

2024

Ellis County Youth Expo

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK
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2024 OFFICIAL SHOW SCHEDULE:

Wednesday March 20, 2024

12:00 P.M. Set up for build off.

12:00 – 5:00 P.M. Creative Arts check in

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:00 A.M. Creative Arts check in

10:00 A.M. Creative Arts judging begins

5:00 P.M. All Creative Arts released and need to be out of the building

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00 A.M. Breeding Rabbit check-in

9:00 A.M. Breeding Rabbit show, followed by showmanship

10:00 A.M. Breeding Sheep check-in

11:00 A.M. Breeding Goat check-in

1:00 P.M. Breeding Sheep show, followed by showmanship.

3:00 P.M. Breeding Goats will start at the conclusion of the Breeding Sheep show, followed by showmanship

All breeding animals released following the conclusion of their respective show.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00 A.M. Breeding Gilts check-in

9:00 A.M. Breeding Heifer check-in

10:00 A.M. Breeding Gilt show, followed by showmanship

1:00 P.M. Breeding Heifer show will start at the conclusion of the Breeding Gilt show, followed by showmanship

All breeding animals released following the conclusion of their respective show.

Move in Ag Mech Projects and Market Place Projects.

Complete Set Up. All pens should be set. Any dividers or outside stalling items need to be in place by the end of day

Sunday the 24th. Set up will not be allowed upon arrival with projects. All tack should be in place.

Sunday March 24, 2024

May begin to start moving in sheep, goats, and swine for MARKET SHOW

8 A.M. Ag Mech Show & Market Place Shows

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:00 A.M. Check in Broilers

8:00 A.M. Ag Mech Build Off

9:00 A.M. Broiler Show

10:00 A.M. Check in Market Rabbits

10:00 A.M. Market Goats weigh in

1:00 P.M. Market Lamb weigh in

2:00 P.M. Market Rabbit Show followed by Market Rabbit Showmanship

9 P.M. All Broilers and Market Rabbits must be out of the barn

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

10:00 A.M. Pee Wee Market Goat Showmanship, followed by Market Goat Show, followed by Jr./Sr. Showmanship

10:00 A.M. Market Swine weigh in

1:00 P.M. Pee Wee Market Lamb Showmanship, followed by Market Lamb Show, followed by Jr./Sr. Showmanship

6:00 P.M. Ag Mech & Build Off Awards Ceremony

Move out Ag Mech after awards ceremony

Non-sale animals must be out of the barn by 9 P.M.

Market Steers may start moving in

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Finish moving out Ag Mech

2:00 P.M. Pee Wee Market Swine Showmanship, followed by Market Swine Show, followed by Jr./Sr. Showmanship (see special rules regarding Swine Showmanship)

4:00 P.M. Steer weigh in

Non-sale animals must be out of the barn by 9 P.M.

Thursday, March 28, 2024

3:00 P.M. Pee Wee Market Steer Showmanship, followed by Market Steer Show, followed by Jr./Sr. Showmanship

Non-sale animals must be out of the barn by 9 P.M.

Friday, March 29, 2024

9:00 A.M. Day in the Ring

1:00 P.M. Sale Set-up

The Draft Sale Catalog will be posted as early as possible. It is the Advisor/Exhibitor responsibility to identify any errors in the catalog by 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2024. After that time, no changes will be made as the final catalog has a firm print deadline.

Saturday, March 30, 2024

11:00 A.M. Luncheon

12:00 P.M. Sale of Champions

Monday, April 1, 2024

5:00 P.M. Expo CLEANUP

Release Times are the day of the Show of your respective Species. You will know prior to showing how many places will make the sale, if showing in a market class.

2024 SHOW DETAILS

Show Committee

2024-2025 Show Chairman – Katie Christopher

Show Secretary – Candice Jones/Tommy Mitchell

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE Voting Delegates	Primary	Alternate
Maypearl	Chea Stansell	Candice Fincher
Ferris	Gelian Garcia	Shawn Knight
Italy	Parker Reeves	Joel Maddox
Waxahachie	Dusty Autrey	Clay Schoolfield
Palmer	Robyn Anglin	Melia Hughes
Midlothian	Mike Greiten	Brooke Anderson
Midlothian Heritage	Chris Whitt	Mendi Whitt
Red Oak	Ron Davidson	Astin Robertson
Ellis Co 4H	Casy Huckabee	Jay Creamer
Ennis	Ryan McCabe	Johnny Roberts
Milford		
Avalon	Dionne Sauers	Candi Houdek

CEAs/ASTs					
Maypearl	Kate Weber	Taylor Hoyle	Chris Wiemers		
Ferris	George McAllister	Austen Garmon	Brian Harlan	Lindsey Estes	
Italy	Kayla Glenn	Barry Rice	Johnny White		
Waxahachie	Jake Mullican	Callie Crain	Jeanette Middleton	Adam Robinson	Justice Thompson
Palmer	Ryan Vines	Marc Nolan			
Midlothian	Pete Black	Kelly Verstuyft	Katelynn Thornton		
Midlothian Heritage	Cati Flory	Wade Odom	Whitney Stults		
Red Oak	Page Bishop	Kaydee Denton	Kaleigh Hess		
Ellis Co 4H	Mark Arnold	Sidney Atchley			
Ennis	Cierra Hopgood	Karlee Harton	Kayla McCabe	Bethany Tucker	Judi Tabb / Jacob Thacker
Milford	Stephanie Thoms				
Avalon	Valasta Smith				

2024 CLUB/CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Daily Maintenance:

It will be the responsibility of the AST's and CEA's to monitor, organize and verify that the grounds are kept clean and attractive during the show week. Areas should be checked periodically each day and left clean at the end of each day.

Swine Area -----	Ennis FFA
Sheep and Goat Area -----	Red Oak FFA
Cattle Area and Front of Livestock Building -----	Italy FFA and Milford FFA
Wash Rack and Back Parking Lot -----	Palmer FFA
Bleachers and Front of Exhibit Building -----	Waxahachie FFA and Avalon FFA and Heritage FFA
Concession Area and Front and West Parking Lots -----	Ferris FFA
East Livestock Addition -----	Midlothian FFA
East Parking Lot to Gate -----	Maypearl FFA
West Livestock Addition -----	Ellis County 4H

Set-Up / Take-Down:

Goat Weigh-In -----	Red Oak FFA
Lamb Weigh-In -----	Palmer FFA
Swine Weigh-In -----	Waxahachie FFA and Avalon FFA and Ennis FFA
Cattle Weigh-In -----	Ellis County 4H
Opening Ceremonies -----	Midlothian FFA and Heritage FFA
Creative Arts Set-Up / Take-Down -----	Milford FFA
Ag Mech Move-In -----	Milford FFA
Rabbit / Broiler Set-Up -----	Ferris FFA
Swine Show Set-Up -----	Waxahachie FFA and Avalon FFA and Ennis FFA
Goat / Lamb Show Set-Up -----	Red Oak FFA and Palmer FFA
Cattle Show Set-Up -----	Ellis County 4H
Sale Ring Set Up -----	Midlothian FFA and Heritage FFA and Italy FFA
PRE-SALE CLEANUP and Disbursement Set-Up -----	ALL
BBQ Set-Up / Clean-Up -----	Maypearl FFA and Palmer FFA
BBQ Servers -----	Red Oak FFA
Animal Disbursement -----	Ferris FFA

GENERAL RULES:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors oversees the business and property of the Ellis Co. Youth Expo, Inc. and will host the Ellis Co. Livestock Show & Rodeo in March or April of each year. Each Director serves a 3-year term and can serve unlimited terms, but no more than two consecutive terms. Directors of the Board shall nominate and approve 5 candidates in a regular meeting and then present to the Show Committee, Rodeo Committee, and Fair Committee. From these 5 candidates, the respective committees will return their Top 3 for selection. These 3 will then be voted on for election by a quorum of the Show Committee at its annual meeting held in May of each year. The election shall be conducted by Slate Ballot and the Show Chair and each affiliated club will have one vote per open position and must come from the representative or alternate. Write-In candidates are not permitted. Proxy votes shall not be allowed.

SHOW CHAIRMAN:

The Show Chairman is appointed by the Board of Directors no later than May following the previous spring show. The Show Chairman generally serves two consecutive terms and will oversee the Show Committee and annual Ellis Co. Youth Expo spring show and Sale.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

The Show Committee's purpose is to oversee the rules and operate the Ellis Co. Youth Expo spring stock show.

Ag Science Teachers (AST) and County Extension Agents (CEA) appoint committee representatives to serve as primary and alternate voting delegates for matters other than Director Elections as mentioned above.

SHOW SECRETARY & OFFICE PERSONNEL:

The Show Secretary and any office personnel is appointed by the Board of Directors and Show Chairman. Their purpose is administration and assistance of show operations.

PROTESTS:

Rules are interpreted and enforced by the Superintendents, Show Secretary and Office Personnel. Any formal protest must be made in writing, citing the specific rule in question. This protest must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 CASH (two hundred and fifty dollars). Protests must be filed within one hour following the selection of the reserve grand champion in the division in question.

- Decisions of the Judges, Weigh Master, and Classifiers are not subject to protest
- Committee to hear protests will consist of the general show chairman and at least a majority of all division superintendents. That decision is FINAL.
- Decisions of the office personnel may be appealed only to the Board of Directors and Show Chairman.
- Conflicts of interest shall be avoided.

SHOW DIVISIONS:

MARKET DIVISIONS - Broilers, Rabbits, Goats, Lambs, Swine, and Steers

BREEDING DIVISIONS - Beef Heifers, Gilts, Ewes, Does, Rabbits

AG MECHANICS DIVISIONS

-Shop Project Show - Ag Machinery & Equipment, Livestock Equipment, Wildlife, Home & Yard Convenience, Trailers, Cooking Equipment and Refurbished.

-Build Off

-Marketplace Show - Livestock & Farm Equipment, Wildlife, Home Recreation & Conveniences, and Cooking Equipment

CREATIVE ARTS - Details and rules of the Creative Arts Show can be found in a separate document titled: Creative Arts Rules

PARTICIPATION:

Participation in the Ellis Co. Youth Expo is limited to students who are members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter within Ellis Co. and who have continuously and personally participated in preparing their project for show under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. They must be in the 3rd Grade or 9 years of age, but not more than 19 years old as of August 31 of the previous show year.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

All eligible students must show and sell their own project. Any exceptions must be reviewed by the Show Chairman and Show Secretary. Exhibitors must submit a substitution showman form 24 hours prior to the respective show and sale for review. Form will be available in the show office and online.

INELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

Ineligible student's projects are NOT eligible to show or sell, AND MUST NOT BE ON SHOWGROUNDS. There WILL NOT be any refunds on entry fees if a student becomes ineligible.

DOGS:

NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON SHOWGROUNDS. Any person with a dog will be asked to leave. If the request is denied, appropriate action will be taken.

MARKET & BREEDING SHOW VALIDATION PROCEDURES:

State validation rules for cattle, swine, lambs, and goats will be followed. The validation chair(s) will coordinate and share dates with CEA's/AST's in which to get their groups tagged. After the last posted validation date, there will be no more validated animals of any kind. Please check individual species for registration requirements. Division Superintendents have the authority to check validation at any time during the show. If the results prove it is not the same animal, the animal will be disqualified and all premium money and awards will be forfeited. Market animals should have no tags other than the validation tag at weigh in.

LOST TAGS:

If an animal's validation tag is lost or becomes unattached after tagging dates, the owner must notify the supervising CEA/AST. The CEA/AST must, in turn, notify the validation chair(s) in writing. AFTER MARCH 1, follow the same procedures, however, retagging will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Retagging will be coordinated between the validation chair and respective advisor. Superintendents must be notified and animal retagged BEFORE weigh in begins.

ENTRIES:

We will use an online entry process. The entry deadline will be established each year by the show committee and will be approximately one month prior to the show begin date. Entry fees are due and based on online entries submitted. Entries and fees must be made and turned in to the CEA/AST so that a SINGLE club payment can be made. Single club payment, along with signed entry cards and an invoice copy is due to the Executive Board Treasurer no later than 16 days after the entry deadline.

Quality Counts verification will be REQUIRED for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

ENTRY FEES:

BEEF CATTLE (STEERS & HEIFERS)	\$30.00
SWINE, LAMBS, GOATS (MARKET & BREEDING)	\$30.00
BROILERS & MARKET RABBITS	\$30.00
BREEDING RABBITS	\$30.00
AG MECH - SHOP PROJECTS & MARKETPLACE	\$30.00
AG MECH - BUILD OFF TEAM	\$100.00

Projects must be owned by the exhibitor. There will not be co-op projects, except for Ag Mech. If more than one student of a family is listed on the entry card, the correct student name and tag number must be declared and corrected by the end of day on the day that the respective species weighs in.

MARKET SHOW ENTRY LIMITS:

There is a limit of THREE market projects (Premium Sale Eligible) per exhibitor. This includes projects entered in ANY Market Animal Division or Ag Mech Projects for sale. Of the maximum of three market entries, no more than two maybe entered in the same division (i.e. - 3 steers are NOT permitted, but 2 steers and 1 goat are permitted). No prizes other than an opportunity to secure a sale spot in the annual Sale of Champions will be awarded.

BREEDING SHOW ENTRY LIMITS:

There is a limit of THREE breeding projects per exhibitor. This includes projects entered in ANY Breeding Animal Division or Ag Mech Projects. Of the maximum of three breeding entries, no more than two maybe entered in the same division (i.e. -3 heifers are NOT permitted, but 2 heifers and 1 gilt are permitted). No females will be allowed in the Sale of Champions. Prize money will be as follows for all breeding divisions:

Class Top 3 -

- 1st \$25.00
- 2nd \$15.00
- 3rd \$10.00

Division Champion - \$150.00

Division Reserve - \$100.00

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION SCHOLARSHIPS:

The ECLSR will award a \$1500 scholarship to the Overall Grand Champion in all of the livestock divisions unless an exhibitor has previously been awarded the scholarship in the same division. In that case, the next highest placing exhibitor who has not previously won will be awarded. (Ex: Exhibitor previously won steer show - they win again. They are not eligible to receive a 2nd scholarship.) Additionally, any exhibitor that has won their respective division scholarship and has NOT graduated from high school will be eligible to receive the difference between the two, if any. No more than \$1500 will be awarded to any exhibitor in the same division.

LATE ENTRIES:

\$100.00 late fee in ADDITION to the standard entry fee will apply. No entries will be accepted after the respective division check in is complete. The only late entries that will be allowed are those that occur when a student from outside the county enrolls in one of our programs. The animal must be a state or county validated animal and a letter that verifies it to have been owned by the student, supervised by a CEA/AST from the student's previous school and current school is presented to the office. This must be done within ONE week of the student enrolling in Ellis County.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:

No health papers are required.

STALLING:

Each animal entry does NOT guarantee a stall/pen. Animals will be stalled by club/chapter. Animals must remain in the barn when not exercising, with exception to cattle.

COLOR RULE:

Artificial coloring will be prohibited on all animals except for restoring the natural color on the head, legs, tail and tail head.

SHOWMANSHIP:

Showmanship will include Market steers, swine, lambs, goats & rabbits and Breeding heifers, gilts, ewes, does & rabbits. Students MUST use their own (already entered) animal in showmanship. The following ages are as of January 1 of the current show year:

- Pee-Wee - less than 9 years old
- Junior - 9 to 13 years old
- Senior - 14 + years old

Pee-Wee is only for kids that cannot show as a Junior. They must live in the county or have siblings that are in 4-H or FFA. They must use their sibling's animal that is entered in the show. Prizes will be awarded.

For MARKET SWINE Junior and Senior Showmanship, a separate judge, from a list provided by the CEA/ASTs, will observe the market classes and select individuals to qualify for their respective Showmanship class. Those individuals will be announced during the market classes and will be invited/eligible to return to the ring for showmanship using the hog they qualified with to compete for the Showmanship award. If more than 13 individuals are selected per age division, heats will be created to avoid overcrowding in the show ring.

For AG MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW & MARKETPLACE SHOW, Chapter and Individual Showmanship awards will be awarded. Both the project show & marketplace show will be combined for showmanship only. Shop Superintendents will judge based on actions of participants during all phases of the show.

CLUB / CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES:

It will be the responsibility of the ASTs and CEAs to monitor, organize and verify that the grounds are kept clean and attractive during the duration of the show. Areas should be checked periodically each day and left clean at the end of every day. Details, schedules and assignments will be assigned by the show committee.

It will be the responsibility of the ASTs and CEAs to SET UP & TAKE DOWN the weigh-ins, shows, opening ceremonies, sale day events and animal disbursements.

Clean up of the grounds will be held "after school" on the Monday following the show & sale.

ALL CLUBS/CHAPTERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN EITHER THE SET UP OR CLEAN UP FOR THE COUNTY SHOW.

RELEASE OF ANIMALS:

All dropped, non-sale, or non-floored animals will be released immediately following the conclusion of their respective shows. Projects that make sale and choose not to drop will be required to remain on premises until the animal has walked through the auction ring and sale slip is in hand.

In previous years, there has been some hold over for the Day in the Ring event. This year we will NOT HOLD any animals unless they are sale qualifiers or are awaiting an official drop card as determined by the DROP RULES below.

Animals that are removed from the show grounds will NOT be allowed back on the premises, regardless of being "Bumped Up".

COOKING ON THE GROUNDS:

Cooking on the grounds is subject to designated locations. This includes "cook-outs" and social gatherings during the show dates by individuals or groups. Use of the BBQ Barn must be reserved in advance and requires Executive Board approval.

SALE of CHAMPIONS:

The Ellis Co. Youth Expo is a market sale only. No Breeding animals may go through the sale ring. Shop Projects (other than Ag Mech Marketplace that are deemed sale eligible), and Creative Arts are not sale eligible.

Grand and Reserve Champions in each market division and those designated Ag Mech Marketplace Champions and Reserves MUST SELL AS CHAMPIONS. This could dictate drop for an exhibitor.

In the past, we have had a mandatory pre-sale meeting for those that qualified for the Sale of Champions. We will not have that meeting this year. Included in your entry packet will be the rules of the sale that you would have heard in that meeting. They are also listed below.

It is your responsibility to know these rules. Any violation to these rules will forfeit your spot in the sale.

Based on the total number of animals assigned to a class and respective placing the TOP 40% of each class will go through the sale ring.

"Bump Ups" will only occur for the OVERALL GRAND and RESERVE CHAMPIONS by species and will only affect the class that each was selected from. Drops will continue - rules below. (i.e. - if the Champion Lamb was in class 3, then only class 3 will have a bump up.) Drops DO NOT create a pathway for "bump-ups" or guarantee a sale slot.

Sale places are determined as follows, using the number of animals on the list prepared for the show ring:
TOP 40% (Sale Qualified)

# in Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Top 40% (sale qualified)	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	6

Exhibitors in the market division can receive premium (sale) money for only one project with the exception that the OVERALL Grand Champions and Reserve Champions for each division MUST sell.

Animals that go through the sale cannot be bought back from the floor. If the animal is given back to the student, animal disposition MUST BE MADE BEFORE the animal leaves the ring. (see "Sale Disbursements" below)

Any student, or persons representing the student, including a relative or breeder, who ask the buyer for their animal back before, during or after the sale, will forfeit their sale slot and any monies earned at the sale. This includes during the duration of the raising period.

No gifts are to be given to buyers on sale day. Thank you notes shall be delivered to buyers before premium money is received.

DROP RULES:

Exhibitors with more than 1 entry in the market show and/or declared Ag Mech Marketplace projects, have 30 minutes after grand & reserve judging of each division, to fill out a drop card telling which animal from that division you want to be considered for possible sale.

EXAMPLE 1: if you have 2 goats, you need to fill out a drop card after the goat show is complete, listing both goats.

EXAMPLE 2: if you have a hog and a lamb, you need to fill out a drop card after the hog show is complete, listing both the hog and the lamb.

EXAMPLE 3: If you have an ag mech marketplace project (declared sale eligible) and a steer, you need to fill out a drop card after the steer show is complete, listing both projects.

SALE CATALOG:

The Sale catalog will be produced by Show Secretary & Office Personnel at the conclusion of the final market show. In the event the office identifies a missing drop card for an exhibitor, the office will make the determination based on the following guidelines:

- Drop lowest placing project.

The Draft Sale Catalog will be posted as early as possible. It is the Advisor/Exhibitor responsibility to identify any errors in the catalog by 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2024. After that time, no changes will be made as the final catalog has a firm print deadline.

Any exhibit listed on the FINAL Catalog MUST sell. Failure to present the exhibit at the appropriate time during the sale, will result in forfeiture of sale privilege AND disqualification for the next year's show. An automatic appeal to review circumstances will be accommodated. Appellate board will consist of a Show Superintendent, Show Chair and a CEA/AST from a club other than that of the exhibitor.

FLOOR:

Buyers may floor ANY purchased market animals. Animals may not be purchased from the floor.

Students may qualify to sell their animals on the floor. An animal is considered "qualified" to floor only if the animal was entered, weighed and exhibited at the ECYE and fits into one of the three categories below:

- 1) Animals not making the sale, including drops
- 2) Animals making the add-on group
- 3) Animals sold where the buyer returned ownership ("Gave Back")

Students may floor qualified animals by filling out the provided floor cards and presenting the card and animal at the designated area where a representative will sign the card and provide further instructions. It is the responsibility of the student to get & keep their copy of the floor card, as this will serve as a receipt for future payment.

Non-sale, floored animals will be loaded between the conclusion of your respected show until 9:00 P.M. the day of your show.

There will be no floored animals loaded after 9:00 p.m. with the exception of ones that qualified for the sale and were later dropped due to another qualifying project.

No animals may be removed from the floor truck once on it. Doing so will result in the loss of floor payment and subsequent disqualification from the show for the following year.

A sifted animal may receive a lower floor price than show animals. Sheep must be shorn, as for the show, or they will not sell. These animals must be weighed before they are put in the pens for floored animals. They must also be tagged.

THE SWITCHING OF ANY ANIMALS BETWEEN THE SHOW AND SALE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND THE LOSS OF ANY PREMIUM MONEY.

ADD ON MONEY:

Any exhibitor, regardless of placing may receive add on money. This does INCLUDES Breeding and all Ag Mechanics.

SALE DISBURSEMENTS:

All sales, including add-ons and floor proceeds are subject to a sale commission. The sale commission is set each year by the Board of Directors and shall not exceed 10%.

Exhibitor's checks will be distributed through the supervising AST or CEA. Any lost checks must be reported to AST or CEA. There will be a \$ 25.00 per check charge to stop payment & re-issue new checks to an exhibitor.

In order to expedite sale proceedings, exhibitors qualifying for the sale, must complete a disbursement form prior to entering the sale ring and keep it with them until the sale of their project is complete. It will then be presented to the disbursement team once through the sale ring. This is MANDATORY. These forms will be available at the office for the duration of the show and available online.

STEERS:

The Show Committee will appoint Superintendents, Classifiers and Judge. Possession deadlines and validation deadlines will be set and conducted by the Validation Chair(s) and their respective committees.

Superintendent: Tommy Rossa

Assistant Superintendents:, Luke Johnston, Ricky Kelly, Rhonda Kelly

Judge: David Groschke

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

- Grand and Reserve Overall and Breed Champions will be selected.
- BREEDS: American, British, European & their respective crosses.
- Any steer not classifying as American or British will be designated as European.
- An exhibitor can specify "European" with any breed of steer; European breed is not subject to classification.
- Minimum Weight - 900 pounds (15 lb. scale tolerance)
- Reweigh will only occur if the minimum weight (including scale tolerance) is not met. Reweigh will only occur once and be immediately.
- Animals cannot have any extra weight (mud, etc.) on them at weigh in.
- The hair on any part of the body of a steer (with the exception of the switch) cannot be longer than ¼" at the time of weigh in.
- SHEAR BEFORE ARRIVAL AT SHOW. Those not shorn will NOT be allowed to weigh in.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible; however the final authority is that of the superintendents
- Maximum of 8 head per class, unless more than 8 are the same weight.

BREEDING HEIFERS:

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. Check-in and registration paper check will be conducted by the Superintendents. Possession deadlines and validation deadlines will be set and conducted by the Validation Chair(s) and their respective committees.

Superintendents: Amber Huckabee, Donnie Mosley

Judge: Justin Rogers

CLASS	Age Break	
1	September 1, 2023	And after
2	May 1, 2023	August 31, 2023
3	January 1, 2023	April 31, 2023
4	September 1, 2022	December 31, 2022
5	May 1, 2022	August 31, 2022
6	January 1, 2022	April 31, 2022
7	September 1, 2021	December 31, 2021

- Breeding show will be a BLOW & GO format
- ENTRY must include DOB
- Heifers eligible up to 30 months of age on show date.
- There will be up to 7 classes per breed broken by age. Class 1 will consist of DOBs from September 1 of the previous year thru current date; subsequent classes will be then consecutive four-month periods from August 30 of the prior year backwards.
- No adhesives on any part of the animal. You must be able to run a comb through the animal's hair.
- Heifers must be registered in the EXHIBITORS NAME ONLY, BY JAN. 1st of the show year, and must show registration papers at check in.
- One head will make up a breed.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SELECTED:

- Overall Champion & Reserve Champion heifer.
- A Champion & Reserve Champion for each division.
 - Divisions: British, European, American
- A Champion & Reserve Champion for each breed under each division.
 - American breeds: Beef master, Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ARB
 - British breeds: Angus, Hereford & Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn,
 - European breeds: Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Simmental, ORB.

LAMBS:

The Show Committee will appoint Superintendents, Classifiers and Judge. Possession deadlines and validation deadlines will be set and conducted by the Validation Chair(s) and their respective committees.

Classification standards will follow those of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Please keep in mind, registration paper, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is not considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined only by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers.

Superintendent: Pam Underwood

Assistant Superintendents: Mike Greiten, Wes Jones

MARKET SHOW:

Judge: Corey Taylor

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

- Grand and Reserve Champions for both overall and breed will be selected.
- BREEDS: Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Dorper, Medium Wool.
- Finewools classified will advance to Finewool Cross. Finewool Cross, Southdown and Dorper classified will advance to the Medium Wool Breed.
- Any exhibitor can specify "Medium Wool" with any breed of lamb; Medium Wool breed is not subject to classification.
- ONLY wethers may be shown in market classes.
- Minimum weight (Finewool, Finewool Cross, Medium Wool) - 90 pounds (5 lb. scale tolerance).
- Minimum weight (Southdown, Dorper) - 80 pounds (5 lb. scale tolerance).
- Reweigh will only occur if the minimum weight (including scale tolerance) is not met. Reweigh will only occur once and be immediately.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, halters, blankets, leg wraps, chains, etc.) on them at weigh in.
- Lambs must be kept in the area designated for lambs in the barn or will be disqualified. Animals may exercise around the barn, but must not be kept in trailers.
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW. Those not shorn will not be allowed to weigh in. Only leg hair may be touched up at the show.
- No paint, powder, adhesives, or ANY artificial colors may be used on lambs.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible; however the final authority is that of the superintendents.
- Maximum of 15 head per class, unless more than 15 are the same weight.

BREEDING SHOW:

Judge: Josh Cody

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

- Breeding show will be a BLOW & GO format
- Grand and Reserve Champions for both overall and breed will be selected.
- BREEDS: Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Dorper, Medium Wool (no registration required on MW).
- Finewools classified will advance to Finewool Cross. Finewool Cross, Southdown and Dorper classified will advance to the Medium Wool Breed.
- Any exhibitor can specify "Medium Wool" with any breed of lamb; Medium Wool breed is not subject to classification.
- ONLY ewes may be shown in breeding classes.
- Minimum weight (Finewool, Finewool Cross, Medium Wool) - 90 pounds (5 lb. scale tolerance).
- Minimum weight (Southdown, Dorper) - 80 pounds (5 lb. scale tolerance).
- Reweigh will only occur if the minimum weight (including scale tolerance) is not met. Reweigh will only occur once and be immediately.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, halters, blankets, leg wraps, chains, etc.) on them at check-in..
- Lambs must be kept in the area designated for lambs in the barn or will be disqualified. Animals may exercise around the barn, but must not be kept in trailers.
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW.
- Only leg hair may be touched up at the show.
- No paint, powder, adhesives, or ANY artificial colors may be used on lambs.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible; however the final authority is that of the superintendents.
- Maximum of 15 head per class, unless more than 15 are the same weight.

GOATS:

The Show Committee will appoint Superintendents, Classifiers and Judge. Possession deadlines and validation deadlines will be set and conducted by the Validation Chair(s) and their respective committees.

Superintendent: Wes Jones

Assistant Superintendents: Rodney Rankin, Lee Keele, John Middleton

MARKET SHOW:

Judge: John Romero

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

- Grand and Reserve Champions will be selected for both overall and division.
- DIVISIONS: Light, Medium, Heavy
- All breeds show together.
- ONLY wethers may be shown in market classes.
- Minimum weight - 70 pounds (5 lb. scale tolerance).
- Reweigh will only occur if the minimum weight (including scale tolerance) is not met. Reweigh will only occur once and be immediately.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, halters, blankets, leg wraps, chains, etc.) on them at weigh in.
- Goats must be kept in the area designated for goats in the barn or will be disqualified. Animals may exercise around the barn, but must not be kept in trailers.
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW. Those not shorn will not be allowed to weigh in.
- Hair should be $\frac{3}{8}$ " above the hocks and knees.
- No paint, powder, adhesives, or ANY artificial colors may be used on lambs.
- Goats must not have horn tips smaller than the circumference of a dime.
- Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents, divided into 3 divisions - Light, Medium and Heavy. Maximum of 5 classes per division. The final authority is that of the superintendents.

BREEDING SHOW:

Judge: Josh Cody

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

- Breeding show will be a BLOW & GO format
- Grand and Reserve Champions will be selected for both overall and division.
- DIVISIONS: Light, Medium, Heavy
- All breeds show together.
- ONLY does may be shown in breeding classes.
- Minimum weight - 70 pounds (5 lb. scale tolerance).
- Reweigh will only occur if the minimum weight (including scale tolerance) is not met. Reweigh will only occur once and be immediately.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, halters, blankets, leg wraps, chains, etc.) on them at check-in..
- Goats must be kept in the area designated for goats in the barn or will be disqualified. Animals may exercise around the barn, but must not be kept in trailers.
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW. Those not shorn will not be allowed to check-in..
- Hair should be $\frac{3}{8}$ " above the hocks and knees.
- No paint, powder, adhesives, or ANY artificial colors may be used on lambs.
- Goats must not have horn tips smaller than the circumference of a dime.
- Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents, divided into 3 divisions - Light, Medium and Heavy. Maximum of 5 classes per division. The final authority is that of the superintendents.

SWINE:

The Show Committee will appoint Superintendents, Classifiers and Judge. Possession deadlines and validation deadlines will be set and conducted by the Validation Chair(s) and their respective committees.

Classification standards will follow those of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, except for Crosses. Please keep in mind, registration paper, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is not considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined only by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers.

Superintendent: Dusty Autrey

Assistant Superintendents: Dale Ellis, Derrick Norwood, Sr., Derrick Norwood, Jr., Donnie Mosley, Kristi Autrey

MARKET SHOW:

Judge: Levi Moyers

Showmanship Judge: Elijah Elliott

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

All hogs must have at least one ear notch & be properly marked on the validation forms to be eligible to show.

- Grand and Reserve Champions will be selected for both overall and breed.
- BREEDS: Duroc, White OPB, Dark OPB, Berkshire, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Light Cross, Dark Cross
- Any hog not classifying as Duroc, White OPB, Dark OPB, Berkshire, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Dark Cross will be designated as Light Cross. Hereford hogs will show as Dark OPB.
- Crossbred standards shall be:
 - LIGHT CROSSBRED
 - Any pigs with white and/or blue only.
 - DARK CROSSBRED
 - All other colors (i.e. black, red and sandy).
 - Excluding solid white or blue.
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW. Touch ups will be allowed but no restraints will be used.
- ONLY barrows may be shown in market classes.
- Minimum weight - 220 pounds (5 lb. scale tolerance).
- Reweigh will only occur if the minimum weight (including scale tolerance) is not met. Reweigh will only occur once and be immediately.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, etc.) on them at weigh in.
- Swine must be kept in the area designated for swine in the barn or will be disqualified.
- Ear notches will be checked at weigh in and must match the validation card/state list or the animal will be disqualified.
- Ear tags will be re-checked as hogs are checking in for their respective class.
- Any animal with a fresh ear notch at the time of show will be disqualified.
- Weights may not be affixed to the ears.
- No oil of any type may be used on hogs for dressing. WATER ONLY!
- Senior Swine Showmanship - no assistance, including with penning gates, unless hogs are fighting.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible; however the final authority is that of the superintendents.
- Maximum of 15 animals per class, unless more than 15 are the same weight

BREEDING SHOW:

Judge: Justin Rogers Showmanship: TBD

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

Animal Age: All gilts must have been farrowed between July 1 and September 15, the year preceding the Show.

All hogs must have at least one ear notch & be properly marked on the validation forms to be eligible to show.

- Breeding show will be a BLOW & GO format
- Grand and Reserve Champions will be selected for both overall and breed.
- Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, and Yorkshire (HLSR)
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW. Touch ups will be allowed but no restraints will be used.
- ONLY gilts may be shown in breeding classes.
- Swine must be kept in the area designated for swine in the barn or will be disqualified.
- Ear notches will be checked at check in and must match the validation card/state list or the animal will be disqualified.
- Ear tags will be re-checked as hogs are checking in for their respective class.
- Any animal with a fresh ear notch at the time of show will be disqualified.
- Weights may not be affixed to the ears.
- No oil of any type may be used on hogs for dressing. WATER ONLY!
- Senior Swine Showmanship - no assistance, including with penning gates, unless hogs are fighting.
- The number of classes per breed will be: Berkshire (6), Chester White (3), Duroc (7), Hampshire (2), Landrace (2), Poland China (3), Spotted (5), and Yorkshire (4).
- Gilts will be divided by age and an even number per class or as near as possible.

MARKET BROILERS:

The Show Committee will appoint Superintendents, Classifiers and Judge. Possession deadlines and county only deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents.

Superintendent: Keith Shaw

Assistant Superintendents: Tommy Hendrickson, Robby Dudley

Judge: Keith Staggs

The tentative delivery date for broilers will be February 14, 2024.

- ALL birds will be ordered through the ECYE. 50 broilers per person will be ordered (no more/no less per person).
- Birds will be from the same hatch. Birds will be wing banded. Each exhibitor will list the band numbers of the birds they receive, BEFORE leaving the building. A copy of this list will be held at the office. The day of the show, the exhibitor that enters the birds will only be able to check in the birds that are on their list. Any bird without a wing band will be disqualified.
- Birds will be sifted for bruises and broken bones. Any occurrence of these defects after check in will not be considered by the judge.
- If an exhibitor has 2 pens and they die, the he/she can combine what they have left to make a pen. If the exhibitor only has 1 pen, then they will show what they have, unless they decide to pull the entry.
- NO WEIGHT CLASSES - STRAIGHT RUN SHOW
- Exhibitors will be allowed to substitute a qualified bird at the time of check in if one or more of the 3 original birds are sifted for bruises & broken bones. YOU WILL HAVE 30 MINUTES TO RETURN WITH A SUBSTITUTE.
- An additional volunteer bird holder will be allowed if they are an exhibitor or parent.

RABBITS:

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. Possession deadlines and county only validation deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents.

Superintendents: Taryn Rodgers

Assistant Superintendents: Katie Nolen, Cole Turner

MARKET SHOW:

Judge: Jerrett Cobb

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

- A meat pen shall consist of 3 rabbits.
- Classes for market rabbits will be broken by total weight per pen.
- Maximum weight is 16.5 lbs. total minimum weight of 9 lbs.
- Animals will only be allowed to weigh in once.
- Classes will be broken into Light, Medium, and Heavy
- Class winners for the meat pen divisions will compete for Grand and Reserve Champions overall.

BREEDING SHOW:

Judge: Gage Taylor

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY ENTRY DATE

- ENTRY must include ear tattoo number, age classification, breed, and sex.
- All general rules apply to the breeding rabbit show. Disputes will be settled by referring to the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) show rules and ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- Breeding animals are to be kept in carriers. Cages will not be provided at the show.
- Rabbits should be free of all disease symptoms. Rabbits showing signs of disease will not be allowed to show and may be pulled at any time during the show at the superintendent's discretion.
- Rabbits will be called to the table three times after that they will be scratched.
- Breeding animals are not eligible for the premium sale.
- Ribbons will be awarded to the first through tenth place in each class.
- Banners will be awarded to the Best and Best Opposite Sex in both divisions.
- One scholarship recipient will be selected by the judge.
- Breeding rabbits will be released following the rabbit show.
- 4 CLASS (COMMERCIAL DIVISION): American Fuzzy Lop, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Florida White, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Satin, Silver, Tan, Thrianta
 - Junior Buck
 - Intermediate Buck
 - Senior Buck
 - Junior Doe
 - Intermediate Doe
 - Senior Doe
- 6 CLASS (FANCY DIVISION): American, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Creme D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, New Zealand
 - Junior Buck
 - Senior Buck
 - Junior Doe
 - Senior Doe

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS:

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. Check-in and registration paper check will be conducted by the Superintendents.

Superintendent: Dillon Bradbury

Assistant Superintendents: Brady Sapp

Judge(s): TBD

PROJECT SHOW:

This division is NOT SALE ELIGIBLE

- All shop projects must be built since the last show. (Can start as soon as previous years shows is over)
- Please notify the shop superintendents if your entry has wet paint when you arrive to be checked in.
- This is a finished project show. Incomplete projects will not be judged. Division superintendents determine if "complete".
- Only "minor cleaning" can be done on the show grounds – no other work.
- Entries will be divided into classes listed below. The division superintendents will classify, including where "Other" projects are classed.
- All entries will be placed #1 thru end of class.
- A division grand and reserve champion will be selected.
- An overall grand and reserve champion will be selected.
- Showmanship will be awarded on both an Individual and Team level.
- Students need to be by their project to answer questions from the judge.
- All projects must include the below documentation at a minimum:
 - Bill of materials
 - Drawings (hand sketched or computer drafted)
 - Photos of student/students completing the work
 - SDS/Technical Data Sheets for products used
- Supervisors will attach tag # from the office and affix with hog rings/zip ties to the project.
- A student or a representative must be present to check in shop project.
- "For Sale" signs & phone # are permitted on the project.
- Project Naming/ Description:
 - Exhibitor Name – Chapter/Club & Description (examples: Ennis FFA Dining Table, Waxahachie FFA Texas Fire Pit, Italy FFA Patio Swing, Midlothian FFA Welding Skid, etc.)
 - Club – Club or Chapter
 - Description – Name of the Project (examples: 14' Equipment Hauler, Covered Smoker Trailer, 3 Point Bale Spear, Portable Hibachi Grill, Rustic 8' Dining Table etc..) Use this to give us short but good detail about the project.
 - Leave the Team Name blank, but list ALL students building/exhibiting project(s)

Placing and awards ceremony will be scheduled by the Show Committee and included in the show schedule. Projects will be released following the awards presentation.

Prizes: TBD

Ag Machinery & Equipment	1	Tractor Mounted or Towed Equipment	Hay spears, buckets, box blades, log splitters, sprayers
	2	Shop Equipment	Shop tables, hoists, misc. shop tools/equipment
	3	Truck Accessories	Bumpers, grill guards, headache racks, receiver hitch accessories, truck beds, cargo trailers
	4	Division Grand	
	5	Division Reserve	

Livestock Equipment	6	Livestock Handling & Housing	Livestock panels, stalls, corrals, squeeze chutes, head gates, chicken coops,
	7	Gates	Only gates
	8	Feeding & Watering Equipment	Trough feeders, self feeders, hay feeders
	9	Livestock Show Equipment	Trim chutes, blocking stands, show rails, show boxes
	10	Division Grand	
	11	Division Reserve	

Wildlife	12	Traps & Capture Devices	Hog traps, predator traps
	13	Blinds & Observation	Deer stands, duck blinds, observation towers
	14	Feeding & Watering Equipment	Wildlife feeders, watering equipment
	15	Wildlife Handling & Housing	Aviaries, Incubators, Brooders, etc
	16	Misc. Wildlife Equipment	Shooting targets, shooting benches/tables, gun cabinets/racks
	17	Division Grand	
	18	Division Reserve	

Home & Yard Convenience	19	Indoor Furniture	Tables, Benches, Beds, Coffee Tables, End Tables, Bedside Tables, Chairs
	20	Outdoor Furniture	Tables, Benches, Picnic Tables, Chairs
	21	Horticulture and Gardening	Planter Boxes, Greenhouses, Container Gardens
	22	Misc. Home and Yard Equipment	Games, Yard Décor, Firepit w/o grill, Chiminea, Yard Art, Signs
	23	Fire Pit without Grill	Firepits without any grill or cooking surface
	24	Division Grand	
	25	Division Reserve	

Trailers	26	Bumper Pull Utility (Less than 16')	
	27	Bumper Pull Utility (16' and over)	
	28	Gooseneck Utility	All Lengths Lowboys and Floats
	29	Other Trailers	Hay Trailers, Welding Trailers, Dump Trailers
	30	Division Grand	
	31	Division Reserve	

Cooking Equipment	32	Misc. Outdoor Cooking	Fryers, burners for cooking, woks, disc cookers, campfire cooking equipment
	31	Stationary Grills and Smokers	Firepits with grill, Grills on a stand, Patio Grills and Smokers
	34	Towable Smokers (Smoker Trailers)	Must be able to be towed with a vehicle
	35	Division Grand	
	36	Division Reserve	

Refurbished (Storyboard must include before & after pics)	37	Tractors	Tractors and machinery all years
	38	Horse Drawn Equipment	Classic horse drawn equipment wagons, plows
	39	Tractor Drawn Equipment	Plows, tillage equipment, forage equipment
	40	Trailers	Refurbished Trailers of all types
	41	Division Grand	
	42	Division Reserve	

MARKET PLACE SHOW:

This division IS SALE ELIGIBLE

- Overview
 - Project Workmanship/Quality – 70%
 - Team or Individual Sales Presentation – 20%
 - Marketing Materials – 10%
- A Grand Champion of the Ag Mechanics Marketplace Contest & a Reserve Grand Champion of the Ag Mechanics Marketplace will be Selected for the Sale. Additionally, the Grand & Reserve in each of the divisions will sale for a total of 8 sale spots.
- The judges will act as a real customer which may include not buying the project. Participants will have to establish rapport with the judge and ask probing questions to ensure they meet the judges' needs.
- Teams may only use the following items during the team sales presentation: the team, the project and Marketing Flyer. No slide shows, electronic presentations, videos, computer demonstrations, etc. are required during the team sales presentation, these items may be part of the display in the Marketplace but will not be considered during the team sales presentation.
- Teams will have seven (7) minutes to interact with the judge. All members of the team must be present, and all must participate.
- Teams should present themselves with a professional appearance.
- Teamwork and involvement of team members in the construction of the item will be judged during this event.
- All Projects should be complete at the time of Check In for the show.
- All projects must include the below documentation at a minimum:
 - Bill of materials
 - Drawings (hand sketched or computer drafted)
 - Photos of student/students completing the work
 - SDS/Technical Data Sheets for products used
- Market Value: All projects are required to be sell eligible in this division and the team should assign a realistic market value to their product. No matter what type of product sold, the price charged to customers or clients will have a direct effect on the success of the business. Though pricing strategies can be complex, the basic rules of pricing are straightforward:
 - All prices must cover costs and profits.
 - Assured price for product reflects the dynamics of cost, market demand, response to the competition, and profit objectives.
 - Prices must be established to ensure sales.
- Breakdown of Judging Criteria:
 - Project Workmanship/Quality Judging Criteria (70% of Overall Score):
 - Workmanship – 60%
 - Innovation – 20%
 - Marketability -20%
 - Sales Presentation (20% of Overall Score)
 - Students will design & give sale presentations as if giving a sales pitch to “sell” their project to the judges. This will be done at the time of judging and throughout that day. This should be rehearsed, and the students will need to have technical knowledge of the processes & tools used to construct the project.
 - Marketing Materials (10% of Overall Score)
 - Each team will develop an 8.5” by 11” one or two-sided flyer promoting and detailing the product. Flyer should be designed to be utilized as an advertisement for and an overview of the product to be shared with customers. This will always be on display and used in the team sales presentation to “sell” the project to the judges.
- Teams should plan to accomplish the following tasks during the sales presentation:
 - Introduce themselves to the customer in the opening of the presentation.
 - Introduce the product to the customer.
 - Point out the features of the product.
 - Explain how the product would benefit the customer. Ask for the customers' reaction to the product.
 - The customer will object to some element of the sales presentation. Teams should try to overcome the objection (price, size, color, etc.) with a positive solution to the customers' objections.
 - The customers will also give the teams a chance to close the sale during the presentation. Ask for the business and be prepared to finalize the order.

- Teams should try to include the following in their presentation:
 - First Impression - Team identifies themselves with a good first impression, creates customer attention.
 - Sales Approach - Team asks questions and utilizes information from answers in an attempt to build a personal rapport. Teams ask questions to learn about the customers' interests.
 - Needs and Wants - Team confirmed and discovered customer needs and wants.
 - Trial Close - Team uses appropriate sales technique to confirm customer interest and/or identify buying signals.
 - Objections - Teams listen and clarify customers' objections. Team applies and discusses the features/benefits of the product to address the customers' objections.
 - Close or Advance Sale - Team closes or attempts to close the sale.
 - Active Listening - Team actively listens to comments and answers from the customer throughout the presentation.
 - Teamwork - How well did each team member participate/communicate in the presentation?
 - Knowledge - What level of knowledge did the team have of the product they were selling?
 - Principles - Did the team present using sound sales principles?
 - Professionalism - Was the presentation delivered professionally?

- Project Naming/ Description:
 - Exhibitor Name – Chapter/Club & Description (examples: Ennis FFA Dining Table, Waxahachie FFA Texas Fire Pit, Italy FFA Patio Swing, Midlothian FFA Welding Skid, etc.)
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 - Leave the Team Name blank, but list ALL students building/exhibiting project(s)

Market Place Divisions:

a. **Livestock and Farm Equipment:** Includes items such as hay handling equipment (ex. hay spears, single/double bale hay trailers, bale pickup equipment, etc.), squeeze chutes, restraining equipment and crowding or working pens, and universal fit truck and ag equipment accessories (i.e.: tool box, storage, ATV rack, receiver hitch carrier, hitch & towing accessories, quick attach skid steer attachments It is encouraged that items have the ability to be utilized on a wide variety of operations regardless of size or type. This also Includes Trailers such as utility bumper pull trailers (must be 16 ft. and under) Small trailers for hauling basic equipment such as lawnmowers, and material are encouraged.

b. **Wildlife:** Includes items such as equipment used in managing wildlife and exotic game (i.e.: Feeders, Observation stands, Cleaning Stations and equipment used in the management, raising and caring for animals such as deer, turkeys, quail, fish, etc.). Items meeting the basic uses of a hunter or fisherman are encouraged.

c. **Home Recreation and Conveniences:** (i.e outdoor yard and garden equipment, outdoor tables and chairs, swings, planters, green houses, potting sheds and other items used for outdoor recreation. Indoor Furniture is allowed (i.e. Dining Tables, Chairs, Benches etc.)

d. **Cooking Equipment:** (i.e.: BBQ pits, grills, fire pits with and without grills, and fish fryers. Includes items such as non-towable (small) cooking devices and towable (wheels with lug bolts) cooking equipment

Awards:

Ribbons, Banners and potential sale spots awarded. No premiums or buckles awarded. (Entry in this division does not guarantee a sale spot nor does it guarantee the dollar amount sold for at the Sale of Champions.)

AG MECHANICS PROJECT BUILD-OFF:

Superintendents: Dillon Bradury

Assistant Superintendents: Brady Sapp

Judge(s): TBD

PURPOSE: The purpose of the ECYE Ag. Mechanics "Build Off" is to provide a hands on, real world approach to the Ag. Fabrication industry. This contest will facilitate an opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability to read blueprints, fabricate in the field, read, interpret and apply basic weld symbols, perform oxyfuel and abrasive cuts and perform multi-process welds.

Rules:

- Teams will be provided a set of professionally drawn blueprints prior to the contest date.
- A team will consist of 3-5 members.
- Substitutions MUST be made 24 hours prior to the start of the contest.
- Materials will be provided to each team on the day of the contest and only the materials provided may be used to complete the project.
- Each team is responsible for all equipment needed to complete the project including electrical power.
- Team members are required to follow all safety requirements of OSHA throughout the contest.
- Teams are not to be coached or instructed during the contest.
- Work Space will be designated.
- Teams will have 8 hours to complete the project and clean-up.
 - 15 Minute "Timeout" at the two hour and six-hour mark. This allows teachers to coach and adjust plans for better student success.
 - 1 Hour lunch.

Judging:

- Judges will be selected by ECYE
- Teams will be judged on the following aspects:
 - Completion: Projects that are not completed at the end of the allowed time will not be judged.
 - Accuracy: project should be built as indicated by blueprints. Allowable tolerance will be +/- 1/8"
 - Weld Quality: all welds are to be left visible. No ground welds are to be left uncovered.
 - Safety: Members will wear proper PPE and work safely at all times during the contest including keeping the work area clean.
 - Overall Appearance: Finish, clean welds, no spatter, excessive grinding, etc..

Awards:

- The top three teams will be selected and the following banners awarded:
 - Grand Champion
 - Reserve Grand Champion
 - Third Overall
 - Top Hand
 - Safety

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