

Ag Mechanics Project Show

Co-Chairman – Ashleigh Cross

Entry Deadline: September 4, 2026, 4 pm in the Fair Office

Must enter through your respective 4-H or FFA.

Entry Fee: \$20

Arrival Time & Check In: October 8, 2026, 4 pm - 7 pm

Judging Time: October 11, 2026, 12 Noon

Release Time: Sunday, October 18, 2026, 7 am - 11 am

Rules:

1. All Ag Mechanics Projects are subject to the Brazoria County Fair Rules and Regulations.
2. Entry forms must be completed in full including EACH exhibitors' names and project.
3. The decision of the judge is final in all aspects of the show.
4. Ag Mechanic Projects are for Brazoria County 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, and Skills USA clubs.
5. Projects shall be exhibited only (1) time and must be constructed within one (1) year of Fair dates.
6. All projects must be constructed and exhibited by 4-H, FFA, or Skills USA club members.
7. All projects must be cleaned and painted and/or treated, and in presentable and working condition. PROJECTS MUST MEET ALL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. NO SHARP POINTS OR EDGES EXPOSED AT ANYTIME AND MUST BE PROPERLY COVERED BEFORE CHECK IN WILL BE PERMITTED.
8. All trailers must have safety chains mounted to trailer tongue, to meet state requirements. Wheel chocks will be required while trailers are parked on fairgrounds.
9. All projects must have a binder containing blueprints or drawings, progressive pictures, materials list, and a cost analysis.
10. Spaces for projects will be determined by the committee on the basis of project size. Exhibitor may use tables, tarps and or shade tents (no walls). No decorative fencing will be allowed, or floors built for the project.
11. No electronic, video, and/or computerized presentations may be used.
12. Projects may not be welded or painted on Brazoria County Fairgrounds. All work must be completed before check-in (assembly only on fairgrounds). NOTE: All projects and displays

including Exhibitor 4H/FFA placards will be completed by Saturday at noon. *

13. Flammable and/or combustible liquids or material are not to be used on any project (paint thinners, petroleum base liquids, etc.). Gasoline and Diesel for motorized equipment must be labeled.

14. If the projects require additional fuel, entrants must notify the chairman. Each club will be required to have the correct fire extinguishers to meet OSHA requirements.

15. Every precaution will be taken to protect projects; however, the Brazoria County Fair Association will not be responsible for loss or damage to projects.

16. Committee reserves the right to re-classify projects upon arrival. Any project deemed Home Décor/garden décor or ornaments will not be allowed to check in; therefore, not eligible for the show or auction. Committee decision is FINAL. BIRDHOUSES ARE CONSIDERED GARDEN DÉCOR EXEPT FOR: Martin Houses with the following minimum requirements - Interior conjoining compartments measuring 6X6X6 inches each, multi levels and 10 plus entry holes. Must be scratch built - NO KITS!

17. Combination locks can be used but committee MUST have combination. If combination is not provided, committee reserves the right to cut the lock off if deemed necessary.

18. Contestants should conduct themselves in a professional manner limiting communication with parents/ teachers/ leaders. All parents/teachers/leaders are strictly forbidden from entering the judging area until after the contestants have been dismissed. One warning will be given; the second offense will result in disqualification.

19. All project books MUST be with exhibitor's project(s) by 8:00am on the day of the show. Exhibitors will then return and check in with committee at 11:45am for the show to start at 12:00pm. COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING BOOKS ON THURSDAY NIGHT CHECK IN.

20. All exhibitors selling in the Ag Mechanics Auction must be present on the last Sunday of the fair to load and or deliver their project and pick up disposition papers from the auction. Disposition papers are to be picked up between 7 am and 9 am. Failure to pick up disposition papers and correspond with the Ag Mechanics committee during the designated time frame will result in the ineligibility to show the following year. The ultimate responsibility of final delivery lies solely on and ends with the exhibitor. Forklift availability ends at 11am.*

Classes:

- a. Ag Machinery (hay buggy, aerators, etc.)
- b. Ag Equipment (livestock feeders, hay rings, etc.)

- c. Shop Equipment
- d. Livestock Handling Equipment
- e. Trailer
- f. Recreation Equipment - this class will be limited to the following: BBQ & Fire Pits, outdoor furniture, steel Farm & Ranch entry accessories. *No Interior Home or Garden Decor. NO outdoor games.*
- g. Reconditioned and Refurbished equipment (tractors, ag implements, and small engines) no tractors newer than 1985. Entries must be restored to functional operation.*
- h. Wildlife Equipment (deer stands, deer feeders, etc.)
- i. Horticulture – this class is limited to consumable crop farming projects. (Hydroponic systems, aeroponic systems, vertical systems, etc.) No flowers or landscaping. No store-bought systems.*

Judging System:

- a. Workmanship - 30 points
- b. Design & Materials - 20 points
- c. Practicality - 10 points
- d. Plans (Blueprints, Material List) - 20 points
- e. Finished Project - 20 points

Showmanship:

Showmanship is presented to schools, club, or individuals selected as having presented the best public image. Major considerations in the selection of winners will be as follows:

- a. Appropriate display and presentation of projects.
- b. Appropriate display of blueprints or drawings, progressive pictures, list of materials and a cost analysis.
- c. Housekeeping around project.
- d. Appropriate dress.
- e. Conduct, attitude, and participation of exhibitors.
- f. Basic construction knowledge by exhibitors.

Ag Mechanics Scholarship:

1. Applicants must be a Junior/Senior high school student currently enrolled in a state-accredited School. **Students applying for the Tech-School scholarship must be a graduating senior. Students applying for the Tech scholarship may apply for both scholarships.

2. Applicant must be a resident of Brazoria County.

3. Applicant must have competed in the Ag Mechanics Project Show for at least two years in his/her 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade year or the year following graduation for graduating Juniors.*

4. Applicant must be planning to attend a 2 or 4 year accredited or approved college or university or approved trade school. Technical Scholarship may only be used for Tech & Trade schools or

courses.

5. Applications can be picked up from the fair office and must be completed and received in the Brazoria County Office, P.O. Box 818, Angleton, Texas 77516 by September 4, 2026.

6. Selection of the scholarship winner will be made by the Ag Mechanics Project Show Committee and will be announced immediately following the show.

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