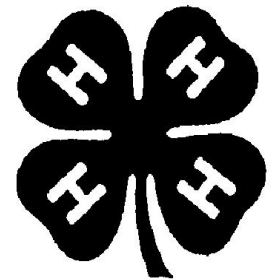


BLANCO COUNTY YOUTH SHOW



2025-26

Rule Book



SHOW

December 29-30, 2025

SALE

January 3, 2026

Sponsored by the Blanco County 4-H and
FFA Youth Council whose purpose is to
promote agriculture and other activities of
4-H and FFA

REMINDERS / UDATES

(<https://blancocowildgameandyouthshow.weebly.com/documents.html>) – for rule book online

- **ALL Entry Forms** are all due DECEMBER 1, 2025 (page 27)
- **ALL Entry Fees & Validation-Ethics-Rulebook Confirmation Forms** are due at time of Validation or on Order date for Poultry made payable to BCYC. – **THIS IS NOT YOUR ENTRY FORM**
- **ALL Turkey and Broiler entry fees** must be paid when you order your birds.
- Last day for LATE entries 4:00 PM DECEMBER 12, 2025 (\$10 fee + \$50 late fee)
- Rabbits must be Owned and On Feed at validation and/or DECEMBER 1, 2025.

New/Change/Update:

- Page 17-19 – **UPDATED** 2025-2026 TEXAS 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROGRAM ETHICS POLICY (updated April 2025)
- Show Dates and Schedule – (page5)
- Work Day schedule (page 3)
- Page 7 – Arrival and Departure **UPDATE** Paragraph 4: ALL **cattle, swine, lamb & goat** exhibitors **MUST** complete the PRE-classification form (pg 25) out **prior to classify/weigh-in** with breed, ear tag number and exhibitor's name. Any exhibitor arriving without this form will go to the back of the line – **NO EXCEPTIONS**. All tags must be clean and clearly legible.
- Page 8 Showmanship #5 **UPDATE**: Showmanship Divisions for Cattle, Sheep, Goats and Swine are:
- Page 8 Showmanship #7 **NEW**: Poultry and Rabbit showmanship will be judged during the show. A champion and reserve champion will be awarded for each species
- Page 11 PREMIUM SALE GENERAL RULES – Item 2 **UPDATED**: An exhibitor may sell two (2) projects provided **one is a livestock project** placing 1st or 2nd in its class and the other project places in the top 80% of its class, is an Ag Mech Champion/Res Champion, is a Golden Ticket or Junior/ Senior Sweepstakes.
- Page 16 – EXHIBIT HALL – **UPDATE** - EXHIBITORS EARNING A PLACE IN THE PREMIUM SALE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME RULES OUTLINED UNDER THE “**PREMIUM SALE GENERAL RULES**” SECTION (PAGE 11) IN THE BLANCO COUNTY YOUTH SHOW RULE BOOK. **Potential Sale Lots** -- SR AND JR SWEEPSTAKES AND 3 “GOLDEN TICKET” SALE LOTS AS DETERMINED BY THE JUDGES.
- Page 25 -- PRE-CLASSIFICATION FORM: -- MUST COMPLETE - **ALL Exhibitors MUST have this form filled out PRIOR to unloading any animal at the Blanco County Show. Exhibitors not having the proper form filled out when unloading will be sent to the back of the line – NO EXCEPTIONS**

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There will be NO Floor Resale Available.

ALL animals will be taken home by the exhibitor.

**Exhibitor Auction Add-On deadline is five (5) working days following the sale
(Friday, January 9, 2026 at 5 pm).**

BLANCO COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Position</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Laine Crownover		Johnson City	2026
Brian Faris	Chairman	At-Large	2026
Jason Hohenberger		Johnson City	2026
Keitha Johnson	Executive Secretary	Blanco	2026
Terrell Johnson	1 st Vice-Chairman	Blanco	2028
Charles M. Jones, Jr.		Blanco	2027
Justin Jones		Blanco	2027
Chad Meyer		Blanco	2028
Bubba Moeller		Johnson City	2028
Sandra Ortiz		Blanco	2027
Richard Ortiz		Blanco	2028
Brett Perrenoud		Johnson City	2028
Larry Scott		Johnson City	2027
Randy Sultemeier	2 nd Vice-Chairman	Johnson City	2026
Chris Welch		Johnson City	2027

Non-Voting Directors

Blanco Agricultural Science Teachers

Travis Kersten

Kayla Taylor

Blanco County Extension Agents

Gretchen Sanders – Family & Community Health

Carley Howell – Agriculture

Johnson City Agricultural Science Teachers

Steven Meier

Jerry Lee Lewis

Brooke White

Division Superintendents

Cattle – Larry Scott

Sheep – Richard & Sandra Ortiz

Poultry – Chris Welch

Shop Projects – Terrell Johnson

Swine – Chad Meyer

Goats – Randy Sultemeier

Rabbits – Laine Crownover

Exhibit Hall – Gretchen Sanders

ENTRY FEE DEADLINE:

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE:

LATE ENTRY DEADLINE:

SHOW BARN WORK DAYS:

SALE ADD-ON DEADLINE

Species Validation deadline

Poultry (turkey & broiler) – Order Date

December 1, 2025

December 12, 2025

(1) Saturday, December 6, 2025 – 8 am

(2) Tuesday, December 30, 2025 – 5 pm

(3) Sunday, January 4, 2026 – 1pm

Friday, January 9, 2026 – 5pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 6, 2025 8 am → **Workday #1** – Show Barn Setup / cleanup

Sunday, December 28, 2025

3 pm → Shop may begin arriving

Monday, December 29, 2025

7 am → All Sheep, Goats & Cattle begin arriving and checking in.

8 am → ALL Shop begin arriving

9 am - Noon → Exhibit Hall entry Check in – No Entry Accepted after 12:00pm

9 am → Cattle, Sheep and Goats must be checked in/weighed in and in place in the Show Barn. These species will be classified and weighed upon arrival.

10 am → Judging will begin (Divisions will follow with no set time or order)
Market Goats, Market Cattle, Market Lambs

1 pm → Judging of Exhibit Hall entries – Area closed to the Public

7 pm → ALL Shop must be in place

9 pm → **ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE REMOVED.** (After disposition completion in office)

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

7 am → Rabbit, Turkey and Broiler projects begin arriving & Checking-in.

8 am → Judging of Shop Projects.

→ All Swine begin arriving & checking in – will classify & weigh on arrival

9 am → All Turkey & Broiler entries must be checked in/weight in & in place in Barn

10 am → ALL Swine and Rabbit projects must be checked in/weigh in & in place in Barn
All species will be classified and weighed upon arrival.

10:00 am → Judging will begin (Divisions will follow with no set time)
Turkeys, Broilers, Rabbits, Swine

9 am-5 pm → Exhibit Hall Project Silent Auction – Food items conclude at 5pm

5 pm → Exhibit Hall entries not in silent auction must be removed.

9 pm → **ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE REMOVED.** (After disposition completion in office)

Tuesday December 30, 2025 5 PM → **Workday #2** – Cleanup-Setup for Sale

Saturday, January 3, 2026

10:30 -Noon → Exhibit Hall Silent Auction – sewing, hobbies, fine art & photography

11:00 am → Shop Projects Silent Auction Begins

→ Judging of the Salsa Contest to support Scholarship Fund

→ Buyers Appreciation Luncheon in the Show Barn

→ Hospitality Room Open for Sale Buyers ONLY until the end of the sale

1:00 pm → Premium Sales Begins in the following order:

Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions

Division/Breed Champions

Reserve Division/Breed Champions

1st Place of Each Class, 2nd Place, 3rd Place of Each Class, Etc.

Sunday, January 4, 2026 1:00 pm → **Workday #3** – Show Barn cleanup

Friday, January 9, 2026 ALL SALE ADD-ON'S DUE to BCYC Secretary

GENERAL SHOW RULES

Exhibitor Eligibility

1. The Blanco County Youth Stock Show is open to all active and eligible members of Blanco Co. 4-H and FFA programs as defined by those organizations' guidelines for membership. Under the rules and regulations for these organizations, no exhibitor shall be allowed to enter projects in another county's show.
 - A. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA by the date of validation for their species or as of **October 31st**, whichever comes first. The exception to this will apply to new/transfer students, cattle and turkey exhibitors only. For cattle & turkey exhibitors, enrollment into either 4-H or FFA **MUST** be completed within 30 days of open enrollment for the current school year.
 1. Exhibitors who are not enrolled in 4-H or FFA at time of validation will **NOT** be allowed to validate or enter their animal for the county show.
 2. It will be the responsibility of the County Extension Agents (CEAs) or Ag Science Teachers (ASTs) to provide the list of enrolled members to the appropriate Board Representative or Division Superintendent prior to the validation for each species.
 - B. Exhibitors must attend 50% of all scheduled meetings of the club/chapter in which they are enrolled and their projects are entered/validated under to be considered an "active member" and be eligible to show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know when and where these meetings occur and make every effort to attend. It will be the responsibility of the CEAs and ASTs to provide the board with meeting attendance rosters at the time of No Pass No Play or Late Entry for verification of compliance.
 - C. Exhibitors who do not meet these requirements will **NOT** be allowed to show.
2. The exhibitor and their projects will not be allowed to participate in the County Youth Show if all academic requirements are not met as outlined by the Texas Board of Education. Validation of exhibitors will be the responsibility of the County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teachers. The CEAs and ASTs will notify the Board of Directors prior to the check-in time of those exhibitor's ineligible for participation in the show. Exhibitors who are ineligible at check-in time are ineligible for participation in the county show. Those exhibitors deemed academically ineligible may not have their entries changed to a sibling's name under late entry for any reason.

Substitute Exhibitors: - (FORM pg.22)

1. Only exhibitors who meet the eligibility provisions of sections 1 and 2 above and have an entry in the stock-show may serve as a "Substitute Exhibitor".
2. A Substitute Exhibitor may only be used in the event that an exhibitor has multiple projects in the same class. This includes entries being shown in Champion and Reserve selection classes for division champion, breed champion, or grand champion.
3. In the event that a substitute exhibitor is required due to extenuating circumstances such as a documented physical affliction or ailment preventing effective ability to present their project, conflict with school activity, or other situations which prevents the exhibitor from being present, on the grounds, at the time of their respective class. These situations should be communicated to the Superintendent and/or the ring assistants prior to the start of the class. The Superintendent will have final approval for any substitute exhibitor. Simple communication does not imply approval.
4. Every effort should be made by the entered exhibitor to show their own animal when possible.
5. Failure to meet these requirements may result in disqualification of the entry being exhibited by the substitute exhibitor.

Arrival and Departure Information

All projects will arrive and classify, check-in/weigh-in in accordance with the posted schedule unless notified otherwise by the BCYC prior to the show. Any changes if made will be communicated to the CEAs and ASTs.

All livestock trailers and haulers should park in the parking area to the West of the show-barn (rodeo parking area).

Once an animal has crossed the scale and/or checked in, no substitute/replacement entry will be allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, animals that die after check-in or do not meet weight requirements for their respective weight requirements.

Updated

ALL cattle, swine, lamb & goat exhibitors MUST complete the PRE-classification form (pg 25) out prior to classify/weigh-in with breed, ear tag number and exhibitor's name. Any exhibitor arriving without this form will go to the back of the line – NO EXCEPTIONS. All tags must be clean and clearly legible.

Pen assignments will be made by the Division Superintendent and will be made available to each exhibitor at check-in. Every attempt will be made to distribute pen assignments before the show to the CEA and/or Ag teachers, however last-minute changes may be necessary and the Superintendents reserve the right to re-assign pens at any time. Note that the wash racks are not an assigned pen and are NOT to be used for staging animals for entry into the show ring.

All animals must be checked in, or in line for check-in, by the cut-off time for that division. Late arrivals will not be allowed to be checked in unless mitigating circumstances exist and check-in is approved by the Superintendent for that division.

Once checked in, animals led outside of the barn prior to/during their respective division will be subject to disqualification from the show.

Departure

Exhibitors may only remove/load out their projects from the facility after the completion of their respective divisions (this includes Grand/Reserve/Showmanship classes) **–AND–** completion of their disposition form(s) in the office. **DISPOSITION OF EACH PROJECT IS MANDATORY.** All animals must be removed from the Show Barn no later than 9:00 pm on Tuesday evening. Shop projects and Exhibit Hall entries in the silent auction are to remain until after the sale begins. Exhibit Hall projects not included in the Silent Auction must be removed no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday evening.

DIVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR ENTRY

Market Animal Projects

Broilers	Rabbits	Turkeys	Hogs
Lambs	Cattle	Goats	

Non-Animal Projects

Shop Projects – Wood, Metal, Wood/Metal Combo, Trailers and Ag Machinery and Equipment
*Exhibit Hall – Entry through Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service

2026 Judges

Shop Projects	Mark Dunning & Ray Langley
Poultry	Travis Franke
Rabbits	Buster Klingemann
Cattle	Mark Zoeller
Lambs	Keaton Dodd
Goats	Dave Marcath
Hogs	Clint Halfman



Classifiers

Cattle Classifier(s) - TBA
Swine Classifier(s) - TBA
Lamb Classifier(s) - TBA

Project Eligibility

1. Each project must be under the supervision of the County Extension Agents or the Agricultural Science Teachers. The project should reside within the boundaries of Blanco County and/or the boundaries of the Blanco ISD or Johnson City ISD in order to be eligible for entry. The only exception to this rule will be for exhibitors whose parents are employed by one of the districts and reside outside these boundaries. In those cases, those projects may be kept at the exhibitor's place of residence in lieu of a location within the districts' boundaries.
2. Each project must be validated for purposes of ownership in accordance with the current year's requirements and deadlines as prescribed by the State and must be tagged with the current year's state validation tag.
3. For tagged animals, ear tags must be readable and be of the current tags issued that year for validation for that species. Either outer ear tag or inner button should be readable if issued.
4. Exhibitor will not be allowed to enter or show an animal or project that has EVER been previously shown at the Blanco County Youth Show. (If animal has been previously validated it is the exhibitor's responsibility to prove whether it has been shown or not in this show).

Showmanship Competition

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1. Exhibitors with entries in the show are eligible for a showmanship award.
 2. All animals shown in the showmanship competition must be validated in the name of the exhibitor or a sibling.
 3. Substitute exhibitors who do not have an entry in the division are not eligible for showmanship in the division for which they show. (i.e. An exhibitor with only a swine entry, but serving as a substitute exhibitor in the goat division will not be eligible for goat showmanship)
 4. Showmanship competition is voluntary.
 5. Showmanship Divisions for Cattle, Sheep, Goats and Swine are:
Senior Showmanship Division – Grades 9-12
Intermediate Showmanship Division – Grades 6-8
Junior Showmanship Division – Grades 3-5
 6. The Senior, Intermediate and Junior Showmanship classes will be performed following the Grand & Reserve Champion drive in each Division and will be judged by the judge for that species. All eligible exhibitors who wish to participate shall return for their respective class or as determined by the Judge.
 7. Poultry and Rabbit showmanship will be judged during the show. A champion and reserve champion will be awarded for each species.

Entry Fees/Forms

1. An entry fee of \$10 for each project is due at each species validation deadline, on poultry order date or December 1 for Shop Projects.
2. Entries paid for after the species validation deadline or poultry order date will be subject to a late fee of \$50 in addition to the \$10 entry fee. Late entries will be taken until 4 pm on Dec. 12, 2025. Late entries WILL NOT be accepted without a signature from the CEAs and ASTs.
3. ALL exhibitor entry forms must be completed and turned into your CEAs and ASTs by December 1st and must reflect the specific exhibitor's name and number of entries for each species according to entry fees paid at time of validation. At this time the number of entries per species will be declared for each member of the family. The addition of exhibitors or animals after this date will be considered a late entry.
4. A project can be entered only one time. Entries are specific to an exhibitor not a family.
5. Once an entry is submitted, changes will not be allowed outside the original entered division.
6. Corrections /changes that constitute the addition of an animal or project not previously entered will be considered a late entry and may not be made after 4:00 pm, December 12, 2025.
7. Entries are non-refundable.
8. Projects entered by an individual who fails to meet the requirements set forth under "Exhibitor Eligibility" portion of this rulebook, including "active member" and "No Pass, No Play" are not eligible for late entry by other individuals, including siblings.

Exhibitor Responsibilities

1. Each exhibitor/family shall complete and sign the enclosed Validation/Ethics/Rulebook confirmation form acknowledging they have received and/or reviewed a copy of the current year's rule book at the time their projects are validated. This shall serve as acknowledgment and understanding of the rules.
2. At the time of validation each exhibitor shall complete or update the fore-mentioned form for location of their project.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for completing and turning in their entry forms by December 1, 2025.
4. Each exhibitor is responsible for having their projects in place according to the scheduled check-in times for that project.
5. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their animal(s) until removed from the building.
6. Each exhibitor is responsible for knowing the tag numbers for their animals from time of check-in to time of removal from the barn.
7. Each exhibitor is responsible for removing their animal(s) from the building no later than 9pm Tuesday evening of the show, and only AFTER their respective divisions have been completed –AND– disposition forms completed and turned into the Office. (unless approved by the board)
8. Each exhibitor and/or their parent or guardian is responsible for disposition of their animal/project lot for sale purposes by notifying the office and completing the necessary paperwork within one hour of completion of their division. In the event that an exhibitor has projects across multiple divisions and has qualified more than one project for the premium sale, they must notify the main office of their intentions no later than one hour after the completion of the last show on Tuesday evening. The division superintendent will make the decision of the disposition of a project if the exhibitor has failed to make their intentions known, which can and may include "NOT IN SALE".

Definition of Disposition (See also "PREMIUM SALE GENERAL RULES")

Each exhibitor MUST complete their disposition sheet for each project in the office; this sheet must be signed by the exhibitor or the parent/guardian. The "definition of disposition" is what an exhibitor intends to do with his/her project/sale lot at the conclusion of the show. Disposition will tell the office which unit is to be entered in the catalog for sale, and which entry is not.

Ethical behavior

1. Each exhibitor/family shall agree to the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics form, page 17-19, when they sign the Validation/Ethics/Rulebook confirmation form and/or make an entry in the show. These rules apply to all entries.
2. Any exhibitor caught abusing or otherwise exercising inhumane treatment of their own or other's projects will be disqualified from the show.
3. Failure to follow the rules outlined in this rule book or Ethics policy may result in disqualification and/or the exhibitor may not be allowed to show or sell their projects. The Youth Council reserves the right of judgment and enforcement in each case.
4. Each project shall be subject to investigation of any first-hand witness of unethical fitting or alteration practice by the Blanco County Youth Council. Animals that have been given any form of intoxicating beverage, tranquilizer prior to judging will be disqualified. Any product administered internally or externally to alter the appearance or conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited and will be cause for disqualification. This includes but is not limited to stomach pumping, airing injections, blocked shearing techniques, and/or drenching with carbonated beverages. This does not include products such as Calf-Calm, Pig-Calm or those approved for major stock-shows. The use of non-agricultural approved grooming products, graphites, dyes, hemp, false tail-heads, glued on hair, or hair-like substances, or other similar substances externally is prohibited. The Blanco County Youth Council Directors can/will verify these activities by examination and/or use of veterinary analysis and/or state approved resources.

Drug Use

All market animals and poultry must be free of illegal drugs and not within the withdrawal period of any chemical. Any exhibitor whose animal is condemned during slaughter will forfeit the total proceeds of that animal. It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that their project is free of prohibited substances and unethical fitting practices. The Exhibitor shall have sole responsibility for providing security for their project(s) to prevent introduction of substances or practices which may violate these rules.

Bedding Materials and Use of Hay

1. Bedding Materials will not be provided. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring shavings for their animals.
2. Animal exhibitors will not use straw or hay for the bedding of any animals.
3. Feeding of small amounts (flake or less) of hay will be permitted as long as the amount of hay offered is completely consumed and no large bales of hay are brought inside the barn at any time. Any unconsumed hay shall be removed from the barn immediately.

Weigh-In and Re-Weighs

All animal weights are official at the official weigh-in time. No re-weighs will be permitted on market beef animals, lambs, goats and hogs. A five-pound tolerance will be allowed on the **minimum** for lambs, goats and hogs. A five-pound tolerance will be allowed on the **maximum** for hogs.

Clipping of animals

1. No clippers which require an electrical cord are allowed to be used on ~~Swine, Goats, Lambs or Steers~~ on any project once they arrive on grounds. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch-up clipping and the animal/project is subject to disqualification.
2. Lambs & Goats must be shorn slick, with no indication of blocking, to the skin above knee and hock joints to include the head & tail switch for goats before arrival on the grounds. This will be strictly enforced.
3. Any sheep or goat presented with inconsistent shearing patterns over the loin edges or belly lines of these animals shall be considered illegal blocking/fitting of the animal and will be dealt with according to the rules regarding unethical fitting.
4. No fitting, trimming or blocking tables will be allowed in the barn at any time. A head stand may be used in your pen for sheep and/or goats.
5. NO Blowers; except for use on cattle in the cattle barn.

Photography & Filming - Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the Blanco County Youth Show & Sale. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any Blanco County Youth Show & Sale event, and by entering the Grounds and/or competitive events associated with the Blanco County Youth Show & Sale, you consent to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to the Blanco County Youth Show & Sale, and you further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

Indemnity and Enforcement of Rules by Youth Council

Each exhibitor shall guard, protect or preserve their projects as the Blanco County Youth Council does not undertake to do so. The Directors will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to projects, owners or spectators.

Activities Not Related to the Youth Show

Any activity that affects the operation of the show and sale must be presented to the Youth Council Directors for their approval and endorsement.

Market Animals & Shop Projects - Awards & Prize Money – distributed as outlined below:

Division Grand Champions - \$40 & Belt Buckle – (Shop = Jacket)

Division Reserve Grand Champions - \$25 & Jacket

1st Place in a Class - \$12 & Ribbon

4th Place in a Class - \$6 & Ribbon


2nd Place in a Class - \$10 & Ribbon

5th Place in a Class - \$5 & Ribbon

3rd Place in a Class - \$8 & Ribbon

Exhibitors not placing in the prize money awards of a class will receive a corresponding placing ribbon. Contributions for awards or prize money will be applied at the discretion of the Youth Council Board of Directors.

PREMIUM SALE GENERAL RULES

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1. All animal projects, except market beef animals, must place in the top 80% of its POSTED class to qualify for the Premium Sale. (In the event any animal fails to enter the show ring for its POSTED class it shall make up a portion of the 20% NO SALE group)
 - a. the judge will have the authority to award a Premium Sale Lot card at their discretion when an exhibitor's animal places below the "TOP 80%" of its class, if the animal is consistent with the quality and presentation of those animals placed above it. Will ONLY apply to goats, sheep and swine projects. This card does not qualify someone to have two lots in the sale.
 2. An exhibitor may sell two (2) projects provided **one is a livestock project** placing 1st or 2nd in its class and the other project places in the top 80% of its class, is an Ag Mech Champion/Res Champion, is a Golden Ticket or Junior/ Senior Sweepstakes. EXCEPTION: Each cattle exhibitor may sell one market beef animal. They may sell a second market beef animal if the first market beef animal places 1st in its class or is the Reserve Grand Champion overall of the show, and the second market beef animal must place in the top 80% of its class.
 3. Each exhibitor may sell no more than two qualified projects in the Premium Sale. An exhibitor may qualify more than two projects; however, the total number sold in the Premium Sale by each exhibitor may not exceed two.
 4. In the event that an exhibitor qualifies with more than two Grand and/or Reserve Grand Champions, the exhibitor shall disposition which 2 projects he/she wants to sell. The additional Grand and/or Reserve Grand Champion sale position(s) may be used to benefit the BCYC Scholarship Fund.
 5. Exhibitors must be present for their sale lot number to sell their project(s) unless arrangements have been made with the Division Superintendent regarding someone to go through the sale for them. If this rule is not complied with, the project will not be sold. Use Substitute exhibitor form on page 22.
 6. In order to reduce stress on animals and move the sale along at a quicker pace, exhibitors only will be going through the sale ring.
 7. All exhibitors will be assigned a sale lot number.
 8. Gifts for the buyers through the sale ring will not be permitted.
 9. Animals not making the Premium Sale may be bought through the Youth Show; if there is a Floor.
 10. Exhibitor Auction Add-On deadline will be five (5) working days following the sale (Friday, January 9, 2026 at 5 pm.)
 11. Exhibitors are required to present ALL buyers for their projects with "Thank You" notes within 90 days of the Sale (April 3, 2026). Thank you notes must be verified by club/chapter leaders in order for checks to be released to the exhibitor. If unable to complete this task within 90 days, all money for that project will be returned/refunded to the buyer(s).
 12. Exhibitors will have 90 days from the date of their check release to cash/deposit their checks. If unable to complete this task within 90 days, all money for that project will be returned/refunded to the buyer(s).

COMMISSION FEES

A 5% commission fee will be deducted on all premium sales. Such fees will be used for capital improvements or at the discretion of the Youth Council.

Exhibitor Check Release Policy

Checks from the sale of projects will be released on the following schedule and dependent on the number of work days the individual helps to prepare or clean-up for the Stock Show. – Based on Work Day Sign in Sheets

- Three Work Days – 1st Check Release
- Two Work Days – 2nd Check Release (14 days later)
- One Work Day – 3rd Check Release (14 days after 2nd release)
- No Work Day – 4th Check Release (when funds are available to cover checks)

Proposals for changes to these rules should be directed to the BCYC Directors AND presented in the BCYC Annual meeting. Adaption of the rule changes will be made by vote at the first regularly-scheduled directors' meeting following the Annual Meeting. A quorum of Youth Council Directors has the right to change any procedures as deemed necessary or in the best interest of the show.

DIVISION RULES

POULTRY DIVISION (no sorting of birds in the barn)

TURKEYS

Maximum Number of Entries:	2 (1 hen & 1 tom ONLY per exhibitor)
Weight Limit:	None
Owned & On-Feed By:	To be determined by batch
Classes:	Hen / Tom

1. All turkey entries must come from the same batch to be eligible for this show.
 2. The CEAs & ASTs will select hatches.
 3. All turkey entries must be checked in alive.
 4. All turkeys must be removed from the grounds immediately after the Poultry show & after disposition.
 5. No resale/floor will be available for turkeys.
 6. Entry fees for Turkeys must be paid on the date ordered. If not, they are subject to late fees.
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BROILERS

Maximum Number of Entries:	2 pens (1 pen of 3 pullets & 1 pen of 3 cockerels)
Weight Limit:	None
Owned & On-Feed By:	To be determined by batch
Classes:	Pullets & Cockerels

1. All broiler entries must come from the same batch to be eligible for this show.
 2. Broiler projects should not be older than 7 weeks.
 3. Broilers will be banded and validated by the CEAs.
 4. The CEAs and ASTs will select hatches.
 5. All broilers must be checked in alive.
 6. All broilers must be removed from the grounds immediately after the Poultry Show & after disposition.
 7. No resale/floor will be available on broiler entries.
 8. Entry fees for Broilers must be paid on the date ordered. If not, they are subject to late fees.
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RABBIT DIVISION

Maximum Number of Entries	2 pens (3 rabbits per pen)
Weight Limit	Minimum 3 lbs & maximum of 6 lbs per rabbit
Owned & On-Feed By:	December 1, 2025 or validation whichever is earlier

1. Must be purebred
2. Must be 58-80 days old on show day
3. Rabbits must be validated and tattooed. The CEAs and ASTs must verify birth of rabbits.
4. Pens must consist of 3 rabbits of the same age and each rabbit must be tattooed in one ear.
5. Rabbits may be sifted by the judge for poor quality or being overage or underage.
6. Classes will be split at the discretion of the Rabbit Show Committee.
7. No resale/floor will be available for rabbits.

GOAT DIVISION

MEAT GOATS

Maximum Number of Entries:

3

Weight Limit:

Minimum Weight 50 lbs

Maximum Weight None

Owned & On-Feed By:

October 31 or validation whichever is earlier

Classes

Divided by Weight Breaks

1. All goats must be validated in the State Validation Program and therefore, must be owned and on-feed by October 31st or county validation date whichever is earlier, Goats not validated are ineligible for County Show.
2. Wethers and does may be shown.
3. The show is open to any breed or crossbred market goat.
4. Exhibitors are encouraged to show disbudded goats. Goats that have horns tipped and pose no danger will be allowed to show. Horns must be tipped and dry upon arrival on the grounds.
5. Must be shorn slick, with no indication of blocking, to the skin above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding the tail switch, before arrival on the grounds. Unshorn goats will not be checked in.
6. **SEE “Clipping of Animals” for all Clipping and Hair rules. Page 10**
7. Number of classes will be determined by the Superintendent. There will be 3 divisions in weight; light, medium and heavy. Division champions will show for overall Grand and Reserve Champions.
8. Exhibitors may show their goats with chains, collars or halters.
9. Any goats found to have external parasites will be disqualified.
10. No resale/floor will be available for goats.

SWINE DIVISION

MARKET HOGS

Maximum Number of Entries:

3

Weight Limit:

180-280 lbs

Owned & On-Feed By:

November 30 or validation whichever is earlier

Classes:

Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Dark OPB, White OPB
& Dark Cross and Cross

1. All hogs must be validated in the State Validation Program and therefore, must be owned and on-feed by November 30th or county validation date whichever is earlier. Hogs not validated are ineligible for County Show.
2. Barrows and gilts are eligible to show.
3. Hogs will be shown by breeds.
4. Breed classes will be divided by weight.
5. **SEE “Clipping of Animals” for all Clipping and Hair rules. Page 10**
6. Only standard grooming materials may be used for show ring preparation. Glitter, paint and other decorations are NOT standard. (Hogs may be washed with soap and water.)
7. No feeding, watering, or washing will be allowed during the arrival and weigh-in time. The Superintendent will announce when you will be allowed to do so.
8. No washing will be allowed during the cattle show.
9. Hogs will be divided into classes as determined by the Hog Show Committee.
10. Hogs will be weighed and classified upon unloading. Questions regarding classification must be made by the close of weigh-in.
11. All exhibitors MUST have the attached Exhibitor Unloading form (pg25) filled out with ear tag number and exhibitors name at check-in. Any trailers arriving without cards filled out will go back to the end of the line – NO EXCEPTIONS.
12. All ear tags MUST be clean and clearly legible and known by exhibitor.
13. No resale/floor will be available for hogs.
14. Dark Cross Classification - Swine with black and/or red pigmentation (i.e. not sandy, rusty, orange, roan, gray or blue), comprising of at least 20% of total body area. Swine may be black or red belted, black/red patched or spotted. Swine with only blue, rusty, sandy, orange and/or gray are NOT considered Dark Cross.

SHEEP DIVISION

MARKET LAMBS

Maximum Number of Entries:

3

Weight Limit:

Minimum 90 lbs, no max

Owned and On-Feed By:

October 31 or validation whichever is earlier

Classes: **Hair Sheep**
Southdown

Dorper, Barbado, St. Croix, Katahdin or a cross between these breeds

Hair color on muzzle should be mouse colored, gray to brown, nostril pigmentation may be black to purplish-gray, muzzle should be broad; head of moderate length, ears should be of moderate length, covered with short hair or wool, black hoof color, birth marks are acceptable.

Finewool

Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet or a cross between these breeds.

Finewool Cross

Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50 % finewool breeding and the remaining percentage exhibiting predominance of medium wool breeding (Hampshire and/or Suffolk)

Medium Wool

This class generally includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit in Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross or Southdown breed divisions. This includes all other breeds of animals not listed above.

1. All lambs must be validated in the State Validation Program and therefore, must be owned and on-feed by October 31st or county validation date whichever is earlier. Lambs not validated are ineligible for County Show.
2. Wethers and ewes may be shown.
3. Lambs will be classified into breeds. Questions regarding classification must be made before the close of weigh-in.
4. All exhibitors **MUST** have the attached Exhibitor Unloading form (pg25) filled out at check-in.
5. Lambs must be shorn slick, with no indication of blocking, to the skin above knee and hock joints to include the head before arrival on the grounds. This will be strictly enforced.
6. **SEE “Clipping of Animals” for all Clipping and Hair rules. Page 10**
7. Lambs will be divided into classes as determined by the Lamb Superintendent
8. The order for which breeds will be shown will be determined by the Lamb Superintendent.
9. No resale/floor will be available for sheep.

CATTLE DIVISION

MARKET BEEF CATTLE

Maximum Number of Entries:

3

Weight Limit:

850 lbs minimum

Owned and On-Feed By:

June 30 or validation whichever is earlier

Breed Divisions:

American

Sire and/or dam of purebred breeding of one or more of the following: Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, or Simbrah. Must exhibit Bos Indicus characteristics.

British

Sire and dam of purebred breeding of the following: Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, or Shorthorn.

Exotic

Sire and/or dam of purebred breeding of one or more of the following: Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine-Anjou or Simmental.

1. Cattle too unruly to be safely shown by an exhibitor will be sifted and removed from the Show Barn.
2. **ONLY** Steers may be shown.
3. All cattle must be validated in the State Validation Program and therefore, must be owned & on-feed by **June 30th** or county validation date whichever is earlier. Cattle not validated are ineligible for County Show.
4. No permanent tooth rule. Cattle obviously too old at validation will be disqualified by the Cattle Validation Committee consisting of the CEA, ASTs and the Cattle Superintendent.
5. Cattle will be divided into classes as determined by the Cattle Committee.
6. Cattle will be shown with no adhesive (blow & go).
7. Cattle will be slick shorn if Ft. Worth goes to slick shearing.
8. **SEE “Clipping of Animals” for all Clipping and Hair rules. Page 10**
9. No resale/floor will be available for cattle.

SHOP PROJECT DIVISION

Deadline for Entry: December 1st
Maximum number of entries: 1
Classes: Metal, Wood, Wood & Metal Combo, Trailer, Ag Machinery & Equip

1. Projects are to be entered and shown by one exhibitor.
2. Projects must have been constructed by FFA or 4-H members either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in agricultural science or as part of their supervised work experience program. Projects must be designed and constructed under the direct supervision and guidance of the AST/CEA.
3. Plans/drawings and estimated costs for each project must be turned in by with entry Dec. 1st.
4. Project Binder containing, (an orthographic drawing, bill of materials) and the exhibitor are to be present with the project while being judged – no exceptions.
5. The top 5 projects in each class will receive ribbons and prize money.
6. ONLY Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions are eligible for the premium sale. – Premium Sale rules on page 11 Apply. – Project is not actually sold to Buyer as this is a Premium Sale ONLY.
7. All other projects may be sold by private treaty by Exhibitors.
8. All projects are to remain on display until after the premium sale begins.
9. Projects are to be 25% wood or 25% metal to be considered a combination project. Ag Machinery & Equipment must have a combustion piston. Trailer projects are those items which are not removeable from the trailer. The Shop Judges will make this determination.
10. A waiver will be presented to each buyer waiving the Youth Council of any liability associated with these projects.
11. The sample score sheet below will be used as a guideline for the judging of all projects.

SAMPLE

SHOP PROJECT SCORECARD

EXHIBITOR NAME: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION _____

CATEGORY: ☐ WOOD ☐ METAL ☐ TRAILER ☐ WOOD/METAL

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| 1. DRAWING, BILL OF MATERIALS
COMMENTS: | 10 PTS | SCORE _____ |
| 2. DIFFICULTY (Skills involved)
COMMENTS: | 30 pts | SCORE _____ |
| 3. KNOWLEDGE OF PROJECT
COMMENTS: | 20 PTS | SCORE _____ |
| 4. QUALITY OF WORKMANSHIP, ACCURACY
COMMENTS: | 30 PTS | SCORE _____ |
| 5. FINISH QUALITY OF PROJECT
COMMENTS: | 10 PTS | SCORE _____ |

TOTAL SCORE _____

DIVISION PLACING _____

EXHIBIT HALL DIVISION

Please refer to Exhibit Hall Rule Book for additional information. The Exhibit Hall Rule Book is available at <https://blanco.agrilife.org/publications/> or at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Update

EXHIBITORS EARNING A PLACE IN THE PREMIUM SALE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME RULES OUTLINED UNDER THE “**PREMIUM SALE GENERAL RULES**” SECTION (PAGE 11) IN THE BLANCO COUNTY YOUTH SHOW RULE BOOK. **Potential Sale Lots -- SR AND JR SWEEPSTAKES AND 3 “GOLDEN TICKET” SALE LOTS AS DETERMINED BY THE JUDGES.**

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, December 1, 2025

ENTRY FEE: \$10 per entry by December 1, 2025
Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service
PO Box 189 --- 206 S Hwy 281
Johnson City, 78636
Payable to “Youth Exhibit Hall”

Additional \$50 late fee through Late Entry date December 15, 2025

CLASSES: Foods, Sewing, Hobbies, Fine Art& Photography, Educational Exhibits

SCHEDULE: **Monday, December 1, 2025**
Entry Deadline

Monday, December 15, 2025
Late Entry Deadline

Monday, December 30, 2025 – does not qualify as Youth Show Workday
9 am Setup

Monday December 29, 2025
9 am - 12 pm Exhibit Hall entries checked in
12 pm Entries in Place
1 pm Judging of Exhibit Hall entries,
Exhibit Hall closed to public

Tuesday, December 30, 2025
9 am-5 pm Silent Auction (Food Items will conclude at 5:00pm)
5 pm Exhibitors-Pick up items not listed in Silent Auction

Saturday, January 3, 2026
10:30 am - Noon Silent Auction continues for Sewing, Hobbies, Fine Art & Photography
12:00 pm – Exhibitors may remove Educational Exhibits



2025-2026 TEXAS 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROGRAM ETHICS POLICY
(Updated May 2025)



This ethics policy applies to any 4-H/FFA member planning to exhibit animals at livestock shows in Texas. All classes of livestock offered at the livestock event are included: Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Swine, and any other livestock classes offered. This “Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy” will be enhanced with additional rules and guidelines which individual fairs and livestock shows adhere to on the local, county, regional, and state levels. The provisions contained in this policy do not constitute a contract, express or implied, between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas 4-H, Inc., or Texas FFA and any applicant, participant, or parent. Additionally, the terms and conditions contained herein do not create or expand legal rights already existing under the law.

4-H and FFA livestock project exhibitors are under the supervision of an Agricultural Science Teacher or County Extension Agent who serves as the advisor for that project. The Major Livestock Shows of Texas support the educational content and leadership provided by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and the Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas. Also, the Texas Major Livestock Shows fully support the administrative authority of Agricultural Science Teachers and County Extension Agents to certify the fulfillment of all validation protocols and appropriate paperwork between the exhibitor, Texas 4-H/Texas FFA, the major livestock shows and the supervising educator. Exhibiting livestock is a privilege, and exhibitors must comply with this document and respect the authority granted to his/her supervisor. Additionally, any verbal, physical, or otherwise demonstrated threats or comments toward validation personnel, volunteers, or show leadership will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to: disqualification, a cancelled validation record, and/or future validation records.

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. The use of any illegal drug is prohibited. Any practice used to alter the appearance of an animal entered in livestock events is prohibited (See Rule #9 & #10). Proof of any animal being subjected to illegal and/or unethical practice(s) and/or procedure(s), including inhumane animal treatment, abuse, or neglect, described herein may result in disqualification. If a violation is found of any of the following rules, this may result in a cancelled validation record or future validation records.

All 4-H/FFA exhibitors must follow these rules to enter livestock at organized competitive events.

1. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in the State of Texas and be in good standing and eligible to compete in accordance with each respective organization. The exhibitor must care for their animals under the direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas. Texas 4-H and/or Texas FFA reserve the right to seek verification of enrollment, records, and/or passing status from the accredited governing homeschool association. Exhibitors must be Texas residents. State validated livestock must be housed and cared for in Texas.

2. County-Level State Validation serves as proof of ownership for state validated livestock. For breeding animals, the official ownership date is the date reflected on the registration papers. This date is the specific date for each breed of record as recognized by the validation program. (Individual show rules may determine ownership requirements for non-market animals.) Registered breeding heifers must show the exhibitor as the sole owner of the animal on the breed association papers. Registered breeding heifers with additional registration papers within the breed association of validation record or in another breed association may be evaluated for multiple ownership. If additional registration papers are found active within an association indicating ownership information conflicting with the exhibitor's ownership designation, the livestock may be subject to disqualification.

3. To gain the life skills developed through the livestock project, exhibitors must be closely engaged in the continuous feeding, maintenance, training, grooming and overall welfare of his/her animals. Exhibitors and immediate family/guardians are responsible for providing the primary and continuous daily care of livestock projects throughout the validation period. The validation period begins immediately following the county-level state validation date regardless of the validation deadline date listed. Exhibitors must provide continuous care for all cattle, sheep, swine and goats through exhibition at all livestock shows and/or animal's eligibility to show. Facilities and location/space are a major determining factor in livestock species selection by the exhibitor. In some instances, it may be in the best interest of the exhibitor and his/her learning experience to select a species project that is best suited for his/her facilities and feasibility of housing projects.

a. 4-H and FFA livestock project exhibitors are under the supervision of an Agricultural Science Teacher or County Extension Agent who serves as the advisor for that project. Excessive involvement of third-party consultants, breeders, fitters not affiliated with the Texas 4-H and/or Texas FFA programs is prohibited. Third-party involvement interfering with the exhibitor's ability to provide primary daily care of and engagement with livestock projects may result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock projects owned by all associated exhibitors/families. Likewise, third-party involvement interfering with the County Extension Agent and Agricultural Science Teacher's ability to properly supervise the livestock project may result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock projects or future validation records.

b. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor,

immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agricultural Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species-Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.

c. To obtain prior approval, exhibitors must complete an official 4-H/FFA Validation Rule #3 Prior Approval Form. Exhibitors not obtaining prior approval as outlined above will be subject to disqualification of the livestock in question and any other state validated livestock projects. The form can be accessed here: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Rule-3-Approval-Form.pdf> By signing the Texas 4-H and FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy, the exhibitor and parent/guardian, recognize his/her responsibilities for the primary and continuous care of livestock projects throughout the feeding period and hereby authorizes the State Validation Coordinator or designated representatives and/or State Validation Compliance Team, supervising AST/CEA and the "Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee" **the right to inspect your livestock project(s), along with any other state validated livestock projects on premises, at any time during the feeding period with or without prior notice.** State validated livestock must be made available for inspection at any time requested at the address listed on validation record or any other property (public or privately owned) where the livestock may be located. Failure to make inspection available as requested will constitute a violation of validation rules and will lead to disqualification of the livestock in question and any other validated livestock. Additionally, any exhibitor in violation of the primary and continuous daily care rule is subject to disqualification.

d. The following is intended to serve as a guideline for housing state validated livestock. Texas 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors are expected to follow these guidelines under the supervision and approval of their County-Level State Validation Committee and supervising Agricultural Science Teacher and/or County Extension Agent. In any instance of discrepancy, the Species-Specific State Validation Chairperson and the State Validation Executive Committee have the right to interpret these rules and will have the final decision on all housing inquiries.

i. All state validated livestock should be housed at the home of the livestock exhibitor or a family member or at a county or school ag facility. Any exhibitor who has existing livestock facilities or existing land to build such should house their livestock projects at their residence or at a county or school facility. It is the burden of the livestock exhibitor's family to research and contact all school or county facilities in the county before exploring alternative options.

ii. If the previous facilities do not exist, an alternative facility may be investigated to house the livestock. A facility of this nature can only be explored after previously listed facilities have been exhausted. Alternative facilities must be within the exhibitor's county and/or school district, unless deemed appropriate by designated approval documents. Alternative housing addresses must be listed on the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy Acknowledgement/Signature Form. Additionally, alternative facilities may only be used with approval from the County-Level State Validation Committee. These requests may be denied based on existing evidence of possible housing facilities listed in #1 AND/OR due to concerns of excessive third-party involvement. The burden of seeking approval is on the livestock exhibitor's family. The Species-Specific State Validation Chairperson and the State Validation Executive Committee have the right to interpret these rules and will have the final decision on all housing inquiries in instances of disagreement or interpretation. If an exhibitor is concerned of a potential housing facility that may not be acceptable according to the listed criteria, please contact the Species-Specific State Validation Chairperson for an advisory opinion. All interpretations, decisions and settlements will be made by program leadership to align these rules with the best interest of the program and participants. These requests and/or appeals will be approved/denied based on, but not limited to, the following criteria: existence or availability of housing facilities listed above, location, proximity to exhibitor, excessive third-party involvement, and previous instances of rule violation or excessive third-party involvement at the intended location. Excessive third-party involvement may be defined as, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1) Decision making or advice counter to that of the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher
- 2) Daily or frequent feeding, training, maintenance, washing, rinsing, blowing, or other care practices
- 3) Interfering with or denying access to CEA, AST, and/or any other county or state level committee member as listed in Rule #3 to supervise or check state validated livestock
- 4) Encouragement of or use of unethical fitting or showing practices as listed in Rule #9
- 5) Excessive or misleading advice at livestock shows
- 6) Any rule violations by the livestock housing provider

iii. Violation of livestock show rules or validation regulations by a livestock housing provider may result in the removal of that location from the list of approved validation housing sites, including Rule #3 Approval Form address.

4. Animals validated for the Texas state validation program may also be exhibited at other shows. Be advised, however, the sale or participation in terminal shows will impact the state validated animals per the directives outlined below involving chain of animal ownership.

a. If any Texas state validated animal is exhibited and SOLD at any other major livestock show officially sanctioned by Texas state validation, the animal will be ineligible to show at any subsequent major livestock show in the animal's lifetime. These shows include: Heart 'O Texas Fair, State Fair of Texas, Grandstand/Hill Country District Livestock Show, Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo, Sandhills Stock Show, San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Rodeo Austin, Texas' Elite Showcase, and the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

b. Additionally, Texas state validated livestock offered for sale during the feeding period via private treaty, private or public auction (including terminal county livestock show auctions) will be ineligible to show at any subsequent major livestock show during the feeding period. If ownership changes or has the possibility of changing through a sale offering (including animal(s) purchased back by the exhibitor of validation record), regardless of method or length of time, that chain of animal ownership is considered broken and will be ineligible to show at any remaining livestock shows in the feeding period requiring state validation.

5. DNA samples obtained from livestock at the time of County-Level State Validation must match DNA assays obtained any time during the feeding period for the state validated animal and exhibitor record.

6. A state validated livestock project may not be simultaneously validated in more than one county or state. Additionally, a state validated animal may not be county or state validated under a different exhibitor's name in another county. State validated livestock projects must be validated through the County 4-H Program or Texas FFA Chapter in which they will enter and show the livestock project in Texas major livestock shows.

7. Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered a violation of the rules and guidelines. Any method used to misrepresent the breed or falsification of documents for a breeding animal, as determined by a recognized breed association or livestock show, is deceptive and considered a violation of the rules and guidelines and may result in disqualification of the state validated livestock.

8. Family validation is permitted under certain circumstances. "Family validation" means state validating livestock with related family members in the same household, or separate, in the case of split family divorce situations. To be eligible for family validation, the youth participants must be related family members. "Related family members" for the purpose of state validation means nuclear family, stepfamily, or siblings via guardianship. Failure to utilize the student's legal name on any validation form or livestock show entry form is a violation of the Ethics Policy and may result in disqualification. Documentation, including official government-issued documents, may be requested in order to certify the identity and/or custody status of the youth participant.

9. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class/event or claiming ownership through signage, social media, or any other advertising method is prohibited. A false claim of ownership is a violation of these guidelines and will lead to disqualification.

10. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance, or enhance performance, of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes, but is not limited to, **injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances**; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Acceptable practices of physical preparation which are allowed include: clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning, removal of ancillary teats, and docking of tails.

11. The use of unethical fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices compromising animal welfare will not be tolerated.

12. Livestock exhibitors will be held accountable for the Species-Specific Validation Guidelines for each species in which they state validate livestock projects. Livestock exhibitors will also be held accountable for the rules and guidelines for each major livestock show in which they exhibit state validated livestock. Validation Guidelines may be found at www.texasyouthlivestock.com. To remain in compliance, livestock must be fully validated. A full validation is specific per species and may include: tag, tattoo, nose print, ear notches, and all associated paperwork. Livestock will be held to the full validation as stated in each species validation guidelines. Animals not in compliance with a full validation may be subject to disqualification.

13. The Texas 4-H and FFA State Validation Executive Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and to settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to "Texas 4-H and FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy". All interpretations, decisions and settlements will be made by program leadership in order to align these rules with the best interest of the program and participants.

Any violation of the Texas 4-H and FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy and/or associated validation guidelines, as well as specific rules as designated by individual livestock shows may result in disqualification and/or probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in organized livestock competition. **Possible civil or criminal penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show of exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and/or national levels.** All rule violations will be dealt with on an individual basis by the Specie-Specific State Validation Committee, State Validation Coordinators, and/or appropriate livestock show officials.

I, the parent/guardian and exhibitor, am verifying that I have read the "Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy" and understand the consequences of and penalties involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane, and unfair practices in livestock competition. I am also verifying knowledge that my family and I may be prohibited from future participation in organized validation programs in the State of Texas and could face possible criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties if implicated in any of the aforementioned acts.

2025 TOP BUYERS

BUSINESSES / GROUP	INDIVIDUALS
Blanco Co Wild Game Dinner	
McLane Ford Of Fredericksburg	Fisher, Patrick & Stephanie
Doyle Electric LLC	Denbow, David
Blanco County Buyers Club	Baker, Pat & Becky
Topper Real Estate	Elsbury, Debby
Kinder-Morgan	Keith, Tricia
Terra Vista Landscape & Development	McNett, Calen & Maddie
Onion Creek Homes and Pools	Craig, Garrett & Tatum Greiner, Cheryl
American Buyers Group	Wilke, Gerald
Johnson City Bank	Danz, Martha
Allied Ag Services	Johnson, Keitha & Terrell

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AWARD DONORS FOR THE 2025 YOUTH SHOW

A Cut Above Lawn & Landscape - Chris Welch

A&J's PEMF Wellness - Alison Bullington

Alice Kneupper

Blanco Regional Clinic - Dr Weaver

Blanco River Club Lambs

Blanco Veterinary Clinic

Caresse Troppy - Capital Ranch Sales

Carlette Lewis - Town Creek Properties

Countywide Title - Joe Stewart

CREATIVE AWARDS & TROPHIES

Debra Crawford

Dirt Works

Dorothy Uecker

Early Bird 4-H Club

Hacienda El Charro

In Honor of John & Linda Dechert

In memory of Charles & AnnaLee Jones

In Memory of Chester Goehmann & James Greenhaw

In Memory of David Uecker

In Memory of Dwayne & Janette Hoppe

In Memory of Ed Crawford

In Memory of Greg Schumann

In Memory of Louise Meier Rowe

In Memory of Mandi Welch

In Memory of Pat Baker

In Memory of Pete Ulrich

In Memory of Roy Rowe

In Memory of Slater Sultemeier
In Memory of Uncle Martin Meier
Jack Esser
Jan & August Herrington
Jerry Lee & Carlette Lewis
Jimmy & Carolyn Kezar
John Wood
Johnson City Volunteer Fire Dept.
L & L Drilling
Lazy E Ranch Corp.
Lucky Leaf 4H Club
Martha Danz
Meier Farm
Moeller Enterprises
Myron and Mary Uecker
Odiorne Feed
Pedernales Soil & Water Conservation
Pleasant Hill – Rocky Community Club
Robert Allison Custom Homes
Rosie Danz
San Antonio Ambassadors
Terrell & Keitha Johnson
The Fielding Ranch
The Kirby Hohenberger Family
The Meier Family in Memory of Uncle Roy Rowe
Tom & Nicole Reininger
Tommy and Debby Sultemeier
Town Creek Properties
Ulrich Ranch

If you would like to make a donation to the show, be an award sponsor or prize money sponsor please reach out to Keitha Johnson at BCYC78@gmail.com.

BLANCO COUNTY YOUTH SHOW

SUBSTITUE FORM

Exhibitor Name: _____

Substitute Exhibitor: _____

Division _____ Sale _____

Reason for Substitution (Please attach school letter, doctor's note, etc...)

Signature of Exhibitor

Signature of Exhibitor's Parent/Guardian

Signature of Superintendent

Substitute Exhibitors:

1. Only exhibitors who meet the eligibility provisions of sections 1 and 2 above (Exhibitor Eligibility Rule Book Pg. 6) and have an entry in the stock-show may serve as a "Substitute Exhibitor".
2. A Substitute Exhibitor may only be used in the event that an exhibitor has multiple projects in the same class. This includes entries being shown in grand and reserve selection classes for division champion, breed champion, or grand champion.
3. In the event that a substitute exhibitor is required due to extenuating circumstances such as a documented physical affliction or ailment preventing effective ability to present their project, conflict with school activity, or other situations which prevents the exhibitor from being present, on the grounds, at the time of their respective class. These situations should be communicated to the Superintendent and/or the ring assistants prior to the start of the class. The Superintendent will have final approval for any substitute exhibitor. Simple communication does not imply approval.
4. Every effort should be made by the entered exhibitor to show their own animal when possible.
5. Failure to meet these requirements may result in disqualification of the entry being exhibited by the substitute exhibitor.

Premium Sale General Rules

5. Exhibitors must be present for their sale lot number to sell their project(s) unless arrangements have been made with the Division Superintendent regarding someone to go through the sale for them. If this rule is not complied with, the project will not be sold.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE BLANCO COUNTY
4-H AND FFA YOUTH COUNCIL
2025-2026**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Fee - \$5.00 per person per Year, \$50 per couple for Lifetime, \$30 per person for Lifetime

Please check committees that you would like to be involved in:

Grounds/Barn _____ Awards _____ Scholarship _____

Meal(s) _____ Photography _____ Sale Ring _____

Hospitality Rm _____ Little Britches _____ Decorations _____

Please mail completed application to:

Youth Council Secretary, PO Box 1255, Blanco, Texas 78606

The Blanco County 4-H and FFA Youth Council is dedicated to meeting the needs of young people through involvement in the County Livestock and Project Show. We are committed to helping our youth succeed and strive to reward them for their accomplishments. We are a non-profit organization and operate on a volunteer basis. We welcome you to become involved in our organization.

Date Paid: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Check #: _____ Cash _____

Dues must be paid 7 days prior to the annual membership meeting for the member to be eligible to vote. This meeting is typically held in late February or early March.

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PRE-CLASSIFICATION FORM:

ALL Exhibitors MUST have this form filled out PRIOR to unloading any animal at the Blanco County Show. Exhibitors not having the proper form filled out when unloading will be sent to the back of the line – NO EXCEPTIONS.

All ear tags MUST be clean and clearly legible.

Exhibitor Name

Tag Number

Breed

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BLANCO COUNTY YOUTH SHOW ENTRY FORM

EXHIBITOR NAME _____

PHYSICAL Address _____
(as listed in school registry)

MAILING Address _____

PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

4-H CLUB OR FFA CHAPTER _____ GRADE _____

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>Number ENTERED</u>	<u>Office use only</u>
TURKEYS	Hen (1)/ Tom(1)		
BROILERS	Cockerels (1pen)/Pullets (1pen)		
SWINE	MAX – 3		
LAMBS	MAX – 3		
MEAT GOATS	MAX – 3		
CATTLE (Steer Only)	MAX – 3		
RABBITS	MAX – 2 PENS		
SHOP PROJECTS (Max 1 entry)	Wood		
	Metal		
	Wood/Metal		
	Trailer		
	Ag Machinery & Equip		
TOTAL # Entries			

By signing below, you **agree to comply** with and have **received** the 25/26 Blanco County Youth Show Rulebook and Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy (pg 17/19).

Exhibitor Signature

Is your family a Farm Bureau Member
☐ Yes Acct# _____ ☐ No

Parent/Guardian Signature

CEA/AST Signature

Entry fee is \$10 per project, must be paid by species validation deadline or date of poultry order.
 Entries made after these dates are subject to an additional \$50.00 late fee per project.

Form due December 1, 2025

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BLANCO COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

VALIDATION – ETHICS – RULE BOOK 2025-2026 FAMILY - CONFIRMATION FORM

Exhibitors Names: _____

Grades _____ Schools _____

4-H or FFA Group _____ Enrolled -- yes ☐ no ☐

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address _____

Project Types: ☐ Turkey, ☐ Broilers, ☐ Steer, ☐ Sheep, ☐ Goat, ☐ Swine, ☐ Rabbits, ☐ Shop

Physical Location of Projects: _____

Reason if different than Exhibitor: _____

Did you receive a copy of the 2026 Blanco Co. Youth Show Rulebook? _____ Yes _____ No

**By signing below, you agree to comply with the
2025/26 Blanco County Youth Show Rulebook and
2025-2026 TEXAS 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROGRAM ETHICS POLICY**

Exhibitor Signatures: _____

Parent Signature: _____

All projects are subject to verification by The Youth Council Board of Directors or their designee.