

2026 Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show

January 23-25, 2026

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NEW for 2026

- General Rule 20 - Verification of Project Location
- Commercial Heifer Scoring System: Record book 5pts, Exam 30pts

2026 HALLETTSVILLE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

Sunday January 18th

- 1 pm - Commercial Heifer Recordbooks due to the HJLS Committee @ Test Location
- 1 pm - Commercial Heifer Test & Interviews begin @ Hallettsville HS Cafeteria
- 1 pm - Market Show and Commercial Heifer Pen Setup @ Expo Center

Thursday January 22nd

No market or breeding livestock or poultry will move in on Thursday.
SCALES WILL BE OPEN FROM 5:00 P. M. TO 7:00 P. M. FOR CHECK WEIGHING ONLY

Friday January 23rd

- 7- 9am -Commercial Heifer Arrival
- 7am -Barn Open for Market & Breeding Halter Species Arrival (No Swine)
- 8 - 8:30am -Lamb Weigh & Sift
- Goat Weigh & Sift
- 8:30 - 9am -Steer Weigh & Sift
- 9 - 10:30am -Market & Breeding Swine Arrival, Weigh, Sift
- 10:30 am -All Breeding Halter Heifers must be in place
- 10:30 - 11am -Rabbit Check-in
- 11am -Commercial Heifer Judging begins (no exhibitors present)
- 11:30am -**Mandatory** Market & Comm. Heifer Exhibitor Meeting (**EVERY** individual exhibitor present)
- 12 - 1pm -Lunch Break
- 1:30pm -Broiler Check-in & Sift
- 2pm -Broiler Show & Showmanship
- 3pm -Lamb Show & Showmanship
- 4pm -Goat Show & Showmanship
- 5pm -Rabbit Show & Showmanship

Saturday January 24th

- 10am -Commercial Heifer Awards & Auction
- 12 - 1pm -Lunch Break
- 1pm -Steer Show
- Halter Heifer Show (immediately following steer)
- Cattle Showmanship (immediately following halter heifer)
- 4pm -Market Swine Show
- Breeding Gilt Show (immediately following market swine)
- Swine Showmanship (immediately following breeding gilt)
- 11pm -Sale Order Posted

Sunday January 25th

- 8 - 10am -Release of all Non-sale animals and Breeding Animals
- Animals not removed will be considered terminal and included in Resale Lots
- 10am -**Mandatory** Market & Comm. Heifer Exhibitor Meeting, Cleanup, Auction Setup
- 12 - 1:30pm -Market Auction Buyer's Social
- 2pm -Market Show Auction

Monday January 26th

- 8 am -Pen Teardown - Parent volunteers encouraged to ask a Board Member for specifics!

2026 Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show Rules

1. Entry & Eligibility

All species of livestock must be validated on the specified date with an official Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show or State of Texas major livestock show tag and an official entry card for each animal must be returned by the entry deadline with the appropriate fees. Any animal not validated and an official entry card turned in by entry deadline will be ineligible to show.

Any family with an animal with an ear tag that appears to have been tampered with may be ineligible to show. In the event that an animal loses the official validation tag, exhibitors are to immediately inform their supervising ag science teacher or county extension agent and arrangements will be made with the board to have the animal retagged. Retagging may require DNA processing to verify animal identity and will require payment of additional \$10 validation tag fee.

Exhibitors must meet all 4-H or FFA membership requirements. He/She must be a member of one of the Hallettsville 4-H clubs or the Vysehrad 4-H club, or Sweet Home 4-H club, Hallettsville FFA or Hallettsville Jr. FFA. He/she must reside in the Hallettsville, Sweet Home, Vysehrad or Ezzell School Districts and/or attend school at Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, Sweet Home, Vysehrad, or Ezzell school. He/She may participate in a certified home school, meeting all home school requirements and living in the Hallettsville, Sweet Home, Vysehrad, or Ezzell school districts.

Junior exhibitors suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play" are ineligible to participate in the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show activities. Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition.

All FFA and 4-H exhibitors are considered to be eligible by the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show to participate in the show at the time entries are received from the AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who has a member in his/her FFA or 4-H who becomes ineligible to participate in the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show according to Texas Education Code 33.081 must provide written and signed notification to the Hallettsville Junior Livestock show Board BY 8:00 A.M. on the day of Move In (Friday). If such notification is NOT received BY 8:00 A.M. on the day of Move In (Friday), the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show will consider the exhibitor as eligible to participate.

Other Livestock Shows - An exhibitor who shows his/her animal in another livestock show in Lavaca County during the current stock show season is not eligible for the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show. This rule excludes any Prospect/Jackpot/Progress shows.

2. The HJLS board of directors is the governing body of the Livestock Show. The presidents of the Hallettsville FFA and one of the Hallettsville 4-H clubs will serve as Student co-chairmen of the show. The FFA Advisors and the County Agent will serve as advisors of the stock show. The Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show reserves the right to the HJLS Board of Directors the final and absolute authority to interpret these rules and regulations and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. All exhibitors, by entry into the show, do hereby agree and contract to abide and be bound by these rules and all HJLS Board of Director official decisions.

The Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show reserves the right to its board of directors the final and absolute authority to enforce penalties for violations of these rules and regulations, including the rules set forth in the special rules for each entry division. Penalties are enforceable at the sole discretion of the board of directors and may include any action deemed necessary, including but not limited to, disqualification from the show

and/or sale, forfeiture of sale proceeds, and/or disqualification from all future shows. Any sale proceeds forfeited will go to the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show general fund.

3. Any cash donations made by supporters may go directly to the FFA Chapter or to the 4-H Club. Any joint donations will go to the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show General Fund.

4. A special account, the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show Account, has been established. Expenses pertaining to the stock show (equipment, prizes, prize money, judges, etc.) will be paid from this account.

5. All classes of livestock will be sifted according to quality and modern standards.

Sifting - Animals will be sifted as they cross the scales. Each animal will be weighed on the official scale only *one* time. Sifted animals may move out after sifting, but not later than 2pm Friday.

6. The show management is not responsible for accidents or losses.

7. No one will be allowed to assist members in showing livestock after judging begins, unless a member has more than one animal in the same class. Only another 4-H or FFA exhibitor with an entry in the 2026 Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show may assist or be a substitute showman.

8. Students must keep records on projects and write thank you notes certified by FFA Advisors or County Agent. These recordbooks and Thank You notes must be seen by AST/CEA at discretion of the CEA/Advisor.

9. No diseased animals will be allowed to enter the show.

10. The decision of the judges is final. Judges or sifters must not be interfered with while they are judging or sifting. Anyone in violation of this rule will be subject to removal from the show grounds.

11. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$150.00, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the Livestock show management immediately after occasion for such protest. Protests will be accepted prior to judging or immediately at the conclusion of judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete investigation is done.

12. Exhibitors are expected to be ready for their class when it is called. Class judging will not be delayed to wait on an exhibitor unless he/she notifies the ring announcer that he/she is having problems and needs more time. When a class is called, all animals are to be brought to the alley where the class is being lined up. When the gate to the arena is opened all animals in that class are expected to enter the arena. When the last animal that is in the alley enters the judging arena, the arena gate will be closed. Other animals entered in that class will be scratched and will not be allowed to show or sell.

13. Any exhibitor who is not present at any mandatory meeting or to present his/her animal for weighing/sifting will be fined up to 20% of premium monies, per incident, not to exceed \$200.00 per incident and not to exceed \$500.00 per family, derived from prizes and/or premiums. These monies will be deposited to the show operating account. Should extenuating circumstances occur such as illness that would prevent an exhibitor from participating in these activities, prior notification must be made to his/her County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor AND a member of the Board of Directors. Exhibitors must be present for judging, sale order, and market sale. On sale day, all exhibitors in the market and commercial sale must remain on the grounds until released by show management. Takedown of Auction area, chairs, etc must be completed before release.

15. Each exhibitor is responsible for keeping his stall and animal clean and presentable. Every exhibitor should provide clean feed and fresh water to their livestock twice each day beginning Friday morning and through Sunday morning.

16. Sifted animals should be removed from the show grounds prior to 2pm on Move In day.

17. Exhibitors must secure a written release from show management before any sifted animal, nonplacing market animal, or breeding animal may be removed from the barn. If an exhibitor violates this rule he/she will be subject to having all prize money and premiums won on any entry withheld and exhibitor will be subject to being banned from all future Hallettsville Junior Livestock Shows.

18. Showmanship judging will be held immediately following the market show of each species. All breeding and market animals, swine, lamb, goat, broiler, and cattle will be included in showmanship for their respective species. Breeding animals will participate with the market animals.

19. Exhibitors will be allowed to validate their commercial heifer, broiler, steer, lamb, goat, or swine to the family, instead of the individual exhibitor. Exhibitors will be allowed to validate(tag) up to four market animals per species. Exhibitors must determine the number of each species of animal they plan to exhibit at entry deadline, however the decision as to which member of the family will show individual animals will not need to be made until weigh in on move-in day. Exhibitors will be allowed to weigh in only the number of animals they entered. If an animal weighs out for being too light or too heavy no substitutions will be allowed.

A **\$10.00** validation/tag fee per animal will be charged. This payment is to be made the day of validation/tag.

20. Exhibitors must complete a "Verification of Project Location" form on Tag-in/Validation day. Livestock projects must be located at this physical address for the duration of the raising period. HJLS Board of Directors reserves the right to inspect the premises to confirm the presence of the animal/s on the property at any time during the raising period. Exhibitors/projects found not in compliance may be disqualified from HJLS. If any project needs to be off property for more than 24 hours consecutively, written/electronic communication must be made before travel with a CEA/AST describing the reason and duration of time. Acceptable examples might include veterinary care or jackpot shows.

21. Entry fees will be \$10 per head or pen (broilers), and will be due on or before DECEMBER 1, 2025. Late entries will be accepted for seven days after the above said deadline. However, late entry fees will be \$20.00. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 7, 2025. Entry fees are subject to change from year to year. Entry cards must be turned in for each animal, and a parent or legal guardian will be required to sign the liability statement on the back of each entry card.

22. No artificial coloring may be used on any animal prior to the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show, and no artificial coloring, adhesives, oil, nor any other foreign material may be used on any animal at the show. Violation of this rule will result in immediate expulsion from exhibition and automatic forfeiture of all prizes and premiums.

23. Any animals exhibited in the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show must be trained, fed, fitted or dressed for show by the exhibitor under the direction and assistance of their CEA or AST, or other entered exhibitors, or parent of Hallettsville FFA or Lavaca County 4-H clubs. Animals being trained, fed, fitted or dressed by anyone other than the above will be disqualified.

24. A sale preference form will be passed out to exhibitors at the 11:30am mandatory meeting on Friday of show. This form will be used if you are exhibiting two animals, to declare which of the animals you prefer to sell in the Premium Auction. This preference form must be turned in no later than 30 minutes after the Grand

Champion Swine is selected. If this form is not turned in on time show management will make a decision as to which animal you will sell. If an exhibitor has 2 market champions, please see Rule #7 in Market Auction Sale.

25. All livestock must be clipped before crossing the scale according to their species rules.

26. The Hallettsville Livestock Show Auction is considered a "spot sale" in which there is an immediate transfer of ownership between the seller and buyer. All animals selling through the HJLS Auction Sale are considered sold, and are ineligible for any other market show. All non-HJLS ear tags will be removed from any animal sold and replaced with HJLS identification immediately.

27. Exhibitor/Parent/Guest Code of Ethics:

The Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show is meant to be a family friendly event promoting positive influences on the youth of our community. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor/parent/guest should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification from the show and/or removal from Show grounds.

Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort
- Providing alcohol to underage persons or providing a space for the consumption of alcohol by underage persons.
- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by underage persons

The Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show Board of Directors will review violations brought to their attention and may apply consequence as deemed appropriate.

Unethical Fitting: The use of Medications, Drugs and Chemicals

*NO MEDICINE OF ANY KIND IS TO BE GIVEN TO ANY MARKET ANIMAL ON THE SHOW GROUNDS DURING THE HALLETTSVILLE JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW (FROM THE TIME ANIMAL IS OFFICIALLY WEIGHED UNTIL ANIMAL IS OFFICIALLY RELEASED) BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIANS. IF ANYONE OTHER THAN THE SHOW VETERINARIAN DOES ADMINISTER MEDICINE OR HAVE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES IN POSSESSION THEN THE ANIMAL WILL BE SIFTED AND REMOVED FROM THE BARNS IMMEDIATELY.

DRENCH GUNS ARE ALLOWED TO GIVE NATURAL PRODUCTS BY EXHIBITORS, PARENTS OR ADVISORS. STOMACH PUMPS MAY NOT BE USED ON ANY SPECIES.

Abuse or misuse of drugs and chemicals in show animals by exhibitor will result in his or her being disqualified from show and will result in forfeiture of all premiums and prize money. Necessary medications that do not meet the withdrawal requirements for slaughter on the Monday immediately following our show, can be administered only after approval of the show management.

Every exhibitor, in consideration of his or her entry being accepted by the livestock show association, agrees to submit any animal so entered by him or her to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the veterinarian as to whether such animal is illegally or unethically fitted, shall be final, without recourse against the livestock show association or any of its officers.

The livestock show association reserves the right to have blood, urine, DNA, or tissue laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. An exhibitor found attempting to check-in or exhibit an animal not matching original DNA samples when compared to validation samples, and/or an animal producing

analysis with a quantity of diuretic, tranquilizer, or any medication, and all members of the exhibitor's family, will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show. The use of a diuretic with the intent to deceive relative to body weight at the weigh-in is also strictly forbidden and all applicable parts of the above rule will apply and be strictly enforced.

Unethical fitting: Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.

Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:

- Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species: injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited.
- Use of injections
- Draining of fluids
- Bruising
- Feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food, or marketability of its carcass
- Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections

MARKET STEER

1. Ownership Date – Validated on the official announced validation date, per the Lavaca Co. Extension Office Communication. Steers will be validated and eartagged on or before this date. \$10 per head tag cost due the day of validation. Check with CEA/AST before June 1st to confirm validation date.

2. There is no max or minimum Starting weight. The minimum Show weight is 1,000 lbs, with no maximum.

3. CLIPPING OF MARKET STEERS -- All steers will be clipped to have no more than 1/4-inch hair on any part of the animal's body. Steers will be checked during weigh in. Steers found to have more than 1/4 inch of hair when checked will have until 11 am to remove the excess hair. At this time, steers found in violation of this rule will be sifted and eliminated from competition.

4. In the event of unruly steer during weighing/sifting, all steers will be required to report to the show arena immediately after weigh in. Any steer deemed dangerous or that cannot be controlled by the exhibitor are subject to be sifted by HJLS sift judge in consultation with HJLS Stock Show Board.

5. A separate Brahman class of steer will be included in the market steer show if there are at least five steer, which qualify according to accepted breed standards for a Brahman class. A steer must be at least 3/8 Brahman to qualify for the separate class. If there are not five steers that are eligible for the Brahman class then no separate class will be created. Breed declaration should be made by the exhibitor at the time of weighing steer if Brahman classification is desired. The classifier or sifting judge will make the final determination on the breed of the steer. The classifier's/judges decision is final.

MARKET LAMB

1. Ownership Date – Validated on the official announced validation date, per the Lavaca Co. Extension Office Communication. Lamb will be validated and ear-tagged on or before this date. \$10 per head tag cost due the day of validation. Check with CEA/AST before October 1st for the official validation date.

2. Lamb must cross the scales weighing 100 to 175 pounds. Weights above or below are automatically sifted.

3. Lamb classes will be divided into a number of classes to ensure that no more than 12 are in each judged class.
4. Lambs will be shown with no more than a two-week shear.
5. Female/ewe lamb are not eligible for the Hallettsville Junior Market Lamb Show.

MARKET GOATS

1. Ownership Date –Validated on the official announced validation date, per the Lavaca Co. Extension Office Communication. Goats will be validated and ear-tagged on or before this date. \$10 per head tag cost due the day of validation. Check with CEA/AST before October 1st for the official validation date.
2. Goats must cross the scale weighing 65 to 120 pounds. Weights above or below are automatically sifted.
3. Goat classes will be divided into a number of classes to ensure that no more than 12 are in each judged class.
4. Goats will be shown with no more than 5/16-inch hair above the hocks and tails should be bobbed.
5. Only wether goats are eligible for the market goat show.
6. Females/does are not eligible for the market goat show.
7. Goats must be dehorned or have the horns tipped. The end of the horn must be larger than a dime in diameter.
8. Goats may be any breed or crossbred.
9. Goats must be shown with either a collar (chain, nylon, etc) or a halter during the show.

MARKET SWINE

1. Ownership date: Validated on the official announced validation date, per the Lavaca Co. Extension Office Communication. Market swine will be validated and ear tagged on or before this date. \$10 per head tag cost due the day of validation. Check with CEA/AST before November 1st for the official validation date.
2. Market Swine must cross the scale weighing 230 - 290 pounds. Weights above or below this weight will be automatically sifted.
3. Market swine classes will be set according to weight to be determined after all market swine are weighed in.
4. Females/gilts are not eligible for the market swine show.
5. Swine should be handled appropriately at all times while on the property using an acceptable swine show stick, slapper, or pointer. Questionable devices may be confiscated by HJLS.

6. All hogs must be ear notched at the time of validation. Any un-notched hogs will be notched by a show board member/Ag teacher/CEA at time of validation.

MARKET BROILERS

1. Ownership Date - Date of delivery. Birds must be purchased and paid for at time of ordering jointly through 4-H and FFA, with delivery occurring approximately 45 days prior to show.
2. Validation fee due at time of pick will be \$10 per pen.
3. Broiler entries will consist of a pen of 3 birds.
4. Students with Market Auction broilers will contact the buyer and ask if they want processed birds delivered. If so desired, it is the exhibitors responsibility to facilitate the processing & delivery of birds in an acceptable and timely manner.
5. Exhibitors cannot switch birds after birds are officially delivered.
6. Exhibitors may show either sex.
7. Broiler exhibitors must order chicks in multiples of 25 and must purchase a minimum of 25 broilers.
8. Broiler will be subject to sifting for any defects, including but not limited to broken bones and bruises.
9. Wing bands attached to each bird at the time of chick pickup must remain attached and be present on the wing of each bird at the time of sift.

MARKET RABBITS

1. A market rabbit pen will consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and can be either sex.
2. Exhibitors may validate up to 5 rabbits per exhibitor for the pen of 3. Rabbits may be validated as a family with the total number not exceeding 5 per sibling in the same household.
3. Validation will occur in mid-December. Specific date and time and location to be determined by the HJLS board of directors. Validation will consist of tattooing the rabbits with numbers unique to each individual exhibitor (or family).
4. Pens will be provided for the rabbits while on the show grounds. Each exhibitor must provide feed, bowls, water, waterers and containers (such as a laundry basket) to transport their rabbits to and from the judging area.
5. Each individual rabbit must weigh between 3 and 5.5 pounds at official show weigh in.
6. Sick/diseased animals that are sifted must be promptly removed from the show grounds.
7. Validation fee due at time of tattoo will be \$10 per pen.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW

1. This project is not a part of the market division of the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show; therefore, an exhibitor can sell in this program as well as in the Junior Livestock Market Sale.
2. All entries in the Commercial Heifer Show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show. Validation of commercial heifers will occur on the scheduled date in June. Contact your AST/CEA to confirm the official validation date before June 1st. Validation/tag fee will be \$10 per head. Entry must be made before the entry deadline (Dec 1st) and is \$10 per pen.
3. The Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for junior exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show.
4. Each exhibitor is eligible to show and sell only ONE pen of heifers, which will consist of TWO head.
5. Each exhibitor is eligible to validate and raise THREE heifers, but only two will be entered as a pen. The remaining heifer and/or any ineligible heifers will not be considered as a part of the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale.
 - a. Extra heifers WILL NOT BE SOLD at show. Arrangement for sale of the extra/ineligible heifers is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor/owner.
6. Sale order will be determined by personnel at the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show.
7. All heifers entered in this division must have been born in the fall of 2023 or spring of 2024.
8. All heifers entered in the Commercial Heifer Show must be dehorned.
 - a. Button scurs or scurs smaller than quarter size at the base do not have to be removed.
 - b. Horn regrowth on a dehorned heifer is accepted as long as it is less than 3" long from the base of the skull.
9. Sale Eligibility
 - a. Quality sift for sale will be determined by the judges and/or the HJLS Board of Directors.
 - b. Heifers need not be halter broken; however, no wild or unruly animals will be accepted. If it is necessary to remove one unruly heifer from the pen, the unruly heifer would receive no points and will not be eligible to sell in the Commercial Heifer Sale. The sale of unruly heifers will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
10. Ownership date is the official validation date. All heifers must be calfhood vaccinated against Brucellosis with the official veterinarian's clip tag or tattoo in place at the time of tag in. All heifers validated must weigh a minimum of 600 pounds on validation date. All heifers may be weighed on this date at the Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co. scales and will be assigned an official Hallettsville

Junior Livestock Show validation tag. All heifers will be officially tagged and/or weighed before June 30th, 2025.

- a. No replacement heifers will be accepted after the official validation date.

11. Health papers are NOT required by show rule on commercial heifer's prior to arrival at the show; however, all heifers must meet all requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission and the HJLS show before entering the show grounds. If TAHC implements rules requiring testing prior to show day participants will be notified electronically.
12. All heifers entered for the show that have not calved must be palpated by a licensed veterinarian no more than 30 days prior to the show and a Veterinary Record of Palpation must be submitted indicating the trimester which the heifer is bred. The veterinarian will determine which trimester the heifers are bred. The Veterinary Record of Palpation will be submitted at the time of recordbook turn-in.
 - a. All commercial heifers that have not calved prior to show day must be palpated by a licensed vet verifying they are a minimum of 5 months bred by the day of show, accompanied by appropriate palpation verification paperwork. Palpation must occur within 30 days of show date. If heifers are less than 5 months bred according to Veterinarian Certification, they are not eligible for the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale.
 - b. Any heifer not bred at time of palpation will not be eligible for the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale. The remaining heifer will receive judging points, and the exhibitor will be eligible to receive all other points with only a deduction of points for the ineligible heifer.
 - c. Any heifer that calves before December 1st, 2025 will be subject to a 3 point deduction from the cattle score for that heifer, but the heifer will be allowed to show.
 - i. Exhibitors should notify the AST/CEA if a heifer calves prior to December 1st.
 - ii. HJLS Directors reserve the right to conduct random project visits of Commercial Heifer projects.
13. Heifers will be penned in an order determined by the HJLS Directors upon arrival at the Expo Center.
 - a. Pens will be identified with a number.
 - b. Exhibitors will not be present in the pen area during the judging of cattle on Friday.
 - c. All signage and other forms of identification will NOT BE ALLOWED to be displayed until after the judging of the heifers is complete on Friday, January 23rd.
 - i. Upon completion of judging, exhibitors may hang signage and other marketing material on their pen only to assist in the marketing of cattle.
14. Contest Scoring System – 100 points Total
 - a. Live Evaluation of Heifers 40 points (20 pts. Per heifer)
 - b. Exhibitor Record Book 5 points.
 - c. Written Exam 30 points
 - d. Exhibitor Interview 25 points
 - i. Knowledge *15 pts.
 - ii. Presentation *10 pts.
 - e. **Study material will be provided electronically by September 1st.
15. All eligible cattle will sell, there will be no PO of pens allowed!
 - a. There will be no private treaty selling of the two exhibited heifers.

16. There will be a 3% commission fee on all sale lots collected by the HJLS.
17. All guarantees of any nature shall strictly be between the buyer and the seller and shall not in any way bind the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show, its Director or Sale Manager.
18. Schedule
- a. Before June 30th, 2025
 - i. Heifer Validation Hallettsville Commission Company
 - b. Sunday, January 18th, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.
 - i. Written Exam and Interviews will be held on this day.
 - ii. Record Books will be turned in for scoring on this day.
 - c. Friday, January 23rd, 2026
 - i. Commercial Heifer Arrival at Expo Center – 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 - ii. Heifer Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m.
 - iii. Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Expo Center.
 - d. Saturday, January 24th, 2026
 - i. HJLS Junior Commercial Heifer Sale – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Expo Center
 - 1. Heifers will be sold by video/pictures at the Expo Center.
 - 2. Exhibitors must be present for the sale of heifers.
19. Premium money paid will be based on available funds.
- a. Highest Placing Junior Exhibitor Award (8th grade or lower at time of show)
 - b. Junior Rookie will be a first time exhibitor in the 8th grade or lower at the time of show.
 - c. Senior Rookie will be a first time exhibitor in high school at the time of the show.
 - d. Premium Money or prizes will be paid to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Overall Exhibitor.
 - e. All other placing and premiums will be based on monies available.
20. Record Book Content Information
- a. Place a stapled copy of the required pages including the Exhibitor Information, Heifer Validation Form, Vaccination Summary, Summary of Expenses, Vet Expense Summary, and record Book Summary in the front of the record book. These pages coincide with the HJLS Record Book that can be found on the Lavaca County Agrilife website.
 - b. Exhibitor Information Sheet and Entry Form
 - c. Heifer Validation Form
 - d. Expense Summary
 - i. All expenses listed on the Expense Summary in the record book should have supporting invoices and documentation for the expenses.
 - e. Vet Expense Summary
 - i. All expenses listed on the Vet Expense Summary in the record book should have supporting invoices and documentation for the expenses.
 - f. Record Book Summary
 - g. If you validate three animals, then record book expenses for all three animals are to be included even though only two animals will be exhibited.
 - h. Calculating Days - Use the day you purchased your heifers as the first day, and Sunday, January 18th, 2026 as the ending day to calculate days on pasture/pen for your records.
 - i. Breeding Fees should be recorded in the Summary of Expense Pages (Pgs. 7a and 7b).

- j. Pictures of heifers and facilities may be included.
- k. Record Book Summary - feed and roughage calculations should be rounded to the nearest cent.
- l. Heifer Birth Dates - Use month and year
- m. Project Summary - A narrative to summarize your heifer project including the breed of bull that the heifers are bred to and the month each heifer was bred.

21. Record book information – The following costs are a minimum cost used for these items used in the project period. Use actual cost if higher than these figures to determine expenses:

- a. Section I – Summary of Expenses – Pages 7a and 7b
 - i. Round Bale of Hay \$ 70.00
 - ii. Square Bale of Hay \$ 8.00
 - iii. Pasture/Pen Rent \$ 0.40 per head per day
 - iv. Breeding Fee \$10.00 per head
 - v. Artificial Insemination Actual cost of AI including semen cost and labor
- b. Section II – Sales Expense
 - i. Commission Charge 3%
 - ii. Yardage \$1.00 per head
 - iii. Insurance \$0.35 per \$100.00 of value
 - iv. Brand Inspection \$0.48 per head
 - v. Beef Check Off \$2.00 per head

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MARKET SALE ORDER

1. Champions sell first in order with Grand Champion Steer first, Grand Champion Lamb 2nd, Grand Champion Goat 3rd, Grand Champion Market Swine 4th, Grand Champion Broilers 5th, and Grand Champion Rabbits 6th.
2. Reserve Champions follow in the same order.
3. Class winners that remain (1st place) will be sold first after the champions in each market division. The order of species will be Steer, Lamb, Goat, Swine, Broiler, Rabbit.
4. After class winners, all remaining steers will be sold first, then lambs, goats, broilers, rabbit, and swine.
5. To select individual entries for inclusion in the market sale, and for sale order, the following procedure will be used:

(A) The HJLS Board of Directors will determine the number of top placing animals in each class to automatically be included.

(B) The remaining sales will be determined by the official judge for that division by selecting "sale order" for steers, lambs, goats, broilers, & rabbits until the total eligible sales is complete. There will be no

swine sale order during judging. Swine sale order will be determined by placing in the classes with first place in the heavy weight class through first place in the light class, and likewise with second places, third places, etc. until all swine sale lots have been filled.

MARKET AUCTION SALE

1. All Animals will sell by the head or pen.
2. Grand Champions - no limit on how much an individual project may sell for.
3. Reserve Champions cannot sell for as much as the Grand Champion sold for.
4. Class winners cannot sell for as much as the Reserve Champion sold for.
5. All other market animals cannot sell for as much as the lowest priced class winner.
6. A 3% Commission will be charged on all Market Sale items.
7. All Grand and Reserve Champion animals must sell in the market auction, unless the exhibitor has 2 Champion Market Projects. If the exhibitor has one Grand Champion and one Reserve Champion then the exhibitor MUST sell the Grand Champion project.
8. Market Exhibitors will be limited to one Auction Project, and cannot show more than two market entries of any type. If he/she shows two of the same species of animal, he/she must sell the highest placing animal. If an exhibitor shows two different species of animals, the student will be given a choice as to which one to sell. If a student has only one entry, this entry is considered the highest placing animal and if eligible for the sale, must be sold. Failure to abide by this rule will result in banning the student from exhibiting in any future Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show.
 - a. A student may exhibit 1 pen of Commercial Heifer in addition to the Market animal options outlined above and may sell in both the market auction and the commercial heifer auction.

Market Auction

This is a sample of the method used to calculate the number of sales in each division.

115 will be the number of total eligible market sale lots. The number of animals to be sold from each of the six divisions (steers, swine, lambs, goats, broilers, & rabbits) will be based on the number of entries in each division with the following exceptions:

- A. A maximum of 25 steers will be sold if quality permits.
- B. A maximum of 10 pens of broilers will be sold
- C. A maximum of 5 pens of rabbits will be sold
- D. The same percent of lamb, goat, and swine will sell.

To determine the number of sales from each Market division, a mathematical calculation will be used to arrive at equal percentages:

$$\frac{\text{total eligible sale lots X number of exhibits per division}}{\text{total market animal exhibited}}$$

FOR EXAMPLE

Broilers	<u>110 total eligible sale lots</u> X <u>17 pens of broiler exhibited</u>	
	175 total number market animal exhibited	= 10.68 = Max 10 sell
Steer	<u>100 total eligible sale lots remaining</u> X <u>15 steer exhibited</u>	
	158 total remaining number market animal exhibited	= 9.49 = 15 sell (up to 25 max)
Lambs	<u>85 total eligible sale lots remaining</u> X <u>14 lamb exhibited</u>	
	143 total remaining number market animal exhibited	= 8.32 = 8 sell
Swine	<u>85 total eligible sale lots remaining</u> X <u>99 swine exhibited</u>	
	143 total remaining number market animal exhibited	= 58.84 = 59 sell
Goats	<u>85 total eligible sale lots remaining</u> X <u>30 goat exhibited</u>	
	143 total remaining number market animal exhibited	= 17.83 = 18 sell

Number of Sales in Division

Broilers	10
Rabbits	5
Steers	15
Lambs	8
Swine	59
Goats	18

115 Sale Lots

BREEDING BEEF HALTER HEIFER & GILT SHOW

1. Breeding beef halter heifers exhibited at the HJLS may be registered or commercial type (no registration papers). If they are non-registered heifers they must be identified by an HJLS ear tag. Registered beef heifers must have valid breed association registration papers in the exhibitors name by the date of tag-in that correspond to permanent identification (brand/tattoo) on the animal.
2. All breeding gilt must be ear tagged with a State validation tag or may be tagged with an HJLS tag.
3. Breeding animals may be validated at the steer, lamb/goat or swine validations. The final day to validate any breeding animal for the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show will be at the swine validation.
3. Beef heifers born prior to September 1, 2023 are not eligible to show.
4. The show management will determine judging classes and premium classes after all entries are in.
5. Breeding animals will receive premium ribbons, or be judged in classes depending upon number in each class.
5. Breeding swine show classes will be broken by weight.
6. Breeding Beef Heifers will be classed based upon age at time of show.
7. No male animals nor pregnant gilts or sows will be permitted to show.

8. Students are limited to three (3) head of breeding stock per division.
9. No fitting will be allowed for the heifer show. Blow and go only, no adhesives, colors, etc.
10. All breeding animal identification ear tag/tattoo/brand numbers with corresponding birth dates must be listed on entry card. All breeding show exhibitors must identify tag numbers/tattoo/brand of entries that they plan to show on Friday of Move In by 11:00 A.M. Any exhibitor failing to fill out entry cards with the above information and turn in correct identification tag/tattoo/brand by 11:00 A.M. will be scratched from the breeding show.
11. Prize money amount may change due to money available.
12. There must be three breeding animals entered to hold the show.

AWARDS

1. Buckles or banners will be presented to Market Champions.
2. Awards will be presented for market cattle, lamb, goat, broiler, and swine showmanship, which will include a banner and a \$100.00 cash prize for first place winners in each division if money is available.
3. Herdsman Awards will be presented to exhibitor who maintains best project representation throughout show.
4. Hard Luck Award: Application forms for a hard luck award will be available from the HJLS board in the Show Office. Parents or students may submit applications. Applications must be received by noon on Saturday to be considered.