# Raising the Standard

# 2026 Premium Book

HEART O' TEXAS HOT LIVESTOCK SHOW
presented by Bar None COUNTRY STORE

# 2026 Heart O' Texas Livestock Show and Competitive Events Premium Book
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# Continuing Education Fund

The Continuing Education Fund has been established to award scholarships to deserving young people who participate and win at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo.

The fund establishes a $2,500 scholarship for Grand Champion, $2,000 scholarship for Reserve Grand Champion, $1,500 scholarship for Overall 3rd Place, $1,000 scholarship for Overall 4th Place, and $500 scholarship for Overall 5th place. Additionally, the fund establishes a $500 scholarship for Breed/Division Champion and a $250 scholarship for Reserve Breed/Division Champion. These will be provided for the following:

- Scholarship Breeding Heifer Show
- Scholarship Steer Show
- Scholarship Swine Show
- Breeding Gilt Show: Purebred Gilts
- Breeding Gilt Show: Crossbred Gilts - Breed Champion Only
- Breeding Gilt Show
- Scholarship Goat Show
- Wether Doe Show
- Scholarship Lamb Show
- Wether Dam Show

Scholarships are compounded. This means if an exhibitor wins Grand Champion, they will collect the scholarships for both Grand Champion and Breed Champion. Heart O' Texas does not have a scholarship limit, and scholarships are cumulative for all years of participation. See the example below:

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| **Year 1:** | | |
| Exhibitor A | GC Steer | $2,500 |
| | Breed Champ Angus Steer | $500 |
| | Breed Champ Hereford Heifer | $500 |
| **Total for Year 1:** | | $3,500 |
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| **Year 2:** | | |
| Exhibitor A | Breed Champ Hereford Steer | $500 |
| | Breed Champ Chianina Heifer | $500 |
| | Division Champ Goat | $500 |
| **Total for Year 2:** | | $1,500 |
| | **Grand Total:** | **$5,000** |

# Letter from the Chairman

To all exhibitors, families, teachers, agents, and supporters,

On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors, and more than 600 dedicated volunteers, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2026 Heart O' Texas Livestock Show.
If you've been part of this world for long, you know what it takes to be here. The early mornings, late nights, constant care, and the not-so-small investment it takes to raise and show quality livestock. We understand what you've put into this, and we don't take lightly the opportunity to host you.

For nearly 75 years, this show has built a reputation for being both high-quality and highly competitive. But we don't spend too much time looking backward. Our focus is always forward, guided by our motto: Raise the Standard.

Over the past few years, we've continued investing in our facilities and technology to create a better environment for you and your families. From improved lighting and cleanliness to upgraded sound and connectivity, our goal is simple: make your time here more enjoyable and more memorable.

Our team is also focused on the details that matter most. Things like getting you checked in efficiently, keeping the schedule running on time, and making sure you feel welcomed from the moment you arrive. And of course, we're excited to once again deliver a Grand Drive experience that's truly something special.

While we can't promise a banner on your way out, we can promise this: our team is fully committed to making this one of the best shows you attend all year.

Thank you for being here. Thank you for the effort you've put in to get here. And thank you for helping us continue to Raise the Standard.

Welcome to Waco—and enjoy the show.

**Dan Ingham**

**Chairman of the Board**

# General Information

## Welcome:

The Heart O' Texas Livestock Show encourages your participation in this year's show(s).

The Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo staff looks forward to hosting you and your exhibits at the Extraco Events Center, and we welcome you to Waco.

## Mission Statement:

"Our mission is to produce events for education, entertainment and agricultural experiences at the premier multi-use facility while giving back through youth scholarships and a positive economic impact to Central Texas."

## Contact Information:

Extraco Events Center
Attn: Livestock Office
4601 Bosque Blvd.
Waco, TX 76710

**Phone:** 254-776-1660
**Website:** hotfair.com
**Email:** livestock@hotfair.com

# Directions to Extraco Events Center

**I-35 from the North** - Take Valley Mills Dr. Exit. Turn right on Valley Mills Dr. Turn right on Lake Air Drive. Go beside the Extraco Coliseum, Show Pavilion, and the Stall barn. Follow signage to the staging area and livestock entrance.

**Hwy. 84 East** - Take Loop 340 North and follow directions as coming in from the North on I-35.

**Hwy. 6 from the South** - Stay on Hwy 6 towards Meridian. Cross over I-35 and Hwy 84, exit Bosque Blvd. and turn right. Go 1-1/2 miles and turn left on Lake Air Drive. Go beside the Extraco Coliseum, Show Pavilion, and the Stall barn. Follow signage to the staging area and livestock entrance.

**Hwy. 77 from the South** - About 1/2 mile past the intersection of Hwy. 77 and Loop 340, turn left onto Garden Dr. will turn into New Road. Take New Road to Bosque Blvd. Turn Left on Bosque Blvd. Go beside the Extraco Coliseum, Show Pavilion, and the Stall barn. Follow signage to the staging area and livestock entrance.

# Heart O' Texas Livestock Show and Competitive Events

## Board of Directors

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| Chairman | Dan Ingham |
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| Coordinator, Equestrian Sales & Event Management | Scarlett Vanek |
| Coordinator, BASE Sports & Entertainment | Aspen Martin |

## Livestock Show Management and Committee Leadership

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|---|---|
| Director, Livestock & Competitive Events | Lauren Todd |
| Coordinator, Livestock & Competitive Events | Taylor Clark |
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| Assistant Livestock Superintendent | David Groschke |
| Livestock Announcers Committee Chairman | Lisa Hoelscher |
| Livestock Greeters Committee Chairman | Justin Richard |
| Livestock Greeters Committee Vice Chairman | Greg Clark |

# 2026 Judges List

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| Scholarship American Breeding Heifers | Kolten Thigpen, TX |
| Scholarship British/Continental Breeding Heifers | Krisha Geffert, WI |
| Scholarship Steers | Scott Werning, SD |
| Scholarship Lambs | Craig Beckmier, IL |
| Scholarship Goats | Caleb Boden, IL |
| Scholarship Swine | Garrit Sproull, OH |
| Breeding Gilts | Zachary Schwecke, MN |
| Wether Does | Wade Franklin, TX |
| Wether Dams | Mark Hassebrook, NE |
| Premium American Breeding Heifers | Chad Breeding, TX |
| Premium British/Continental Breeding Heifers | Glen Martin, TX |
| Premium Steers | Brady Ragland, TX |
| Premium Lambs | Dr. Shawn Ramsey, TX |
| Premium Goats | Kase LeRow, CO |
| Premium Swine | Todd Beyers, TX |

# Heart O' Texas Livestock Show
# Livestock and Competitive Events Schedule

***This schedule is subject to change.***

| **Friday, September 18** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00 – 8:30 AM | Agricultural Public Speaking Registration | MCC BT |
| 9:00 AM | Agricultural Public Speaking Contest | MCC BT |

| **Friday, September 25** | | |
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| 11:00 AM | Agricultural Mechanics Move-In | EEC West Lot |
| 5:00 PM | Agricultural Mechanics In Place & Check-In | EEC West Lot |
| **Saturday, September 26** | | |
| 7:30 AM | Trap Shooters Extravaganza Check-In | WS&TC |
| 8:30 AM | Trap Shooters Extravaganza Orientation | WS&TC |
| | Trap Shooters Extravaganza<br>**Immediately following Orientation* | |
| 8:00 AM | Agricultural Mechanics Judging | EEC West Lot |
| 4:00 PM | Agricultural Mechanics Awards Ceremony | EEC West Lot |
| | Agricultural Mechanics Release<br>**Immediately following Awards Ceremony* | EEC West Lot |
| 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Food Challenge Registration | BASE Hall C |
| 10:00 AM | Food Challenge Contest<br>**Awards Ceremony following conclusion of contest* | BASE Hall C |
| **Sunday, September 27** | | |
| 7:30 AM | Trap Shooters Extravaganza Check-In | WS&TC |
| 8:30AM | Trap Shooters Extravaganza Orientation | WS&TC |
| | Trap Shooters Extravaganza<br>**Immediately following Orientation* | |
| | Trap Shooters Extravaganza: Awards<br>**Immediately following Shoot* | WS&TC |

| **Tuesday, September 29** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | HEARTS Submission Drop Off | BASE Hall B |
| **Wednesday, September 30** | | |
| 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | HEARTS Submission Drop Off | BASE Hall B |
| **Thursday, October 1** | | |
| 6:00 AM -12:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Sullivan's Stock Show U | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 2:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion<br>EEC Coliseum |

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| **Friday, October 2** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Heifer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship American Heifer Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Heifer Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship British/Continental Heifer Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Heifer Show* | EEC Coliseum |
| **Saturday, October 3** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium American Heifer Show | EEC Coliseum |
| | Premium British/Continental Heifer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Breeding Heifer Release | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Speak Out for Agriculture Contest Registration | BASE Hall A |
| 9:00 AM | Speak Out for Agriculture Contest Orientation | BASE Hall A |
| 10:30 AM | Speak Out for Agriculture Contest | BASE Hall A |
| **Sunday, October 4** | | |
| 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM | Livestock Judging Contest Registration | EEC Coliseum |
| 9:00 AM | Livestock Judging Contest | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Livestock Judging Contest Awards<br>**Following Livestock Judging Contest* | |
| 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Youth Robotics Challenge Registrations | EEC Coliseum |
| 9:00 AM | Agricultural Robotics Contest | EEC Coliseum |
| 10:30 AM | Speak Out for Agriculture Contest | BASE Hall A |
| **Monday, October 5** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Steer Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Steer Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Steer Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 2:00 PM | Steer Classification | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 3:00 PM | Steer Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM | Academic Rodeo- All Grades Check-In | EEC Coliseum |
| 6:10 PM – 6:40 PM | Academic Rodeo 1st – 3rd Grade Spelling Bee | EEC Coliseum |
| | Academic Rodeo 4th – 6th Grade Social Studies Bee | EEC Coliseum |
| 6:50 PM – 7:20 PM | Academic Rodeo 1st – 3rd Grade Math Bee | EEC Coliseum |
| | Academic Rodeo 4th – 6th Grade Spelling Bee | EEC Coliseum |
| 7:30 PM – 8:15 PM | Academic Rodeo 4th – 6th Grade Math Bee | EEC Coliseum |
| **Tuesday, October 6** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scholarship Steer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Wednesday, October 7** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium Steer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Steer Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

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| **Friday, October 9** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM | Lamb Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Wether Dam Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM | Wether Dam Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Lamb Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Lamb Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:00 PM | Wether Dam Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Lamb Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Dam Show* | |
| **Saturday, October 10** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Lamb Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship Lamb Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Lamb Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM | Optional Wether Dam Release | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM | Agricultural Product ID Registration | Back Porch Club |
| 9:00 AM | Agricultural Product ID Contest | Back Porch Club |
| **Sunday, October 11** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium Lamb Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Lamb Release | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:30 PM | Academic Rodeo Award Recipient Check-In | BASE A4 |
| 1:45 PM | Academic Rodeo Awards Ceremony | BASE A4 |
| Appx. 2:00 PM | Academic Rodeo 4th-6th Grade Spelling Bee Awards<br>**Immediately following the Oral Spelling Bee* | BASE A4 |

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| **Monday, October 12** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Goat Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM | Goat Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 PM | Goat Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:00 PM | Wether Doe Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Goat Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Doe Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:30 PM | Wether Doe Release<br>**Immediately following conclusion of Goat Showmanship* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Tuesday, October 13** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Goat Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship Goat Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Goat Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Wednesday, October 14** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium Goat Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Goat Release | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Thursday, October 15** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Swine Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Swine Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Swine Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Sullivan's Stock Show U | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 2:00 PM | Swine Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Friday, October 16** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Purebred Gilt Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Crossbred Gilt Show<br>**Immediately following Purebred Gilt Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Gilt Release | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Saturday, October 17** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Swine Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship Swine Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Swine Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Sunday, October 18** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium Swine Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Swine Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

# HEART O' TEXAS FAIR & RODEO
# LIVESTOCK & COMPETITIVE EVENTS
# GENERAL RULES

Lauren Todd……Director of Livestock & Competitive Events
Taylor Clark……...Livestock & Competitive Events Coordinator

Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. No one has a greater economic stake in the welfare of animals than the livestock producers and organizations involved in the promotion of agriculture.

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

**A.** The **"Board"** shall mean the Board of Directors of the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo. The "Executive Committee" shall mean the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo.

**B.** **"Department"** means any of the following Competitive Events:
Calf Scramble
Scholarship Breeding Heifer Show
Premium Breeding Heifer Show
Scholarship Steer Show
Premium Steer Show
Scholarship Lamb Show
Premium Lamb Show
Scholarship Goat Show
Premium Goat Show
Wether Doe Show
Wether Dam Show
Scholarship Swine Show
Premium Swine Show
Breeding Gilt Show: Purebred Division
Breeding Gilt Show: Crossbred Division
Agricultural Public Speaking
Agricultural Mechanics Show
Junior Livestock Judging
Agricultural Products Identification
Youth Robotics Challenge
Food Challenge

**C.** **"Drug Testing Policy"** shall mean the Drug Testing Policy established by the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo and may hereinafter be amended from time to time, specifically including the policies contained in the Livestock Show Special Rules.

**D.** **"Exhibitor"** shall mean the bona fide owner of the animal or project. See department Rules for clarification.

**E.** **"Junior Livestock Show"** shall mean the contests in the Departments identified in these Rules open to Participants who satisfy the requirements to be an Exhibitor under these Rules.

**F.** **"Major Livestock Show"** refers to any of the following: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Rodeo Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and the State Fair of Texas.

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

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

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

**J.** **"Rules"** shall mean these General Rules and any applicable Special Rules.

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

**L.** **"Show"** shall mean "Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo" and the events and activities that it sponsors.

**M.** "**Show Grounds**" shall mean the grounds of the Extraco Events Center.

**N.** **"Show Management"** means an individual who has been duly appointed by the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo to assist with the Show, including, but not limited to Staff, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Sub-Committee Chairs, Official Veterinarians, Announcers, Department Superintendents, Show Secretaries and Ring Stewards.

**O. "Show Official"** means an individual who has been duly appointed by Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo to assist with the Show, including, but not limited to Staff, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Sub-Committee Chairs, Judges, Classifiers, Official Veterinarians, Announcers, Department Superintendents, Show Secretaries and Ring Stewards.

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

# GENERAL RULES

All rules and regulations apply to all shows. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know and understand each and all rules applicable to them and their projects.

**The HOT Livestock Show reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these General Rules & Regulations, Livestock Show Rules, Judges Rules, and/or any applicable special requirements as published in this 2026 Heart O' Texas Livestock Show and Competitive Events Premium Book (collectively, the "Rules") and to reasonably settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Fair, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibit that violates any of the following rules may forfeit all privileges, fees paid, and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the HOT Livestock Show may order.**

The failure of the HOT Livestock Show to enforce any of the provisions, rules, rights, or remedies of this exhibitor premium book or to exercise any options or sanctions herein provided will in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rules, rights, remedies, sanctions or options.

If there is a conflict between the special rules or requirements of any department or division and the general rules & regulations, the special rules or requirements shall apply.

1. **Evacuation of Livestock/Equine:** During such times as deemed necessary by local, state, or federal authorities, the HOT Livestock Show, and/or its officials may temporarily or permanently evacuate the Extraco Events Center (EEC) under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, etc. will be acted upon in accordance and cooperation with local, state, and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life, then livestock and/or equine. In such cases, exhibitors and/or contestants will turn over the care of their livestock or equine to the Heart O' Texas Livestock Show. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted, exhibitors/contestants will be allowed to reenter EEC and claim their livestock or equine.

   By making entry into the Show, you authorize the Heart O' Texas Livestock Show and its officials to detail your livestock/equine on these premises. Furthermore, you agree to hold harmless and without liability the HOT Livestock Show, its officials, show management, and staff for those animals under the reasonable care of the show.

2. **Interpretation and Violation of Rules:** The Heart O' Texas Livestock Show reserves, to its Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these general rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard hereto, or otherwise arising out of the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may

determine. **The Heart O' Texas Livestock Show also reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the show officials.** An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Executive Committee may order.

3. **Special Rules:** Special rules or conditions are published in each department when necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules, the special rules will govern.

4. **Decisions:** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proven. Any objection to a judge must be submitted as an Official Protest (See General Rule 5 below for Official Protests).

5. **Official Protests:** All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a fee of $250 cash, which will be refunded if the protest is sustained. Such protests and fees must be submitted to Show Management. Protests must clearly state the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered to the Livestock Office immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Protests must officially be filed before the conclusion of the species show. These cases are referred to the General Manager, Livestock Committee Chairman and General Superintendent, who will have full power to act. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. **No protests will be accepted on judges' decisions, scales, or classifiers.**

6. **Disqualification:** In the event an exhibitor engages in any conduct which results in disqualification, the HOT Livestock Show may, in its sole discretion, prohibit future participation by the exhibitor in any event which is sponsored.

   No exhibitor shall be eligible to compete, or having competed, be eligible to win a premium, if he/she has been disqualified from competition in a show belonging to the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Manger's Association, or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation involving misrepresentation, fraud of deception, practice, or attempted. Any non-approved equipment becomes the property of the Heart O' Texas Livestock Show. The following steps will be taken if any rule is broken:

   **1st Offense: Animal will be disqualified**
   **2nd Offense: Penalties will be decided by Management based on rule violation**

   In the event of a disqualification, placings and awards will **not** be moved down to the next qualifying exhibitor.

7. **Statement of Liability:** All exhibits are under the direction of Show Management. The Heart O' Texas Livestock Show (HOT Livestock Show) is not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur even as a result of our own negligence. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog. He or she shall indemnify the Heart O' Texas Livestock Show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or

property, caused by exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited with such exhibition or any of the animals exhibited, even if caused by the negligence of the HOT Livestock Show. Exhibitor and each signatory hereto, and any servant, agent, family member, or employee of the Exhibitor hereby waives all right to sue the Heart O' Texas Livestock Show, even as a result of the Stock Show's negligence.

**8. Entry Rules**

**i. Eligibility of Exhibitors:** The HOT Livestock Show is an invitational livestock show, which reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any exhibitor or contestant.

**ii. Social Security Requirement:** Every exhibitor will be required to provide their social security number with their entry.

**iii. Online Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received electronically through the official HOT Livestock Show online entry program and adhere to the following deadlines:

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| **Calf Scramble** | **August 31, 2026** |
| **Livestock Show** | **August 31, 2026** |
| **Public Speaking** | **August 31, 2026** |
| **Trap Shooters** | **August 31, 2026** |
| **Agricultural Mechanics** | **August 31, 2026** |
| **Youth Robotics Challenge** | **August 31, 2026** |
| **Livestock Judging Contest** | **September 15, 2026** |
| **Food Challenge** | **September 15, 2026** |
| **Agricultural Products Identification Contest** | **September 15, 2026** |

**iv. Application for Entry**: All entries in the HOT Livestock Show must be made by the CEA or AST under whose supervision the animals were fed and cared for. It is the responsibility of the CEA or AST to read all rules and check each online entry form carefully before signing it. If forms are not correctly submitted, they will be returned. Entries must be submitted online by the CEA or AST at www.hotfair.com. **A $20 Processing Fee will be charged per FFA Chapter or 4-H County.** Once online entries are completed and submitted, it is important to print a summary sheet. For each exhibitor, the CEAs and ASTs must upload a Release and Substitute W9 form with **original** signatures from the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent/guardian, and the CEA or AST overseeing the project. The Release Form can be found with the Entry Worksheet on hotfair.com.

Instructions on how to upload documents can be found on hotfair.com. Copying the entries before submitting them for personal records is allowed and encouraged.

All entries must be made together and paid by one check or credit card payable to the HOTFR and sent in by the CEA or AST with the entry forms. Entries submitted by individual club or chapter members will not be accepted. Payment must by in the form of a school check, 4-H Club check, money order, or cashier's check. Personal checks will not be accepted for any entries. Please send to:

**Extraco Events Center**
**Attn: Livestock Office**
**4601 Bosque Blvd**
**Waco, TX 76710**

v. **Entry Fees and Deadlines:** Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online on or before August 31, 2026. If payment is being mailed, it must be postmarked on or before August 31, 2026. The following entry fees will be charged for all entries.

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## Online Entries Close: August 31, 2026
## Postmarked By: August 31, 2026

| Show/Contest | Entry Fee |
|---|---|
| **Scholarship/Premium Heifer Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$100** |
| **Scholarship/Premium Steer Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$100** |
| **Scholarship/Premium Lamb Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$100** |
| **Scholarship/Premium Goat Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$100** |
| **Scholarship/Premium Swine Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$100** |
| **Breeding Gilt Show (*per head*)** | **$50** |
| **Wether Doe Show (*per head*)** | **$50** |
| **Wether Dam Show (*per head*)** | **$50** |
| **Calf Scramble** | **$20** |
| **Agricultural Mechanics Project Show (*per project*)** | **$50** |
| **Agricultural Public Speaking Contest (*per student*)** | **$30** |
| **Agricultural Product ID Contest (*per student*)** | **$20** |
| **Agricultural Product ID Contest (*per team*)** | **$60** |
| **Food Challenge Contest (*per team*)** | **$40** |
| **Trap Shooters Extravaganza (*per event*)** | **$100; $125** |
| **Junior Livestock Judging Contest (*per student*)** | **$20** |
| **Junior Livestock Judging Contest (*per team*)** | **$60** |
| **Youth Robotics Challenge (*per team*)** | **$50** |
| **Processing Fee (*per club/chapter*)** | **$20** |

i. **Late Entries:** HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to accept or deny any late entry. Late Entries are subject to any capacity restrictions that may exist at the time of the Show.

| Show/Contest | Entry Fee | Deadline |
|---|---|---|
| **Scholarship/Premium Heifer Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$500** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Scholarship/Premium Steer Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$500** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Scholarship/Premium Lamb Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$500** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Scholarship/Premium Goat Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$500** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Scholarship/Premium Swine Show (*per head*)** **Entry fee covers entry into both the Scholarship and Premium Show* | **$500** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Breeding Gilt Show (*per head*)** | **$500** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Wether Doe Show (*per head*)** | **$500** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Wether Dam Show (*per head*)** | **$500** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Agricultural Mechanics Project Show (*per project*)** | **$100** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Agricultural Product ID Contest (*per student*)** | **$30** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Agricultural Product ID Contest (*per team*)** | **$75** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Junior Livestock Judging Contest (*per student*)** | **$30** | Accepted through check-in |
| **Junior Livestock Judging Contest (*per team*)** | **$75** | Accepted through check-in |

9. **Passes:** A Release and Substitute W9 form for each exhibitor must be uploaded before passes and credentials will be released. Passes to be picked up by exhibitors upon arrival.
   i. **Exhibitors:** Each exhibitor will receive three (3) passes per show they're entered in (i.e. 3 for the lamb show and 3 for the goat show), good for gate admission for the HOTFR. Each exhibitor will receive one (1) parking pass. All passes will be picked up by the exhibitor at their first move-in.
   ii. **CEAs and ASTs:** CEAs and ASTs who are supervising projects will be issued one (1) gate pass and one (1) parking pass good for admission for the entire HOTFR.
   iii. **Extra Passes:** You may order as many extra passes as needed; however, additional passes **must** be ordered with the Livestock Show entries. Season passes will be available for $35 and will be good for the entire HOTFR.
   iv. **Parking Passes:** Each exhibitor will receive one (1) parking pass. Additional parking passes may be purchased. Passes must be clearly visible and hanging from the rearview mirror. Failure to comply will result in confiscation of car pass and loss of parking privileges. A parking pass does not guarantee an available parking spot in the livestock parking lot.
   v. **Contest Participants:** Any student participating in only contests will not need passes and no passes will be provided to them.

10. **Livestock Substitution:** Substitutions will be allowed within the same breed and division as the original entry at the time of check-in. Substitutions will not be allowed once check-in is completed. Any animal substituted must meet any and all requirements for the show it is to be entered. **Substitutions may only be made within the same show** (i.e. a heifer for a heifer is allowed, a heifer for a gilt is not) otherwise it is considered a separate entry and subject to a late entry fee.
    a. **Heifers:** Heifer substitutions will only be allowed if the substituted heifer has been validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program.
    b. **Gilts:** Purebred gilts can be substituted for a crossbred gilt, only if the crossbred gilt is validated.

    Animal/project substitutions turned in to the Livestock and Competitive Events office **before** the day of show check-in will have no charge. Substitutions made **at the show** will be charged $50.

11. **Barred Exhibitors:** The HOT Livestock Show, in cooperation with member Shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRMA) and Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of any Exhibitor who has been barred from any Show/Rodeo on the basis of unethical practices. Each exhibitor understands and agrees that the HOT Livestock Show is entitled to report any and all rule infractions and that this information will be available to the membership of NALSRMA.

12. **Ownership Requirements:** All animals must be entered in the name of the owner as shown on the Registration Certificate if applicable. See Livestock Show Rules and Department Rules.

13. **Eligibility of Animals:** All animals in the breeding classes must be recorded or accepted for record in the recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the Superintendent in charge any time during the HOT Livestock Show. The exhibitor must give, on our application of entry, the breed, date of birth, registration number and name under which animal is registered in the record association; otherwise, entry will not be accepted. This does not apply to animals entered in classes, i.e. steers, swine, goats, wether does, wether dams and lambs. Any animal that has been offered for auction is ineligible to show.

14. **Livestock Stalling:** In so far as possible, shelter will be provided for livestock. The Show does not charge a stall fee in barns and does not guarantee stall space to any entry. Stalls will be assigned upon arrival. Stalling will be done on a first come, first serve basis. Exhibitors must arrive together to stall together. Early arrivals will not be permitted on to the Show Grounds until the designated arrival time.

15. **Erroneous Entry:** Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to the Show Management who will determine the matter upon its merits. If such classes have been judged, however, they shall not be reopened.

16. **Classifying Committees:** HOT Livestock Show will appoint Classifiers to inspect animals. Exhibitors must remove any cover from animals at inspection. Animals deemed unworthy must be removed from the show. Decisions of the Classifiers will be final and protests will not be considered. Interference with Classifiers will not be tolerated. Exhibitors and others are requested not to question their decisions, and to do so may disqualify the Exhibitor concerned.

17. **Judging:** Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the times at which their Exhibits will be judged. Any Exhibit not presented promptly will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition in the class. No complaint or protest on the Show Grounds that the judge overlooked animals will be considered.

18. **Interference:** If any Exhibitor, in any way, whether in person, by agent or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them, or the Show, Show Management may demand a proper apology from the Exhibitor, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the Show Grounds, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.

19. **Restraint/Unruly Animals:** Show Management may remove any unruly animal from the show; there will be no appeal. Cattle must be shown with halter and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant on foot. If exhibition of an animal poses a danger to the Exhibitor and/or other parties, Show Officials reserve the right to remove the animal from competition.

20. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Livestock Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Vinyl/Plastic coated "Phantom" style halters are permitted.

21. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation.

22. **Photographs:** Exhibitors agree to present their animal(s) at the request of show management for official photographs. All photographs taken by the official photographer(s) become property of the HOT Livestock Show. Unofficial (i.e. personal) photographs may not be published without written approval of Show Management. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Photographer. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the HOT Livestock Show. You may appear in resulting pictures or film which may be used in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations or other activities regarding the HOT Livestock Show. Entering the grounds and competitive events associated with the HOT Livestock Show constitutes your consent for the HOT Livestock Show to use any pictures or films it deems appropriate without payment, inspection or review.

23. **Project/Animal Care/Security:** All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the HOTFR does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. All exhibitors are responsible for security of their own animal/project(s) until they depart for their final destination (processing/ranch). The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The HOT Livestock Show is not responsible for acts of a third party.

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

ix. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot, or area on the animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the Show.
x. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus).
xi. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
xii. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
xiii. The use of diuretics is prohibited.
xiv. Administration of drugs internally or externally at the Show by someone other than the Show Veterinarian is prohibited. Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking any type of medication are ineligible.
xv. The practice or use of acupuncture at the Show is prohibited.

**b) Verification** The exhibitor specifically represents that no animal entered by him/her is unethically fitted and that the breeding, age, and milking status is correctly stated. All animals will be required to have signatures on each entry form stating that the animal was not unethically fitted. The forms must be signed by all of the following:
i. Livestock Show Exhibitor
ii. Parent or Guardian
iii. CEA or AST

**c) Medication Received Prior to the Show:** In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA-approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most drugs and varies from animal to animal. Adequate time must have passed so that an exhibitor's animal does not test positive for drugs upon arrival. Once the animals arrive on the Grounds, they must remain free and clear of all residues of medications, drugs, chemicals, and other substances. Those animals that have consumed or been given, even under the care of a licensed veterinarian, any type of performance enhancing medication, drug, chemical or substance, including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories,

tranquilizers and pain killers within the residual clearance time, are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications or eligibility should consult with the Official Veterinarian prior to competition.

**d) Medication During the Show:** For the convenience of Exhibitors, the Show arranges to have veterinarians available; however, they do NOT donate their services or medications. Fees should be discussed before treatment. Additionally, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to properly communicate to the veterinarians if the animal is eligible for further competition. **All medication and treatment administered during the livestock show must be administered by the Official Veterinarian** and a written medication record must be filed. Animals receiving performance enhancing drugs (including, but not limited to, steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers) in this manner are ineligible for competition. The Official Show

Veterinarian is authorized to remove any animal from competition if the health, safety, or welfare of the animal is in question.

i. The Official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with HOT Livestock Show, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that requires a withdrawal time, the animal may be determined ineligible for competition.

**e) DRUG RESIDUE AVOIDANCE POLICY:** All entries are subject to random testing. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in the livestock show for foreign substances including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions from each species will be tested at the conclusion of each Scholarship Show champion drive. Randomly selected animals will be tested after the completion of their respective class. The HOT Livestock Show maintains a **Zero Tolerance Policy** for unethically fitted livestock. This includes but is not limited to the use of off-label drugs and non-antibiotic therapeutic medications.

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

a. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the EEC. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs. The show will not tolerate the presence of zilpaterol hydrochloride (Zilmax™) or ractopamine hydrochloride (Paylean™ Optaflexx™) in species for which they are not FDA approved.

b. **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

**Classes of Drugs:**

**Antibacterial Therapeutic Medications:** Used to treat infection, these compounds don't create competitive advantage but can create food safety concerns if not used according to label directions. Many are only FDA-approved for particular species, meaning that extensive research has been conducted regarding the proper dosage and type of administration to be efficacious in that species as well as the withdrawal time that is necessary for meat products to be safe for human consumption.

**Non-Antibiotic Therapeutic Medications:** Inclusive of anti-inflammatories, antipyretics, diuretics, and anesthetics, these medications can result in a competitive advantage by altering the physical appearance of the animal and/or concerns with food safety. Some are available over the counter and others can only be legally sourced and administered through prescription by a licensed veterinarian. Many are only FDA-approved for a particular species and may only be used in another species with a prescription from a licensed veterinarian.

**Beta-agonists:** Originally developed as bronchodilators in humans, larger dosages have a growth-promoting effect in animals and result in increased muscle and decreased fat. The only beta-agonist that is currently FDA approved and available for use in livestock production is ractopamine, which is approved for use in cattle, swine, and turkeys with a zero-day withdrawal (i.e. research indicates that meat products are safe for consumption at any time during the feeding period). Use of ractopamine in any other species or class within species, or any beta-agonist lacking animal approval in any species, creates concerns with both food safety and competitive advantage.

**g) Inspection/Testing:**

**i.** Each exhibitor, by entering or exhibiting an animal at the HOT Livestock Show, agrees that any animal entered by him or her may be subjected to inspection or examination by any veterinarian appointed by HOT Livestock Show and that HOT Livestock Show may subject any such animal to any tests, sample-takings, or inspections that HOTFR deems necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to testing for drugs or other substances, at any time. The HOT Livestock Show shall have the right to conduct or have conducted for it all tests, inspections, or analyses it deems appropriate or necessary, including but not limited to ultrasound, DNA, blood, tissue, and urine laboratory analysis, on any animal, entered in or exhibited at the HOT Livestock Show. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's parent, legal guardian, AST, or CEA must be present during the collection of an initial urine sample for testing and must witness, seal and sign the sample, thereby establishing that the sample was properly collected and prepared for analysis. Subsequent samples of any sort may be taken by or for HOT Livestock Show without the presence of the exhibitor or his/her parent, legal guardian, or AST or CEA.

**ii.** All decisions, determinations, and conclusions based on any test, inspection, analysis, or examination shall be final and conclusive without recourse against HOT Livestock Show or any of its Show Management, directors, volunteers, and employees, or any veterinarian appointed by HOT Livestock Show.

**iii.** Each exhibitor, by entering and exhibiting an animal or project in or at the hotfr, waives and releases hot livestock show from any and all claims, suits, causes of action, liabilities, damages, demands, costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees) and other losses of every sort based on, arising out of or relating to the inspection or testing of any such animal and any ruling, decision, or action taken as a result of or in reliance on the results of any test or inspection, whether or not such testing or inspection was conducted in compliance with these rules. The foregoing waiver and release applies to any causes of action, claims, and demands based on hotfr's actual or alleged negligence.

**g) Consequences:** In the event that HOT Livestock Show determines any animal to be unethically fitted by Show officials, veterinarian or analyzing agency, HOT Livestock Show is authorized to bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. Reinstatement of anyone barred may be made only by HOT Livestock Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, auction proceeds, Premiums and Scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.

25. **Participant Decorum:** HOT Livestock Show is a family friendly event. While on the fairgrounds, a Participant is seen as an ambassador of HOT Livestock Show and the agriculture industry. As such, a participant's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators may be subject to punishment up to disqualification. Please refrain from any improper or disruptive conduct, public display of profanity, violence, excessive consumption of alcohol, and inappropriate social media content regarding HOT Livestock Show or HOT Livestock Show representatives.

26. **Animal Health Requirements:** See the Animal Health Requirements section of this catalog. Management is allowed to impose animal health regulations that are more restrictive than those imposed by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Specific TAHC regulations will supersede the Show requirements if there is a dispute between the two in which the show rules are less restrictive than TAHC regulations. See Texas Animal Health Commission Rules for details. Refer to the TAHC website for these details at http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/. The show considers itself an intrastate (accepting entries of livestock ONLY from within Texas) show for livestock entries.

27. **Diseased Animals Barred:** Special care will be taken that no animal having a disease of any character will be admitted onto the grounds at any time. The Show Management is instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to any stock having a disease or undesirable ailment.

28. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Numbers must be displayed by Exhibitor when animals are being judged.

29. **Scales:** Scales will be provided by the Show. No additional scales may be brought in by exhibitors.

30. **Objectionable Exhibits:** Show Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, or entry that may be falsely entered, deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore. **All fees will be forfeited.**

31. **Unauthorized Projects:** Any project that is brought onto the grounds which is not entered for competition or exhibition is not allowed.

32. **Bedding:** Stalls will not be pre-bedded. Exhibitors may purchase shavings on the grounds or bring their own.

33. **Stalls, Pens and Alleys:** Stalls, pens, alleys and exhibit spaces must be kept clean. Refuse matter must be disposed of as follows: Manure and/or bedding to be placed in designated recycling dumpsters; Trash to be placed in trash barrels. Feed, or equipment boxes, etc. are not permitted in the main alleys or in barn aisles. No lights are to be strung on the stalls or pens.

34. **Fans:** Only rear fans permitted if mounted on display. No on-ground fans or Port-A-Cools allowed.

35. **Signs:** In show barns, livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign over each exhibit advertising their own herds. All other forms of signs or advertising must be approved by the Show Management, and it reserves the right to have objectionable signs removed. **No sign which reflects in any way to any commercial product may be placed over any livestock exhibit.**

36. **Electrical Equipment:** All electrical equipment brought onto the Show Grounds must conform to all applicable safety regulations. Any exhibitor who refuses to cooperate with Show Management in this matter will have their exhibit immediately removed from the Show Grounds. The Exhibitor will forfeit all fees and Premiums.

37. **Generators/Fuels:** Generators and flammable fuels are prohibited on show grounds.
    i. Generators will be allowed for the Heifer and Steer Shows, but must remain outside the buildings.
    ii. Generators are not allowed during sheep, goat, or swine shows.

38. **Cooking:** Cooking is **not** allowed on the grounds at any time. No cookers, crock-pots, microwaves, coffee pots, warmers, or any other cooking utensils are permitted in the barn or on the grounds. Any cooking utensils, including coffee pots, brought on to the grounds will become the property of HOTFR.

39. **RV Spots:** There are no RV parking spots or RV hook ups available during the HOT Livestock Show. This includes trailers with living quarters.

40. **Fire Regulations**: Due to fire code regulations, equipment, showboxes, chairs, extension cords, etc. will be limited in aisles. Blocking of any aisle may be prohibited. Please make necessary provisions, if needed, to store equipment safely in or above pens.

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42. **Pets:** No pets are allowed on Grounds. Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for persons with disabilities. Such animals are welcome in areas where the public is normally allowed to go. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

43. **Electronic Communication:** The use of electronic communication devices (i.e. two-way radios, cell phones, smart watches, etc.) by exhibitors during competition, including judging contests and livestock shows, is prohibited.

44. **Force Majeure**: HOT Livestock Show is not liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and/or events to the extent such delay or failure results in a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from the causes beyond the reasonable control of HOT Livestock Show that delays or prevents performance by HOT Livestock Show otherwise required by this agreement, including but not limited to any:
    1. Breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities
    2. Any strikes, lockouts, or other labor difficulties
    3. Statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities
    4. Judicial decrees or orders
    5. Acts of God
    6. Animal diseases and/or quarantines
    7. Wars, riots, or insurrections
    8. Civil disobediences, public demonstrations, or sabotage
    9. Fires, floods, explosions, or inclement weather
    10. Inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation
    11. Depressions, recessions, or other economic downturns
    12. Embargoes or energy shortages
    13. Other causes beyond HOT Livestock Show's reasonable control

45. **Event Cancellation:** HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to cancel an event for reasons beyond Force Majeure.

46. **Refunds:** There will be no refunds of fees. In the event of cancellation of a specific contest/show, refunds may be offered in-partial or in-full and will be determined solely by HOT Livestock Show.

47. **Drugs/Alcohol: Use or possession of drugs or alcoholic beverages by any exhibitor on the fairgrounds will result in immediate expulsion from the grounds and the disqualification of that exhibitor's entry/entries.**

48. **Notice to Parents or Guardians of Participants:** HOT Livestock Show, at its election, may choose to use photographs, videos and other likenesses of Participants in future publications including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, television, promotional literature, World Wide Web (Internet) and HOT Livestock Show programs. By allowing your child or ward to enter events of HOT Livestock Show, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of your child or ward.

49. **Notice to Adult Participants:** HOT Livestock Show, at its election, may choose to use photographs, videos and other likenesses of Participants in future publications including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, television, promotional literature, World Wide Web (Internet) and HOT Livestock Show programs. By participating in events of HOT Livestock Show, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of yourself.

50. **Notice to Participants:**

WARNING

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

WARNING

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

# LIVESTOCK SHOW SPECIAL RULES

## SPECIAL RULES:

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

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

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

2. **Ineligible Exhibitor:** Junior Exhibitors and Participants suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play" are ineligible to participate in any HOT Livestock Show Junior activity, event or competition. Any animal or project owned by an ineligible Exhibitor is ineligible for competition.

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

3. **Social Security Requirement:** Every exhibitor will be required to provide their social security number with their entry.

4. **Foreign Exchange:** Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in Heart O' Texas Livestock Show and Competitive Events.

5. **Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** The HOT Livestock Show is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification of the exhibitor and/or forfeiture of fees, premiums, and awards. In certain cases, the exhibitor or associated persons may be removed and banned from the Grounds and/or future competition. Violations included, but are not limited to:
   a. Disruptive or improper conduct

b. Public display of profanity of any sort
c. Violence of any sort
d. Aggressive or unwarranted behavior towards any individual

6. **Entry:** HOT Livestock Show makes available to CEAs and ASTs in charge of 4-H Clubs or FFA livestock programs the opportunity to enter members in their programs in the Junior Livestock Show, subject to these Special Rules. These Rules are only minimum requirements for participation in the Show and are not intended to limit the right of any CEA or AST, or the Texas AgriLife Extension or the Texas Education Agency to impose additional requirements as they deem necessary. The opportunity to enter 4-H Club and FFA members' projects in the Junior Livestock Show is made available only to CEAs and ASTs supervising these livestock projects. In no event are these Rules to be construed as making any offer or opportunity available to any 4-H Club or FFA member. Processing and/ or deposit of funds does not constitute acceptance of entries from an individual and or club or chapter. Eligibility of individual members of a club or chapter are subject to verification and approval. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered to be an agent of HOT Livestock Show for any purpose.

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

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

7. **Quality Counts:** To be eligible to compete in the HOT Livestock Show, exhibitors will need Quality Counts verification. The Quality Counts verification number must be recorded on the HOT Livestock Show Entry Form when entering the project. Please refer to the website https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/ for information on how to become verified.

8. **Ownership:**
   a. **Ownership and Feeding:** The exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period, and must feed, care for, and exhibit animals entered. The feeding and fitting period shall begin no later than June 30, 2026, unless exempted by Special Rules. Exhibitors will not be permitted to purchase fitted animals and then show them in any division.
   b. **Heifer Ownership/Registration:** Animals entered in the heifer show must be owned by the exhibitor **and** registered in the records of the respective breed

association (in the name of the exhibitor) on or before June 30, 2026. Permanent identification (i.e. brand or tattoo) must be present and must match the registration paper of the animal. Original registration papers must be solely in the name of the exhibitor. Partnerships of any form will not be allowed.

9. **Validation:**
    a. **Heifers:** To be eligible, all breeding beef heifers (including potential substitute heifers) **must** be validated with the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program. The deadline for heifer validation is June 30, 2026, but exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county deadlines. Show Management will collect DNA samples on Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers as well as any other heifer designated by Show Management. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification. All tags other than state and county validation must be removed.
    b. **Steers:** All steers must be State Validated. All tags other than state and county validation must be removed.
    c. **Gilts:** To be eligible, purebred and crossbred gilts must be validated with, and adhere to, all the rules of the Texas 4-H and FFA Gilt Validation Program administered by the Texas FFA. Exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county validation deadlines. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
    d. The following do **NOT** need to be state validated:
        i. Lambs
        ii. Goats
        iii. Wether does
        iv. Wether dams
        v. Barrows, boars, or gilts NOT being exhibited in the breeding gilt show

10. **Substitute Exhibitors:** All entries in both the Scholarship Show and Premium Show must be exhibited by the owner. A substitute exhibitor will be allowed to show in place of the owner under the following circumstance(s) only:
    a. An exhibitor has more than one entry in one class
    b. Visible physical medical condition (cast, crutches, etc.)

    The exhibitor must notify and get the substitution approved by the show superintendent **before** the show. In the case of a medical condition, the exhibitor must be present at the ring while the exhibit is being shown. The substitute must be an eligible exhibitor from the owner's 4-H or FFA Chapter; if none are available, a substitute will be chosen by show management. Parents, teachers, extension agents, or other adult individuals will not be allowed to show. **Substitutions are not allowed for any other reason than those listed above.**

11. **Care of Animals:** All owners of property, livestock or others having same in charge, shall care of, guard, protect, and preserve same as the HOT Livestock Show does not undertake to do so and it shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the owners thereof.

12. **Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Animal Care Statement:** The HOTFR has developed an Animal Care Committee with representatives from across the state of Texas. The committee is charged with determining proper care is given to all species of livestock while they are at the show as well as upholding high standards of animal husbandry and ethical practices of exhibiting animals.

13. **Arrival Time:** All animals must be in place according to the schedule for each division.

14. **Stall and Pen Space:** All animals will be stalled upon arrival. To stall together, you must arrive together.
    a. **Swine:** All Swine will be stalled two to a pen. You must provide your own dividers.

15. **Trim Chutes/Blocking Tables:** Trim Chutes and blocking tables are **not** allowed on grounds. Security will monitor grounds continually.

16. **Clipping:** No shearing or clipping on grounds. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed once they arrive on grounds. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed.

17. **Fans:** Only rear fans permitted if mounted on display. No on-ground fans or Port-A-Cools allowed.

18. **Weighing:** Steers, swine, goats, and lambs will turn in their official show weight. The management reserves the right to weigh-back any animal at any time.

19. **Check-In:** Exhibitors will scan the QR Code found around the barn to turn in entries. Check-In cards will be distributed at the time of stall assignments. All information must match entry information and will prevail in the instance of discrepancy. Exhibitors must follow designated check-in deadlines accordingly or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

20. **Show Ring Competition:**
    a. **Entry Numbers:** Each entry will be assigned a back number. The numbers will be on the exhibitor's entry card and must be displayed by exhibitors during judging.
    b. **Arena Promptness:** Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. An exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class. **The HOT Livestock Show is not responsible for exhibitors missing their class.**
    c. **Disqualification:** If an animal is disqualified after having won awards or premiums, the exhibitor will forfeit their winnings. For more information, please see **Rule 6**.

21. **Staging Area:** No one is allowed in the staging area except for exhibitor, animal, Livestock Show staff, or Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent of the show in progress.

22. **Exhibitor Safety:** If exhibition of an animal poses a danger to the exhibitor and/or other parties, Show Management reserves the right to allow a substitute exhibitor or remove the animal from competition.

# Animal Health Requirements
## These regulations are subject to change at any time.

The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two. For more information, contact the Texas Animal Health Commission by calling (512) 719-0777 (24 hours) or 1(800) 550-8242, ext. 777, or by writing the TAHC, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966.

The Heart O' Texas Livestock Shows are restricted to intrastate entries.

**Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**: The certificate must indicate that the accredited veterinarian found the animals or fowl to be free of symptoms or evidence of communicable disease and that all tests, immunizations, or treatments required by the Commission were completed. For certain diseases, a specific statement may be required indicating disease-free status. The certificate is required to accompany animals and fowl entering the Heart O' Texas Livestock Show as stated in the following summary of entry requirements.

## Cattle
**Breeding Cattle**
1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required for HOT Livestock Show.

**Market Steers**
1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC

## Swine
**Breeding Swine**
1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC
2. **Official Identification:** Sexually intact swine (6 months of age or older) changing Swine

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2. **Official Identification:** Sexually intact swine (6 months of age or older) changing ownership must be officially identified

## Goats
**Market Goats**
1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC
2. **Official Identification:** All sexually intact exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag.

**Wether Does**
1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC
2. **Official Identification:** All sexually intact exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag.

## Sheep

### Market Lambs

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC
2. **Official Identification:** All sexually intact exhibition sheep must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag.

### Wether Dams

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** Not required by the TAHC
2. **Official Identification:** All sexually intact exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag.

# Calf Scramble

**Scramble Stampede**
**October 9-11, 2026**
**Entry Fee: $20**

The **Scramble Stampede, presented by The Roof Co.,** is held over the three days of the PRCA Permit Rodeo. This is a tournament-style scramble held over the three days of the PRCA Permit Finals. We start the weekend with 16 scramblers and will end with one lucky scrambler holding a $5,000 Purchase Certificate. So how does it work? On Night 1, all 16 selected scramblers will compete to catch one of our 8 rodeo calves. If they manage to snag a calf, they have secured themselves a $1,000 Purchase Certificate. On Night 2, the 8 scramblers that caught on Night 1 will return to scramble again, but this time, there are only 4 calves. If they catch, $1,000 will be added to their Purchase Certificate for a total of $2,000. On Night 3, the final 4 return to the rodeo arena for one last scramble. 1 calf will be released. The first to catch a calf and bring it to the center of the arena will win the coveted $5,000 Purchase Certificate.

## Special Rules

**Eligibility:**

1. **Age Eligibility:** Contestants must be 12 years old by August 31, 2026, and cannot be past their junior year in high school. Eligibility will be limited to 4-H and FFA members from the State of Texas. Contact your CEA or AST to fill out an application form. **All application forms may only be submitted by a CEA or AST.**
2. **Physical Requirements:** Contestants who report to the Scramble Office must be in top physical condition. Contestants appearing with broken limbs, etc., will automatically be disqualified. Contestant's minimum weight is 100 pounds.
3. **Entry Requirement:** Contestants entering in the Stampede must commit to being in attendance all three days of the tournament.

**Selection of Contestants:**

1. Scramble Stampede is limited to 16 contestants. Contestants will be selected ONLY by CEAs or ASTs. CEAs and ASTs will then enter selected Contestants on www.hotfair.com. Online entries will be accepted until all spots. Contestants are accepted to Calf Scramble on a first-come, first-serve basis. After Contestants are successfully entered online, CEA's and AST's must also submit entry fee and Entry Forms to keep the Contestant's spot on the Calf Scramble list.

2. After the 16 Contestant per night spots are filled, entries will remain open for alternates. Any Contestant who is entered and fails to submit entry fee, online Entry Form within 10 days of online entry submission will relinquish their spot and the spot will be given to an alternate. Alternates will be notified when spots become available. CEAs and ASTs must mail entry fees, online entry receipts and Entry Forms for their students only when notified to be alternates. Show Management will designate a deadline for documents to be received depending on when alternate spots become available.

3. Contestants will be notified through their supervisor if they have been accepted to participate and their scheduled participation time, if applicable.

**Purchase Certificate Rules:**

1. **Certificates:** Winners will be awarded a Purchase Certificate that can be used to purchase a heifer, steer, lamb, goat, or swine project.

2. **Scramble Shows:** All animals purchased with a scramble certificate must show in their respective scramble show, as well as the Scholarship and Premium Show. By entering into the HOT Livestock Show, Calf Scramble students are automatically entered into their respective Scramble Show. Heifers will show in two groups, Americans and British/Continental Divisions. Steers, swine, goats, and lambs will show in showmanship shows.

3. **Requirements:** Winning participants must agree to raise, groom, and train their animal. As a Calf Scramble participant, you are required to show at the 2027 HOT Livestock Show. This means you are required to show in your respective Scramble Show and the Scholarship/Premium Show. By entering into the Scholarship and Premium Show you are automatically entered in the Scramble Show. At the time of participation, the contestants will be required to agree to participate according to these rules and other guidelines established by the Calf Scramble Committee, such as date of purchase, report dates, etc.

4. **Monthly Reports:** Calf Scramble Participants are required to send your sponsor monthly updates on you and your project. These letters are required regardless of whether you have purchased your calf scramble project or not. Letters are required from January to September. In addition to sponsor letters, participants are required to provide monthly expense reports to the Calf Scramble office. **No expense reports will be sent to sponsors.**

5. **Abandonment of the Project:** Cases of abandonment of the project by reason of death of an animal, relocating by the participant, etc. shall be reported to the Calf Scramble Office, which shall have final disposition authority.

6. **Purchase Dates:** Participants can use an animal which concurrently is participating with other Livestock Show Scramble programs provided an agreement can be reached to provide the HOT Livestock Show with a duplicate Registration Certificate. Purchase dates for Scramble Heifers shall be no later than June 30, 2027. Swine, goats, and lambs must be purchased by September 1, 2027.

# Scholarships

The HOTFR will offer scholarships to the 2026/2027 Calf Scramble participants in the following categories: Essay Contest, Multimedia, and Monthly Reports. Scholarships will be given to 1st and 2nd Place for $1,000 and $500, respectively.

**Essay Contest**

Exhibitor will submit a 1,000-word essay explaining their Calf Scramble project and their experiences since purchasing their project. The essay should include things learned during the project, things that were difficult and how this experience will make the exhibitor a better person. Essays are due in the fair offices by September 15, 2027. They can be emailed or mailed.

**Multimedia**

Multi Media will be based on submission on the Heart O' Texas Fair Calf Scramble Facebook page. It will be judged on quality and quantity of Facebook posts and their relevance to the Calf Scramble program. In addition, you must post a video to the Calf Scramble Facebook page.

The video must be a digital storybook depicting your project from date of scramble in October 2027 to the deadline date, 5 p.m., September 15, 2027. The video must be between 2-3 minutes long. Anything past the 3-minute mark will not be judged. Your video will be scored based on the following criteria:

Quality – 25%
Creativity – 25%
Originality – 25%
Relevance to Calf Scramble Program – 25%

**Monthly Reports**

This category will be judged on sponsor letters and monthly reports received in the Calf Scramble office. All sponsors will be contacted by the Calf Scramble Committee for feedback on your correspondence with them. Your sponsor letters will be scored based on quality, originality and creativity. A 1st and 2nd place scholarship will be given in each species.

# Calf Scramble

**Calf Scramble & Chute-Out**
**October 13-18, 2026**
**Entry Fee: $20**

The **Heart O' Texas Calf Scramble, presented by Brazos Masonry**, takes place over five (5) days at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo. Each night 20 students will compete to catch one of 10 calves. Catching a calf guarantees the student a Purchase Certificate to purchase, raise, and show a heifer, steer, lamb, goat, or swine project the following year. The top three (3) contestants from each scramble performance will qualify to scramble again at **the HOT Chute-Out, presented by Brazos Masonry**, on the final Sunday of the rodeo and will receive an upgraded Purchase Certificate.

## Special Rules

**Eligibility:**

1. **Age Eligibility:** Contestants must be 12 years old by August 31, 2026, and cannot be past their junior year in high school. Eligibility will be limited to 4-H and FFA members from the State of Texas. Contact your CEA or AST to fill out an application form. **All application forms may only be submitted by a CEA or AST.**
2. **Physical Requirements:** Contestants who report to the Scramble Office must be in top physical condition. Contestants appearing with broken limbs, etc., will automatically be disqualified. Contestant's minimum weight is 100 pounds.

**Selection of Contestants:**

1. Calf Scramble is limited to 20 students per night. Contestants will be selected ONLY by CEAs or ASTs. CEAs and ASTs will then enter selected Contestants on www.hotfair.com. Online entries will be accepted until all spots per night are filled. Contestants are accepted to Calf Scramble on a first-come, first-serve basis. After Contestants are successfully entered online, CEA's and AST's must also submit entry fee and Entry Forms to keep the Contestant's spot on the Calf Scramble list.

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**Purchase Certificate Rules:**

1. **Certificates:** Winners at the calf scramble will be awarded a $750 Purchase Certificate that can be used to purchase a heifer, steer, lamb, goat, or swine project.

2. **HOT Chute-Out:** The top three scramblers from each of the five nights of the Calf Scramble will qualify to return to the Chute-Out. During the HOT Chute-Out, the 15 qualifying students will scramble to catch five (5) calves. Every student that qualifies for the HOT Chute-Out will receive a $1,000 Purchase Certificate. The first student to catch that night will receive $5,000, the second will receive $2,500, and other three students that catch will receive $2,000 Purchase Certificates.

3. **Scramble Shows:** All animals purchased with a scramble certificate must show in their respective scramble show, as well as the Scholarship and Premium Show. By entering into the HOT Livestock Show, Calf Scramble students are automatically entered into their respective Scramble Show. Heifers will show in two groups, Americans and British/Continental Divisions. Steers, swine, goats, and lambs will show in showmanship shows.

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# Scramble Shows

In addition to the Scholarships above, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion from each scramble show will be given awards and a scholarship as well.

**Grand Champion: $500 Scholarship**
**Reserve Grand Champion: $250 Scholarship**

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| **Thursday, October 1** | | |
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Scramble Heifer Check-In<br>**QR Check-In* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Friday, October 2** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Heifer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Friday, October 9** | | |
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Scramble Lamb Check-In<br>**QR Check-In* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Saturday, October 10** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Lamb Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Monday, October 12** | | |
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Scramble Goat Check-In<br>**QR Check-In* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Tuesday, October 13** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Goat Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Thursday, October 15** | | |
| 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM | Scramble Swine Check-In<br>**QR Check-In* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Saturday, October 17** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Swine Show | EEC Show Pavilion |

# Awards

**Overall**
Grand Champion: Banner and trophy
Reserve Champion: Banner and trophy

# Showmanship Showdown

*presented by* H-E-B

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| **Thursday, October 1** | | |
| 2:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion<br>EEC Coliseum |
| **Monday, October 5** | | |
| 4:00 PM | Steer Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Friday, October 9** | | |
| TBD | Lamb Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Dam Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Monday, October 12** | | |
| TBD | Goat Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Doe Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Thursday, October 15** | | |
| 1:00 PM | Swine Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |

1. **Entry:** There is no entry fee for Showmanship Shows if you are pre-entered online with livestock entries.
   a. There will be a $25 fee for Showmanship entries made the day of the show. Entries will be open until the **check-in deadline of that show.**
2. **Age Divisions:**
   a. Junior: 3rd - 5th Grade
   b. Intermediate: 6th - 8th Grade
   c. Senior: 9th - 12th Grade
3. **Show Order:** The shows will start with the Senior division.
   a. For the heifer show, Seniors will start in Ring A, Juniors will start in Ring B. Intermediates will show in whatever ring finishes first.
4. **Show Down:** The top three (3) showmen will be selected from each age group. Those showmen will then come back for the "Show Down" where the top five (5) overall showmen will be selected.
5. **Ownership:** All exhibitors **must** show their own animals in the showmanship shows.
6. **Dress Code:** Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an HOT Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival in the show office.

## Awards

Grand Champion: $500 premium, banner and trophy
Reserve Champion: $250 premium, banner and trophy
3rd Overall: $125 premium, banner and trophy
4th Overall: $75 premium, banner and trophy
5th Overall: $50 premium, banner and trophy

**Age Divisions**
1st Place: Buckle and banner
2nd – 3rd Place: Banner

# Scholarship Breeding Heifer Show

**Superintendent (*American*): Kristina Gardner**
**Superintendent (*British/Continental*): Floyd Ingram**
**American Judge: Kolten Thigpen**
**British/Continental Judge: Krisha Geffert**

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| **Thursday, October 1** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Breeding Beef Heifer Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Breeding Beef Heifer Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Sullivan's Stock Show U Clinic | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Breeding Beef Heifer Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 2:00 PM | Breeding Beef Heifer Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion<br>EEC Coliseum |
| **Friday, October 2** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Heifer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship American Heifer Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Heifer Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship British/Continental Heifer Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Heifer Show* | EEC Coliseum |
| **Saturday, October 3** | | |
| 8:30 AM | Breeding Beef Heifer Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Ownership/Registration:** Animals entered in the beef heifer show must be owned by the exhibitor **and** registered in the records of the respective breed association (in the name of the exhibitor) on or before June 30, 2026. Permanent identification (i.e. brand or tattoo) must be present and must match the registration paper of the animal. Original registration papers must be solely in the name of the exhibitor. Partnerships of any form will not be allowed.
3. **Validation:** To be eligible, all breeding beef heifers (including potential substitute heifers) **must** be validated with the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program. The deadline for heifer validation is June 30, 2026, but exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county deadlines. Show Management will collect DNA samples on Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers as well as any other heifer designated by Show Management. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification. **All tags other than state and county validation must be removed.** All potential substitution heifers must be validated.
4. **Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, HOT is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles,

awards, prizes, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.

5. **ID Verification:** The tattoo or brand will be checked on the top two (2) placing heifers at the conclusion of each class and must match the permanent ID that appears on the original registration paper that is uploaded to the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program database. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure the brand or tattoo is legible prior to arrival on show grounds. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their heifer does not have a matching tattoo or brand, or if the tattoo or brand is illegible. In the event of a disqualification, placings and awards will not be moved down to the next qualifying exhibitor. The Show will not be responsible for branding heifers or any heifers that need to be tattooed or be re-tattooed.
6. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
7. **Check-In Cards:** Check-In cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered during Self-Check-In. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

   Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 1 p.m. to the Show Office
   Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation) and kept on their person during show.

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

   Check-in must be completed by Thursday, October 1st at 1 p.m. or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

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

8. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Any animal substituted must meet any and all requirements for the show it is to be entered. Animal/project substitutions turned in to the Livestock and Competitive Events office **before** the day of show check-in will have no charge. Substitutions made **at the show** will be charged $50. Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
9. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.

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10. **Registration Papers:** Registration papers must be available at the show but are not required to be on person during exhibition.
11. **Breeds:** The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show. They will be shown in an American ring and a British/Continental ring. The list below is in show order.
    a. **American:**
        · Beefmaster
        · Brangus
        · Red Brangus
        · Grey Brahman
        · Red Brahman
        · Santa Gertrudis
        · Simbrah
        · ARB
    b. **British/Continental:**
        · Angus
        · Red Angus
        · Hereford
        · Polled Hereford
        · Shorthorn
        · Charolais
        · Chianina
        · Limousin
        · Maine Anjou
        · Simmental
        · ORB
12. **Judging:** Each breed will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
13. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.

14. **Fitting:** This is **Blow and Go** show. All heifers will be shown with hair in a natural state **without** the use of foams, glues, oils, adhesives, paints, etc. Animals with any type of foam, glue, paint, oil, adhesive, etc., in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Animals will be toweled. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
15. **Trim Chutes:** No trim chutes allowed on grounds.
16. **Clipping:** Clippers are allowed on grounds.
17. **Tie-Outs:** No cattle tie-outs.
18. **Fans:** Only rear fans permitted if mounted on display. No on-ground fans or Port-A-Cools allowed.
19. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated "Phantom" style halters are permitted.
20. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
21. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class. Example, single head entries will not be guaranteed a premium payout in the Scholarship Show.

## Classes

Heifer Calf Classes
1. Calved on or after March 1, 2026
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5. Calved November 1-December 31, 2025
6. Calved September 1-October 31, 2025
7. Calved July 1-August 31, 2025
8. Calved May 1-June 30, 2025

Senior Heifer Classes
9. Calved March 1-April 30, 2025
10. Calved January 1-February 28, 2025
11. Calved September 1-December 31, 2024

**12. Breed Champion Heifer**
**13. Reserve Breed Champion Heifer**

## Scholarships

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**Overall Grand Champion:** $2,500 Scholarship
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $2,000 Scholarship
**Overall 3rd Place:** $1,500 Scholarship
**Overall 4th Place:** $1,000 Scholarship
**Overall 5th Place:** $500 Scholarship

**Breed Champion:** $500 Scholarship
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $250 Scholarship

# Premium Breeding Heifer Show

**Superintendent (*American*): Kristina Gardner**
**Superintendent (*British/Continental*): Floyd Ingram**
**American Judge: Chad Breeding**
**British/Continental Judge: Glen Martin**

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| **Thursday, October 1** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 2:00 PM | Breeding Heifer Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion<br>EEC Coliseum |
| **Saturday, October 3** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium American Heifer Show | EEC Coliseum |
| | Premium British/Continental Heifer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Breeding Heifer Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Ownership/Registration:** Animals entered in the beef heifer show must be owned by the exhibitor **and** registered in the records of the respective breed association (in the name of the exhibitor) on or before June 30, 2026. Permanent identification (i.e. brand or tattoo) must be present and must match the registration paper of the animal. Original registration papers must be solely in the name of the exhibitor. Partnerships of any form will not be allowed.
3. **Validation:** To be eligible, all breeding beef heifers (including potential substitute heifers) **must** be validated with the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program. The deadline for heifer validation is June 30, 2026, but exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county deadlines. Show Management will collect DNA samples on Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers as well as any other heifer designated by Show Management. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification. **All tags other than state and county validation must be removed.** All potential substitution heifers must be validated.
4. **Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, HOT is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.
5. **ID Verification:** The tattoo or brand will be checked on the top two (2) placing heifers at the conclusion of each class and must match the permanent ID that appears on the original registration paper that is uploaded to the Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program database. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure the brand or tattoo is legible

prior to arrival on show grounds. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their heifer does not have a matching tattoo or brand, or if the tattoo or brand is illegible. In the event of a disqualification, placings and awards will not be moved down to the next qualifying exhibitor. The Show will not be responsible for branding heifers or any heifers that need to be tattooed or be re-tattooed.

6. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
7. **Check-In Cards:** Check-In cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered during Self-Check-In. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

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

   Check-in must be completed by Thursday, October 1st at 1 p.m. or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

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10. **Registration Papers:** Registration papers must be available at the show but are not required to be on person during exhibition.
11. **Breeds:** The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show. They will be shown in an American ring and a British/Continental ring. The list below is in show order.
    a. **American:**
        · Beefmaster
        · Brangus
        · Red Brangus
        · Grey Brahman
        · Red Brahman
        · Santa Gertrudis
        · Simbrah
        · ARB
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        · Red Angus
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        · Polled Hereford
        · Shorthorn
        · Charolais
        · Chianina
        · Limousin
        · Maine Anjou
        · Simmental
        · ORB
12. **Judging:** Each breed will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
13. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.

14. **Fitting:** This is **Blow and Go** show. All heifers will be shown with hair in a natural state **without** the use of foams, glues, oils, adhesives, paints, etc. Animals with any type of foam, glue, paint, oil, adhesive, etc., in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Animals will be toweled. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
15. **Trim Chutes:** No trim chutes allowed on grounds.
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17. **Tie-Outs:** No cattle tie-outs.
18. **Fans:** Only rear fans permitted if mounted on display. No on-ground fans or Port-A-Cools allowed.
19. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated "Phantom" style halters are permitted.
20. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
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10. Calved January 1-February 28, 2025
11. Calved September 1-December 31, 2024

**12. Breed Champion Heifer**
**13. Reserve Breed Champion Heifer**

**Overall Grand Champion:** $1,000
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $750
**Overall 3rd Place:** $500
**Overall 4th Place:** $250
**Overall 5th Place:** $150

**Breed Champion:** $150
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $100

# Breeding Heifer Breed Classification Guide

1. **American:**
   - **ARB:** The American Registered Breeds is open to heifers of *Bos indicus* type that have been registered or issued a certificate of registry with a recognized breed association. This includes but is not limited to Beefmaster E6, Beefmaster Advancer, Braford, Braford F-1, Brahman Golden Certified F-1, Brahmousin, Brangus Ultra Black, Brangus Ultra Red, Brangus Optimizer, Brangus Premium Gold, Charbray, Gelbray, Star 5, Percentage Simbrah, any Simbrah with asterick notation on their papers, and Simbravieh.
   - **Beefmaster:** Heifers must be registered with the Beefmaster Breeders United as a purebred.
   - **Brangus:** Heifers must be registered with the International Brangus Breeders Assoc.
   - **Grey Brahman:** Heifers must be registered with the ABBA.
   - **Red Brahman:** Heifers must be registered with the ABBA.
   - **Red Brangus:** Heifers must be registered (not certified) with the ARBA or the IBBA.
   - **Santa Gertrudis:** Heifers must be registered in the herd book of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International.
   - **Simbrah:** Heifers must be purebred Simbrah (5/8 Simmental and 3/8 Brahman) and must be registered with the American Simmental/Simbrah Association.
2. **British/Continental:**
   - **Angus:** Heifers must be registered with the American Angus Assoc.
   - **Hereford:** Heifers must be registered with the American Hereford Assoc. Heifers indicated as horned will be shown in the Hereford breed.
   - **Polled Hereford:** Heifers must be registered with the American Hereford Assoc. Heifers indicated as polled or scurred will be shown in the Polled Hereford breed.
   - **Red Angus:** Heifers must be registered as Red Angus Category 1A with the Red Angus Assoc. of America. Other categories will be shown in ORB.
   - **Shorthorn:** Heifers must be registered with the American Shorthorn Association.
   - **Charolais:** Heifers must be purebred and registered with the American-International Charolais Assoc.
   - **Chianina:** Heifers must be registered in herd book of the American Chianina Association.
   - **Limousin:** All orange papered Limousin heifers must be 75% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on the registration papers issued by the North American Limousin Foundation. All purple papered LimFlex heifers must be at least 50% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on the registration papers issued by the North American Limousin Foundation.
   - **Maine Anjou:** Heifers must be 75% or greater Maine Anjou and be registered with the American Maine Anjou Association.
   - **ORB:** The Other Registered Breeds is open to any heifer of *Bos Taurus* type that have been registered or issued a certificate of registry with a recognized breed association. This includes, but is not limited to Braunvieh, Braunvieh Beef Builder, percentage Charolais, Chiangus, percentage Chianina, Gelbvieh, Gelbvieh Balancer, LimFlex (less than 50%), MaineTainer, Pinzgauer, Shorthorn Plus, and percentage Simmental.
   - **Simmental:** Heifers must be purebred Simmental and registered with the American Simmental/Simbrah Association.

# Scholarship Steer Show

**Superintendent: Anthony Meurer**
**Judge: Scott Werning**

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| **Monday, October 5** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Steer Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Steer Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Steer Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 2:00 PM | Steer Classification | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 4:00 PM | Steer Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Tuesday, October 6** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scholarship Steer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Wednesday, October 7** | | |
| 8:30 AM | Steer Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** All steers must be State validated. All Steers will utilize the validation tag as their identification number at the Show. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Texas 4-H and FFA Steer Validation Program will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret the Official Validation Rules.
3. **Ear Tags:** All ear tags except the official Texas validation tag must be removed before the Show. The official Texas validation tag number will be used for animal identification. No tag alterations – Any change to size, shape, form, or color will void the tag.
4. **Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Junior Market Steer Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, HOT is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.
5. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
6. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 1 p.m. to the Show Office
Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Monday, October 5th at 1 p.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

7. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their steer. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
8. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
9. **Breeds:** The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show.
   - Brahman
   - Brangus
   - Santa Gertrudis
   - Simbrah
   - ABC
   - Angus
   - Red Angus
   - Hereford
   - Polled Hereford
   - Shorthorn
   - Charolais
   - Limousin
   - Maine Anjou
   - Simmental
   - Black Cross
   - Red Cross
   - Other Cross

10. **Classification:** The HOT Livestock Show will appoint classifiers to inspect steers. All steers will be classified by a three (3) person committee. Decisions of the classifiers will be final and protests will not be considered. Interference with classifiers will not be tolerated. The HOT Livestock Show will be following the 2024-2028 Texas Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines.
11. **Classification Process:** Classification will be run in two lines. Line 1 will be American breeds, in show order. Line 2 will be British breeds, in show order. Continental breeds will go through whichever line finishes first, in show order. An exhibitor must walk the animal through classification. Steers entered in Other Cross do not need to go through the classification line.
12. **Re-Weighs:** The top two (2) places in each class will be re-weighed. All steers selected for weigh-back weighing more than 5% above or below the declared weight will be disqualified. Third place will be reweighed if necessary.
13. **Judging:** Each breed will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
14. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
15. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All exhibitor substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
16. **Fitting:** This is **Blow and Go** show. All steers will be shown with hair in a natural state **without** the use of foams, glues, oils, adhesives, paints, etc. Animals with any type of foam, glue, paint, oil, adhesive, etc., in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Animals will be toweled. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
17. **Trim Chutes:** No trim chutes allowed on grounds.
18. **Clipping:** Clippers are allowed on grounds.
19. **Tie-Outs:** No cattle tie-outs.
20. **Fans:** Only rear fans permitted if mounted on display. No on-ground fans or Port-A-Cools allowed.
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22. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
23. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Scholarships

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**Overall Grand Champion:** $2,500 Scholarship
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $2,000 Scholarship
**Overall 3rd Place:** $1,500 Scholarship
**Overall 4th Place:** $1,000 Scholarship
**Overall 5th Place:** $500 Scholarship

**Breed Champion:** $500 Scholarship
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $250 Scholarship

# Premium Steer Show

**Superintendent: Anthony Meurer**
**Judge: Brady Ragland**

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| **Monday, October 5** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Steer Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Steer Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Steer Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 2:00 PM | Steer Classification | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 4:00 PM | Steer Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Wednesday, October 7** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium Steer Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Steer Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** All steers must be State validated. All Steers will utilize the validation tag as their identification number at the Show. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Texas 4-H and FFA Steer Validation Program will result in disqualification. Show Management reserves the right to interpret the Official Validation Rules.
3. **Ear Tags:** All ear tags except the official Texas validation tag must be removed before the Show. The official Texas validation tag number will be used for animal identification. No tag alterations – Any change to size, shape, form, or color will void the tag.
4. **Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Junior Market Steer Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, HOT is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.
5. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
6. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 1 p.m. to the Show Office
Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Monday, October 5th at 1 p.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

7. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their steer. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
8. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.

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9. **Breeds:** The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show.
   - Brahman
   - Brangus
   - Santa Gertrudis
   - Simbrah
   - ABC
   - Angus
   - Red Angus
   - Hereford
   - Polled Hereford
   - Shorthorn
   - Charolais
   - Limousin
   - Maine Anjou
   - Simmental
   - Black Cross
   - Red Cross
   - Other Cross

10. **Classification:** The HOT Livestock Show will appoint classifiers to inspect steers. All steers will be classified by a three (3) person committee. Decisions of the classifiers will be final and protests will not be considered. Interference with classifiers will not be tolerated. The HOT Livestock Show will be following the 2024-2028 Texas Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines.
11. **Classification Process:** Classification will be run in two lines. Line 1 will be American breeds, in show order. Line 2 will be British breeds, in show order. Continental breeds will go through whichever line finishes first, in show order. An exhibitor must walk the animal through classification. Steers entered in Other Cross do not need to go through the classification line.
12. **Re-Weighs:** The top two (2) places in each class will be re-weighed. All steers selected for weigh-back weighing more than 5% above or below the declared weight will be disqualified. Third place will be reweighed if necessary.
13. **Judging:** Each breed will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
14. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
15. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All exhibitor substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
16. **Fitting:** This is **Blow and Go** show. All steers will be shown with hair in a natural state **without** the use of foams, glues, oils, adhesives, paints, etc. Animals with any type of foam, glue, paint, oil, adhesive, etc., in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Animals will be toweled. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
17. **Trim Chutes:** No trim chutes allowed on grounds.
18. **Clipping:** Clippers are allowed on grounds.
19. **Tie-Outs:** No cattle tie-outs.
20. **Fans:** Only rear fans permitted if mounted on display. No on-ground fans or Port-A-Cools allowed.
21. **Show Equipment:** Livestock shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the manner in which it is being used. Show Management or Competitive Events Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Vinyl/Plastic coated "Phantom" style halters are permitted.
22. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
23. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Awards

**Overall Grand Champion:** $1,000
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $750
**Overall 3rd Place:** $500
**Overall 4th Place:** $250
**Overall 5th Place:** $150

**Breed Champion:** $150
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $100

# Market Steer Breed Classification Guide

- **Brahman**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% Brahman
    - A prominent hump beginning at the shoulder and going forward but must angle back down to the neck to create a hump – the width of the hump base should wrap around neck or shoulder and not be a crest
    - Any color or color pattern
    - With adequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, ear sheath/navel should represent brahman characteristics
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Sheath and navel score of 2 or less
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - A crest with an inadequate hump, or lack of hump
    - Inadequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and/or ear
- **Brangus**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred black Brangus
    - Solid black with no white above the underline or in front of the navel
    - Polled (Scurs and Slick Spots acceptable)
    - Progression of importance to include *Bos indicus*-influence head, eye, and ear of moderate length, slightly pointed, drooping and opening down and forward
    - With adequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and ear characteristics; sheath score is of less importance
    - Shows some evidence of a crest
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Scurs Inadequate *Bos indicus*-influence head, eye, and ear characteristics
    - Brown dilution over ribs, fore flank, twist and muzzle
    - Sheath score of 1
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Horns
    - Dehorning scars
    - White above the underline or in front of the navel
    - White on the legs, feet, or tail
    - Any brindle
- **Santa Gertrudis**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Santa Gertrudis with adequate Bos indicus head, eye and ear characteristics
    - Any color pattern of black, red, yellow or orange
    - Moderate crest; no definite hump

- Moderate dewlap development
- Moderate length of ear, slightly drooping
- and opening forward
- Sheath score 2–5

- *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
  - Straight, pendulous sheath
  - Sheath score of 1
  - Brindle coloring
  - Excessive White
- *Absolute Disqualifications:*
  - Absence of any visible Santa Gertrudis characteristics
  - Absence of *Bos indicus*-influence head, eye, ear, or sheath
  - Smoke, silvers, grays

- **Simbrah**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - A sheath score of 2 or greater
    - With Bos indicus head, eye, and ear characteristics; sheath score is of less importance
    - Stocking legs
    - Bald, blaze, or streak face or mottled face
    - Solid black, solid red or solid dun/tan combination with white or any of the previously listed colors
    - Brindle color pattern with white markings
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - A sheath score of 1
    - A *Bos taurus* head
    - A *Bos taurus* ear
    - A *Bos taurus* eye
    - Brindle color pattern with no white
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - A combination of a *Bos taurus* head, ear, eye, and sheath
    - Roans
    - Grays
    - Smut
    - Silver
    - Solid Yellow
- **ABC**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Any color or color pattern
    - Progression of importance to include *Bos indicus*-influenced head (longer from eye to nose than from eye to poll); eye (almond shaped); ear of adequate length, slightly

drooping, slightly tapering at the end, and opening down and forward; showing *Bos indicus* influenced sheath
    - Crest or evidence of hump
    - With adequate Bos indicus head, eye, and ear characteristics; sheath score is of less importance
- *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - *Bos taurus* head
    - *Bos taurus* short ear
    - *Bos taurus* eye
    - Sheath score of 1
    - Slick neck (lack of crest or evidence of hump)
- *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - A combination of a *Bos taurus* head, eye, and ear
- **Angus**
- *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus
    - Solid Black
    - Polled
    - Needs to have a sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground
    - Angus-type ear set, small to moderate ear size sitting high on the head and tying horizontally into the poll
- *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Continental breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head
    - Bumps or a ridge where horns would be on a horned animal
    - Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification)
    - Non-Angus-type ear set (Ear set and excessive ear size as in Continental breeds)
    - Large navels and angular sheaths
- *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel (White on the navel is acceptable)
    - White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot or tail
    - Horns or scurs
    - Brindle
    - Diluter color pattern
    - Dehorning scars
    - Double muscling
    - *A defined ridge/bump running vertically from the center of the skull into the poll. (TH Bump )*

- **Hereford**
  - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford
    - Some white on the back of both ears
    - Red body with white face, white underline, some white on lower 1/3 of leg
    - Traditional feather on neck
    - Horned Herefords must show evidence of being dehorned
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Dark red color
    - Red neck
    - Eye pigment
    - Solid red ear(s)
    - Black hair in tail, or ear of animal
    - Freckling on the nose/face
    - White above switch in tail
    - White across rump above the twist
    - White on legs
    - White above the underline
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Solid white ear(s)
    - Larger ear size
    - Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch
    - White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
    - Excess pigment or color around the eyes
    - Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
    - Excessive line back
    - Coarse joints
    - Head
      - Dish head
      - Excessive Long Head
      - Roman Nose
    - Extreme Muscle Definition
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Solid black nose
    - Diluter color pattern
    - Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
    - Brindles
    - Double muscling
    - Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)
    - Excessive black hair on legs

- **Polled Hereford**
  - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Polled Hereford
    - Some white on the back of both ears
    - Red body with white face, white underline, and white-marked legs
    - Traditional feather on crest
    - Must be polled or have loose scurs
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Dark red color
    - Red neck
    - Eye pigment
    - Solid red ear(s)
    - Black hair in tail, or ear of animal
    - Freckling on the nose/face
    - White above switch in tail
    - White across rump above the twist
    - White on legs
    - White above the underline
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Solid white ear(s)
    - Larger ear size
    - Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch
    - White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
    - Excess pigment or color around the eyes
    - Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
    - Excessive line back
    - Coarse joints
    - Head
      - Dish head
      - Excessive Long Head
      - Roman Nose
    - Extreme Muscle Definition
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Horn attachment to the skull
    - Evidence of tampering with horns, or dehorning scars
    - Solid black nose
    - Diluter color pattern
    - Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
    - Brindles
    - Double muscling
    - Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

    - Excessive black hair on legs
- **Red Angus**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Red Angus
    - Solid red (shades may vary)
    - Polled
    - A blond, light red, or mixed switch
    - Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs
    - Needs to have a sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Coarse joints (not to be confused with big boned cattle)
    - Solid White Switch
    - Smut/gray nose pigmentation
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Horns or scurs breaking through the skin
    - White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in front of the navel (white on navel is acceptable)
    - White skin resulting in white hair on the leg or tail/switch
    - Black pigmentation of the skin. Not to be confused with freckling on the nose or anus
    - Roaning
    - Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
    - Black skin on the Nose
    - A defined ridge/bump running vertically from the center of the skull into the poll. (TH Bump)
- **Shorthorn**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn
    - Red with white hair in tail switch
    - White with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus or tail
    - Any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Orange or light red color
    - Black nose pigment
    - Coarse head
    - Coarse joints/structure
    - Solid red with red tail switch
    - Round muscle pattern
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Diluter color pattern, such as yellow or yellow roan
    - Blacks, blue roans, or grays

- Brindle
- Solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus
- Motley face or Brockle face
- Black hair – Any location

- **Charolais**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Charolais
    - White, yellow, gray, or silver
    - Expression of diluter gene
    - Minimal Painting or spotting (less than 20%)
    - Skunk tail, line back, baldy
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Painting or spotting (over 20%)
    - Double muscling
    - Frail bone work and frail general appearance
    - Light red color or orange
    - Short, stubby head
    - Overly refined, narrow head
    - Moderate black pigmentation (skin around eyes, nose, ears, or anus)
    - Moderate dappling
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Black, red, dark smuts
    - Showing no diluter gene, unless solid white
    - Excessive painting or spotting
    - Brindles/Brindling, Roans
    - Excessive dappling
    - Excessive black pigmentation (skin around eyes, nose, ears or anus)
- **Limousin**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Limousin
      - Head Character
      - Eye – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigment around eye on reds
      - Poll – Typically have a wider poll
      - Ear – Tends to be smaller and set lower on head
      - Muzzle – Tends to be short
      - Sheath
        - Tend to have a forward angle
      - Legs/foot
      - Tend to be smooth jointed
      - Tend to be flat boned
    - Tend to be smooth shouldered

- Acceptable Color - Solid black, red/orange, light red, charcoal black, chocolate black, orange, bald or brockle-face
- Brindle color pattern will be allowed providing it does not extend below the mid-rib of the body

- *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
  - Head character issues (i.e. roman nose), coarse joints/skeleton
  - Coarse open shoulders
  - Pointed poll
  - Bigger and more elongated ears / high ear set
  - Pencil sheath, hanging straight down
  - Excessive crest
  - Yellow color
  - Red cattle with black nose
  - Diluter gene
  - Excessive Dappling
- *Absolute Disqualifications:*
  - Stocking leg(s) w/white extending above the dew claw
  - Brindle below the mid-rib
  - Spotting above the underline
  - Roans, Gray, Silver, white
  - Monkey/Parrot mouth
  - Shows an excessive influence of another breed other than Limousin

- **Maine Anjou**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Solid red
    - Solid black
    - Red and white
    - Black and white
    - Heavy skeletal structure
    - Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Slight Brindling on topline and down towards loin edge (Figure 3)
    - Signs of Feathering on Neck
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Brindle (down past the topline, extending onto the rib and down)
    - Roans
    - Diluter color pattern (yellow, orange, gray)
    - Appears to be more than 50% of any other breed
- **Simmental**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Purebred Simmental

        - Typically, longer head and larger ears
        - Somewhat lower ear set
        - Heavy skeletal structure
    - Acceptable Colors and Patterns
        - Solid black or red
        - Red and white, black and white, yellow and white
        - Bald, blaze, or streak face
        - Some painting above the underline (No bleeding of colors, i.e. spotting)
- *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Excessive Spotting
    - Excessive white above the underline
    - Motley, Brockle, star, or diamond shaped white in the head
    - Excessive white on the tail above the switch
    - Refined skeletal makeup
- *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Shows excessive influence of another breed type other than Simmental
    - Silver, smoke, white, smut, gray or any combination of these
    - Solid Yellow or Orange
    - Brindle
    - Roans
    - Skunk tail

- **Black Cross**
    - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
        - Must have a black body cavity. Defined as the area behind the top of the shoulder blade down to the point of the shoulder and above the belly line.
        - White in the body cavity is only acceptable in the following instances:
            - White is a continuation of the feathering
            - White is at the fore and/or rear flanks similar to Hereford color pattern
            - White spotting not collectively larger than 9 inches (basketball size) in diameter per side (cannot be all on the same side)
        - Skunk tail cattle are permitted provided the white above the rectum does not exceed the amount of white spotting allowed (basketball size)
        - Absent of diluter gene
    - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
        - Slight Brindling is allowed provided it does not extend below the fore and rear flanks
    - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
        - Roans
        - Excessive white in the body cavity collectively larger than 9 inches (basketball size) in diameter per side (cannot be all on the same side)

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

# Scholarship Lamb Show

**Superintendent: Brit Owen**
**Assistant Superintendent: Robert Ferguson**
**Judge: Craig Beckmier**

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| **Friday, October 9** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Lamb Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Lamb Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Lamb Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| TBD | Lamb Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Dam Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Saturday, October 10** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Lamb Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship Lamb Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Lamb Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Sunday, October 11** | | |
| 8:30 PM | Lamb Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** Scholarship Lambs do not need to be validated.
3. **Ownership:** All lambs must have been owned, fed, and fitted by the exhibitor starting at September 1 of the current year.
4. **Entry Qualification:** Wethers and ewes may be shown.
5. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
6. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

   Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 1 p.m. to the Show Office
   Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Friday, October 9th at 1 p.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

7. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their lamb. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
8. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
9. **Breeds:** The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show.
   - Southdown
   - Finewool
   - Finewool Cross
   - Dorper
   - **Natural**
   - Medium Wool
10. **Classification:** Lambs will be classified as they enter the staging area. Lambs will be subject to reclassification by the classifying committee. Lambs may be reclassified into the appropriate division at the discretion of official classifiers. See Lamb Classification Standards.
11. **Re-Weighs:** The top five (5) places in each class will be re-weighed. Any lamb weighing more than five (5) pounds above its turned in weight will be disqualified.
12. **Judging:** Each division will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
13. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
14. **Fitting:** Lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above knee and hock joints before arrival on the grounds. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
15. **Clipping:** No shearing or clipping on grounds. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed once they arrive on grounds. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed.
16. **Trim Tables:** No blocking/trim tables allowed on grounds. **Any lamb caught on blocking/trim table will be automatically disqualified. Head stalls are allowed.**
17. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
18. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.

19. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Scholarships

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**Overall Grand Champion:** $2,500 Scholarship
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $2,000 Scholarship
**Overall 3rd Place:** $1,500 Scholarship
**Overall 4th Place:** $1,000 Scholarship
**Overall 5th Place:** $500 Scholarship

**Breed Champion:** $500 Scholarship
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $250 Scholarship

# Premium Lamb Show

**Superintendent: Brit Owen**
**Assistant Superintendent: Robert Ferguson**
**Judge: Dr. Shawn Ramsey**

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| **Friday, October 9** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Lamb Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Lamb Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Lamb Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| TBD | Lamb Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Dam Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Sunday, October 11** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium Lamb Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 PM | Lamb Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** Premium Lambs do not need to be validated.
3. **Ownership:** All lambs must have been owned, fed, and fitted by the exhibitor starting at September 1 of the current year.
4. **Entry Qualification:** Wethers and ewes may be shown.
5. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
6. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

   Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 1 p.m. to the Show Office
   Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Friday, October 9th at 1 p.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

7. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their lamb. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
8. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
9. **Breeds:** The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show.
   - Southdown
   - Finewool
   - Finewool Cross
   - Dorper
   - **Natural**
   - Medium Wool
10. **Classification:** Lambs will be classified as they enter the staging area. Lambs will be subject to reclassification by the classifying committee. Lambs may be reclassified into the appropriate division at the discretion of official classifiers. See Lamb Classification Standards.
11. **Re-Weighs:** The top five (5) places in each class will be re-weighed. Any lamb weighing more than five (5) pounds above its turned in weight will be disqualified.
12. **Judging:** Each division will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
13. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
14. **Fitting:** Lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above knee and hock joints before arrival on the grounds. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
15. **Clipping:** No shearing or clipping on grounds. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed once they arrive on grounds. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed.
16. **Trim Tables:** No blocking/trim tables allowed on grounds. **Any lamb caught on blocking/trim table will be automatically disqualified. Head stalls are allowed.**
17. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
18. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.

19. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Awards

**Overall Grand Champion:** $1,000
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $750
**Overall 3rd Place:** $500
**Overall 4th Place:** $250
**Overall 5th Place:** $150

**Breed Champion:** $150
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $100

# Market Lamb Breed Classification Guide

- **Finewool**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds.
    - Silky, white face.
    - Silky ears, medium to moderate in length.
    - Soft pelt.
    - Yellow to white hooves (neutral).
    - Black pads on hooves and black dew claws.
    - Minimal amount of black streaking in the hooves. Less than 1/8 of cumulative hoof surface.
    - Nose should be neutral to pink in color.
    - May be polled or horned. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Moderate amounts of brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
    - Moderate freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose, and lips.
    - Black eyelashes.
    - Excessive black streaking in hooves more than 1/8 cumulative of hoof surface.
    - Birthmarks
  - *Absolute Disqualification:*
    - Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
    - Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
    - Excessive brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
    - Excessive freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose, and lips.
    - Brown or black spots in hairline above the hooves to the dew claw.
    - Solid black toe or hooves.
    - Black lambs.
    - Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
    - Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
    - Head, ear and/or horn shape non-typical to the Finewool breeds (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds).

Finewools classed out will be assigned to either the Finewool Cross or Medium wool breeds at the determination of the classifiers

- **Finewool Cross**
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - The standard for Finewool Crosses is a Finewool Ewe (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds) bred to a Hampshire or Suffolk Rams only.

- Soft pelt which is characteristic of ½ blood wool (60's-62's spinning count).
- Face and ears should be soft and silky.
- Spotting and/or brown face and ears.
- Moderate spotting and/or brown legs not extending above the rear flank and fore flank.
- Wool must be present below the hocks on the rear legs; wool below the knees on the front legs is not necessary.
- Reddish, rust colored legs are acceptable.
- White-faced or ring-eyed crosses are acceptable if pelt is acceptable – as long as no discriminatory characteristics are present.
- Birthmarks.
- Scurs and/or horns are acceptable. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

· *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
- Excessive black spotting in the skin above the knees and hocks.
- Moderate black or chocolate brown color on face, ears and legs (including wool).
- Moderately coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- White-faced or ring-eyed crosses
- Moderately coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Horns are discriminatory on finewool crosses (except classed out finewools with horns indicative of acceptable finewool breeds).

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

· **Southdown**

· *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
- Hair color on muzzle should be mouse-colored, gray to brown and match color on legs and pasterns.
- Nostril pigmentation may be black to purplish-gray.
- Head and muzzle should be broad and proportional to body.
- Head of moderate length and in proportion to body.
- Ears of moderate length, in proportion to body, and covered with short hair or wool.
- Black hooves.

- Slight chalk around eyes.
- Slight chalk around muzzle.
- Spots or speckles in the skin only when shorn.

- *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
  - Solid white color or dark chocolate color on muzzle and/or head.
  - Coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
  - Predominately pink nose with few black spots.
  - Long, narrow muzzle.
  - Excessive black pigmentation on ears.
  - Excessive ear length not in proportion to head.
  - No hair or wool on ears.
  - Scurs.
  - Absence of wool between scur areas.
  - Striped hooves.
  - Reddish, rust colored hair above hoof to pastern.
  - Black fibers in wool outside of birthmark.
  - Birthmarks.
- *Absolute Disqualification:*
  - Speckled face, ears, or legs.
  - Horns.
  - White hooves.
  - Intentional alteration of hair color or skin pigmentation.
  - Total pink pigmentation of nostrils.
  - Black lambs.
  - Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
  - Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge.
  - Excessive ear size and length not in proportion to head.
  - Head, ear shape non-typical to the Southdown breed.

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

- Black spots above the hoof line and below the dewclaw.

- *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
  - Tall, leggy, shallow, and/or narrow-bodied lambs.
  - A limited amount of dark fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth not to exceed a cumulative total of the size of a softball.
  - A white sheep with brown or red colored speckles in the covering, confined to the head and neck.
  - Tri-colored sheep.
  - Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm, and britch).
  - Wool forward of poll.
  - Heavy horns.
  - Long, pendulous ears.
  - Long, narrow muzzle.
- *Absolute Disqualification:*
  - All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm, or britch.
  - Wool below the knees or hocks.
  - Wool on the ears.
  - Excessive amount of black fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth exceeding a cumulative total of the size of a softball.
  - Black below the knee/hock to the dewclaw.
  - Tri-colored sheep
  - A white sheep with black hooves (stripes or solid) and/or black on nose.
  - Solid brown, red, rust colored head.
  - Speckling or spots from knee to dewclaw or from hock to dewclaw.
  - Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper, including but not limited to characteristics such as long pendulous ears and long narrow muzzle.
  - Head, ear shape non-typical of the Dorper or White Dorper breed.
  - Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
  - Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
  - Evidence of color alterations.

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- **Natural**
  - Must have a predominant "blue or black tint" to the skin and wool.
  - A few black or blue spots coloring of the wool, bite marks, fungus spots or scars with black or dark fiber areas will not classify a lamb in this division.
- **Medium Wool**
  - This class generally includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit into the Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown, Dorper or Natural breed classes.

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# Wether Dam Show

**Judge: Mark Hassebrook**

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| **Friday, October 9** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Lamb Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Wether Dam Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM | Wether Dam Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:00 PM | Wether Dam Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Lamb Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Dam Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Saturday, October 10** | | |
| 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Optional Wether Dam Release | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Sunday, October 11** | | |
| 8:30 AM | Lamb Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** Wether Dams do not need to be validated.
3. **Entries:** There will be no entry limitations per class. Dams can be entered in the Scholarship and Premium Lamb Show. This will be a separate entry and fee.
4. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
5. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

   Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 11 a.m. to the Show Office
   Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Friday, October 9th at 11 a.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

6. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their lamb. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area. There will be a minimum of 9 classes. There will be a minimum of 3 divisions.
7. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
8. **Re-Weighs:** The top five (5) places in each class will be re-weighed. Any lamb weighing more than five (5) pounds above its turned in weight will be disqualified.
9. **Judging:** Each division will have a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.
10. **Fitting:** Lambs may be shown with hair or shorn slick before arrival on grounds. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information. Lambs that will also be shown in the Scholarship and Premium Lamb Show must be shorn slick, no exceptions.
11. **Clipping:** No shearing or clipping on grounds. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed once they arrive on grounds. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed.
12. **Trim Tables:** No blocking/trim tables allowed on grounds. **Any lamb caught on blocking/trim table will be automatically disqualified. Head stalls are allowed.**
13. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
14. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
15. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

# Awards

**Overall Grand Champion:** $500 Scholarship

**Reserve Grand Champion:** $250 Scholarship

**Division Champion**: $150
**Reserve Division Champion:** $100

# Scholarship Goat Show

**Superintendent: Sheryl Long**
**Judge: Caleb Boden**

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| **Monday, October 12** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Goat Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Goat Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Goat Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:00 PM | Wether Doe Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Goat Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Doe Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Tuesday, October 13** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Goat Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship Goat Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Goat Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Wednesday, October 14** | | |
| 8:30 AM | Goat Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** Scholarship Goats do not need to be validated.
3. **Entry Qualification:** Wethers and does may be shown.
4. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
5. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

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

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Monday, October 12th at 1 p.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

6. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their goat. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
7. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
8. **Divisions:** Classes will be divided into divisions by weight.
9. **Re-Weighs:** The top five (5) places in each class will be re-weighed. Any goat weighing more than five (5) pounds above its turned in weight will be disqualified.
10. **Judging:** Each division will have a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Division Champions and Reserves.
11. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
12. **Fitting:** Goats must be shorn slick before arrival on grounds. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
13. **Clipping:** No shearing or clipping on grounds. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed once they arrive on grounds. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed.
14. **Trim Tables:** No blocking/trim tables allowed on grounds. **Any goat caught on blocking/trim table will be automatically disqualified. Head stalls are allowed.**
15. **Horns:** Goats with horns must be tipped. Removal of horns on the grounds will result in disqualification.
16. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
17. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
18. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Scholarships

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**Overall Grand Champion:** $2,500 Scholarship
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $2,000 Scholarship
**Overall 3rd Place:** $1,500 Scholarship
**Overall 4th Place:** $1,000 Scholarship
**Overall 5th Place:** $500 Scholarship

**Division Champion:** $500 Scholarship
**Reserve Division Champion:** $250 Scholarship

# Premium Goat Show

**Superintendent: Keith Smart**
**Judge: Kase LeRow**

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| **Monday, October 12** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Goat Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Goat Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Goat Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:00 PM | Wether Doe Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Goat Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Doe Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Wednesday, October 14** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium Goat Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Goat Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** Premium Goats do not need to be validated.
3. **Entry Qualification:** Wethers and does may be shown.
4. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
5. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

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

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Monday, October 12th at 1 p.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

   After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the confirmation is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show. Weight/breed changes will not be allowed once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
6. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their goat. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.

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8. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
9. **Divisions:** Classes will be divided into divisions by weight.
10. **Re-Weighs:** The top five (5) places in each class will be re-weighed. Any goat weighing more than five (5) pounds above its turned in weight will be disqualified.
11. **Judging:** Each division will have a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Division Champions and Reserves.
12. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
13. **Fitting:** Goats must be shorn slick before arrival on grounds. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
14. **Clipping:** No shearing or clipping on grounds. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed once they arrive on grounds. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed.
15. **Trim Tables:** No blocking/trim tables allowed on grounds. **Any goat caught on blocking/trim table will be automatically disqualified. Head stalls are allowed.**
16. **Horns:** Goats with horns must be tipped. Removal of horns on the grounds will result in disqualification.
17. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
18. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
19. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

**Awards**

**Overall Grand Champion:** $1,000
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $750
**Overall 3rd Place:** $500
**Overall 4th Place:** $250
**Overall 5th Place:** $150

**Division Champion:** $150
**Reserve Division Champion:** $100

# Wether Doe Show

**Superintendent:**
**Judge: Wade Franklin**

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| **Monday, October 12** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Goat Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Goat Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM | Wether Doe Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 12:00 PM | Wether Doe Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Goat Showmanship<br>**Immediately following Wether Doe Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| TBD | Wether Doe Release (immediately following conclusion of goat showmanship) | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Wednesday, October 14** | | |
| 8:30 AM | Goat Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** Wether Does do not need to be validated.
3. **Entries:** There will be no entry limitations per class. Does can be entered in the Scholarship and Premium Goat Show. This will be a separate entry and fee.
4. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together.
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   Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Monday, October 12th at 11 a.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

6. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their goat. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
7. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
8. **Re-Weighs:** The top five (5) places in each class will be re-weighed. Any goat weighing more than five (5) pounds above its turned in weight will be disqualified.
9. **Judging:** Each division will have a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.
10. **Fitting:** Goats may be shown with hair or shorn slick before arrival on grounds. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information. Lambs that will also be shown in the Scholarship and Premium Lamb Show must be shorn slick, no exceptions.
11. **Clipping:** No shearing or clipping on grounds. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed once they arrive on grounds. Touch-up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed.
12. **Trim Tables:** No blocking/trim tables allowed on grounds. **Any goat caught on blocking/trim table will be automatically disqualified. Head stalls are allowed.**
13. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
14. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
15. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Scholarships

**Overall Grand Champion:** $500 Scholarship, $500 premium
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $250 Scholarship, $250 premium
**Overall 3rd Place:** $175 premium
**Overall 4th Place:** $150 premium
**Overall 5th Place:** $100 premium

**Division Champion:** $150
**Reserve Division Champion:** $100

# Scholarship Swine Show

**Superintendent: Edward Schneider**
**Judge: Garrit Sproull**

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| **Thursday, October 15** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Swine Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Swine Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM | Swine Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Sullivan's Stock Show U | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Swine Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Saturday, October 17** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Scramble Swine Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Scholarship Swine Show<br>**Immediately following Scramble Swine Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Sunday, October 18** | | |
| 8:30 AM | Swine Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** Scholarship Swine **do not** need to be validated.
3. **Entry Qualifications:** Barrows, gilts, and boars (weighing less than 125 pounds) may be entered.
4. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together. All swine will be stalled two (2) to a pen. You must bring your own dividers.
5. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

   Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 11 a.m. to the Show Office
   Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Thursday, October 15th at 11 a.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

6. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their pig. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area. *Boars can be shown if they are less than 125 pounds.
7. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
8. **Breeds:** Swine will be shown in breed format. Animals selected by the judge will be classified according to the Texas Swine Breed Classification Guide. Any pig classed out will be moved to its respective cross class. The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show.
   - White OPB (Chester White, Landrace)
   - Black OPB (Poland China, Spotted)
   - Duroc
   - Berkshire
   - Hampshire
   - Yorkshire
   - **Light Cross**
   - **Crossbred**
9. **Re-Weighs:** The top two (2) places in each class will be re-weighed. Any swine weighing more than ten (10) pounds above its turned in weight will be disqualified.
10. **Judging:** Each breed will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
11. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
12. **Fitting:** All pigs must be washed in designated areas. No paint, powder, oil, or other dressings permitted -- only water. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
13. **Clipping:** No clipping on grounds.
14. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All exhibitor substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
15. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
16. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

# Scholarships

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**Overall Grand Champion:** $2,500 Scholarship
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $2,000 Scholarship
**Overall 3rd Place:** $1,500 Scholarship
**Overall 4th Place:** $1,000 Scholarship
**Overall 5th Place:** $500 Scholarship

**Breed Champion:** $500 Scholarship
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $250 Scholarship

# Premium Swine Show

**Superintendent: Josh Elkins**
**Judge: Todd Beyers**

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| **Thursday, October 15** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Swine Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Swine Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM | Swine Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Sullivan's Stock Show U | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Swine Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Sunday, October 18** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Premium Swine Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 AM | Swine Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Validation:** Premium Swine **do not** need to be validated.
3. **Entry Qualifications:** Barrows, gilts, and boars (weighing less than 125 pounds) may be entered.
4. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together. All swine will be stalled two (2) to a pen. You must bring your own dividers.
5. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

   Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 11 a.m. to the Show Office
   Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Thursday, October 15th at 11 a.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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

6. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their pig. There are no weight limits. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area. *Boars can be shown if they are less than 125 pounds.
7. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
8. **Breeds:** Swine will be shown in breed format. Animals selected by the judge will be classified according to the Texas Swine Breed Classification Guide. Any pig classed out will be moved to its respective cross class. The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show.
   - White OPB (Chester White, Landrace)
   - Black OPB (Poland China, Spotted)
   - Duroc
   - Berkshire
   - Hampshire
   - Yorkshire
   - **Light Cross**
   - **Crossbred**
9. **Re-Weighs:** The top two (2) places in each class will be re-weighed. Any swine weighing more than ten (10) pounds above its turned in weight will be disqualified.
10. **Judging:** Each breed will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
11. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
12. **Fitting:** All pigs must be washed in designated areas. No paint, powder, oil, or other dressings permitted -- only water. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
13. **Clipping:** No clipping on grounds.
14. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All exhibitor substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
15. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
16. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Awards

**Overall Grand Champion:** $1,000
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $750
**Overall 3rd Place:** $500
**Overall 4th Place:** $250
**Overall 5th Place:** $150

**Breed Champion:** $150
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $100

# Breeding Gilt Show: Purebred Division

**Superintendent: Brent Batchelor**
**Judge: Zachary Schwecke**

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| **Thursday, October 15** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Swine Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Swine Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM | Swine Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Sullivan's Stock Show U | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Swine Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Friday, October 16** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Purebred Gilt Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Crossbred Gilt Show<br>**Immediately following Purebred Gilt Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Gilt Release | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Sunday, October 18** | | |
| 8:30 AM | Swine Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Registration:** Original registration papers must be available at the show. Stamped duplicate applications, copies or electronic versions will NOT be accepted. Animals that are family registered and validated are eligible to compete in the Breeding Gilt Show provided all owners/exhibitors are individually listed and eligible. Animals with farm or ranch names listed as the owner will **not** be allowed to compete.
3. **Ownership:** All entries must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from June 30th through the show date of the fair.
4. **Validation:** All purebred gilts must be validated with and adhere to all the rules of the Texas 4-H and FFA Gilt Validation Program administered by the Texas FFA.
5. **Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Breeding Gilt Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, HOT is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.
6. **Entries:** There will be no entry limitations per class. However, gilts may not double enter in the Purebred Gilt Division and the Crossbred Gilt Division
    - Gilts can be entered in the Scholarship and Premium Show. This will be a separate entry and fee.

7. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together. All swine will be stalled two (2) to a pen. You must bring your own dividers.
8. **Check-In Cards:** Check-In cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

   Show Office Copy – Must be turned in by 11 a.m. to the Show Office
   Exhibitor Copy – Must be retained by Exhibitor (in addition to check-in system confirmation)

   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Thursday, October 15th at 11 a.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

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9. **Class Breaks:** Classes will be broken by age by the Superintendents.
10. **Birth Date:** All gilts should be born no earlier than January 1 and no later than April 30 of the current year. Classes will be broken by age according to the Superintendents.
11. **Breeds:** Gilts will be shown in breed format. Purebred gilts will be shown in eight (8) breeds. In show order, the breeds are:
    - Chester White
    - Landrace
    - Berkshire
    - Poland China
    - Spotted
    - Duroc
    - Hampshire
    - Yorkshire

12. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
13. **Judging:** Each breed will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. **The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves, including the Crossbred Gilts.**
14. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
15. **Fitting:** All pigs must be washed in designated areas. No paint, powder, oil, or other dressings permitted -- only water. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
16. **Clipping:** No clipping on grounds.
17. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All animal and exhibitor substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Any animal substituted must meet any and all requirements for the show it is to be entered. Animal/project substitutions turned in to the Livestock and Competitive Events office **before** the day of show check-in will have no charge. Substitutions made **at the show** will be charged $50. Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
18. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
19. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Scholarships

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**Overall Grand Champion:** $2,500 Scholarship
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $2,000 Scholarship
**Overall 3rd Place:** $1,500 Scholarship
**Overall 4th Place:** $1,000 Scholarship
**Overall 5th Place:** $500 Scholarship

**Breed Champion:** $500 Scholarship
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $250 Scholarship

# Breeding Gilt Show: Crossbred Division

**Superintendent: Brent Batchelor**
**Judge: Zachary Schwecke**

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| **Thursday, October 15** | | |
| 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Swine Move In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Swine Check-In | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM | Swine Check-In Deadline | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | Sullivan's Stock Show U | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 1:00 PM | Swine Showmanship | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Friday, October 16** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Purebred Gilt Show | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Crossbred Gilt Show<br>**Immediately following Purebred Gilt Show* | EEC Show Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Gilt Release | EEC Show Pavilion |
| **Sunday, October 18** | | |
| 8:30 AM | Swine Release | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Registration:** Original registration papers must be available at the show. Stamped duplicate applications, copies or electronic versions will NOT be accepted. Animals that are family registered and validated are eligible to compete in the Breeding Gilt Show provided all owners/exhibitors are individually listed and eligible. Animals with farm or ranch names listed as the owner will **not** be allowed to compete.
3. **Ownership:** All entries must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from June 30th through the show date of the fair.
4. **Validation:** All crossbred gilts must be validated with and adhere to all the rules of the Texas 4-H and FFA Gilt Validation Program administered by the Texas FFA.
5. **Animal Identity DNA Testing:** As a condition for participation in the Breeding Gilt Show, every Exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation samples of any and all animals entered by Exhibitor for purposes of identification. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing companies/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. In the event the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation sample, HOT is authorized to permanently bar the Exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the Show. The Exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, premiums, and scholarships if the animal and/or Exhibitor is disqualified.
6. **Entries:** There will be no entry limitations per class. However, gilts may not double enter in the Purebred Gilt Division and the Crossbred Gilt Division.
    - Gilts can be entered in the Scholarship and Premium Show. This will be a separate entry and fee.

7. **Stalling:** Stalling will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; animals must arrive together to be stalled together. FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs wishing to be stalled together must arrive together. All swine will be stalled two (2) to a pen. You must bring your own dividers.
8. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed at the time of arrival during stall assignment. Both copies must be completed. The information must be identical to the information entered in the check-in system. Should there be a discrepancy, the information entered into the check-in system will prevail.

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   Self-Check-In: Exhibitors will be responsible for checking in their entry. The Exhibitor will be prompted to enter information from the weight card including weight, breed, etc. Check-in must be completed by Thursday, October 15th at 11 a.m., or Exhibitor will not be permitted to show.

   After completing Self-Check-In, the system will generate a confirmation. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that all information on the confirmation is correct. Show Management will assist with changes in the case of user error, but changes will not be made once check-in has closed. Exhibitors should retain their check-in system confirmation throughout the Show. Weight/breed changes will not be allowed once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
9. **Show Weights:** All Exhibitors will turn in the official Show Weight for their gilt. The minimum show weight is 200 lbs. and the maximum show weight is 350 lbs. Classes will be broken by weight by the Superintendents. Weight changes will not be allowed at any time once the individual leaves the Self-Check-In area.
10. **Release of Livestock:** No animal may be removed from the grounds without official written release. All livestock must remain in stalls or pens until their designated release time. There will be no early release of projects unless the Show Management says otherwise. Anyone attempting to load animals before their release time may have their truck and/or trailer towed away, at their expense. Any violation of release times will cause the forfeiture of all premiums and/or prizes earned and the exhibitor may be barred from future participation. All animals and tack must be off the grounds one hour after the conclusion of the Premium Show.
11. **Re-weigh:** Crossbred gilts selected for weigh back must weigh no more than ten (10) lbs. heavier than the entered weight. The Heart O' Texas Livestock Show reserves the right to reweigh any gilt after the completion of check-in.
12. **Judging:** Each breed will have a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. **The judge will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, as well as Overall 3rd through 5th from the Breed Champions and Reserves, including the Purebred Gilts.**

13. **Exhibitor Numbers:** Each entry is assigned a back number. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to each animal.
14. **Fitting:** All pigs must be washed in designated areas. No paint, powder, oil, or other dressings permitted -- only water. **No unethical fitting.** See General Rules for more information.
15. **Clipping:** No clipping on grounds.
16. **Substitutions:** All changes and substitutions will be up to the Superintendents' discretion. **All animal and exhibitor substitutions must be made before the end of check-in.** Any animal substituted must meet any and all requirements for the show it is to be entered. Animal/project substitutions turned in to the Livestock and Competitive Events office **before** the day of show check-in will have no charge. Substitutions made **at the show** will be charged $50. Please review Livestock Show Special Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
17. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.
18. **Class Premiums:** Premiums paid by the HOT Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of head shown in each class.

## Scholarships

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**Overall Grand Champion:** $2,500 Scholarship
**Overall Reserve Champion:** $2,000 Scholarship
**Overall 3rd Place:** $1,500 Scholarship
**Overall 4th Place:** $1,000 Scholarship
**Overall 5th Place:** $500 Scholarship

**Breed Champion:** $500 Scholarship
**Reserve Breed Champion:** $250 Scholarship

# Swine Breed Classification Guide

- **Berkshire**
  - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
    - Predominantly black possessing Berkshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.
    - A Berkshire should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at end of tail (unless tail is docked).
    - Erect ears.
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - An occasional splash of white skin/hair may appear on the body.
    - Three of the four legs/feet must be white.
    - Ear can have white on it (not full coverage).
    - Red or fawn hair, if over black or white skin pigmentation.
    - Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Gray pigmentation on the body (spotting or mottling pattern).
    - Moderate amount of white skin splashes.
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Solid white or solid black face from base of ear forward.
    - Solid black nose (white does not break rim of nose).
    - Solid white ear.
    - Excessive white on the body.
    - Full coverage of white coming up the lower one-third of the body (not including legs) that extends from the base of the jaw through sternum and lower body through seam of the ham.
    - White splash extends from rear leg to upper hip.
    - White skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.
    - Any evidence of belt formation on the body.
    - Lacks breed character with regards to skull and/or ear shape.
    - Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.
- **Chester White**
  - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
    - Solid white in color possessing Chester White breed character.
    - Medium sized ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Partially erect/level ear.
    - Skin pigmentation.
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*

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

- **Duroc**
  - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must be red in color, possessing Duroc breed character.
    - Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Acceptable colors range from light red to dark brown.
    - Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Minimal amounts of black hair.
    - Black spots on the skin under two inches in diameter.
    - Partially erect/level ears.
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Excessive amounts of black hair.
    - White hair.
    - White skin on the body or legs, or that extends over the rim of the nose.
    - Four (4) or more black spots on the skin, any of which are larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
    - Evidence of a belt.
    - Erect ears.
    - Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.
- **Hampshire**
  - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
    - Black in color with a full white belt over the shoulders encompassing both front legs/feet.
    - Possess Hampshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.
    - Erect ears
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Black head with a white body, with evidence of pigment and freckling down the top.
    - White belt starting on a front foot/leg; belt partially encircles body extending to at least the chest floor (half belt).
    - Freckling in the belt.
    - Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Large spots within the belt.
    - Belt is in front of or behind a solid black front leg.
    - If belt v's and progresses towards the poll (base of the ear).
    - White tip on tail, if docked.

        - White on rear leg extends to the base of the ham.
    - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
        - Streaking or evidence of white on forehead.
        - White skin extends over the rim of the nose.
        - When mouth is closed, the white under the chin cannot exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover.
        - Black head with a white body without freckles or pigmentation.
        - Belt extends past the sheath (sheath must be black).
        - Excessive frosting or white hair outside the belt.
        - Red hair.
        - Droopy or floppy ears.
        - Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.
- **Landrace**
    - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
        - Must be solid white possessing Landrace breed character.
        - Large ears that droop and slant forward coming to a sharp point.
    - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
        - Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).
    - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
        - Short rounded ears.
        - Short snout mimicking that of a Chester White.
    - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
        - Erect ears.
        - Any hair color other than white.
        - More than 3 spots of skin pigmentation; each individual spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter.
        - Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.
- **Poland China**
    - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
        - Predominantly black possessing Poland China breed character.
        - A Poland China should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at the end of the tail (unless tail is docked).
        - Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.
    - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
        - A slight continuation of white from the legs to the body.
        - Ear may have white on it.
        - Three of the four legs must be white.
        - May have an occasional splash of white on the body.
        - Hair and skin texture can vary from coarse to thin, and color can vary from dark black to ashy/pale.
        - Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

- *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
  - Partially erect/level ears.
  - A moderate continuation of white from the legs to the body.
  - Moderate freestanding white, not attached to a leg.
- *Absolute Disqualifications:*
  - Erect ears.
  - Solid white or solid black face.
  - More than one solid black leg.
  - If the white on a solid white ear goes past the base of the ear.
  - An excessive continuation of white from the legs, encompassing the upper hip or shoulder.
  - Excessive freestanding white, not attached to a leg.
  - Evidence of belt formation.
  - Red or sandy hair.
  - Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character

- **Spotted**
  - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must be black and white, possessing Spotted breed character.
    - Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Predominantly black with white spots or predominantly white with black spots.
    - Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Partially erect/level ears.
    - Moderate brown spots.
  - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
    - Erect ears.
    - Solid black head from base of ears forward.
    - Distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
    - Red hair.
    - Excessive brown spots.
    - Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.
- **Yorkshire**
  - *Ideal Breed Characteristics:*
    - Must be completely white in color possessing Yorkshire breed character.
    - Erect ears.
  - *Acceptable Breed Characteristics:*
    - Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).
  - *Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:*
    - Excessively large or wavy ears.

        - Color pigmentation (on body):
        - Two individual pigmentation spots of which neither can be larger than a U.S. minted dime.
        - One pigmentation spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter.
    - *Absolute Disqualifications:*
        - Any hair color that is NOT white.
        - Broken/down ears.
        - Combined pigmentation spots that exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar.
        - Any series of dots that indicate masking.
        - Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.
- **Light Cross**
    - Any pigs with white and/or blue only.
- **Crossbred**
    - All other colors (i.e. black, red, and sandy).
    - Excluding solid white or blue.

## BERKSHIRE

## Breed Classification Guidelines

### Ideal:

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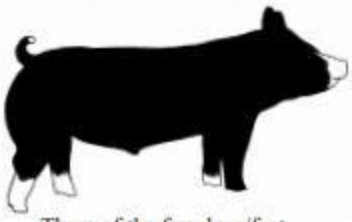
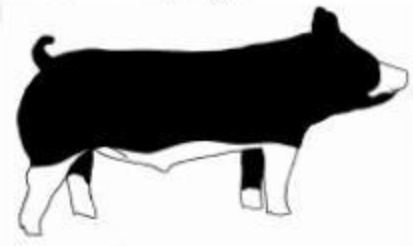


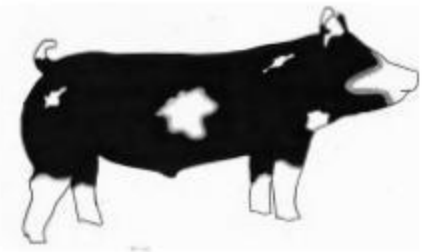
Three of the four legs/feet must be white.

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

### Discriminatory:

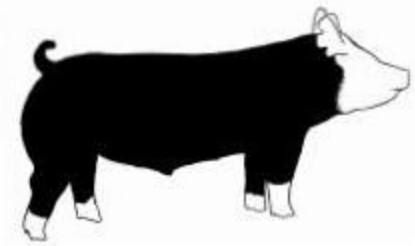


Moderate amount of white skin splashes.

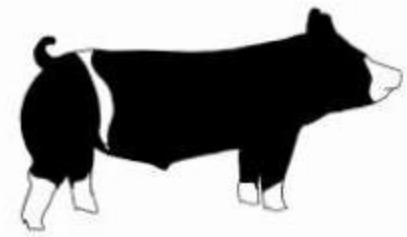


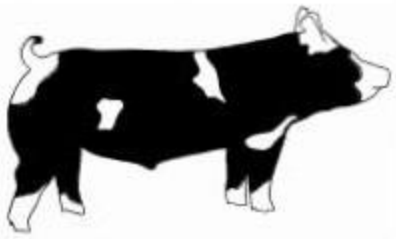
## Absolute Disqualification:

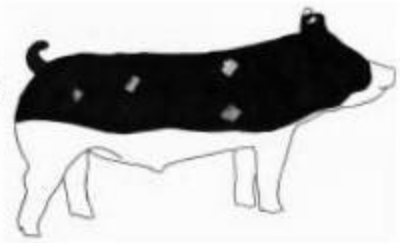
Solid white or solid black face from the base of the ear forward.

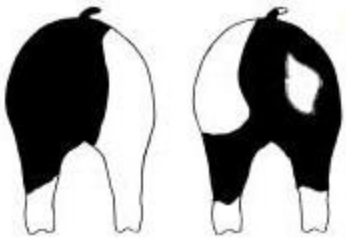


White skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.









Excessive white on the body.

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

Solid white ear.

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

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

## CHESTER WHITE

**Ideal:**

**Discriminatory:**

**Absolute Disqualification:**

## DUROC

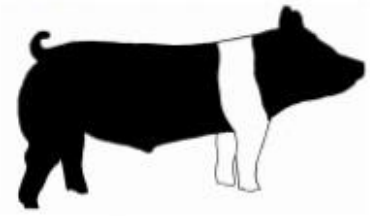
**Ideal:**

**Discriminatory:**

**Absolute Disqualification:**

## HAMPSHIRE

### Ideal:



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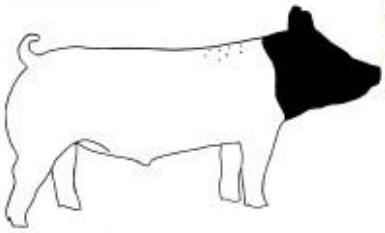
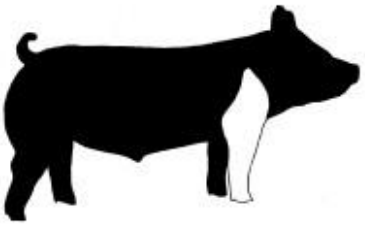
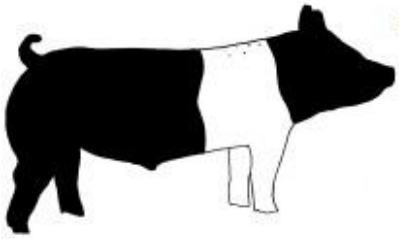


Black head with a white body, with evidence of pigment and freckling down the top.

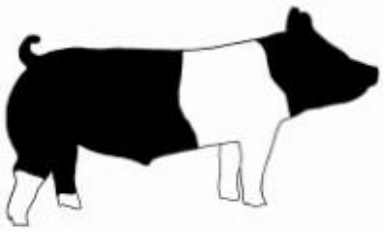
White belt starting on a front foot/leg; belt partially encircles body extending to at least the chest floor (half belt).





Freckling in the belt.

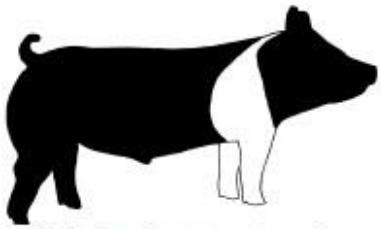
White on rear leg is below the base of the ham.



### Discriminatory:

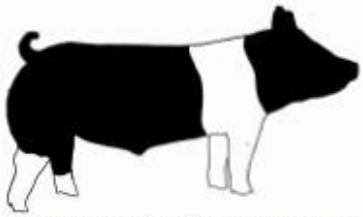
Large spots within the belt.

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



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

White tip on tail, if docked.



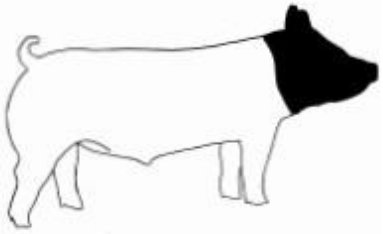
White on rear leg extends to the base of the ham.

## Absolute Disqualification:

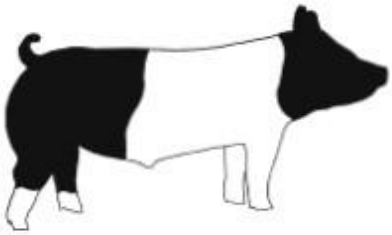
Streaking or evidence of white on forehead.

White skin extends over the rim of the nose.

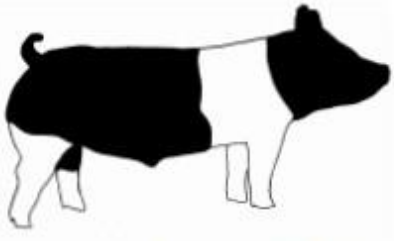
White under the chin cannot exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover.



Black head with a white body without freckles or pigmentation.



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



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

## LANDRACE

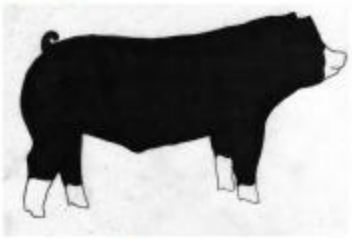
**Ideal:**

**Discriminatory:**

**Absolute Disqualification:**

## POLAND CHINA

### Ideal:



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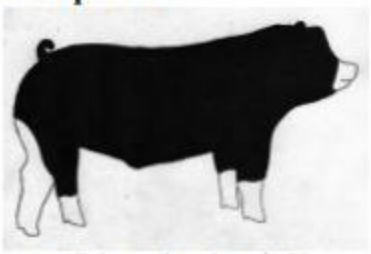
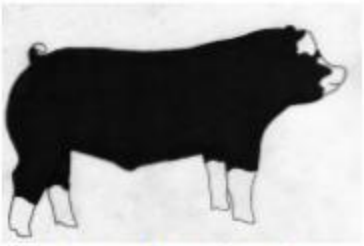
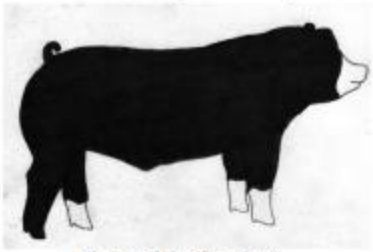


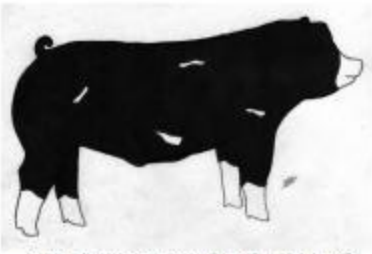
A slight continuation of white from the legs to the body.



Ear may have white on it.

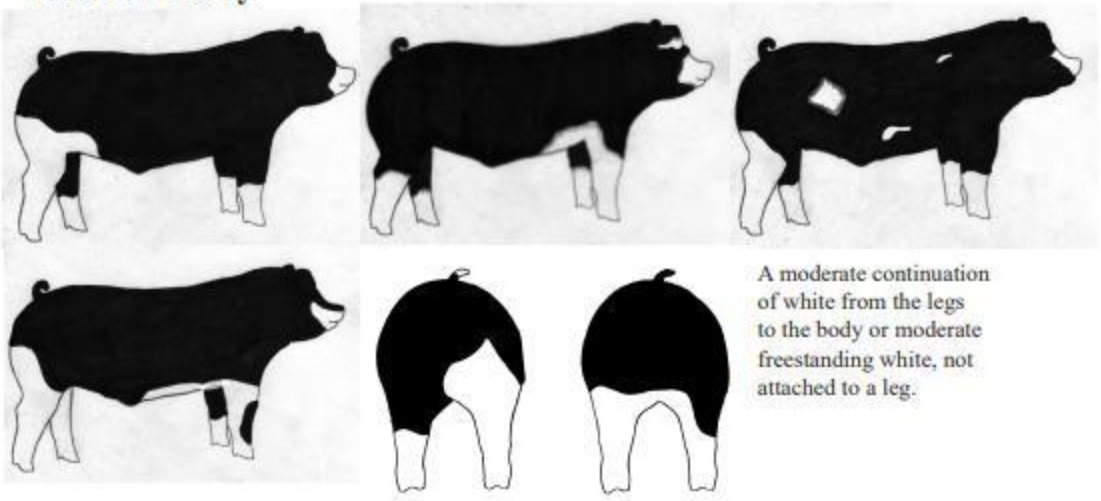


Three of the four legs must be white.



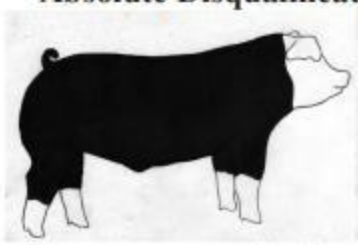
May have an occasional splash of white on the body.

### Discriminatory:

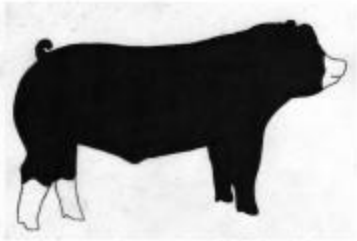


A moderate continuation of white from the legs to the body or moderate freestanding white, not attached to a leg.

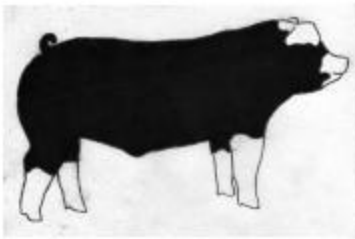
## Absolute Disqualification:



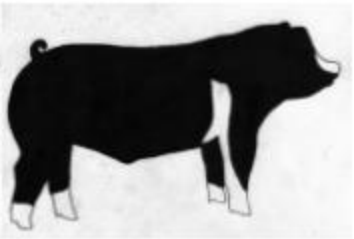
Solid white or solid black face.



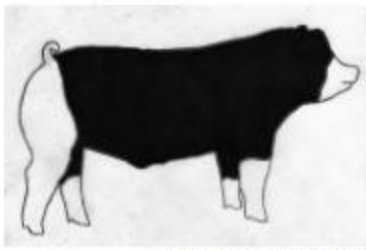
More than one solid black leg.

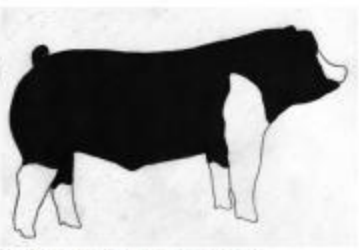


If the white on a solid white ear goes past the base of the ear.

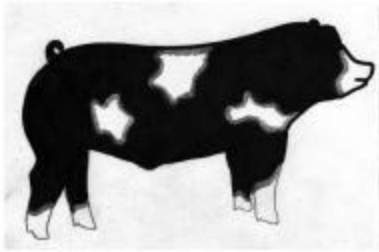


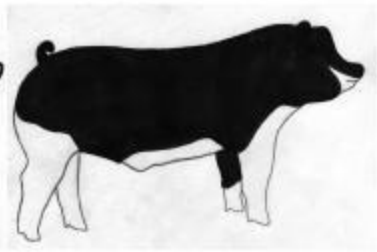
Evidence of belt formation.





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





Excessive freestanding white, not attached to a leg.

## POLAND CHINA & SPOTTED

**Ideal:**

**Discriminatory:**

**Absolute Disqualification:**

## SPOTTED

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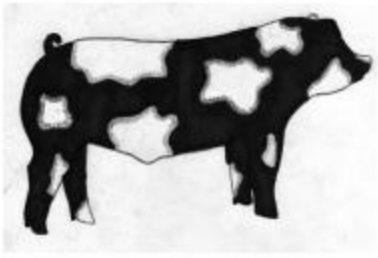

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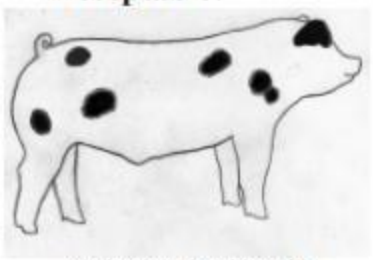

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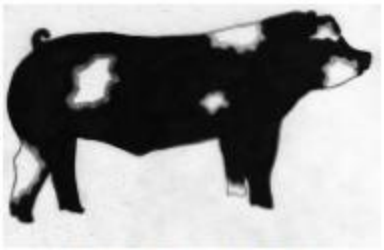
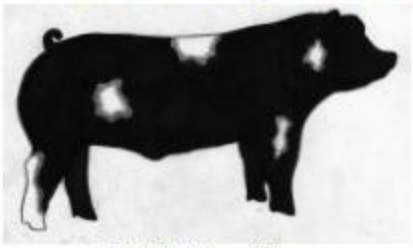
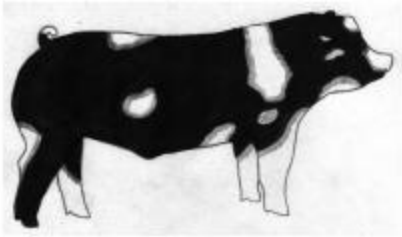


Predominantly black with white spots.

### Absolute Disqualification:



Solid black head from base of ears forward.



Distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.

**YORKSHIRE:**

**Ideal:**

**Discriminatory:**

**Absolute Disqualification:**

# Agricultural Public Speaking Contest

**Superintendent: Hannah McGuire**
**Assistant Superintendent: Aimee Welle**
**Entry Deadline: August 31, 2026**
**Entry Fee: $30**
**McLennan Community College, 1400 College Dr, Waco, TX 76708**
**Business Technology (BT) Building**

| **Friday, September 18** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00 – 8:30 AM | Agricultural Public Speaking Registration | MCC BT |
| 9:00 AM | Agricultural Public Speaking Contest | MCC BT |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Eligible exhibitors are all FFA and 4-H members of Texas. Must pre-enter online through ShoWorks. Only Ag. Science Teachers or County Extension Agents may enter participants.**
3. **Divisions:**
   a. **Junior Division**: Participants must be at least eight (8) years old and in the third grade, but no more than eighth grade.
   b. **Senior Division**: Participants must be in at least the ninth grade, but not older than nineteen (19) years old and in the twelfth grade.
4. **Documents**: In order, exhibitors must submit a cover page, abstract, list of references, and Statement of Originality **as a single PDF document**. All documents must be submitted online by the entry deadline listed above.
   - The cover page should include a speech title, exhibitor name, and age division (junior or senior).
   - The list of references should be in APA format. Purdue OWL resource for APA format:https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html
   - **Do NOT submit a full manuscript**
5. **Release:** A Release and Substitute W9 form for each exhibitor must be received in our office with payment before entry will be accepted.
6. Each contestant may enter their speech in only one of eight (8) divisions. **Divisions must be designated at time of entry**. If there is subject matter which may be appropriate for more than one division, final determination of all speeches will be at the discretion of Show Management. Divisions are as follows:
   a. **Animal Science**: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspects of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries.
   b. **Plant Science**: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production or specialty crop production.

c. **Natural Resources**: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling or energy environmental issues.
d. **Agribusiness**: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, communications, entrepreneurship, finance, commodities, hedging or advertising.
e. **Agricultural Policy**: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal right, subsidies or price supports.
f. **Agriculture Technology & Communications:** Participants may choose any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, farm safety, use of technology, research, laser, satellites, computers, journalism, communications, social media, public relations, etc.
g. **Western Heritage:** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Western history, culture or heritage
h. **Livestock Show Ethics:** Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the ethics practiced in the livestock show industry.

7. Contestants will not be judged by division. The top two (2) contestants from each senior room will advance to the finals which will be held in an "Open to the Public Forum". The order of speakers for the finals will be determined by draw at the conclusion of the announcement of advancing finalists. No finals in the junior division unless heats are deemed necessary by the superintendent. If needed, finals will be closed to the public.
8. **No cell phones, apple watches or smart watches allowed in the contest.**
9. Contestants are encouraged to dress in business attire or 4-H/FFA attire.
10. **Seniors**: Each speech shall be a minimum or six (6) minutes in length and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Time point deductions will apply if the speech is under the minimum time and over the maximum time. Time point deduction values will be left to judge's discretion.
11. **Juniors:** Each speech shall be a minimum of five (5) minutes in length and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Time point deductions will apply if the speech is under the minimum time and over the maximum time. Time point deduction values will be left to judge's discretion.
12. A five (5) minute question-answer period will follow each speech. At the end of the five (5) minutes, all questioning will end.
13. The use of props of any kind is **prohibited**. Violation will result in disqualification.
14. **Conflicts:** If you have a time conflict from another Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo event, you must notify the Superintendents <u>at least</u> 48 hours in advance. If you do not notify the Superintendents in a timely manner accommodations may not be made.

# Scholarships and Awards

**Seniors**
Awards for top five (5) individuals
1st Place: $500 scholarship
2nd Place: $250 scholarship

**Juniors**
Awards for top five (5) individuals

# Heart O' Texas Statement of Originality

Contestant Name: _____

Chapter/Club: _____

Coach(es)/Advisor(s): _____

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the speech entitled:

_____

is the result of the contestant's own undertaking, originality, and effort. All information considered direct quotes or phrases, specific dates, figures and other materials are marked in are properly cited. We understand that failure to properly cite other works represents plagiarism and will automatically disqualify the contestant.

Contestant Signature: _____

Advisor Signature: _____

# Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

**Superintendent: Krista Wright**

*The oldest Agricultural Mechanics Project Show in Texas!*

**Entry Deadline: August 31, 2026 Entry**

**Fee: $50 per project**

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|---|---|---|
| **Friday, September 25** | | |
| 11:00 AM | Agricultural Mechanics Move-In | EEC West Lot |
| 5:00 PM | Agricultural Mechanics In Place and Check-In | EEC West Lot |
| **Saturday, September 36** | | |
| 8:00 AM | Agricultural Mechanics Judging | EEC West Lot |
| 4:00 PM | Agricultural Mechanics Award Ceremony | EEC West Lot |
| | Agricultural Mechanics Release<br>**Immediately following Awards Ceremony* | EEC West Lot |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Eligible exhibitors are all FFA and 4-H members of Texas. Must pre-enter online through ShoWorks. Only Ag. Science Teachers or County Extension Agents may enter participants.**
3. **Release:** Every exhibitor must submit a release and substitute W9 form.
    - If the student is also showing livestock, or is entered in multiple contests, only one release is required.
4. The purpose of this show is to give recognition to the excellence Agricultural Mechanics programs conducted by high school Agricultural Science Departments to further develop the skills of FFA members.
5. Eligible exhibitors are high school Agricultural Science Programs and 4-H members of Texas.
6. FFA and 4-H members must have constructed projects as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in agricultural science, or as a part of their supervised work experience program. Projects must be designed and constructed under the direct supervision and guidance of the CEA/AST.
7. All Agricultural Mechanics Projects must enter the grounds at Gate 2 off Lake Air Dr.
8. Projects will be displayed on the west side of the Extraco Coliseum in the West Parking Lot. Placement of the projects will be at the discretion of show officials. Display space under shelter is **not** guaranteed.
9. A project may be exhibited only one time at the HOTFR and must have been constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
10. All projects are to be identified with exhibitor number. Chapter/Club identification signs will be permitted. Additional signs, banners, etc. are subject to approval by Show Management. Please see General Rules for specifics.
11. Only those projects that fit into the stated classes will be accepted.

12. Any equipment to travel on public highways must meet Federal DOT Standards. Current Federal DOT inspection stickers will be honored. Anything that does not have a current DOT inspection sticker will be subject to the judges' discretion.
13. It is recommended that one member of the FFA Chapter/4-H Club be present to answer the follow questions during the judging of projects. Projects will be judged on the following criteria:
    - **Workmanship (Includes Finish)**: 35 points
    - **Design and Material Used**: 15 points
    - **Documentation**: 10 points
    - **Knowledge (Response to Questions)**: 20 points
    - **Practicality**: 10 points

## Divisions and Classes

The following are the seven (7) divisions for the Agricultural Mechanics Projects Show, along with the classes that fit into the state divisions:

**Livestock Equipment Division I:**

1. Gates and livestock panels
2. Squeeze chutes and restraining equipment, crowding, or working pens
3. Trim chutes, blocking stands, livestock crates, and head cutes (Includes electrical livestock equipment)
4. Creep and self-feeders (feeders/water troughs built from wood, steel, or concrete)
5. Livestock housing (chicken tractor, small animal housing)

**Farm Machinery Division II:**

6. Hay hauling equipment (includes hay spears, single/double bale hay trailers, bale pickup equipment, etc.)
7. Spray equipment (herbicides, insecticides, and other chemicals)
8. Mounted or pull type tractor equipment and machinery
9. Hydraulic equipment
10. Shop equipment (includes electrical type shop equip. like shop lights, wiring units, etc.)
11. Truck accessories and equipment

**Home Convenience Division III:**

12. Small indoor furniture -- less than twelve (12) square feet (includes home electrical furniture)
13. Large indoor furniture -- more than twelve (12) square feet (includes home electrical furniture)
14. Lawn Furniture – (Swings, Benches, Chairs, Yard Tables)
15. Yard Convenience – (Picnic Tables, Planters, Dog Houses, Wood Racks)
16. Other Yard Conveniences – (Potting Sheds, Storage Bldgs., Greenhouses, Playground Equipment, Gazebos, etc.)

**Outdoor Cooking Division IV:**

17. Non-towable outdoor cooking devices -- fire pits **no grill**

a. If the fire pit has a grill, it will be moved to class 18

18. Non-towable outdoor cooking devices -- BBQ pit smokers, fire pit with grill top, fish cookers, etc.
19. Towable outdoor cooking with lug bolts -- BBQ pits, smokers, grills

**Wildlife Division V:**

20. Wildlife feeding and watering equipment
21. Traps and capture devices, processing, and other equipment
22. Stands, blinds

**Trailers Division VI:**

23. 12' and under bumper pull utility
24. Over 12' bumper pull utility
25. Stock trailers (gooseneck and bumper pull)
26. Gooseneck and flatbed/implement (lowboy and deck trailer)
27. Other trailers (dump, welder trailers, etc.)

**Tractor Restoration Division VII:**

28. Models from 1960 and earlier
29. Models from 1961-Present
30. Reconditioning & Repair - Tractors/Skid Steers/Yard & Garden Tractors – 1962 to present.

**(Reconditioning class does not require Tractor/Skid Steer/Yard & Garden Tractor to be completely authentic. After-market components may be used to replace the original OEM parts. Repair and Reconditioning involves maintenance and repair of only those components needing maintained, repaired, and reconditioned).**

****The Restoration Divisions must have begun upon completion of the 2025 Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo.**

**Judging System for Tractor Division:**

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|---|---|---|
| a. | Mechanical | 50 points |
| b. | Aesthetics | 20 points |
| c. | Originality | 10 points |
| d. | Safety Equipment | 10 points |
| e. | Documentation | 10 points |
| | **TOTAL** | **100 points** |

**Mechanical** will include the restoration of engine, transmission, final drive, fuel system, cooling system, cranking or starting system, charging system, hydraulic system, steering system, etc.

**Aesthetics** will include the overall appearance of the tractor. This includes workmanship and finish. Items to be considered include, but are not limited to: metal preparation, completeness of sheet metal, paint and finish, detail and completeness of components such as wheels, tires, steering wheels, seats, decals, instrument panels, wiring harness, etc.

**Originality** will include paint color, fasteners, electrical systems, fuel systems, exhaust systems, mechanical systems, original unaltered serial places, etc.

**Safety equipment** will include all equipment that was original to the tractor. It also includes the provision of drip pans containing floor absorbent to collect any liquids that may drip from the tractor during display. Fuel shutoff valves under all fuel tanks must be functional and tractors are to be exhibited with the valves closed. An ABC fire extinguisher with a minimum 2.5 pounds capacity must be provided with each tractor. Extra fuel may not be stored in the arena. Tractor engines are to be started and run only at the request of judges or show officials.

**Documentation** must be typed or computer generated and is to include a one (1) page description of the overall restoration project, and expense report identifying all costs of restoration, photos showing before, during and after restoration that shows safe working environment, and a complete description of all mechanical work performed. All documentation is to be displayed in a three-ring binder, divided, and sequenced with a table of contents and page numbers. The National FFA Tractor Restoration Competition format and forms may be used.

**Major considerations in the selection of winners are listed below:**

a. Appropriate display and presentation of projects
b. Appropriate display of project plans and photographs
c. Housekeeping around project display
d. Appropriate dress
e. Conducive attitude and participation of exhibitors

## Awards and Scholarships

### Class Winners Awards

1st, 2nd and 3rd of each class will be awarded with respective ribbons.

### Division Champions Awards

1st and 2nd of each class will be judged for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The winning projects will be awarded with banners.

### Overall Champions Awards

Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions will be judged for Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion of Show.
Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded with a banner.

### Showmanship Award

Presented to school, clubs or individuals selected as having presented the best public image. Judging of Showmanship will take place from 8:00 AM to the completion of the show. Champion Showmanship and Reserve Champion Showmanship banners will be awarded to the outstanding individual and group showman.

## Scholarships

**Overall Grand Champion**: $1,000 Total
**Overall Reserve Grand Champion:** $500 Total
(Individual or divided equally among team members)

# Junior Livestock Judging Contest

**Superintendents: Anthony Meurer, Jerod Meurer, David Groschke, Shane McLennan**

**Entry Deadline: September 15, 2026**

**Entry Fee: $20 per student or $60 per team**

**On-Site Entry Fee: $30 per student or $75 per team**

| **Sunday, October 4** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM | Livestock Judging Contest Registration | EEC Coliseum |
| 9:00 AM | Livestock Judging Contest | EEC Show Pavilion |
| | Livestock Judging Contest Awards<br>**Following Livestock Judging Contest* | EEC Show Pavilion |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **All judging teams and parents arriving before 7:30 AM will not pay gate admission or parking. Anyone who leaves the grounds and comes back must pay gate admission and parking upon returning.**
3. **Eligible exhibitors are all FFA and 4-H members of Texas. Must pre-enter online through JudgingCard. Only Ag. Science Teachers or County Extension Agents may enter participants.**
4. Any 4-H club or FFA chapter may enter teams of three (3) or four (4) members. All team members must be from the same 4-H club or FFA chapter. All team members must be in good standing with their organizations.
5. Contest will be divided into two (2) divisions based on age of exhibitor:
   - **Junior Division**: Participants must be at least eight (8) years old and in the third grade, but no more than eighth grade.
   - **Senior Division**: Participants must be in at least the ninth grade, but not older than nineteen (19) years old and in the twelfth grade.
6. Only contestants officially entered in the contest may participate.
7. Teams must enter the grounds on Lake Air Drive.
8. Each 4-H club and FFA chapter having a team entered must furnish at least one (1) adult leader to assist with the contest as needed.
9. All contestants are required to bring a file folder and a number two pencil.
10. Contest will be tabulated by using scantron sheets.
11. Contestants will be given scan sheets and will have twelve (12) minutes to place each class.
12. While the contest is in progress, there will be no talking or unethical communication between contestants or audience. Violating this rule may cause the contestant and the team to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards. Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted in the judging area during the contest.
13. Classes will be arranged at the show according to animals available.
14. The HOT Livestock Show reserves the right to utilize livestock entered in the Scholarship and/or Premium Show for the Junior Livestock Judging Contest. HOT Livestock Show exhibitors must, if asked, furnish livestock for the Junior Livestock Judging Contest.

15. Scores are based on the placing of classes plus the score of the question classes. Any ties among the placing teams or individuals will be broken.
16. The three (3) high-scoring members will count as the team score.
17. Scholarships will be awarded to high individuals in the Senior Division.
18. The decisions of the Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Committee Members regarding the placing of classes and answers to the question's classes are final.
19. Announced awards are final.

## Scholarships and Awards

**Senior High Individual Awards**

High Individual Overall, Scholarships and Award
Reserve High Individual Overall, Scholarship
3rd High Individual Overall, Scholarship
$4^{th}$ – $10^{th}$ High Individual Overall, Award

**Junior High Individual Awards**

High Individual Overall, Award
Reserve High Individual Overall, Award
$3^{rd}$ – $10^{th}$ High Individual Overall, Award

**Team Awards**

High Team Overall, Award
Reserve High Team Overall, Award
$3^{rd}$ – $5^{th}$ High Team Overall, Award

# Agricultural Products Identification Contest

**Superintendent: Madeline Makovy**
**Email: madeline.makovy@ag.tamu.edu**

**Entry Deadline: September 15, 2026**
**Entry Fee: $20 per student or $60 per team**
**On-Site Entry Fee: $30 per student or $75 per team**

| **Saturday, October 10** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30 – 9:00 AM | Agricultural Product ID Registration | Back Porch Club |
| 9:00 AM | Agricultural Product ID Contest | Back Porch Club |

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Eligible exhibitors are all FFA and 4-H members of Texas. Must pre-enter online through JudgingCard. Only Ag. Science Teachers or County Extension Agents may enter participants.**
3. If possible, every effort will be made to accommodate those participating in multiple contests.
4. The contest and teams will be divided into two (2) divisions:
   - **Junior Division**: Participants must be at least eight (8) years old and in the third grade, but no more than eighth grade.
   - **Senior Division**: Participants must be in at least the ninth grade, but not older than nineteen (19) years old and in the twelfth grade.

   Teams will consist of three (3) to four (4) members each. The top three (3) individual scores will be used to calculate the team score.

   Teams will compete based on the age of the oldest member. Any junior may register and compete on a senior team for a higher possible point total.
5. **Contest Format:** Up to thirty (30) but no less than twenty (20) Texas agricultural products will be selected from the Texas Agriculture Product List and be exhibited at separate stations for examination. Contestants will identify each product from four (4) possible answers and bubble their answer in on a scantron sheet. Each station will also have one (1) multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions may be general to the industry that produced the product (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production); or specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety). The products selected for the contest can vary widely, from items like garlic to a rib-eye steak, based on the contest coordinator's preferences. Contestants will be allowed thirty (30) seconds at each station before they are asked to advance to the next station.
6. Scan sheets will be provided by the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo. Contestants must provide their own #2 pencils.
7. Talking and cell phones use will not be permitted during the contest. If contestants are found talking or using cell phones during the contest, they may be disqualified.
8. The decisions of the Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, and Committee Members regarding the placing of items and answers to the questions are final.
9. Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during competition.

10. Contestants must advance from each exhibit to the next when instructed to do so.
11. Contestants must evaluate each exhibit in sequence and will not be allowed to return to any exhibit after advancing.
12. Contestants should not in any way willfully obstruct the work of another contestant.
13. **Ties:** seven (7) stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. Teams and Individuals with the highest cumulative scores at these seven (7) stations will win any ties. If ties still remain, winners will be determined by the toss of a coin.
14. **Scoring**: Contestants will receive five (5) points for each product that is correctly identified and five (5) points for each question that is correctly answered. Points will only be awarded on the follow up questions (pertaining to the product displayed) if the product is correctly identified. Total Points Possible - 200 points
15. **Conflicts:** If you have a time conflict from another Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo event, you must notify the Superintendents during the registration period. If you do not notify the Superintendents in a timely manner accommodations may not be made.
16. **References:** The following websites are recommended references. Teams will also benefit from their own web searches and by visiting supermarkets to view products listed on the Texas Agriculture Product List:
    Texas Produce Association; http://www.texasproduceassociation.com/index.asp TAMU Extension Texas Horticulture & Crops; http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/Texascrops/index.html
    USDA Cuts of Beef; http://consumer.certifiedangusbeef.com/cuts/Default.aspx Pork Cuts; http://www.texaspork.org/Consumer.html,
    Texas Agriculture Products; http://www.beagsmart.org
    Texas AgriLife Extension-Texas 4-H; https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/

**Sample Questions:**

What is this product? _____

1. Maple syrup
2. Soy sauce
3. Tea
4. **Honey**

Honeybees are not native to the United States. Where were brought to the United States from?

1. Africa
2. South America
3. Asia
4. **Europe**
5. India

## Texas Agriculture Product List
**(This list should serve as a reference. Additional Texas products may be included for the contest)**

Apple (Granny Smith, Gala, Red Delicious)
Avocado
Beef (Strip Steak, Tenderloin, Ribeye, etc.)
Beets
Bell Pepper
Black Eyed Peas
Blackberries
Blueberries
Broccoli
Butter
Cabbage
Cantaloupe
Carrot
Catfish
Cauliflower
Celery
Cheese
Chicken (Whole, Breast)
Collard Greens
Cotton
Cottage Cheese
Cucumber
Eggs
Eggplant
Garlic
Grapefruit
Grapes
Herbs (Rosemary, Thyme, Mint, Basil, etc.)
Honey
Irish Potatoes (Red or White)
Jalapeño Pepper
Lamb (Chop, Leg)
Milk
Mohair
Mushrooms
Okra
Onion
Oranges
Peach
Peanut
Persimmon
Pork (Bacon, Tenderloin, Chop, Ham)
Pinto Beans
Plum
Poinsettia
Pumpkin
Rice
Roses
Shrimp
Sour Cream
Spinach
Strawberry
Sunflower Seeds
Sweet Corn
Sweet Potato
Tomatillos
Tomato
Turkey (Whole, Breast)
Turnip Greens
Watermelon
Wool
Yellow Squash
Zucchini

## Scholarships and Awards

### Senior Individuals
1st Place -- $500 scholarship
2nd Place -- $250 scholarship
Awards for 3rd-5th Place

### Junior Individuals
Awards for top five (5) individuals

### Teams
Banners for top five (5) Junior and Senior teams

# Food Challenge

**Superintendents: Ashley Cox, Somervell County, CEA, FCH**
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**Rachel Esquivel, McLennan County, CEA, FCH**
**254-757-5180 Rachel.esquivel@ag.tamu.edu**

**Entry Deadline: September 15, 2026**
**Entry Fee: $40 per team**

| **Saturday, September 26** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 9:30 – 10:00 AM | Food Challenge Registration | BASE |
| 10:00 AM | Food Challenge Contest<br>Food Challenge Awards | BASE |

The HOTFR hosts a Food Challenge Contest modeled after the hit TV Series "Iron Chef." Food Challenge gives FCCLA, FFA and 4-H students from across Texas the chance to showcase their cooking skills, but also requires the students to know preparation, nutritional facts and origins of ingredients. Exhibitors compete as teams in this competition in which they are randomly assigned one of four categories: Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, or Healthy Dessert.

## Special Rules

1. The contest is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Eligible exhibitors are all FFA and 4-H members of Texas. Must pre-enter online through JudgingCard. Only Ag. Science Teachers or County Extension Agents may enter participants.**
3. The contest and teams will be divided into three (3) divisions:
   **Junior**: Grades 3rd – 5th *(must be at least 8 years old as of August 31, 2025)*
   **Intermediate:** Grades 6th – 8th
   **Senior**: Grades 9th – 12th
   Teams will consist of three (3) - four (4) members each.
   Teams will compete based on the age of the oldest member. Any junior or intermediate may register and compete on a senior team; however, a senior may not compete with a junior or intermediate team.
4. The Texas 4-H Food Challenge Guidelines, including the official supply box list, can be accessed at: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/
5. **Contest Format**: Teams will be randomly assigned to a contest category (see categories above).
6. **Rules of Play**: The following is a summary of the contest procedure and rules:
   a. Preparation: Each team will receive an information sheet with their contest category and "key" ingredient for that category (no ingredient amounts, recipe, or instructions will be provided at the station). The "key" ingredient will be representative of one of the 4 categories listed. Key ingredient examples: Appetizer (avocado), Main Dish (fish), Side Dish (pasta), Healthy Dessert (apple). Teams will have access to a "pantry" of additional ingredients, which should be combined with the team's "key" ingredient to create an original recipe/dish during the contest. Pantry items will include items commonly found

in grocery stores and/or home pantries, including items such as produce, seasonings, canned goods, etc. Teams must use **at least two** additional items from the pantry.

b. Resources: Each team will be provided with nutrition and food safety resources at the food preparation station to use in preparing their presentation. These include: MyPlate Mini-Poster, Fight Bac - Fight Food Borne Bacteria Brochure, Know Your Nutrients, and Food Safety Fact Sheet. No other resource materials will be allowed. Teams may not use their personal copies of the resources during the contest. A worksheet will be provided for teams to use and to highlight key points for their presentation to the judges.
c. Presentation: After the preparation time, each team must present their dish and give an oral presentation to a judging panel.
d. Conclusion: All prepared dishes and food items used or created during the contest **must remain on-site** and **may not be taken off the premises** after the event concludes. This policy is in place to comply with health and safety regulations and to maintain food handling standards.

7. **Time**: Each team will have forty (40) minutes for the preparation portion of the contest (prepare a dish, plan a presentation, and clean up their assigned preparation area). Five (5) minutes are allowed for the oral presentation.
8. **Supplies**: Each team must supply their own equipment for the Food Challenge; **this includes their own extension cord**. Teams may only bring the supplies listed in the official supply box list (4-H Food Challenge Guidelines, see link above). Supply boxes will be checked by contest officials at their discretion. Teams should plan to not have access to a kitchen facility and, therefore, should plan to clean supplies upon returning home from the contest. Contest officials are **not liable** for any missing, lost, or damaged kitchen tools or equipment during the event. Contest officials **will not provide** replacement tools, utensils, or supplies. Teams must come fully prepared with all necessary items for the competition.
9. **Dress Attire**: Each team member is required to wear closed toe shoes and a hair restraint/hat. Each team will have the option (not required) to wear coordinating clothing or aprons.
10. Teams that experience any equipment malfunction(s) may not replace the equipment with supplies from another team, leaders, volunteers, County Extension Agents or show management. Instead, team members must work together and be creative in completing preparation without the malfunctioning equipment.
11. **Presentation**: When time is called, each team will present their dish to a panel of at least two judges.
    a. All team members must participate in the presentation, with all team members having a speaking role.
    b. Teams are allowed the use of note cards during the presentation but should not read from them, as this minimizes the effectiveness of their communication.
    c. To earn maximum points, teams must use their five (5) minute presentation to address the following areas of the presentation scorecard: Knowledge of MyPlate, Nutrition Knowledge, Food Preparation, Safety Concerns, and Serving Size.
    d. Teams will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to give oral presentation to judges.

e. No talking and no writing are allowed among any team members while waiting to give the team presentation. Team members caught talking and/or writing will receive a warning. The second time, the team will be disqualified and asked to leave the contest facility. Team members should not have pens or pencils in their possession while waiting to give their presentation.
f. After each team presentation, they will hand their dish to a designated volunteer to display prior to awards. At the conclusion of awards, teams will pick up their dish.

12. **Absolutely no electronic devices/jewelry are allowed in the contest. This includes cell phones, smart watches, or other communications devices.**
13. **Conflicts:** If you have a time conflict from another Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo event, you must notify the Superintendents during the registration period. If you do not notify the Superintendents in a timely manner accommodations may not be made.

## Awards

**Senior Teams**
Cutting Board: 1st Place
Banners: Top five (5) in each category

**Intermediate Teams**
Cutting Board: 1st Place
Banners: Top five (5) in each category

**Junior Teams**
Cutting Board: 1st Place
Banners: Top five (5) in each category

# Trap Shooters Extravaganza

**Superintendent: Jeff Pruitt**
**Email: jwpruitt99@icloud.com**
**Entry Deadline: August 31, 2026**
**Entry Fee: $100 per Trap event; $125 per Sporting Clays event; $125 per Skeet event**
**Waco Skeet & Trap Club, 7209 Karl May Drive, Waco, TX 76708**

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|---|---|---|
| **Saturday, September 26** | | |
| 7:30 AM | Trap Shooters Extravaganza Check-In | WS&TC |
| 8:30 AM | Trap Shooters Extravaganza Orientation | WS&TC |
| | Trap Shooters Extravaganza: Skeet<br>Trap Shooters Extravaganza: Sporting Clays<br>**Immediately following Orientation* | WS&TC |
| **Sunday, September 27** | | |
| 7:30 AM | Trap Shooters Extravaganza Check-In | WS&TC |
| 8:30 AM | Trap Shooters Extravaganza Orientation | WS&TC |
| | Trap Shooters Extravaganza: Sporting Clays<br>Trap Shooters Extravaganza: American Trap Singles<br>**Immediately following Orientation* | WS&TC |
| | Trap Shooters Extravaganza: Awards<br>**Immediately following Shoot* | WS&TC |

This is a shotgun competition only. ATA governing body rules apply. HOTFR exceptions take precedence over governing body rules. There will be a practice field for use the days of the shoot, at shooters expense.

**Show Management reserves the right to make changes to the event.**

The HOTFR makes available to CEAs and ASTs in charge of 4-H Clubs or FFA programs the opportunity to enter members of their programs in the Extravaganza. These rules are only minimum requirements for participation in the competition and are not intended to limit the right of any CEA or AST, or the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension or the Texas Education Agency to impose additional requirements as they deem necessary. The opportunity to enter 4-H Club and FFA members in the Extravaganza is made available only to CEAs and ASTs supervising these clubs. In no event are these rules to be construed as making any offer or opportunity available to any 4-H Club or FFA member. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered to be an agent of the HOTFR for any purpose.

**Contestants are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.**

## Special Rules

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Judges' Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. **Entries: Eligible exhibitors are all FFA and 4-H members of Texas. Must pre-enter online through ShoWorks. Only Ag. Science Teachers or County Extension Agents may enter participants.**

- Each club/chapter may enter as many individuals as desired in the Extravaganza. Show Management reserves the right to refuse, or reject entirely, any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the Fairgrounds or WS&TC.

3. **Release:** A Release and Substitute W9 form for each exhibitor must be received in our office with payment before entry will be accepted.
4. **Competition Site:** Waco Skeet & Trap Club
5. **Abbreviations:**
   - ATA: Amateur Trap Association
   - WS&TC: Waco Skeet & Trap Club
6. **Heart O' Texas Trap Shooters Extravaganza:**
   - 100 ATA single trap targets from the 16-yard line
   - 100 skeet targets from a semi-circular field
   - 100 target Sporting Clays
7. **Age Divisions:** There will be two (2) divisions:
   - Age Group 1: 3rd through 8th grade
   - Age Group 2: 9th through 12th grade
8. **Age Requirement:** Each Extravaganza contestant must be between the ages of 9-18 on August 31, 2025, or be eight (8) years old and in the third grade on August 31, 2025.
9. **Residence Requirement:** Contestants must be a bona fide resident of the state of Texas.
10. **School/4-H/FFA:** Contestants must be bona fide members of a Texas County 4-H Club or Texas FFA Chapter and enrolled in and attending public, private or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas. Involvement in international or national events does **not** disqualify otherwise eligible shooters.
11. **Eligibility:** Contestants also must have competed in a minimum of one of the following in order to be eligible to enter the HOT Extravaganza; Texas Agriculture Science Clay Target Shooting competitions (381 AG Clays) within the 2025-2026 academic year; Texas 4-H Shooting Sports sanctioned shotgun competitions within the 2025-2026 calendar year.
12. **Barred Contestant:** The HOT Livestock Show, in cooperation with member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of any contestant who has been barred from any other show on the basis of unethical practices.
13. **Orientation:** Orientations will be conducted the morning of the competition. Orientation is required/mandatory for everyone who will participate in the Extravaganza. Failure to comply with this requirement or attempts to avoid it, by any means, will result in disqualification from the day's events. Shoot Management has the ability to change or add additional orientation times.
14. **Squadding:** Squadding will be done on a random basis. With no guarantee, special requests will be considered and accommodated when possible. Squadding will be posted on iClays. Contestants should check periodically, as updates/changes may be made. Shooters should report to the appropriate location approximately thirty (30) to forty-five (45) minutes prior to their scheduled time. Shooters missing their appointed shooting times should contact the Shoot Superintendent.
15. **Range Safety:** The safety of all involved is of paramount importance. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any shooter failing to conform to safety standards will be warned or disqualified from the event. Minor infractions will be noted and marked on the shooter's

badge. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event.

16. **Eye Protection:** Shooting glasses or equivalent prescription glasses are required for all events. All persons on or near the firing line are required to have eye protection, including range personnel, and shooters.
17. **Ear Protection:** All persons on or near the firing line are required to have hearing protection. Ear plugs or ear muffs may be worn at the discretion of the shooter, or Range Officer; but proper hearing protection is required. Electronic devices, other than those specifically designed for hearing protection only, are forbidden on the shooting field forward of the safe line. This includes, but is not limited to radios, CD players, MP3's, walkie-talkies, and cell phones.
18. **Open and Empty:** All firearms will remain open and empty until the shooter is on the shooting station. The gun must be open and empty before leaving the shooting station.
19. **Muzzle Control:** Shooters must maintain control of their muzzles at all times. Regardless of condition, muzzles may not be pointed toward or rested upon any part of the body of the shooter or another person. This includes the use of toe pads. The only exception is the limited exposure required in changing chokes. Violation of this rule may result in warning, disqualification from a round, or disqualification from a match.
20. **Interference:** If any contestant, in any way, whether in person or by agent, or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or the show or competition, they are subject to be penalized. Management may demand a proper apology from the contestant, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the grounds/WT&SC, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
21. **Equipment:** Any 12 gauge or smaller fired from the shoulder shotgun, which conforms to ATA rules.
22. **Hulls:** Contestants shall pick up hull immediately after their event. **Parents/coaches are not permitted to pick up hulls.**
23. **Choke Changes:** Choke changes will not be allowed during any shoot-off.
24. **Ammunition: No reloads - ATA permitted factory ammunition only.** Shooters must furnish their own appropriate ammunition. It is vitally important to allow extra ammunition for practice rounds, shoot-offs, malfunction, or other contingencies. Ammunition is subject to inspection and verification. Ammunition will be for sale at WT&SC.
    - No load may contain more than 1-1/8 ounces of shot.
    - No load may contain any shot larger than Number 7½ for lead and Number 7 for steel.
    - No load, lead or steel, may have a maximum velocity greater than the following;
    - 1290 FPS for a shot charge of 1-1/8 ounces.
    - 1325 FPS for a shot charge of 1 ounce.
    - 1350 FPS for a shot charge of 7/8 ounce.
25. **Property/Security:** All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the HOTFR, ATA and WT&SC does not undertake to do so, and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property of contestants thereof. All contestants are responsible for security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property. The HOTFR, ATA and WT&SC are not responsible for the acts of a third party.
26. **Official Scores:** The official score is the record kept by the referee/scorer on a sheet furnished him/her by Show Management. The referee/scorer's decision on whether a target is

dead or lost is final. All reported scores are checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required. HOT Trap Shooters Extravaganza Management maintains the objective of producing timely, accurate and complete scoring records for each event. They do not represent any club, county, team, or individual. The WT&SC, via the Shoot Coordinator, will be responsible for conducting any and all aspects of the event pertaining to "shooting" including, but not limited to: squadding, scoring, posting of scores, determination and conducting shoot-offs, determination of winners and rules interpretation.

27. **Appeals:** A shooter may appeal a dead/lost ruling on the field if he/she feels a referee has missed a call. Once the shooter has changed posts, such right of appeal is lost. The referee may seek assistance from the official scorer or may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the referee in regard to dead or lost targets on the field is final and not subject to further appeal. A parent or coach's score is not an official score and will not be consulted.
28. **Protest:** Shooters only may protest any injustice, violation of the rules, or other circumstances that may have resulted in placing them at a disadvantage relative to other shooters. Such conditions must be reported to the field referee immediately. If satisfaction is not obtained, the situation should be reported immediately to the Shoot Coordinator or Chief Referee. If resolution is not reached at this point, the shooter only has the right to present a written protest with a $20 protest fee to the Chief Referee or Shoot Coordinator within one (1) hour of the time their squad has finished or score was posted. The Protest Jury will investigate and reach final resolution of the matter as soon as possible considering all circumstances. Results of all protests are final and will be reported to the shooter. The names of the Chief Referee, Shoot Coordinator and Protest Jury members will be posted at the shoot.
29. **Field and Range Boundaries:** For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around all fields and ranges is essential. Since coaching is not permitted on the ranges, there is no reason for a parent or coach to be on the ranges unless invited by the Range Officers. The field boundary is behind the gun rack/bench. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of officials. Failure to do so or argument with officials is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will result in appropriate actions, up to removal from the event, range, area, or grounds.
30. **Disruption:** Parents, coaches or other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviors deemed detrimental to shooters or the operation of the match. Sanctions ranging from a warning to ejection from the grounds or disqualification of shooters may be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on a firing line or field.
31. **Coaching:** Coaching during competition will not be permitted while participants are on the firing line. Coaching includes any communication between the coach, parent or other spectator and the shooter; verbal or non-verbal. The shooter may request assistance from a Range Officer and the Range Officer may assign an assistant.
32. **Alcohol Policy:** No shooting allowed following the consumption of alcohol. No alcohol is allowed on shooting ranges by participants or spectators. Consumption, use and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.
33. **Drug Policy:** No shooting is allowed while under the influence of any drug or prescription medications that affects judgment and conduct to a degree that a participant is unsafe.

34. **Tobacco Policy:** No smoking is permitted on or near the firing lines or in any area where it would be considered inappropriate or in a situation where the smoke constitutes interference to shooters. Smoking, use and possession of tobacco products (including smokeless) by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.
35. **Dress Code:** Participants and spectators are required to dress appropriately. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Shooters must wear a shirt with sleeves. Clothing deemed immodest or distracting to other shooters will not be permitted. Where eye and/or ear protection is required, fully enclosed shoes must be worn for safety reasons by both shooters and spectators. All shooters and coaches should remember that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media.
36. **Use of Two-Way Radios:** To assist us in range and match operations, only authorized persons are permitted to use two-way radios on the grounds. Any action by either youth or adults interfering with the frequencies in use imposes a safety hazard. Deliberate disruption of range communications by anyone at the event will be considered a safety violation and treated as such.
37. **Golf Carts:** Golf cart rentals are available by reserving in advance with the cart company. The shooter must contact the superintendent (contact info is at the top of the special rules) and reserve the cart that way. The cart company will deliver the cart to Waco Skeet and Trap Grounds.
38. **Practice:** A practice field will be open and operated by WS&TC at the shooter's expense.
39. **Ties and Shoot-Offs:** Ties in the Extravaganza will be determined by a shoot-off.
    - Trap Singles Event: Round of 25 targets
    - Skeet Event: To follow NSCA Rules
    - Sporting Clays: To follow NSCA Rules
    - HOA: Determined by management
40. **Conflicts**: If you have a time conflict from another Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo event, you must notify the Superintendents during the registration period. If you do not notify the Superintendents in a timely manner accommodations may not be made.

# Scholarships and Awards

## Scholarships

**The Trap Shooter Extravaganza awards scholarships to the High Over All (HOA) boy and girl. To be eligible for the scholarship the contestant must compete in all events (Trap Singles, Skeet, and Sporting Clays).**

HOA Boy Champion: $1,250
HOA Girl Champion: $1,250

## Awards

HOA Boy: Buckle
HOA Girl: Buckle
Trap Singles, Age Group 1, 1st Place: Buckle, Banner
Trap Singles, Age Group 2, 1st Place: Buckle, Banner
Skeet, Age Group 1, 1st: Buckle, Banner
Skeet, Age Group 2, 1st: Buckle, Banner
Sporting Clays, Age Group 1, 1st: Buckle, Banner
Sporting Clays, Age Group 2, 1st: Buckle, Banner
2nd – 3rd Place, each division: Banner

# Youth Robotics Challenge

**Superintendents: Natalie Cervantes**

**Entry Deadline: August 31, 2026**

**Entry Fee: $50 per team**

| **Sunday, October 4** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00 – 9:00 AM | Registration | EEC Coliseum |
| 9:00 – 9:30 AM | Orientation | EEC Coliseum |
| 9:30 – 11:10 AM | Build Time (includes 10-minutes Coach Time) | EEC Coliseum |
| 11:15 AM | Robot Challenge Pre-Lims | EEC Coliseum |
| Following Pre-Lims | Robot Challenge Finals | EEC Coliseum |
| Following Finals | Awards Ceremony | EEC Coliseum |

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

The AgRobotics Rules & Known challenges will be posted at this link (under contest section): https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/.

## SPECIAL RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** Participation is open to Texas 4-H and FFA members, and Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited Texas school or homeschool (with proof of enrollment). Three (3) to four (4) students may constitute a team in this contest. Team may not include students from different age divisions. Students are not allowed to compete on more than one team. Students will not be allowed to compete on both a 4-H and/or FFA team and a school team. All students must be from the same school, or club/chapter.
    a. **Junior Division**: Participants must be at least eight (8) years old and in the third grade, but no more than eighth grade.
    b. **Senior Division**: Participants must be in at least the ninth grade, but not older than nineteen (19) years old and in the twelfth grade.
2. **Entry:** Application must be made through the online entry procedures located on the internet at www.hotfair.com on or before August 31st. An entry of $50.00 per team will be charged for this event. Payment with entry authorization signature must be postmarked by August 31, for all Robotics entries. Show Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry.
3. **Contest Format/Rules of Play:** The new 2026-2027 challenge rules for this year's AgRobotics game will be posted by September 1, 2026 on the state robotics page here in the contest section: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/ Additionally, please reference these rules regarding specific verbiage about approved robot types and permitted materials for the contest.
4. **Minimum Construction Skills and Proficiency:** Competitors must be capable of designing and building a functioning robot that includes the use of:
    a. Motors
    b. b. Light/color sensor
    c. c. Touch sensor
    d. d. Ultrasonic sensor
    e. e. Levers, arms, claws, etc.

5. **Minimum Programming Skills and Proficiency:** Competitors must be capable of programming a robot to accomplish the following:
    a. Move
    b. Turn
    c. Lift
    d. Maneuver attachments effectively
    e. Use sensors appropriately and effectively
6. **Scoring:** Please reference the AgRobotics Game rules for all point values for each separate challenge. Additionally, a teamwork score will be assessed by a panel of judges and added to the match scores to form the preliminary team score.
7. **Finals:** The cumulative preliminary team and match scores determine qualifiers for finals.
8. **Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final.

## Awards

Junior Division Champion Team, Awards
Reserve Champion Team, Awards
3rd – 5th Place Teams, Awards

Senior Division Champion Teams, Awards
Reserve Champion Team, Awards
3rd – 5th Place Teams, Awards