

Goliad County Fair and PRCA Rodeo



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Goliad County Fairgrounds

Goliad, Texas

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One chairperson, from each committee on the executive board that is in attendance at the time of the executive meeting gets a vote. In absence of the chairperson, one co-chairman may vote in their place. In the event a person holds two positions on the executive board, the said person only has one vote.

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Schedule

Wednesday, March 18

Commercial Heifer Interviews	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Ag Mechanics Project Check-In	9:00 am – 12 noon
Homemaking Projects Check-In	10:00 am–12 noon
Ag Mechanics and Homemaking Judging	1:00 pm

Check In

Wednesday, March 18

Commercial Heifers	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
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Thursday, March 19

Hogs	8:00 am – 10:00 am
Rabbits	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Lambs	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Goats	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Poultry	10:30 am - 11:30 am
Beef Cattle	11:00 am – 12:00pm

Show

Thursday, March 19

Commercial Heifer Judging closed to the public	9:00 am
Broilers	1:00 pm
Turkeys	2:00 pm
Rabbits	3:00 pm
Hogs	7:00 pm

Friday, March 20

Lambs	9:00 am
Goats	10:00 am
Pee Wee Goats	Following Goats
Extra Special Livestock Show	11:30 am
Commercial Heifer Awards	12:00 pm
Steers	1:00 pm
Breeding Cattle	Following Steers
Commercial Heifer Auction	4:30 pm

Saturday, March 21

Blue Ribbon Auction and Ag Mechanics Auction	12:00 pm
Homemaking Check-Out	5:00-6:00 pm

Sunday, March 22

Livestock Load Out	8:00 am
Sunday Morning Cleanup	Following Load Out
Homemaking Check-Out	8:00-9:00 am

GENERAL RULES

GENERAL CONDUCT: Each exhibitor, parent, vocational instructor, Extension agent, and adult leader is on his/her honor to abide by the rules and report any violations to the GCFA Executive Board. Upon entry each individual agrees to read and comply with all the rules of the show as provided herein. Any individual not abiding by these rules will be subject to penalties including a minimum penalty of loss of the resale value of the animal withheld from their sale proceeds, forfeiture of any premium money, or a maximum penalty of permanent disbarment from participation in future shows. Penalties will be prescribed by the Goliad County Fair Association's Executive Board or its duly appointed representatives.

1. Only youth who are Goliad County FFA members, Jr. FFA members, FCCLA or 4-H club members who have not exceeded the 12th grade or equivalent and do not exhibit projects in another county/school show are eligible to show or sell in the Goliad County Fair. For exhibitors (livestock, homemaking, ag mechanics) to be eligible to show or sell, the exhibitor must attend at least 5 of 7 meetings in their respective 4-H club or FFA chapter between the months of September 2025 and March 2026; furthermore the exhibitor must have turned in a record book in their respective 4-H club or FFA chapter at the conclusion of the previous show year (due date of books to be set by respective 4-H club or FFA Chapter). If an exhibitor is affiliated in both 4-H and FFA, the exhibitor must complete both the meeting and record book criteria in at least one organization. For an exhibitor to be able to show in the Goliad County Fair they must either reside inside Goliad County or attend Goliad Independent School District as a student. They must also be a member in good standing of Goliad County 4-H or FFA. No exceptions will be made.
2. The Goliad County Fair Association (GCFA) will support state legislation regarding 'No pass/no play'. Ineligible exhibitors will not be allowed to show their market animal for judging. However, ineligible exhibitors will be allowed to have a substitute exhibitor take their market animal through the sift. The animal will not be judged during the regular show. Ineligible exhibitors who make the sift will sell market animals at red

ribbon prices.

3. For exhibitors to be eligible to show livestock, Ag Mechanics or make auction with a food item, a parent or legal guardian, or designated adult of the exhibitor must attend at least 2 Fair Meetings and at least 2 Fair workdays. The new year begins with the April regular GCFA meeting.
4. At least one parent/legal guardian of exhibitors or their designated adult will sign up on the official concession stand/dance/parade work schedule poster by March 1, to work in designated areas. Exhibitors whose parent/legal guardian or their designated adult does not sign up by March 1, will be ineligible to show. If the exhibitor does not end up participating in the current year's fair, the parent/legal guardian is still responsible to work the designated shift they signed up for. Exhibitors (participating or not) whose parent/legal guardian or designated adult signs up by that deadline but does not actually work their shift during the show will have 50% of their sale/premium money retained by the GCFA and will be ineligible to show the following year.
5. All exhibits will be controlled by the Division Chairs.
6. All exhibitors will turn in handwritten Thank You letters to their appropriate organization, no later than April 10, 2026. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$50 deduction from sales check for the exhibitor.
7. New rules can be proposed to the Division Chairs, executive officers, or 4-H or FFA advisors prior to the April meeting. New rules must be approved by the Executive Committee before being voted on by the membership at the May GCFA meeting. Any rule changes proposed during the year may be considered by following this process:
 - a.) Executive board meets and approve proposed rule.
 - b.) Notify membership at GCFA meeting of proposed rule.
 - c.) Vote by membership at next regular GCFA meeting
8. Any issue not covered by these General Rules and Regulations shall be considered and acted upon by the Special Rules Committee (including clarification and discrepancies). Special Rules Committee consists of the 4-H and FFA Advisors, the

Division Chairs and the GCFA President. Failure to comply with any rules listed herein could include the following but not limited to warning, deduction of 50% sales and premiums, disqualification.

9. The GCFA will not assume any liability or responsibility for damages, injuries or death to animals or exhibitors.

PREMIUMS/AWARDS

Livestock

1. Breeding livestock:

Breeding livestock will be awarded banners and buckles for grand and reserve grand champion if there are at least 3 entries in the category.

Premium money will be awarded to breeding animals that receive a blue ribbon. Amount of the premium money to be awarded each grade will be set at the regular Goliad County Fair meeting in April. Exhibitors will receive a maximum of two premiums for breeding animal entries.

Premiums will be awarded to only Goliad County 4-H club and FFA exhibitors.

2. Market animals:

Awards for market animals will be as follows:

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion entries will receive banners and buckles.
- Division champion winners will receive banners.
- All placing animals that qualify for auction shall receive rosettes corresponding to their overall placing.

Market Swine, Lambs and Goats 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th winners in each weight class that do not win Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd, 4th, or 5th place of the show shall receive premium money.

Market Steer 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th place winners in each breed division that do not win Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd, 4th, or 5th place of the show shall receive premium money.

Buckles will only be awarded in each category if there are at least 3 entries.

3. Herdsman awards:

Banners will be awarded to the exhibitor, family or club that exhibits good care for their livestock throughout the show.

They will be awarded in seven categories as follows:

1. Beef
2. Swine
3. Sheep
4. Goats
5. Rabbits
6. Turkeys
7. Broilers

4. Showmanship awards:

Showmanship buckles will be awarded in beef, swine, lamb, broiler, turkey, rabbit and goat divisions in three exhibitor age divisions: junior (3rd – 5th grade), intermediate (6th – 8th grade), and senior (9th – 12th grade). Market and County Junior breeding show exhibitors are eligible for showmanship competition.

5. Additional awards:

Awards for the Fryer Rabbit Show and Turkey Hen Show will be as follows:

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion entries will receive banners and buckles.

Places 3rd through 5th will receive banners only.

Buckles will only be awarded in each show if there are at least 3 entries.

Homemaking

1. All entries must be products of the exhibitor and created from April of the previous year to March of the current year.
2. Class premiums will be awarded to Junior, Intermediate and Senior entries who are members of 4-H, FFA, Jr. FFA or FCCLA and receive red or blue ribbons. ****IF ARTICLES ARE NOT CHECKED AND PICKED UP AT CHECK-OUT TIME, PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED. ****
3. A Best of Show Award of \$50.00 with a runner up award of \$25.00 will be given in each of the following Divisions: Clothing, Crafts, Needlework, Shop, Art, Photography and Food, classes 1-17. This award excludes the High Point Future Homemaker Award.
4. High Point Future Homemaker Award: Buckle awarded to the High Point Future Homemaker and the Runner Up High Point Future Homemaker. Any high school youth in 4-H, FFA, Jr. FFA or FCCLA, desiring to enter this competition must submit a total of five (5) entries and declare an intention to compete upon entering and before any judging begins. There must be two entries in Foods, one in Clothing (must be sewn), and two in Crafts, Needlework, Art, Photography, or Shop. High Point entries will be judged individually on the appropriate class scorecard, then they will be judged as a set prepared by the exhibitor and scored on difficulty or creativity for up to 100 additional points. The youth receiving the highest average will be named the High Point Homemaker. The High Point and Runner-up winners are guaranteed to auction one of their items, provided the items are entered in the classes allowed for auction AND are awarded blue ribbons.

SALES

Livestock

1. All sales will be under the control of the GCFA.
2. All entries will be sold by experienced livestock salespersons designated by the Sales Committee.
3. All sales must be authentic sales and checks covering same made payable to the Goliad County Fair Association or GCFA.
4. The secretary, treasurer, sales committee chairman, and designated County Extension office employee will keep a complete record of all sales, collect from buyers, and make payment to the consignors.
5. Each exhibitor will be held responsible for his or her entries unless picked up by buyer or loaded to be butchered.
6. Option to sell as Premium or Terminal – the exhibitor is to declare at check in if the animal will be premium or terminal. The sale sheet will show if the animal will be available or not to the buyer.
 - Option A: Premium – Exhibitor will maintain ownership of the animal after the show and will take the animal home on Sunday morning. If the animal is to be removed after its designated show time to be taken to another show, the exhibitor will have to get written permission from the chairman and the president of GCFA.
 - Option B: Terminal – Animal will be offered to primary buyer. If the primary buyer does want the animal, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to coordinate with the buyer how they would like to get their animal picked up and slaughtered. If the primary buyer does not want the animal, exhibitor maintains ownership.
7. Animals that do not make the auction will still have a barn buyer if they find one. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to coordinate with the barn buyer to find out what they would like to do with the animal. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to take home or make sure animal is picked up by buyer at 10:00 am on Sunday morning. GCFA will not provide resale buyers for

any animals.

8. Sale Schedule: Open auction with Grand Champion Steer followed by remaining Grand Champions of each market species, followed by Highpoint Sweepstakes Winner. Next will be all Reserve Grand Champions of each market species followed by Runner-Up Highpoint Sweepstakes Winner. Then all 3rd place overall animals followed by 2 Homemaking items, all 4th place overall animals, followed by 2 Homemaking items, all 5th Place overall animals, followed by 2 Homemaking items, all 6th place overall animals, followed by 2 Homemaking items, all 7th place overall animals, followed by 2 Homemaking items, all 8th place overall animals, followed by 2 Homemaking items, all 9th place overall animals, followed by 1 Homemaking items, all 10th place overall animals (if applicable). There will be a meeting by Sales Committee before the fair starts each year to establish the order the homemaking items will sale. It will be posted on the door of Homemaking Building when the winners are posted.
9. All exhibitors who qualify for the auction are required to set up and tear down for the auction on Saturday and are required to sign in for both set up and tear down on the sign-in sheet/s. A parent/legal guardian or designee (determined by the exhibitor or parent/legal guardian) will be allowed to set up and tear down instead of exhibitor and must sign in on the sign-in sheet/s as well. If the exhibitor is not represented by him/her, parent/legal guardian or designate at both set up and tear down 50% of the monies earned by the exhibitor at the auction will be forfeited unless prior arrangements have been made with the Executive Committee.
10. No dyes, paints, or glitter on market animals. If exhibitor does not comply, a reduction or resale value will be deducted from exhibitor's sale/auction money.
11. No item can be added to the Auction unless the proceeds benefit FFA, FCCLA, and/or 4-H. This includes any item donated back to the auction after being purchased from the exhibitor. The exhibitor can only receive sale proceeds from the first sale of the item.

12. Youth exhibitors may sell breeding animals at private treaty.
13. One lot position is provided for auction with the proceeds to benefit non-sale market animal exhibitors. The funds received are to be divided equally among all non-sale market animal exhibitors. Exhibitors in the Sale of Champions auction are not eligible for the funding. Donation items such as livestock, equipment, services and other items could be presented to the buyers of the lot. The lot will be auctioned after the sale animals and before the food sale lots.
14. Exhibitors must be present for sale of animal. Exceptions may be permitted only under extreme circumstances; and must have the approval of the Goliad County Fair Special Rules Committee. (See General Rule No. 7) Exhibitors are simultaneously exhibiting projects at a major show (i.e. Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) may have a substitute eligible 4-H or FFA member exhibit their project through the sale. It is the responsibility of the 4-H or FFA family to inform the division chairman prior to the sale if a substitute is to be utilized. It is also the responsibility of the 4-H or FFA family to arrange the substitute exhibitor and is not the responsibility of GCFA, its advisors, or its volunteers.
15. A 3% commission will be charged to ALL livestock exhibitors' total gross premium received, excluding any add-ons they might receive on the official add on form. This includes ALL Blue Ribbon Auction total sale price, barn animals, Ag Mechanics, and commercial heifer exhibitors' gross sales price. The revenue generated will go into a Special Designated Fund. All homemaking items are excluded from the 3% commission.
16. All market animal species will sell up to 10 animals in the Blue Ribbon Auction. To be eligible for auction, the animal must be awarded a blue ribbon.
17. In all market animal divisions during the Blue Ribbon Auction, the Reserve Grand Champion lot will not receive more money than the Grand Champion lot. All other lots placing 3rd through 10th will not receive more than the Reserve Grand Champion lot. This includes the total selling price and the added bump

totals. This excludes add-ons that are turned in on the official Goliad County Add-On Form that are given to an exhibitor.

Homemaking

1. Only members of FFA, Jr. FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H are eligible to auction food items.
2. For exhibitors to be eligible for the Blue-Ribbon Auction, the exhibitor must attend at least 5 out of the 7 meetings in their respective 4-H club, FFA chapter, or FCCLA between the months of September 2025 and March 2026. In addition, we ask that a parent or designated adult make 2 fair association meeting.
3. Parent/legal guardian of exhibitors must attend two (2) workdays for exhibitors to be eligible to auction. Working in the homemaking building on Wednesday for check in and during the judging WILL NOT count as a workday to fulfill livestock or food auction requirements and eligibility to show or auction.
4. At least one parent/legal guardian of exhibitors or their designated adult will sign up on the official CONCESSION STAND poster by March 1, for the exhibitor to be eligible to auction. Any entry not abiding by this rule will not be allowed to go to auction.
5. Exhibitors MUST pre-register by December 15, 2025 on ShoWorks.
6. Each exhibitor will be limited to selling ONE food item in the Auction. Exhibitors must declare an item for auction when the entry form is completed at check-in. If more than one item is declared for auction, exhibitor must rank the items 1, 2, and 3, in the order they wish, in case more than one item is declared eligible for auction.
7. To be auctioned, an item must receive first place in classes 1-17. The 1st place item must be awarded a blue ribbon to be eligible for auction.

FOOD CLASSES TO ENTER FOR AUCTION:

- Class 1 Cookies – a plate of 6 only
- Class 2 Unbaked Cookies – a plate of 6 only
- Class 3 Brownies, Bar Cookies – a plate of 6 only/
pan cookies – if decorated, do not cut
- Class 4 Candy – a plate of 6 only
- Class 5 Pies, Tarts
- Class 6 Mini-pies, Mini-tarts – a plate of 6
standard, or 12 super minis
- Class 7 Yeast bread – one loaf oven baked, no
machine loaves
- Class 8 Yeast roll (not sweet) – a plate of 6 only
- Class 9 Sweet yeast rolls, Coffee Cakes, Tea
Rings – a plate of 6 rolls or complete
recipe. All made with yeast
- Class 10 Semi Homemade (anything with a mix,
refrigerator dough or biscuit. Amount of
item submitted still follows other class
rules ex: 6 cookies, 6 muffins)
- Class 11 Quick breads, muffins biscuits- a plate of 6
standard or 12 super minis – 1 loaf, not
sliced, or 1 full recipe (i.e. cornbread or
coffee cake without yeast)
- Class 12 Decorated cookies or cupcakes – a plate
of 6 baked cookies or cupcakes
decorated individually, [judged on taste
and consistent replication] or combined
in a uniform theme and taste.
- Class 13 Cake, plain – no glaze, may have
powdered sugar or cocoa dusting
- Class 14 Cake w/frosting and/or filling, and/or glaze.
Includes cake balls (made from scratch)
- Class 15 Cupcakes, from scratch, with/without
frosting or filling, plate of 6
- Class 16 Decorated Cake – cake mixes may be
used (judged on decoration only).
Includes cake balls (if decorated, not
judged on taste)
- Class 17 Snack mixes – quart size zip bag

8. All Food Auction participants are required to bring freshly prepared items for the auction in a decorated container. Winners must furnish the complete batch or entire recipe on the day of auction. The committee will attach the submitted recipe off the item once it has been judged. (ex: 36 cookies, 2 bread loaves, 1 decorated cake)
9. Food Auction participants must be present at auction for item to qualify. Exceptions may be permitted only under extreme circumstances and must have prior approval.
10. Food Auction items will remain on display in the Homemaking Division Building until check-out time 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.
11. Food Auction items receiving first place in classes 1-17 will be sold at the Blue Ribbon Auction. Of the total sales price on food auction items Class 1 through Class 17, a 5% commission will be charged for the Special Designated Fund, 70% will go to the youth entering the item and 25% will go to the benefit of youth premiums.
12. All money earned by exhibitor at the auction will be awarded to the exhibitor and charged the 5% commission to be paid to the Special Designated Fund. High Point and Runner-Up ARE REQUIRED to be a member of FFA, Jr. FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H to be eligible to auction.

LIVESTOCK DIVISION

1. At time of show exhibitors will be called to the ring a total of three times. If at the end of the third and final call, exhibitor has not entered the ring in a reasonable amount of time, that exhibitor will be disqualified. Only exception will be made if exhibitor's animal is being uncooperative.
2. Coloring and/or dye of any kind in any market animal above the hocks intended to alter the classification/appearance of the animal is prohibited. Products used to condition/enhance skin, such as powder or oil, can be used by all exhibitors.
3. No diuretics or chemicals of any kind will be used to alter the appearance, weight or disposition of the animal. In the event an animal must be treated for any illness it must be cleared with the show officials first. If it is not first cleared with show officials, the animal will be disqualified from the show.
4. To foster fair competition, provide a level competitive field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is strictly prohibited. Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means or by the use of injections or feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass. (Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to artificially filling animals by stomach pumping, airing injections, bruising, etc.) Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified.
5. If animal does not meet government inspection standards for human consumption, the exhibitor may lose the whole amount of price paid for the animal.
6. Parents are not allowed in the show ring other than show officials.
7. All exhibitors must properly feed, water and care for their animals at the show through Saturday night.

8. All animals must remain inside the show barn after animal check-in and throughout the entirety of the Fair. The exhibitor may walk or exercise his/her animal outside of the show barn but limited to inside the fenced area between cattle barn and show barn
9. All exhibitors and/or parents are required to help in the livestock barn with clean up and loading of resale animals on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. All families will sign in with designated chairmen verifying participation in Sunday activities. No check will be released to exhibitors without proof of participation in Sunday clean up. You will receive only resale money for violation.
10. In the event an animal must be treated for any illness it must be cleared with the Show Officials first. If it is not first cleared with Show Officials, the animal will be disqualified from the show.
11. Exhibitors in poultry are allowed to have only other current 4-H or FFA members help them in the arena.
12. No adults except division chairmen and judge allowed in arena during judging.
13. Project supervision – The County Agent or Vocational Teacher under whose supervision the projects are completed shall certify to the compliance that the boy or girl is eligible under the rules of this show.
14. Animal residency - Any exceptional circumstances of an animal not being fed in Goliad County or being fed outside the school district in which they live will be presented to the Executive Committee explaining the reasons for such conditions existing (to include the distance from residence to facilities where animal is being fed) and the Committee shall rule on the eligibility on a case by case basis.
15. All livestock projects to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed and under the daily care of the exhibitor by the perspective validation date and acknowledged to the boy or girl's respective supervisor (meaning County Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor).

16. Exhibitors must be present for showing of animals. Exceptions may be permitted only under extreme circumstances; and must have the approval of the Goliad County Fair Special Rules Committee. (See General Rule No. 7.) Exhibitors who are simultaneously exhibiting projects at a major show (i.e. Ft. Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) may have a substitute eligible 4-H or FFA member exhibit their project in the show. It is the responsibility of the 4-H or FFA family to inform the division chairman prior to the show if a substitute is to be utilized. It is also the responsibility of the 4-H or FFA family to arrange the substitute exhibitor and is not the responsibility of GCFA, its advisors, or its volunteers.

17. There will be three different judges for swine, beef, sheep and goat.

Validations/Feeding Period

1. Families may validate all market animals without designating animals to specific exhibitors.
2. Validation times are between 8:00 am and 10:00 am.
3. Limit on the number of head that can be validated varies in an individual species.
4. The feeding period is defined as taking ownership of a project by the validation date, abiding by the GCFA residency rule, until check-in date, March 19, 2026.
5. State validated hogs will not have to be validated on December 6, 2025 (County Validation Date). During Major Show Validation (November 1 – November 30), if an exhibitor is in possession of a gilt which cannot be state validated (superseded by state rule), it may be county validated by the State Validation Committee (consisting of the county agent and ag science teacher). Only one of those hogs may be shown as a market entry.
6. All market livestock must be state validated in accordance with the Texas Livestock Validation programs managed by Texas 4-H and Texas FFA or County Validated. There will be one designated state validation date and one designated county validation date. For a market animal to be shown at the Goliad County Fair the animal **MUST** be present at one of the above-mentioned validations and receive either a state tag designated for Goliad County or a Goliad County validation tag. There will be one designated site. **NO VALIDATION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER DESIGNATED DATES, NO EXCEPTIONS.** All animals will also receive a tattoo and hair will be pulled on everything present at validation.

Dates, Locations, Limits

2025

Species/Location	Date	Limit
Market Steer		
Homeyer Barn	September 23	None
Commercial Heifer		
TBD	September 13	4
Goat	October 28	None
Fair Barn	December 6	
Lamb	October 28	None
Fair Barn	December 6	
Swine		
Camacho Barn	November 19	None
Fair Barn	December 6	

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Rabbit		
JWMHB	February 14	10

Feeding Period

Last possible date to abide by feeding period rules.

Species	Begin	End
Market Steer	9/23/2025	3/20/2026
Commercial Heifer	9/13/2025	3/20/2026
Turkey	TBD	3/19/2026
Lamb/Goat	12/6/2025	3/20/2026
Pig	12/6/2025	3/19/2026
Broilers	TBD	3/19/2026
Rabbits	2/14/2026	3/19/2026

Entries

1. Exhibitors will be limited to show 3 (three) market entries, but not in the same species, and a pen of commercial heifers. Species limit are as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Limit</u>
Breeding Bulls	No limit
Breeding Heifer	No limit
Broilers	Pen of 3
Commercial Heifers	Pen of 2
Fryers	Pen of 3
Market Goat	1
Market Lamb	1
Market Steer	1
Market Swine	1
Turkey	1

Stall Fees

1. All stall fees are due December 15, 2025. Any late entries will be charged a \$10.00 late fee per entry. Stall fees are nonrefundable. No animals can be entered after January 15, 2026.

2. A stall fee will be charged for market animals as follows:
 - a. \$25.00 per head on all steers
 - b. \$25.00 per heifers and bulls
 - c. \$25.00 per pen of commercial heifers
 - d. \$15.00 per head on all market hogs
 - e. \$15.00 per head on all market lambs
 - f. \$15.00 per head on all market goats
 - g. \$10.00 per pen of broilers
 - h. \$10.00 per pen of fryers
 - i. \$10.00 per turkey pen

Sifting

1. Commercial heifers must be checked in on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Beef, lambs, hogs, poultry, rabbits, goats, and turkeys must be checked in on Thursday, March 19, 2026.
2. All steers, lambs, hogs, goats, and rabbits will be sifted as they come across the scales. All blankets, socks, wraps and muzzles must be removed for the sifting judge to evaluate the animals. Halters and chains may be left on or taken off at the discretion of the exhibitor. All poultry will be sifted by the judge at check in.
3. All sifted animals must be removed from the barns on Thursday.
4. Only creditable animals will be exhibited. The sifting judge and chairperson will remove diseased, poor quality or improperly fitted animals. After an animal is sifted there will be no substitution. Also, if a reweigh is requested, the scales will be balanced again, and the animal will be reweighed immediately. That weight is final. Chairperson's decision is final.
5. Steers, lambs, hogs, rabbits and goats will be weighed on arrival in order to determine their eligibility for the show and their show class designation. Poultry and commercial heifers will not be weighed.
6. Exhibitors must be present for sifting. Exceptions may be permitted only under extreme circumstances; and must have the approval of the Goliad County Fair Special Rules Committee. (See General Rule No. 7.) Exhibitors who are simultaneously exhibiting projects at a major show (i.e. Ft. Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) may have a substitute eligible 4-H or FFA member exhibit their project through the sift. It is the responsibility of the 4-H or FFA family to inform the division chairman prior to the Thursday sifts if a substitute is to be utilized. It is also the responsibility of the 4-H or FFA family to arrange the substitute exhibitor and is not the responsibility of GCFA, its advisors, or its volunteers.
7. Division Chairperson will contact all entries that do not pass sifting.

8. If your child's animal is sifted and you still have not completed your two required workdays and your concession stand requirement, you are still responsible for completing your workdays and concession stand shift, or you will be required to fulfill two concessions stand shifts the following year.

Release

1. No animal may be removed from the grounds before load out on Sunday without special release signed by the chairperson of that division and president of the association.
2. Breeding stock may be removed from barn after 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Animals may be removed earlier only with approval from division chairperson.
3. All commercial heifers will be released Sunday between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. unless prior arrangements are made after the sale with the commercial heifer chairperson.

Beef

Haltered Heifers

1. The rules of the Houston Livestock Show will be used regarding the age of breeding cattle.
2. Heifers and bulls do not have to be registered.
3. Breeding stock does not have to be fitted--just in good condition.
4. All breeds (including F₁ crossbred) cattle are eligible for entry. F₁ heifers must have both parents of purebred beef breed origin.
5. Exhibitors may substitute breeding cattle up to time of check-in by notifying the beef chairman.
6. Haltered heifers must be in the exhibitor's possession by December 1.

Steer

1. Steers will be weighed and judged in breed classes, divided into weight divisions to be determined by the steer chairman and shown accordingly.
2. Breed classification will be conducted during official fair check in. Steers will be sifted and classified by an independent classifier.
3. Breed classification of steers will be as follows:
 - a. English – A steer that exhibits 75% or more English characteristics. (English breeds consist of Black Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, or Shorthorn.)
 - b. American – A steer that exhibits at least 3/16 Brahman.
 - c. AOB – All other Breeds: steers not described above.

4. Steers will be officially tagged at said validation date and must weigh 500 lbs at the September date.
5. All steers must be castrated and dehorned before validation date.
6. At weigh-in time of show, minimum weight limit for market steers shall be 950 lbs. There will be no upper weight limit at weigh-in time of show. Steer exhibitors will not be paid for any weight that exceeds 1350 lbs.
7. The beef chairperson has the right to reject a steer at any time due to unruliness or uncontrollability.
8. Steers will be pre-clipped to no more than ¼" hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked for hair length at the time of weigh in and the decision of the sifting judge is final.

Commercial Heifer

1. The Junior Commercial Show and Sale is an opportunity for Junior exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers and purebred heifers will be permitted to show.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to no more than four (4) head, with two (2) in pen for show. Heifers can be tagged in as a family.
3. All heifers must be presented for sale. Health certificates will be required. Health certificates will be required in the record book and a copy will need to be turned in at time of the interviews to the chairman. (Including a pregnancy test, no more than one month prior to show stating open, bred or exposed.) All heifers should be pregnancy tested.
4. All Commercial Heifer entries will be validated on a date determined by the Commercial Heifer chairmen. Exhibitors must bring their completed validation paperwork showing the heifers birth month and year. The validation paperwork will be completed by the chairmen with the brucellosis tattoo and numbers and new ear tags corresponding to their validated show class.
5. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated before the initial tag in. They must have a legible brucellosis calfhood vaccination tattoo.
6. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the tag in date.
7. Exhibitor must own heifer 100% throughout feeding period starting on the initial validation date, and proof of ownership must be shown at that time. Exhibitor must feed and care for calves.
8. All heifers must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission Rules governing entry into Goliad County Fairgrounds.
9. Exhibitor retains "PO" privilege, but a 3% commission of last bid will be charged per head to each pen of heifers PO'ed. Each pen will sell as a group.
10. All exhibitors and/or parents must be present to release heifers and assist in loading. Exhibitor is responsible for determining load out time with buyer and must obtain release and verify them with Heifer Committee.

11. Heifer Classes:

Class I – Open (9-1-24 to 4-30-25)

*Heifers must be open at validation. They also must have proof of brucellosis vaccination at heifer validation (9/13/25). Heifers must maintain an **open** pregnancy status at show time to be eligible. Exhibitors are required to have a set of official health papers with pregnancy status at the time of show. Health papers must not be more than 30 days old on sale date.

Class II – Bred (10-1-23 to 8-31-24)

*Heifers must not be bred at validation. Paperwork with pregnancy status, checked by a licensed veterinarian and proof of brucellosis vaccination is required at heifer validation (9/13/25). Heifers must be **at least 60 days bred at show, but no longer than 7 months**. This is a bred class, not a paired division. Heifers with calves at side at time of show will be disqualified. Exhibitors are required to have a set of official health papers with pregnancy status at the time of show. Health papers must not be more than 30 days old on sale date.

Class III – Pairs (4-1-23 to 8-31-24)

*Must be bred at validation in September. Paperwork with pregnancy status, from a licensed veterinarian, and proof of brucellosis vaccination is required at heifer validation (9/13/25). This is a paired division but may be 8-9 months bred at show. Exhibitors are required to have a set of official health papers with pregnancy status at the time of show. Health papers must not be more than 30 days old on sale date.

12. Awards will be given in all categories. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Show will be derived from the total points in all categories.

13. Record books will be mandatory for all exhibitors, and are due **Friday, March 13th by noon** in the Goliad County Extension Office. Record books and dividers will be issued by GCFA and are the only record books and dividers that can be used. All record books and dividers will be the same size and color, as voted on by the association. NO scrapbooking is allowed, meaning no stickers, ribbons or embellishments of any type. No colored ink added to pages. Colored ink is allowed on the cover page and the

photo pages only. Child's name, heifer class, and age division needs to be placed on the cover of the record book.

14. Exhibitors will be interviewed Wednesday, March 18 and they are mandatory to be eligible for auction. Schedules will be given to the exhibitor prior to interview.

15. Interview and Record book ages on day of Interview:

- Juniors Grades 3-5 on March 18, 2026
- Intermediates Grades 6-8 on March 18, 2026
- Seniors Grades 9-12 on March 18, 2026

16. Judging of Record books	<u>50 points</u>
Cost, calculations and breakdown	20
Questions	15
Breed Summary/Heifer Information	10
Neatness	5

17. Interview 50 points

Strengths:
Area for Improvement:

18. Cattle	<u>50 points</u>
Quality, Conformation, & Condition	15
Structural Soundness	10
Uniformity	10
Reproductive Soundness	5
Area Adaptability	5
Temperament	5

Two judges' scores are added together and divided by two to get a total score in each division. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the show will be derived from the points combined from all 3 categories and will be sold first. All other sale order placements will be determined and derived from the scoring of the cattle (heifers) only.

The heifers will also be graded and will receive a blue, red or white ribbon. The blue-ribbon heifers bid will start the sale and be started at fair market price. The red ribbon heifer bidding will be started at 1,000 dollars less than the blue-ribbon heifer. If the exhibitor receives a white ribbon, the heifers will not go to

auction. The exhibitors will be able to load them and take them home at time of load out Sunday morning.

19. When point total ties occur and need to be broken to determine placing, the participants averaged interview score will be used to break the tie. If the averaged interview score is also a tie, the participants averaged heifer score will be used. If further tie breaking is needed, the participants' average record book score will be used. In the event of a tie needing to be broken for the interview portion of the project, the participants averaged heifer score will be used and if tie continues, the averaged record book score will be used.
20. There is a 3% commission charge on all commercial heifer pens sold.
21. A Rookie of the Year award will be given to a first-year project participant decided upon by the chairperson.
22. There will be no one allowed in Commercial Heifer area for pen clean-up until after 10:00 am or all heifers are loaded out on Sunday morning, with the exception of the Chairman and load out volunteers.
23. If a pen of commercial heifers are delivered safe to the fair barn for show on the designated date and time, and become unfit to sale while on the premises of GCFA, the pen will be considered hard luck. The heifer that is fit for sale will sale as last lot and will not be judged. The heifer unfit for sale will be taken home by exhibitor prior to judging. Hard luck cases will be determined by the commercial heifer committee.
24. Commercial heifer exhibitors will be required to check-in with chairman once per day ensuring they have properly fed and watered their heifers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (times TBD). Not signing out with chairman will result in a \$100/day fee taken out of the final check.

Market Swine

1. Each exhibitor will not have a limit to the number of hogs placed on feed.
2. Gilts and barrows may be shown in market class.
3. Male hogs may be castrated by validation date but it is not required.
4. Any clipping of hair on hogs must be done prior to arrival at show grounds.
5. Hogs will be shown according to weight classes only.
6. At weigh-in time of show, weight limit for market swine shall be between 230 and 300 lbs. inclusive.

Market Lambs

1. Wethers and unbred females may be shown.
2. Lambs must be shorn slick within two weeks of show to be eligible for show entries.
3. There will be a minimum weight for market lambs of 100 lbs. There will be no maximum weight limit.

Market Goats

1. Wethers and unbred females may be shown.
2. Males must have testicles removed by validation date.
3. Goats' horns must be tipped prior to show date.
4. Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. and not to exceed 125 lbs. at show.
5. During the show, only small goat collars, chains or halters around animal's neck may be used. Lead ropes less than two feet may be used.
6. All goats must be slick shorn above the hocks and knees except for the switch no more than 30 days prior to the show.

Broilers

1. Broilers will have wing band numbers assigned to the exhibitor's family at the time the birds are purchased. Broilers without valid band numbers will not be eligible to be shown. Broilers will be ordered and purchased through the County Extension Agent.
2. There will be no rebanding of broilers. The exhibitor and/or parent, or designee that picks up broilers on specified date, is responsible for checking their assigned box(es) of broilers for missing wing bands and/or deceased broiler chicks. Replacement broiler chicks will be distributed to those needing replacements on the day of pickup (date TBD). Once the broiler chicks leave the pickup room – no rebanding or replacement birds will be distributed.
3. Order deadline is December 15, 2025.
4. Each exhibitor must feed a minimum of 25 birds or a maximum of 100 per exhibitor.
5. Each exhibitor will be limited to one pen, three (3) broilers per pen. Birds can be mix sexed. Four (4) birds may be brought to the show; no substitution after sifting. Substitution after sifting will only be allowed in the event of the death of a bird and consent of division chairperson.

Turkeys

1. The exhibitor must feed a minimum of ten (10) poults from the TAMU turkey hatch, ordered and purchased through the County Extension Agent.
2. Order deadline is June 30, 2025.
3. Turkeys will have wing band numbers assigned to the exhibitor's family at the time the birds are purchased. Turkeys without valid band numbers will not be eligible to be shown.
4. **Tom Show:** Each exhibitor will be limited to a single turkey tom. Two (2) turkeys may be brought and sifted by the judge to

determine the best bird. No substitutions allowed after sifting except in the event of the death of a bird and consent of the division chairperson.

Hen Show: Each exhibitor will be limited to a single turkey hen. Two (2) hens may be brought and sifted by the judge to determine the best bird. No substitution allowed after sifting except in the event of the death of a bird and consent of the division chairperson. The winner(s) of the hen show is (are) not eligible for the Sale of Champions.

Rabbits

1. Commercial pens will consist of three (3) rabbits all the same breed and variety (New Zealand or Californian) purchased from a breeder or raised by the exhibitor prior to validation.
2. For the 2025-2026 show, rabbits should be born on or around January 1, 2026, to be within the 70 days of age rule by show time. This would place the breeding date on or around December 1, 2025.
3. Weight limit: 3 and ½ pounds minimum to 5 and ½ pounds maximum each rabbit. Weights will be figured in pounds and ounces. Rabbits may be weighed again after sifting by the discretion of the judge and committee chair.
4. Each exhibitor may bring four (4) rabbits for sifting on the day of check in for the show. The judge will recommend the final pen of three (3) to the exhibitor. No substitutions can be made after weigh-in and sifting.
5. All rabbits will meet the set weight standards and further disqualifications during sift will be at the judge’s discretion.
6. Each exhibitor will be held responsible for their entries while at the fairgrounds until load out on the Sunday after the show.
7. Validation will be held on the Saturday that falls within closest proximity to 30-35 days prior to show date. (Allows for increased weaning ages).
8. **Single Fryer** – Single fryers not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds and maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds. Entry for this class will not be taken from the Market Rabbit entry.

SCORECARD FOR JUDGING SINGLE FRYER

Meat Type.....	45 points
Condition of flesh.....	35 points
Condition of fur.....	<u>20 points</u>
TOTAL POINTS.....	100

**SCORECARD FOR JUDGING -- MARKET RABBIT CLASS
3 RABBITS TO EACH PEN**

Meat Type.....	40 points
Condition of Flesh.....	30 points
Uniformity in body and weight.....	20 points
Fur.....	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL POINTS.....	100

PEE WEE GOAT DIVISION

The purpose of the Pee-Wee Goat Show is to prepare our youth for the Goliad County Fair livestock division. If an entrant to the Pee Wee Goat Show does not live with-in Goliad county, nor the Goliad Independent School District, nor has intention of not ever showing in the Goliad County Fair livestock division, they will not be permitted to exhibit a pee-wee goat.

1. Each exhibitor (ages 4-8 at time of show) will be limited to place on feed a maximum of two Pee-Wee goats, be it a wether or unbred doe, and that exhibitor is not exhibiting in the junior market show.
2. An exhibitor's parent must enter his or her child by calling or texting the Pee-Wee Goat Chairman, Nathan Lill, (361-648-2712 (no phone calls between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm please), or by email: nathan_lill@yahoo.com) between January 1, 2026 and February 13, 2026 to be eligible to show in the 2026 Pee-Wee Goat Show.
3. Pee-Wee Goats horns must be tipped prior to the show.
4. There are no minimum or maximum weights.
5. There is no tooth rule.
6. During the show, only small goat collars, chains or halters around animal's neck may be used. Lead ropes less than two feet may be used.
7. Pee-Wee Goats may be slick shorn prior to show. Slick shorn means removing all hair above hocks and knees, except switch. However, unshorn Pee-Wee Goats will be allowed to show.
8. There will be two classes of Pee-Wee goats. A champion showman will be selected from each class and based on exhibition of the project. Classes will be divided by age of exhibitor. All other exhibitors not receiving Champion showman will receive a participation award.
 - A. Class 1 – 4-5-year olds
 - B. Class 2 – 6-8 year olds

HOMEMAKING DIVISION

Exhibitors will pay a \$10 entry fee to participate in the Homemaking Division.

1. All entries must be products of the exhibitor and created from April of the previous year to March of the current year.
2. Parents of homemaking exhibitors not planning to go to auction (see page 15 rule 4) or receive premiums (see page 11 rule 1) are encouraged to participate in one or both homemaking workdays.
3. Exhibitors are required to pre-register by December 15, 2025 on ShoWorks. If exhibitor does not pre-register, they will still be allowed to enter their items in the homemaking building, but they will NOT receive premium money or be eligible for auction. Exhibitors that are pre-registered will have a different check-in table at the homemaking building on Thursday and the process will be quicker. Pre-registration will be by division entering, not by class. For example, if you are entering three food items, you mark three by food; you do not have to specify which class of food you are entering.
4. Entries will only be accepted from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Homemaking Building located on the Fairgrounds. IF YOU ATTEMPT TO TURN IN AN ENTRY AFTER 12:00 P.M., IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
5. Exhibitors will classify their own entries. All food items must have class number, either typed or handwritten, posted by the exhibitor on the typed recipe. Shop, craft, art and needlework will be written on entry sticker at time of check in. Final decision of correct class will be at the judges' discretion. All entries are subject to disqualification.
6. Any homemaking rule not followed by the exhibitor will lead to an automatic white ribbon and will not be judged. A score sheet will be provided to the exhibitor stating the rule infraction.
7. Food products must be prepared at home.

8. Any food item that contains the following ingredients or would normally require refrigeration will not be accepted:
- meringues
 - whipped toppings
 - custards or prepared puddings
 - sausage or meat products
 - any fresh fruit/fresh flowers that are used as toppings or garnishes. (Fresh fruit is allowed to be baked into the product.)
 - alcohol
 - cream cheese used as a filling or frosting (may be baked into the product, not the frosting)
 - no custards including buttermilk pie
 - ganache
9. Cake balls will be classified as follows:
- Cake mix cake (if made with cake mix)
 - Decorated cake (if decorated, not judged on taste)
 - Cake with frostings (if made from scratch)
10. All food item entries must be in a closed bakery container on a plain white or gold cake circle/rectangle. ONLY exception will be Class 16 Decorated Cakes must be in an enclosed container & Class 17 Snack mixes must be in a quart size bag. Any food item not in a container on a plain white or gold cake circle/rectangle will be disqualified. All pans must be disposable pans including pie pans. **Items baked in a disposable pan and covered with disposable lid will be accepted as a bakery container (store bought).** Decorations (including flowers or berries) are not allowed IN OR ON the food containers. Decorations (including flowers or fresh berries are not allowed on the food).
11. Recipes must be typed on 8 ½ X 11 PLAIN PAPER IN BLACK INK with no decorations and be attached to ALL food division entries in Classes 1-17.
12. All small items, such as jewelry, small models, small personal accessories, beading and leather items, need to be placed in a pint, quart or gallon sized sip baggie at the time of entry by the exhibitor.
13. The show officials can determine the final appropriate classification for the exhibitor's entries. All entries are subject to disqualification. The decision of the Judges and Superintendent is final.

14. Any homemaking rule not followed by the exhibitor will lead to an automatic white ribbon and will not be judged.
15. Judges will arrive at 12:15 pm Wednesday with orientation beginning at 12:30 pm. Judging will begin immediately following orientation. The Homemaking Building will be closed once judging begins on Wednesday. It will be open Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm.
16. Results are official when the Homemaking Building is open to the Public. A list of items to be auctioned will be posted at the Homemaking Building on Wednesday evening. This will be the official notice for auction items.
17. All items should be picked up by the participant on Saturday, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm or Sunday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. All items remaining in the homemaking building at 9:00 am on Sunday will be thrown away or given away as appropriate. Premiums will be forfeited if non-food items are not picked up by Sunday 9:00 am. Participants need to help tear down and clean the building during this time. Participant items may not be thrown away in the homemaking building or premiums will be forfeited.
18. The Goliad County Fair Association will take all reasonable precautions for items exhibited in the Exhibit Building; however, the Fair Association will not assume responsibility for any items lost, damaged, or stolen.
19. All entries will be judged according to grade and age level:
 - Sub Junior – through 2nd Grade
 - Junior – 3rd through 5th Grade
 - Intermediate – 6th through 8th Grade
 - Senior – 9th through 12th Grade
20. An exhibitor can enter a maximum of five (5) articles in the Youth Division, with a maximum of three (3) being in Food Classes 1 – 17 (for auction). The other two (2) articles can be entered in Clothing Garments, Crafts, Needlework, Art, or Photography or Shop.
21. Exhibitors that enter one or more foods must also enter another item in the homemaking show (non-food) to be eligible for auction.
22. Youth division group entries will not be individually judged; however, all exhibitors will receive ribbons. All groups (Pre-

School, Kindergarten, 1st grade, etc.) must be picked up during checkout on Saturday, during check out time (5:00 – 6:00 pm).

23. The Homemaking Division will tear down on Saturday between 5:00-6:00 p.m. This will not fulfill livestock requirements for participation in Sunday clean up. If you are a livestock exhibitor, you must participate in the Sunday morning clean up. Everyone is encouraged to help with tear down!
24. Food will be judged on appearance and taste unless otherwise stated. (see page 41 for details)
25. Participants will attach a designated notecard (available at the Extension Office) to the entry for crafts, show, sewing, needlework and art describing how it was made. Photography entries will attach a designated photo card (available at the Extension Office) describing the camera and methods of producing the photograph. High point entries will attach a designated notecard (available at the Extension Office) to non-food entries describing how it was made.
26. Homemaking entries will be dropped off alphabetically as follows:
 - 10:00 am – 10:30 am – A - G
 - 10:30 am – 11:00 am – H – Mc
 - 11:00 am – 11:30 am – Me-Z
 - 11:30 am – 12:00 pm – Make-ups

High point entrants will check in between 10:00 am and 11:00 am at the Julie Wimberly Building main entrance. All others will enter through the shooting range.

FOODS (CLASSES 1-17)

- Class 1 Cookies – a plate of 6 only
- Class 2 Unbaked Cookies – a plate of 6 only
- Class 3 Brownies, Bar Cookies – a plate of 6 only/ pan cookies – if decorated, do not cut
- Class 4 Candy – a plate of 6 only
- Class 5 Pies, Tarts
- Class 6 Mini-pies, Mini-tarts – a plate of 6 standard, or 12 super minis
- Class 7 Yeast bread – one loaf oven baked, no machine loaves
- Class 8 Yeast roll (not sweet) – a plate of 6 only
- Class 9 Sweet yeast rolls, Coffee cakes, Tea Rings – a plate of 6 rolls or complete recipe. All made with yeast
- Class 10 Semi Homemade (anything with a mix, refrigerator dough or biscuit. Amount of item submitted still follows other class rules ex: 6 cookies, 6 muffins)
- Class 11 Quick breads, muffins, biscuits – a plate of 6 standard or 12 super minis – 1 loaf, not sliced, or 1 full recipe (i.e. cornbread or coffee cake without yeast)
- Class 12 Decorated cookies or cupcakes – a plate of 6 baked cookies or cupcakes decorated individually, [judged on taste and consistent replication] or combined in a uniformed theme and taste
- Class 13 Cake, plain – no glaze, may have powdered sugar or cocoa dusting
- Class 14 Cake w/frosting, and/or filling, and/or glaze
- Class 15 Cupcakes, from scratch, with/without frosting or filling, plate of 6
- Class 16 Decorated Cake – cake mixes may be used (judged on decoration only). Includes cake balls (if decorated, not judged on taste)
- Class 17 Snack mixes – quart size zip bag

CLOTHING GARMENTS

Blouse
Skirt – any length
Dress – any length – school, street, or tailored
Two-piece dress
Lined coats, jackets, or suits
Unlined coat or jacket
Special occasion dress
Apron
Shorts, slacks, etc.
Men or boy's shirt
Child's garment – 0-6 years
Pant suits (same or coordinating fabric)
Vests
Sleepwear
Costumes

CRAFTS

Jewelry
Candles
Decoupage
China painting
Stained glass
Macramé and rope
Leather
Beading
Cut and paste
Models
Seasonal decorations
Decorated magnets
Wreath and swags
Personal accessories
Scrapbook, photo album
Tied Throws
Other

NEEDLE WORK

Crewel Embroidery
Embroidery
Counted Cross Stitch
Crochet
Knitting
Needlepoint
Appliquéd Work
Quilts (quilted or tops) comforters or blankets
Throw pillows (other than smocked or cross stitched)
Stuffed Toy
Seasonal Decorations
Rugs
Quilting
Latch hook
Personal Accessories

ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND SHOP DIVISIONS ART

Qualified individuals will be used as judges.

Charcoal
Pen and Ink
Pencil
Crayon
Marker
Pastels
Oils
Watercolor
Acrylic
Mixed mediums
Mosaic
Paper Mache
Weaving
Pottery
Sculpture
Collage
Fabric Stencil
Sand Art

PHOTOGRAPHY

All photography entries must be 8 inches by 10 inches in dimension. All prints must be mounted solid on a Photographic Mount Board (mat board material) or a thin foam board no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches suitable for hanging without an additional frame. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard, or thin poster board is not acceptable. Double faced tape, glue, or rubber cement IS allowed, but not recommended, for mounting purposes. (Use dry mount if possible) Matting with a frame of any kind is not allowed and will result in disqualification. Some resources for mounting supplies include but are not limited to Hobby Lobby, Michael's, Blick Studio, local framing shops, and art supply stores.

Portrait
Landscape
Still Life
Animals
Action
Night Scenes
Other

SHOP

Examples are any type of woodworking & furniture such as wooden signs, benches, tables, etc. Taxidermy includes the mounting of antlers shoulder mounts etc. that are completed by the exhibitor and not by a professional taxidermist.

Taxidermy
Woodworking
Wood burning
Routering
Furniture

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

1. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

I. All projects must have been completed during one calendar year of the show, from show to show.

II. All projects must have been completed by 4H and/or FFA members of Goliad County.

III. Students must have a notebook documenting their progress of building the project, which will include, Pictures of project from start to finish, Bill of Materials, Supply list, and any other supporting documentation of project. Notebook should be typed and in a neat and presentable order.

IV. Student's parent or legal guardian showing in the Agricultural Mechanics show must attend at least 2 GCFA fair meetings for the GCFA show. Additionally, parents will be required to work 2 workdays (either Ag Mech workday or other show workday) prior to the GCFA show and work 1 booth slot during the show.

V. Projects must be constructed under the supervision of the Goliad County Extension Agent or Goliad Ag Teacher. Projects may be constructed at home or at the school. Students constructing projects at the school must be enrolled in an Agricultural Sciences course during the show year and/or be an FFA or Jr. FFA member.

VI. Projects constructed to sell must have a For Sale sign on them and a provided bid sheet placed on project table. They must be placed in the binder or secured to project table. The top 4 overall winners of the Agricultural Mechanics division will be eligible for auction. The exhibitors that qualify have the option to "opt out" of the auction. Eligibility requirements for this auction are the same as all auctions for the GCFA. All Ag Mechanics projects to sell in open spots from those that are not selling in the Auction. Sell 10 Ag Mechanics projects in auction.

2. JUDGING SYSTEM

I. Students will be competing for Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, *Division Champion(s), and *Division Reserve Champion(s). Buckles will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in Ag Mechanics. Showmanship buckles will be awarded in three age divisions: Junior (3rd – 5th Grade); Intermediate (6th – 8th Grade); and Senior (9th – 12th Grade).

II. Students will be awarded ribbons based on quality of project.

Blue Ribbon = 90-100 points

Red Ribbon = 80-89 points

White Ribbon = <80 points

III. Projects will be judged based on the following:

Criteria	Points
a. Workmanship and Finish	35
b. Design and Materials Used	20
c. Degree of Difficulty	15
d. Plans, Bill of Materials, Photos	20
e. Showmanship	20
Total	100

IV. Tractor will be judged based on the following:

Criteria	Points
a. Mechanical operation	40
b. Degree of Difficulty	10
c. Finish	10
d. Photos, Parts Lists, Work Done to Engine	20
e. Showmanship	20
Total	100

3. PROJECT SHOW DIVISIONS

- I. Agricultural Machinery and Equipment
Ex: Shop Equipment, Tractor Equipment
- II. BBQ Pits and Outdoor Cooking
- III. Truck Accessories
Ex: Bumpers, Receiver Baskets
- IV. Trailers
Ex: All trailers – Utility, Welding, Fuel, Livestock, BBQ
- V. Livestock and Wildlife Equipment
Ex: Deer Blinds, Feeders, Trim Chutes
- VI. Home
Ex: Furniture, Indoor Tables
- VII. Yard
Ex: Swings, Picnic Tables
- VIII. Reclaimed or Repurposed
Ex: Projects in this division must change the original purpose of item or material
- IX. Tractors (restored)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RECLASSIFY PROJECTS INTO MORE APPROPRIATE CLASSES.

4. ENTRY PROCESS

- I. Entry deadline for fees and registration is Friday, February 13, 2026. Late entries will be accepted until the closing of the day, on February 20, 2026. A late fee of \$20 will be added to all late entries.

5. DRESS CODE

- I. Students are expected to dress appropriately while constructing the project utilizing safety at all times (i.e. safety glasses, long sleeve, welding hoods, gloves, etc.) Pictures should document safety practices.
- II. Students will be required to wear professional dress while showing. Long pants and a collared shirt will be required.

6. CONTACT INFORMATION

- I. Questions or comments may be directed to:
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