ruling.
11. **ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Rodeo Austin Officials are allowed to impose animal health regulations that are more restrictive than those imposed by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Specific TAHC regulations will supersede the Show requirements if there is a dispute between the two in which the Show Rules are less restrictive than TAHC regulations.

The Show considers itself an interstate (accepting entries of livestock and poultry from within Texas and from other states) Show for livestock entries. Exhibitors with livestock originating outside the state of Texas are encouraged to contact their state Animal Health officials to confirm what specific requirements, if any, their state may impose on animals returning from a Texas Show.

Routine Inspection Procedures (What the Exhibitor Should Expect):

1. For the Horse Show, representatives of the Show will meet the incoming horse trailer at Gate #2.
2. All documents are to be examined and a visual inspection of the shipment is to be made. Be certain that Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, EIA test information, permits, etc. are still valid. A visual exam of the animals is to be made to ensure that the animals described on the documents are the same as those in the shipment.
3. If shipments meet all entry requirements, Rodeo Austin will allow the driver to proceed without delay. Return the certificates and other documents to the owner or driver.
4. If shipment does not meet the requirements, the driver should pull the truck or trailer out of the traffic's way. If animals must be unloaded, they must remain in a separate pen (holding area) away from other livestock. Individuals should be allowed to contact the Official Show Veterinarian or their own veterinarian to obtain proper documents and/or test. Documentation must be in writing – no corrections will be allowed by phone. Fax documents are permissible.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must indicate that the accredited veterinarian found the animals, horses or fowl to be free of symptoms or evidence of communicable disease and that all tests, immunizations or treatments required by the Texas Animal Health Commission were completed. The certificate is required to accompany animals and fowl entering the State of Texas as stated in the following summary of entry requirements. The certificate is valid for 30 days for equine and for 30 days for all other species. Prior entry permits are required as noted for specific classes of livestock. Permits may be obtained by calling (800) 550-8242 or (512) 719-0777, 24 hours a day, or by writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966.

EQUINE**Texas Origin Equine and Out-of-State Origin Equine**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, issued within thirty (30) days or a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card, current, issued within six (6) months.
2. Negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test (also known as "Coggins Test") within twelve (12) months. In-state origin equine: foals, less than eight months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing. Test document must be in hand or test results and related information must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection. If using an equine passport or equine identification card, the negative EIA test must be within 6 (six) months.

GOLD STIRRUP HORSE SHOW

ENTRY DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 1, 2025

SCHEDULE:

Gold Stirrup Arrival and Check-in.....	Friday, March 13, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Gold Stirrup Show.....	Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.
Outstanding Club Award Presentation.....	Saturday, March 14, following barrels

SPECIAL RULES:

1. **General Rules:** Read the General and Horse Show Special Rules for health requirements, stalls, etc. Exhibitors are responsible for adhering to current health requirements as stated in the General Rules section, which include a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within thirty (30) days and negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous twelve (12) months.
2. **Eligibility:** The Gold Stirrup Horse Show is for individuals that are mentally, physically and emotionally challenged. Medical history and physician statement must be submitted with entry packets postmarked by February 1, year of Show. Disability must be identified as; physical, cognitive, emotional, or physical/cognitive. Participants must be a minimum of eight (8) years old as of January 1, year of Show. Individuals designated as coaches or club leaders are not eligible to enter the Show.
3. **Entry Forms:** Application for entry must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.RodeoAustin.com. Each club must submit:
 - Gold Stirrup Stall Requirements Form (located on the website)
 - Online Entry Receipt
 - Waiver of Liability Form for each rider and club volunteer
 - Medical Release Form for each exhibitor

Paperwork must be mailed to: **Rodeo Austin, Attn: Horse Show, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724 by February 1, year of Show.** Passes will not be mailed until the Competitive Events Office has received all paperwork.

4. **Passes:** Each Exhibitor participating in Gold Stirrup will receive two (2) gate passes and one (1) parking pass. Each club will receive two (2) Truck and Trailer passes and two (2) gate passes for the club leader. These passes will be mailed ahead of time to the participating clubs once all paperwork has been received by the Competitive Events Office. Paperwork must be posted marked by February 1. Additional passes can be purchased ahead of time online at www.rodeoaustin.com or the day of the Show, subject to availability.
5. **Stallions:** No stallions will be permitted.
6. **Entry Fees:** Class entries and stalls are free of charge.
7. **Awards:** 1st through 10th place will receive a neck medal.
8. **Safety:** In order to keep a high standard of safety, there will be a safety steward in the warm-up arena, and the judge will fill this role in the main arena. Safety issues will be addressed immediately and resolved before the rider continues. Every rider must be able to control his/her horse at all times. Any horse or rider deemed dangerous to other individuals, as determined by Show Officials, will be removed from the arena and staging area.
9. **Helmets:** ASTM-SEI approved riding helmets must be worn for any and all mounted activities.
10. **Events:** The following events will be offered: Western Pleasure/Equitation, Barrels (clover leaf), English Pleasure/Equitation, Trail, and Showmanship at Halter.



11. Definitions:

Independent (I) – Independent riders may not be helped while competing

Supported (S) – Rider need the physical support of one or two side walkers and/or the presence of a leader.

Any help in the arena is considered “supported”.

12. Divisions: The following divisions will be offered per event:

DIVISIONS	DESCRIPTION	DISABILITY TYPE
A	Walk, trot/jog, canter/lope	Please specify which disability type so that we can more easily group competitors: Physical Cognitive Emotional Physical/Cognitive
AI	Independent only	
B	Walk, trot/jog	
BI	Independent only	
BS-1	Supported (only one support person)	
BS-2	Supported (2-3 support people)	
C	Walk only	
CI	Independent	
CS-1	Supported (only one support person)	
CS-2	Supported (2-3 support people)	

*Riders and coaches will be responsible for assessing the competitor’s abilities and choosing an ability level that will meet and challenge the competitor’s potential to compete fairly. Rider must be able to perform all gaits called in division.

13. Classes: Show Management and Show Officials reserve the right to cancel or combine any class. Classes that are too large to be safely handled in the arena will be divided into heats. Independent riders may have stand-by assistants for safety purposes.**North Side**

	<u>Award</u>
1. Trail - Level AI (W, T, C - Independent).....	Buckle
2. Trail - Level BI (W/T - Independent)	Buckle
3. Trail - Level BS-1 (W/T - Supported)	Buckle
4. Trail - Level BS-2 (W/T - Supported)	Buckle
5. Trail - Level CI (Walk - Independent).....	Buckle
6. Trail - Level CS-1 (Walk - Supported).....	Buckle
7. Trail - Level CS-2 (Walk - Supported).....	Buckle

***Trail worked at will and must be completed by 12:00 p.m.**

South Side

8. Showmanship at Halter - Level AI (W/T - Independent).....	Buckle
9. Showmanship at Halter - Level BI (W/T -Independent).....	Buckle
10. Showmanship at Halter - Level BS-1 (W/T - Supported).....	Buckle
11. Showmanship at Halter - Level BS-2 (W/T - Supported).....	Buckle
12. Showmanship at Halter - Level CI (Walk - Independent).....	Buckle
13. Showmanship at Halter - Level CS-1 (Walk - Supported).....	Buckle
14. Showmanship at Halter - Level CS-2 (Walk - Supported).....	Buckle
15. Western Pleasure/Equitation - Level AI (W, T, C - Independent).....	Buckle
16. Western Pleasure/Equitation - Level BI (W/T - Independent).....	Buckle
17. Western Pleasure/Equitation - Level BS-1 (W/T - Supported).....	Buckle
18. Western Pleasure/Equitation - Level BS-2 (W/T - Supported).....	Buckle
19. Western Pleasure/Equitation - Level CI (Walk - Independent).....	Buckle
20. Western Pleasure/Equitation - Level CS-1 (Walk - Supported).....	Buckle
21. Western Pleasure/Equitation - Level CS-2 (Walk - Supported).....	Buckle

22.	English Pleasure/Equitation - Level AI (W, T, C - Independent)	Buckle
23.	English Pleasure/Equitation - Level BI (W/T - Independent)	Buckle
24.	English Pleasure/Equitation - Level BS-1 (W/T - Supported)	Buckle
25.	English Pleasure/Equitation - Level BS-2 (W/T - Supported)	Buckle
26.	English Pleasure/Equitation - Level CI (Walk - Independent)	Buckle
27.	English Pleasure/Equitation - Level CS-1 (Walk - Supported)	Buckle
28.	English Pleasure/Equitation - Level CS-2 (Walk - Supported)	Buckle
29.	Barrels - Level AI (W, T, C - Independent)	Buckle
30.	Barrels - Level BI (W/T - Independent)	Buckle
31.	Barrels - Level BS-1 (W/T - Supported)	Buckle
32.	Barrels - Level BS-2 (W/T - Supported)	Buckle
33.	Barrels - Level CI (Walk - Independent)	Buckle
34.	Barrels - Level CS-1 (Walk - Supported)	Buckle
35.	Barrels - Level CS-2 (Walk - Supported)	Buckle

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