Brazos Valley FAIR & RODEO BV

"Showcasing Agriculture, Education, & Youth to Enhance our Texas Culture"

Livestock Exhibitor Book

October 16-25, 2026

ENTRIES OPEN JULY 1, 2026
ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Online Entries accepted from Exhibitors, County Extension Agents, or Agricultural Science Teachers
Visit www.brazosvalleyfair.com for details.

2026 Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo

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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 Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Livestock Show. The fund establishes a scholarship for Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd Place, 4th Place, and 5th place. Additionally, the fund establishes a scholarship for Breed Champion and for Reserve Breed Champion.

These will be provided for the following:

- Premium Ring B Breeding Heifer Show
- Premium Ring B Steer Show
- Premium Ring B Swine Show
- Premium Ring B Goat Show
- Premium Ring B Lamb Show

Scholarships are compounded. This means if an exhibitor wins Grand Champion, they will collect scholarships for both Grand Champion and Breed Champion. Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo does not have a scholarship limit, and scholarships are cumulative for all years of participation.

General Information

Welcome:

The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo encourages your participation in this year's show(s) and competitive events. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo staff looks forward to hosting you and your exhibits at the Brazos County EXPO Complex, and we welcome you to Bryan.

Mission Statement:

The Brazos Valley Fair & Exposition is dedicated to "Showcasing Agriculture, Education, & Youth to enhance our Texas Culture". The Brazos Valley Fair and Exposition has plans to make a true impact on agriculture and education by providing fairgoers with attractions that will not only be entertaining but will also provide a variety of educational experiences for the public in agriculture and the rural way of life. A scholarship program will be an integral part of the educational impact of the fair. The fair will be committed to providing funds for scholarships and other educational programs to educate the youth of Texas for future generations.

Contact Information:
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Bryan, TX 77807

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Directions to The Brazos County EXPO Complex

Hwy. 6 from the North – Take Hwy. 6 South toward Bryan/College Station. Exit for FM 2818 and take FM 2818 South. Turn right on Leonard Road. Continue straight; the Brazos County Expo Complex will be on your left. Follow signage to parking and livestock entrances.

Hwy. 21 from the East – Take Hwy. 21 West into Bryan. Turn onto FM 2818 and travel South. Turn right on Leonard Road. Continue straight; the Brazos County Expo Complex will be on your left. Follow signage to parking and livestock entrances.

Hwy. 6 from the South – Take Hwy. 6 North toward Bryan/College Station. Exit for FM 2818 and take FM 2818 North. Turn left on Leonard Road. Continue straight; the Brazos County Expo Complex will be on your left. Follow signage to parking and livestock entrances.

Hwy. 21 from the West – Take Hwy. 21 East toward Bryan. Turn onto FM 2818 and travel South. Turn right on Leonard Road. Continue straight; the Brazos County Expo Complex will be on your left. Follow signage to parking and livestock entrances.

Hwy. 47 from the West (Alternate Route) – Travel Hwy. 47 South toward Bryan. Turn right on Jones Road. Continue to Leonard Road and turn right. The Brazos County Expo Complex will be on your right. Follow signage to parking and livestock entrances.

Board of Directors and Staff

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Swine Chairmen.....Stacy Schneider
Lamb Chairmen.....Colton McCulloch & Ashleigh Sugg
Goat Chairmen.....Kyle Despain & Ashleigh Sugg
Show Veterinarian.....Texas A&M University
Livestock Hospitality.....Devin Fisher

2026 Judges

Goats- Ring A – Kase LeRow

Goats – Ring B – Jeff Ripley

Lambs – Ring A – Kyle Wood

Lambs – Ring B – Eric Zimmerman

Heifers – Ring A – Taylor Osbourn

Heifers – Ring B – Grace Angotti

Swine – Ring A – Cam Anderson

Swine – Ring B - Carter Burgin

Steers – Ring A – Grace Angotti

Steers – Bring B – Taylor Osbourn

Showmanship Judge

Goats – Kyler Wendt

Lambs – Avery Oliver

Peewee & Senior Heifers: Heather Welper

Junior & Intermediate Heifers- Holli Baker

Swine – Craig Melton

Peewee & Senior Steers – Katy Wunderlich

Junior & Intermediate Steers- Cayden Alexander

Livestock and Competitive Events Schedule
October 16 – October 25

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026	
7:00 am – 7:45 am	Welding & Woodworking team check-in
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Safety Meeting for all contestants
8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Welding & Woodworking Contest
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	BBQ Team Check-in and Set-up LEGO Extravaganza – Entry drop off
3:00 pm	Welding & Woodworking: Awards
4:30 – 6:00 pm	BBQ Tray Pickup (South Arena Office)
6:00 pm	BBQ Head Cook Meeting (South Arena Office) **Cook-off begins at conclusion of this meeting*
8:00 pm	Steak Turn-in (South Arena Office)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026	
8:00 am – 8:30 am	AgRobotics - Team check-in and pit area set up
8:30 am	AgRobotics – contest orientation
8:00am – 10:00 am	LEGO Extravaganza – Entry Drop off **Entries will be available to pick up, October 26th*
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AgRobotics – Building/ programming
10:00 am – 3:00pm	BBQ plate turn-in's *(*Awards will follow)*
1:00 pm	AgRobotics – Competition begins *(*Awards will immediately follow)*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026	
9:00 am	Equine IQ – Senior Division Check-in
9:30 am	Equine IQ – Senior Division Contest Begins
10:00 am	Equine IQ – Junior & Intermediate Division Check-in
10:30 am	Equine IQ – Junior & Intermediate Division Contest Begins **Awards will begin 15 minutes after contest ends*
2:00 pm	Parade of Breeds begins **Free event open to the public*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026	
10:00 am	Twisted Sisters Barrel Race

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026	
10:00am	Western Art Entries Judged
1:00 pm	Photography Entries Judged
4:00 pm	Quilt Entries Judged

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026	
8:00 am	Public Speaking – check in
9:00 am	Public Speaking – Contest Begins **Awards will begin 15 minutes after final round ends*
4:00 pm	Baked Goods – Entry turn-in deadline
5:00 pm	Baked & Canned Goods – Judging Begins

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026	
8:00 am	Livestock Judging – Check in
9:00 am	Livestock Judging – Contest Begins **Awards will begin 45 minutes after end of contest*
5:00 pm	Livestock Show – Early Arrival (Heifers, Lambs, & Goats)
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Livestock Show – exhibitor early check-in (Heifers, Lambs, & Goats)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026	
6:00 am	Livestock Show – Exhibitor check in opens
7:00 am	Livestock Show – Weight in begins for lambs and goats
8:00 am	Livestock Show – weigh in and check in close
9:00 am	Livestock Show – Goat Showmanship begins **Show will begin at the completion of showmanship*
9:30 am	Livestock Show – Heifer Showmanship begins **Show will begin at the completion of showmanship* Livestock Show – Lamb Showmanship begins **Show will begin at the completion of showmanship*
Junior Heifers, Junior Lambs, & Junior Goats are released upon the end of the breed/division.	
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Livestock Show – Early Arrival (steers and swine)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026	
6:00 am	Livestock Show – Exhibitor check in opens
7:00 am	Livestock Show – Weight in & classification begin (steers and swine)
8:00 am	Livestock Show – weigh in and check in close
9:00 am	Livestock Show – Swine Showmanship begins **Show will begin at the completion of showmanship*
9:30 am	Livestock Show – Steer Showmanship begins **Show will begin at the completion of showmanship*
All Junior Livestock are released upon the end of the breed/ Division.	

2026 BRAZOS VALLEY FAIR & RODEO
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 BVFR 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 Exhibitor Catalog (collectively, the "Rules") and to reasonably settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard to, 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 & scholarships and be subject to such penalty as the BVFR Livestock Show may order.

The failure of the BVFR to enforce any of the provisions, rules, rights, or remedies of this exhibitor catalog 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.

EVACUATION OF LIVESTOCK/PROPERTY: During such time as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, and/or its officials may temporarily or permanently evacuate the Expo Complex under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as but not limited to; extreme weather conditions, 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 property. In such cases, exhibitors will turn over the care of their livestock or property to the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, or as directed by governmental authorities. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At such time the evacuation notice is lifted, exhibitors will be allowed to re-enter the Expo Complex and claim their livestock or property.

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

INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES: The BVFR 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 to, or otherwise arising out of the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. **The BVFR 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.

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.

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.

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.**

DISQUALIFICATION: In the event an exhibitor engages in any conduct which results in disqualification, the BVFR Livestock Show may, in its sole discretion, prohibit future participation by the exhibitor in any event which is sponsored. In the event of a disqualification, placings and awards **will not** be moved down to the next qualifying exhibitor.

LIABILITY: All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the hosting organization, but in no case will the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, Inc. (B.V.F.R.), the Brazos County Expo Complex, Brazos County, Texas, or their respective directors, officers, managers, employees, owners, partners, agents and assigned be responsible for any loss, injury or damage which may occur. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or property exhibited by him/her, and for its description in the catalog. All owners or persons in charge of property or animals shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same, as B.V.F.R. does not undertake any obligation to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage or damage to such property, animals or any owners or exhibitors thereof.

ENTRY RULES:

i. **Signed Liability Statement:** Each exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) must agree to a statement acknowledging that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements, Rules and all Special Rules listed under the appropriate department(s) and division(s) as printed in this Livestock Exhibitor Book to be eligible for entry in the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo. If the exhibitor does not agree with this statement their application for entry will be rejected. The statement is accessible through the online entry system.

ii. **Eligibility:** The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo does not discriminate against any exhibitor, volunteer, customer, or patron based on race, sex, color, age, disability, religion, citizenship, veteran status, nationality, or ethnic origin. **Only animals officially entered will be allowed on the fairgrounds.**

iii. **Junior Show:** Exhibitors must be Texas residents and a member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must have continuously owned and personally fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. Exhibitors are eligible to participate if they are 8 years of age and in the third grade OR 9 years of age by August 31, 2025, and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31, 2025. Exhibitors must be enrolled and attend public, private or home school.
******All Junior Exhibitors MUST enter and Show in Prize Ring to show in Premium Ring ******

iv. **Entry deadlines:** Entries open July 1, 2026 and must adhere to the following deadlines. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted prior to the deadline.

a. **Livestock Show** **October 1, 2026**
b. **All Contests** **October 1, 2026**
c. **Backed Goods** **October 22, 2026**

v. **Application for Entry:** All entries must be made online at brazosvalleyfair.com. All applications for entry must be accompanied by related fees. Exhibitors in the Junior Shows are required to enter both Prize Ring and Premium Ring.

Entry Fees and Deadlines

Entries Open: July 1, 2026
Online Entries Close: October 1, 2026

Livestock Entries after October 1, 2026
$150 Late Entry Fee; Per animal per show

Entry Fees

Prize/Premium Breeding Heifer Show (per head) $100
**Entry fee covers entry into both Shows*
Prize/Premium Steer Show (per head) $100
**Entry fee covers entry into both Shows*
Prize/Premium Swine Show (per head) $100
**Entry fee covers entry into both Shows*
Prize/Premium Goat Show (per head) $100
**Entry fee covers entry into both Shows*
Prize/Premium Lamb Show (per head) $100
**Entry fee covers entry into both Shows*
Agrobotics Contest (per team) $25
Welding Build Off Contest (per team) $275
Woodworking Build Off Contest (per team) $125
LEGO Extravaganza Contest (per entry) $5
Public Speaking Contest (per student) $35
Creative Arts, Photography, Baked & Canned Goods Contests (per entry) $5
Quilt Contest (per entry) $10
Junior Livestock Judging Contest (per student) $15 (per team) $30

- Exhibitors: Each exhibitor will receive four (4) passes per exhibitor regardless of number of entries, good for gate admission for the BVFR. Pass is not valid for Rodeo entry. All passes will be picked up by the exhibitor at check in.
- Extra Passes: You may order as many extra passes as needed; however, additional passes must be ordered with entries or be purchased as general admission tickets from the website.

SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS: A substitute exhibitor may be used in the Junior Show, at the sole and reasonable discretion of the department chairman, by submitting a substitute exhibitor form and meeting one of the following conditions:

- An exhibitor has more than one entry in the Junior Livestock Show showing at the same time
- An exhibitor is sick or injured (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a certified medical doctor)
- When one of the above conditions exists, the department chairman may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered by the department chairman, the substitute showman must be from the same county/chapter as the original exhibitor. The substitute must also meet all the requirements of a youth livestock show exhibitor. If only one exhibitor is present from a county/chapter, the department chairman can approve a substitute from another county. An exhibitor may be used as a substitute only once per department. The department chairman will require positive identification of the substitute and will require documentation in any of the above conditions. **Substitute exhibitors must be verified by department chairman and correct forms must be turned in at Registration Check-In/Weight Card turn-in.**
- Parents, teachers, extension agents or other adults will not be allowed to show in any junior show. Substitutions are NOT allowed for academic ineligibility or any other school activity.

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: All animals must be entered in the name of the owner as shown on the Registration Certificate if applicable.

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 BVFR Livestock Show. **Proof of Registration** may be an official registration certificate, a digital registration certificate, a printed copy of the digital registration certificate, or a printout verifying animal information and ownership from the respective breed association's Herdbook. 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, and lambs.

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.

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.

CLASSIFYING COMMITTEES: BVFR 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 BVFR Livestock Show. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the BVFR 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 BVFR Livestock Show. Entering the grounds and competitive events associated with the BVFR Livestock Show constitutes your consent for the BVFR Livestock Show to use any pictures or films it deems appropriate without payment, inspection or review.

PROJECT/ANIMAL CARE/SECURITY: All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the BVFR 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. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The BVFR Livestock Show is not responsible for acts of a third party.

VETERINARIANS/MEDICATIONS: Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking ANY type of medication, including but not limited to steroids: diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and/or pain killers, are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility should consult the Official Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Veterinarian prior to competition. Exhibitors (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) understand and acknowledge that the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo will disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for ANY drug. Exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) agree that (1) they are absolutely and solely responsible for the care and custody of their animals; (2) The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal(s) test positive for ANY medication, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the medication; and (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown,

the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification will result in the forfeiture of all proceeds, scholarships and/or premiums, and the exhibitor may be prohibited from exhibiting livestock in future Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo livestock shows.

UNETHICAL GROOMING: Unethical Grooming means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified. To foster fair competition, provide a level playing field and protect the safety of the food chain, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug, even though that drug is FDA approved for its species, is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug once it has arrived at the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo and/or participated in Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo shows. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo grounds.

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

- Application of any substance other than water to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that entry.
- Animals that are in milk due to an unnaturally induced lactation
- Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
- Draining of fluids.
- Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
- Feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass.
- Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
- Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
- Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, hoof or hair, except the removal of warts or horns and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- 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 any animal will not be allowed at the show.
- Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections.

OVER AGE ANIMALS: Over age animals will be disqualified.

UNAPPROVED DRUG USE: The showing of any animal that during its life has been administered 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 USDA for slaughter animals, including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

APPROVED DRUG USE: If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the Fairgrounds. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on the Fairgrounds and/or participating in the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo shows. 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.

ANIMAL INSPECTION: As a condition for participation in the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, an exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection by any veterinarian appointed by the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Management. Exhibitors also agree to have such animals submitted to any tests requested by the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo. Exhibitors also agree that the opinion reached by the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, its officials or any of its appointed veterinarians. Further, the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo specifically reserves the right to have an ultrasound, D.N.A., tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian or laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, its officials or any of its appointed veterinarians. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, over age, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all titles, awards, auction proceeds (if any), premiums, as well as rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Fair. Exhibitors waive any cause of action which he/she might have for any action taken under these Livestock Exhibitor Rules and releases the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo and any appointed veterinarian from all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of such veterinarian.

UNMANAGEABLE ANIMALS: The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.

NON-ADHERENCE TO THE RULES: Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the Rules in this Livestock Exhibitor Book will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing at the Fair.

EMERGENCY TREATMENT: If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the Fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the Official Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Veterinarian, but the Official Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Veterinarian MUST be notified in advance, and he/she MUST be present. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, the Official Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Veterinarian, in agreement with the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Veterinarian; it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, such animal will be determined ineligible for competition.
TREATMENT COSTS: All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

PARTICIPANT DECORUM: BVFR Livestock Show is a family-friendly event. While on the fairgrounds, a Participant is seen as an ambassador of BVFR 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 BVFR Livestock Show or BVFR Livestock Show representatives.

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.

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.

EXHIBITOR NUMBERS: Numbers must be displayed by Exhibitor when animals are being judged.

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

OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS: The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Management, in its sole and reasonable discretion reserves the right to remove from the Fairgrounds any exhibit, animal, stand or display that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo will refund any money already paid by the removed exhibitor which shall exonerate the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo from any claims whatsoever on the part of such removed exhibitor.

EQUIPMENT: Any equipment brought in must be used in assigned stalls or space and must comply with and be used in compliance with all federal, state and municipal occupational safety and health regulations. Some equipment may require a special permit and a fee to be paid before being utilized on grounds.

a. **Scales:** The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo will provide scales for the use of exhibitors during shows that classes are broken by weight. NO OTHER SCALES will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.
b. **Fans:** Only rear fans or side fans are permitted if mounted on display. No on-ground fans or PORT-A-COOLS allowed.
c. **Trim Chutes:** No Trim Chutes
d. **Generators:** No Generators will be allowed on Grounds.

COOKING: Cooking is NOT allowed on the grounds at any time. No cookers, crockpots, 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 onto the grounds will become the property of the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.

DOGS: No dogs are allowed on Fairgrounds, except service dogs aiding sight impaired or physically challenged persons, or dogs under contract with the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.

SHAVINGS: Exhibitors will be allowed to bring in outside shavings. Shavings and/or pellets are the responsibility of exhibitor and can be purchased from the Brazos County Expo at a cost of $10 per bag. (Price subject to change) **No pens or stalls will be pre-bedded.**

FIRE REGULATIONS: Smoking and vaping is prohibited at the Brazos County Expo Complex by county ordinance. No containers containing flammable liquids will be allowed in any buildings.

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.

FORCE MAJEURE: BVFR 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 BVFR Livestock Show that delays or prevents performance by BVFR 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 BVFR Livestock Show's reasonable control

EVENT CANCELLATION: BVFR Livestock Show reserves the right to cancel an event for reasons beyond Force Majeure.

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 BVFR Livestock Show.

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.

NOTICE TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS: BVFR 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 BVFR Livestock Show programs. By allowing your child or ward to enter events of BVFR Livestock Show, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of your child or ward.

NOTICE TO ADULT PARTICIPANTS: BVFR 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 BVFR Livestock Show programs. By participating in events of BVFR Livestock Show, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of yourself

BVFR 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. **Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** The BVFR 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

3. **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.** 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 medical condition, the exhibitor must be present at the ring while the exhibit is being shown. The substitute must be an eligible exhibitor; 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.

4. **Care of Animals:** All owners of property, livestock or others having same in charge, shall care of, guard, protect, and preserve same as the BVFR 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.

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

6. **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.

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

8. **Grooming:** This is a **"Blow and Go"** Show. All animals are to be shown in their natural state/conformation. Any product used to alter the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is strictly prohibited. Painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or the use of adhesives is prohibited. Use of any items used to alter the animal's natural state/confirmation will result in an automatic disqualification and forfeit of all premiums/awards.

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

10. **Weighing:** Steers, swine, goats, and lambs will turn in their official show weight.

11. **Check-In**: Early check in begins Friday, October 23rd from 6:00-8:00pm for Heifers, lambs, and goats. All 3 species must be checked in by Saturday, October 24th at 8:00am. Early check in for steers and swine will begin on Saturday, October 24th from 6:00-8:00pm. Both species mut be checked in no later than 8:00am on Sunday, October 25th.

12. **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

13. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be available for entry in the Junior Shows. Steer, Heifer, Lamb, Goat and Swine Showmanship are open to any exhibitor.
    a. **Age Divisions:** Showmanship competitions will be divided by grade.
        i. **Peewee:** 2nd grade and younger
        ii. **Junior:** 3rd-5th grade
        iii. **Intermediate:** 6th-8th grade
        iv. **Senior:** 9th-12th grade
    b. **Entry:** Entry for showmanship is $5 cash, which will be paid upon entry to the ring for showmanship.
    c. **Prizes:** Cash will be awarded to the top three showmen in each division via a 50/30/20 split.

14. **Class Premiums:**

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
$100.00	**$50.00**	**$25.00**	**$12.00**	**$6.00**

15. **Junior Livestock Show Premiums:** A minimum $1,000 premium payout will be awarded in the Premium Ring to the Grand Champion animal in each junior show. A minimum $500 premium payout will be awarded in the Premium Ring to the Reserve Grand Champion animal in each junior show. Division Champions in each junior show will be awarded a minimum of $250. Reserve Division Champion will receive $100. Cattle Breed Champions and Reserves will receive $75. A substitute W9 form must be completed by the exhibitor if earnings are over $600. This paperwork must be completed in the livestock office.

2026 SHOWMANSHIP

$8,000 Showmanship Added Premium Awards

Showmanship entry fee will be $5 at the gate.

Jackpot is split in addition to the below **cash payouts**.

Junior Heifer Show - total of $1,600

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Peewee	$50.00	$25.00	$25.00
Junior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Intermediate	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Senior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00

Junior Steer Show - total of $1,600

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Peewee	$50.00	$25.00	$25.00
Junior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Intermediate	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Senior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00

Junior Goat Show - total of $1,600

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Peewee	$50.00	$25.00	$25.00
Junior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Intermediate	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Senior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00

Junior Lamb Show - total of $1,600

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Peewee	$50.00	$25.00	$25.00
Junior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Intermediate	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Senior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00

Junior Swine Show - total of $1,600

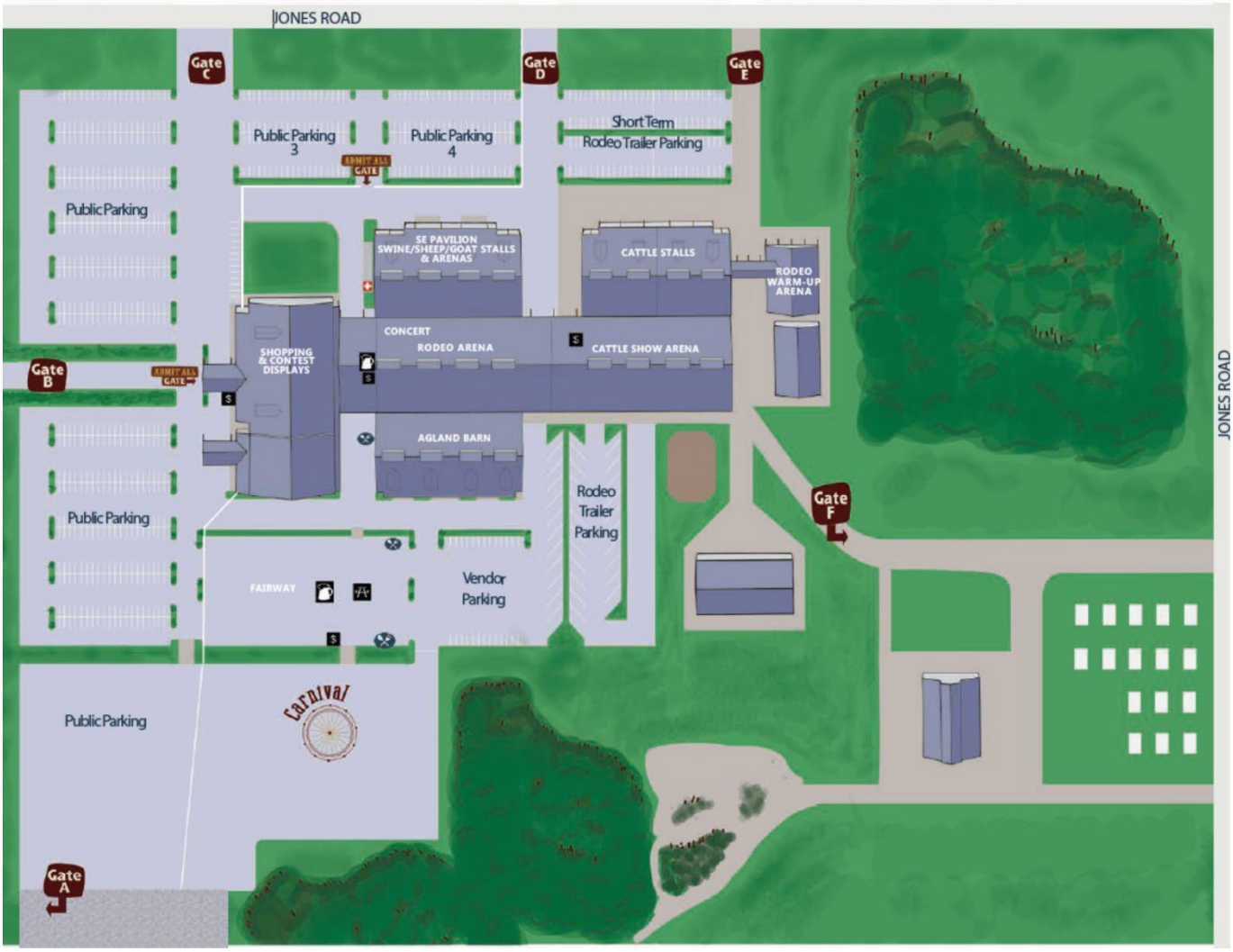
	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Peewee	$50.00	$25.00	$25.00
Junior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Intermediate	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00
Senior	$250.00	$150.00	$100.00

Peewee: 2nd Grade and under Junior: 3rd -5th Grade Intermediate: 6th – 8th Grade
Senior: 9th-12th Grade

$1,600 per species plus jackpot payout!

Map of Brazos County Expo Complex

Livestock and Rodeo trailers will continue down Jones Rd and enter through Gate F. Tickets or Exhibitor Passes will be required for entry onto the grounds (children 9 & under will have free admission). Trailers will be directed to where to unload and then proceed to Gate A for Trailer Parking in West Lot (Rock Lot). Please pick up exhibitor packets in livestock office found in between the North and South Arenas.



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

The Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo is an interstate show which accepts entries of livestock from within Texas. Youth shows are intrastate shows for youth heifer show, market lambs, market steers, market goats and market swine. 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.

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 Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Livestock Show as stated in the following summary of entry requirements. The certificate is valid for 30 days for all species.

CATTLE (Beef)
Texas-Origin Breeding Cattle

1. Current certificate of veterinary inspection (30 days)

Out-of-State Origin

1. Current certificate of veterinary inspection (30 days) that meets State of Texas entry requirements.
2. Negative Brucellosis test (30 days) or originate from a certified free herd or Free State.
3. Breeding bulls, 12 months of age and older, for exhibition only, prior entry permit.

YOUTH HEIFER SHOW – Intrastate Show

1. Nothing is required.

YOUTH MARKET STEERS – Intrastate Show

1. Nothing is required.

YOUTH MARKET LAMBS – Intrastate Show

1. Nothing required.

YOUTH MARKET SWINE – Intrastate Show

1. Nothing is required

YOUTH MARKET GOATS – Intrastate Show

1. Nothing is required.

JUNIOR HEIFER SHOW
Co–Chairmen: David Groschke & Megan Rogers
Prize Ring A Judge: Taylor Osbourn
Premium Ring B Judge: Grace Angotti
Peewee & Senior Showmanship: Heather Welper
Junior & Intermediate Showmanship: Holli Baker

Friday, October 23	
Early Arrival/Move-In	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Check-In	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Office)
Saturday, October 24	
Day of Show Move-In/Check-In	6:00 am – 8:00 am (Office)
Must Be in Place	8:00 am
Jackpot Showmanship	9:30 am
Prize & Premium Show	Ring A will begin immediately after showmanship
Release	Following the completion of the Breed

SPECIAL RULES

1. **The show is subject to the General Rules, Rules, and the following Special Rules.**
2. Proof of Registration in the exhibitor's name will be verified at check-in.
   a. **Exception:** Juniors exhibiting animals sponsored by organizations which are holding the registration papers must obtain a photostatic copy of the registration papers, or the papers themselves and present them to the Committee Chairman for check-in. In case of photocopies, both sides of the registration paper must be photographed and presented to the Committee Chairman. If the rules of the sponsoring organization prevent the transfer of registration papers to exhibitor until certain obligations are met, a notarized certificate must (1) state this fact and (2) give date the animal was awarded to the exhibitor.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. No trim chutes allowed on grounds.
6. Clippers are allowed on grounds.
7. No cattle tie-outs.
8. **Fans:** Only rear fans permitted if mounted on display. No on-ground fans or Port-A-Cools allowed.
9. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to them.
10. **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 Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
11. The BVFR Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.

12. **Breeds & Class Breaks:** The following breeds and class breaks will be shown:
    A. **American:**
        - ARB
        - Beefmaster
        - Brangus
        - Red Brangus
        - Grey Brahman
        - Red Brahman
        - Santa Gertrudis
        - Simbrah

    B. **British**
        - Angus
        - Red Angus
        - Hereford
        - Polled Hereford
        - Shorthorn

    C. **Continental**
        - Charolais
        - Chianina
        - Limousin
        - Maine Anjou
        - Simmental
        - ORB

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.

Class Breaks

Classes will be broken by birthday according to the Superintendents. It takes eight (8) head to make a breed and five (5) head to make a class.

For example, if there are eight (8) head entered in total for a breed, there will be one (1) class of eight (8) for that breed. If there are 12 head entered, there will be two (2) classes, either 5 and 7 or 6 and 6, for that breed.

Heifers cannot be born before September 1, 2024.

Class Premiums

Premiums paid by the BVFR Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of heads shown in each class.

Prize Awards – Ring A

Class Winners: Ribbons
Breed Champion: Prize & Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion: Prize & Rosette
Division Champion: Prize; Vinyl Banner
Reserve Division Champion: Prize; Vinyl Banner
Overall Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner

Premium Awards – Ring B

Class Winner 1st – 5th Place: Cash Award
Breed Champion: Premium Money & Buckle
Reserve Breed Champion: Premium Money
Division Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Vinyl Banner
Reserve Division Champion: Premium Money, Vinyl Banner
Overall Grand Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner
Overall Reserve Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner

JUNIOR SWINE SHOW
Chairmen: Stacy Schneider
Prize Ring A Judge: Cam Anderson
Premium Ring B Judge: Carter Burgin
Showmanship:

Saturday, October 24	
Early Arrival/Move-In	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Check- In	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Sunday, October 25	
Day of Show Move-In	6:00 am – 8:00 am
Must Be in Place	8:00 am
Weigh-In/Classification	7:00 am – 8:00 am
Jackpot Showmanship	9:00 am
Prize & Premium Show	Ring A will begin immediately after showmanship
Release	Following the completion of the Breed

SPECIAL RULES

1. Weight Limit Max. & Min. – None
2. Swine will be classified prior to judging by a 3-person committee.
3. Official weigh-in will take place at the time of classification. Please bring weight cards to the classification area in the middle of the east barn. Scales will be provided by Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo. No weight limit. Classes will be divided by weight. Each breed will have a Champion and a Reserve Champion.
4. Swine will be shown in a seven-breed format:
    a. Dark OPB
    b. Light OPB
    c. Berkshire
    d. Duroc
    e. Hampshire
    f. Yorkshire
    g. Crossbred

    Exhibitors must indicate the breed of each entry on weight cards, and pigs will be classified at the official weigh-in.
5. **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.
6. **Fitting:** This is Blow and Go show. All pigs 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.
7. No trim chutes allowed on grounds.
8. Clippers are allowed on grounds.
9. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to them.

10. **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 Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
11. The BVFR Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.

Class Breaks

Classes will be broken by breed/weight according to the Superintendents. It takes eight (8) head to make a breed and five (5) head to make a class.

For example, if there are eight (8) head entered in total for a breed, there will be one (1) class of eight (8) for that breed. If there are 12 head entered, there will be two (2) classes, either 5 and 7 or 6 and 6, for that breed.

Class Premiums

Premiums paid by the BVFR Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of heads shown in each class.

Prize Awards – Ring A

Class Winners: Ribbons
Breed Champion: Prize & Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion: Prize & Rosette
Overall Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner

Premium Awards – Ring B

Class Winner 1st – 5th Place: Cash Award
Breed Champion: Premium Money & Buckle
Reserve Breed Champion: Premium Money
Overall Grand Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner
Overall Reserve Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner

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.

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.

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.

JUNIOR STEER SHOW
Co–Chairmen: David Groske & Megan Rogers
Prize Ring A Judge: Grace Angotti
Premium Ring B Judge: Taylor Osbourn
Peewee & Senior Showmanship: Katy Wunderlich
Junior & Intermediate: Cayden Alexander

Saturday, October 24	
Early Arrival/Move-In	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Check-In	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Office)
Sunday, October 25	
Day of Show Move-In/Check-In	6:00 am – 8:00 am (Office)
Must Be in Place	8:00 am
Weigh-In & Classification	7:00am – 8:00am
Jackpot Showmanship	9:30 am
Prize & Premium Show	Ring A will begin immediately after showmanship
Release	Following the completion of the breed

SPECIAL RULES

1. **The show is subject to the General Rules, Rules, and the following Special Rules.**
2. Steers to be shown in breed format. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo will appoint classifiers to inspect animals. All steers will be classified by a 3-person committee. Decisions of the classifiers will be final, and protests will not be considered. Interference with classifiers will not be tolerated. Steers classed out of their respected breeds will be reclassified into the ABC or AOB.

   Steer Breed Classification Guidelines, steers will be classified into the following:

Angus	Hereford	Polled Hereford	Red Angus
Shorthorn	ABC	Brahman	Brangus
Santa Gertrudis	Simbrah	Charolais	Limousin
Maine Anjou	Simmental	Black Cross Division	Red Cross Division
Other Cross Division			

3. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed during check-in. 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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. No trim chutes allowed on grounds.
7. Clippers are allowed on grounds.
8. No cattle tie-outs.
9. **Fans:** Only rear fans permitted if mounted on display.

10. All exhibitors must wear the number assigned to them.

11. 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 all requirements for the show it is to be entered. Animal/project substitutions turned into 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 Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.

12. The BVFR Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.

13. Breeds & Class Breaks: The following breeds and class breaks will be shown:

D. American:

- ARB
- Beefmaster
- Brangus
- Red Brangus
- Grey Brahman
- Red Brahman
- Santa Gertrudis
- Simbrah

E. British

- Angus
- Red Angus
- Hereford
- Polled Hereford
- Shorthorn

F. Continental

- Charolais
- Chianina
- Limousin
- Maine Anjou
- Simmental
- ORB

Class Breaks

Classes will be broken by breed/weight according to the Superintendents. It takes eight (8) head to make a breed and five (5) head to make a class.

For example, if there are eight (8) head entered in total for a breed, there will be one (1) class of eight (8) for that breed. If there are 12 head entered, there will be two (2) classes, either 5 and 7 or 6 and 6, for that breed.

Class Premiums

Premiums paid by the BVFR Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of heads shown in each class.

Prize Awards – Ring A

Class Winners: Ribbons
Breed Champion: Prize & Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion: Prize & Rosette
Division Champion: Prize, Vinyl Banner
Reserve Division Champion: Prize, Vinyl Banner
Overall Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner

Premium Awards – Ring B

Class Winner 1st – 5th Place: Cash Award
Breed Champion: Premium Money & Buckle
Reserve Breed Champion: Premium Money
Division Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Vinyl Banner
Reserve Division Champion: Premium Money, Vinyl Banner
Overall Grand Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner
Overall Reserve Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner

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

JUNIOR LAMB SHOW

Co–Chairmen:
Prize Ring A Judge: Kyle Wood
Premium Ring B Judge: Eric Zimmerman
Showmanship: Avery Oliver

Friday, October 23	
Early Arrival/Move-In	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Check-In	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Office)
Saturday, October 24	
Day of Show Move-In/Check-In	6:00 am – 8:00 am (Office)
Must Be in Place	8:00 am
Weigh-In & Classification	7:00am – 8:00am
Jackpot Showmanship	9:30 am
Prize & Premium Show	Ring A will begin immediately after showmanship

SPECIAL RULES

1. **The show is subject to the General Rules, Livestock Show Rules, and the following Special Rules.**
2. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed during check-in. 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.

1. Lambs will be shown in a five-breed format:

- **a.** Haired
- **b.** Southdown
- **c.** Fine Wool
- **d.** Fine Wool Cross
- **e.** Medium Wool

Exhibitors must indicate the division of each entry on weight cards.

2. Lambs will be classified prior to judging by a 3-person committee.

3. Official weigh-in will take place at the time of classification. Please bring weight cards to the classification area in the middle of the east barn. Scales will be provided by Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo. No weight limit. Classes will be divided by weight. Each breed will have a Champion and a Reserve Champion.

5. **Fitting:** This is Blow and Go show. All lambs 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.

6. No trim chutes allowed on grounds.

7. Clippers are allowed on grounds.

11. **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 all requirements for the show it is to be entered. Animal/project substitutions turned into 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 Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.

12. The BVFR Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.

Class Breaks

Classes will be broken by breed/weight according to the Superintendents. It takes eight (8) head to make a breed and five (5) head to make a class.

For example, if there are eight (8) head entered in total for a breed, there will be one (1) class of eight (8) for that breed. If there are 12 head entered, there will be two (2) classes, either 5 and 7 or 6 and 6, for that breed.

Class Premiums

Premiums paid by the BVFR Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of heads shown in each class.

Prize Awards – Ring A

Class Winners: Ribbons
Breed Champion: Prize & Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion: Prize & Rosette
Overall Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner

Premium Awards – Ring B

Class Winner 1st – 5th Place: Cash Award
Breed Champion: Premium Money & Buckle
Reserve Breed Champion: Premium Money
Overall Grand Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner
Overall Reserve Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner

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.

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.

Medium Wool

· This class generally includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit into the Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown, or Dorper breed classes.

JUNIOR GOAT SHOW

Co–Chairmen:
Prize Ring A Judge: Kase LeRow
Premium Ring B Judge: Jeff Ripley
Showmanship: Kyler Wendt

Friday, October 23	
Early Arrival/Move-In	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Check-In	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Office)
Saturday, October 24	
Day of Show Move-In/Check-In	6:00 am – 8:00 am (Office)
Must Be in Place	8:00 am
Weigh-In & Classification	7:00am – 8:00am
Jackpot Showmanship	9:30 am
Prize & Premium Show	Ring A will begin immediately after showmanship

SPECIAL RULES

1. **The show is subject to the General Rules, Livestock Show Rules, and the following Special Rules.**
2. **Weight Cards:** Weight cards will be distributed during check-in. 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.
3. **Official weigh-in** will take place. Please bring weight cards to the classification area in the North Arena. Scales will be provided by Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo. No weight limit. Classes will be divided by weight.
4. **Fitting:** This is Blow and Go show. All goats 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.
5. No trim chutes allowed on grounds.
6. Clippers are allowed on grounds.
7. **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 all requirements for the show it is to be entered. Animal/project substitutions turned into 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 Rule 10 for exhibitor substitution rules.
8. **Entry Qualification**: Wethers and does may be shown.
9. **Horns:** Goats with horns must be tipped. Removal of horns on the grounds will result in disqualification.
10. The BVFR Livestock Show reserves the right to change the show schedule, delete classes, or add breeds/classes at the discretion of the Show Management.

Class Breaks

Classes will be broken by birthday according to the Superintendents. It takes eight (8) head to make a breed and five (5) head to make a class.

For example, if there are eight (8) head entered in total for a breed, there will be one (1) class of eight (8) for that breed. If there are 12 head entered, there will be two (2) classes, either 5 and 7 or 6 and 6, for that breed.

Class Premiums

Premiums paid by the BVFR Livestock Show will be paid based on the number of heads shown in each class.

Prize Awards – Ring A

Class Winners: Ribbons
Division Champion: Prize & Rosette
Reserve Division Champion: Prize & Rosette
Overall Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Vinyl Banner

Premium Awards – Ring B

Class Winner 1st – 5th Place: Cash Award
Division Champion: Premium Money & Buckle
Reserve Division Champion: Premium Money
Overall Grand Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner
Overall Reserve Champion: Premium Money, Buckle, Satin Banner

Weld-Off Competition

Superintendent: John Templeton
Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $250
Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, (Expo Parking Lot) 5827 Leonard Rd, Bryan TX 77807

Friday, October 16	
On-site team check-in	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Safety Meeting for all contestants	8:00 a.m.
Build-Off Construction begins (Total build time 5 hours)	8:30 am
Coaching Window on build project (15 minutes)	8:30 a.m. – 8:45 am
Lunch (30 minutes)	12:00pm
Contest Ends/ Judging begins	2:00 pm
Awards	3:00 pm

Registration:

1. Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
2. Teams may pay online through the BVFR Portal or bring payment to the contest and present at check-in time. Teams needing an invoice sent to the school must let BVFR know this when entering.
3. Build-Off Registration fee is $250.00 per team entered.
4. Registration Deadline is October 1, 2026, at 11:59pm
5. All entries are final on October 1, 2026, and registration fees will not be refunded. If a team enters but cannot compete for any reason, they may come to BVFR and pick up their metal and parts no later than October 9, 2026. After that date, the metal and parts become the property of the BVFR.

Contest Rules:

1. Team will participate with four (4) members under the supervision of their AST (or designated school official) and may only visit with the coach during the one time listed on schedule.
2. Each team will construct a project in the allotted time.
3. Each team will be provided with detailed plans and all required parts. All materials will be placed in the team's designated work area before the start time.
4. Each team must furnish all their tools. NO GMAW, FCAW, or PAC machines allowed. You must also bring 2 Fire Extinguishers per team, which must be charged, and useful.
5. All grinders must have safety guards in place. No Exceptions!
6. No electricity will be provided to any team.
7. All electrode stubs or cut-off metal pieces shall be secured in a metal trash can or bin.
8. All teams must attend the safety/contest meeting at 8:00 a.m. A parts list will be discussed at this meeting. All teams must verify the parts given to them at the beginning of the contest. Should a discrepancy occur with the parts, the team must notify contest officials by 9:00 a.m.

9. Each advisor will have approximately 15 minutes to discuss or answer any questions their students may have during the allotted time. When the 15 minutes have concluded, students are on their own to communicate, troubleshoot, construct, and problem-solve. No teachers will be near the project during construction times except as noted in the schedule.
10. Safety will be constantly judged ALL DAY. Points will be deducted for unsafe acts. Teams will be notified of each unsafe act. If a team commits three noticeable safety violations, they will be disqualified by the judges.
11. Safety glasses, FR or 100% cotton clothing (jeans with no holes/frays/cuffs and a long sleeve shirt) hearing protection, closed-toe leather boots/shoes, gauntlet style leather gloves, and grinding shields (when needed) are required by all team members ALL DAY! All PPE must be provided by each team.
12. No structural changes will be allowed to the project. If time allows, accent pieces can be added.
13. All construction will cease at 2:00 p.m.
14. Registration for teams is on a first come first serve basis and space may be limited.
15. All projects become the property of the team once the competition is completed. Please make sure you have a way to transport the project home.

Awards:

Champion Team
- Belt buckle (4)
- Vinyl Banner (4)
- Satin Banner

Reserve Champion Team
- Vinyl Banner (4)
- Satin Banner

Third Place Overall Team
- Vinyl banner (4)

Grading Criteria:

Grading Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
Safe workmanship of all team members	30	
Frame is complete	10	
Correct weld placement	10	
Weld quality	15	
Correct placement of all materials	15	
Appropriate use of tools/equipment	10	
Work area clean of electrode stubs/cut off metal at 3:30 pm	10	
Total Points Earned	100	

Recommended Tools:

- Trailer to haul all tools
- Engine driven SMAW welding machine with extra fuel
  (Make sure the machine is serviced before arriving and works correctly)
- 50 minimum welding leads for the electrode and ground leads
- Oxygen-Fuel Cutting torch with extra tips/tip cleaner/strikers/flints
- A set of hand tools (pliers, wrenches, ratchet, socket set, Allen wrenches, etc.)
- Four-way lug wrench
- Grinders with guards
- Portable band saw
- Cut-off saw
- E-7018, 1/8” dia. electrodes, 25 lbs. minimum (THESE WILL BE PROVIDED BUT TEAMS MAY ALSO BRING THEIR OWN)
- Jack stands, pipe sawhorses, etc. for construction purposes
- Box level, 4 ft. minimum
- Torpedo level
- Speed square, framing square, etc.
- Soap stone, paint pens, etc.
- Center punch
- 32 oz. ball peen hammer
- Sledgehammer
- Miscellaneous pieces of angle/tubing/pipe for fabrication (12” – 24” in length)
- Tent to work under pending inclement weather or excessive heat
- Cold water for team members
- 2 fire extinguishers
- First-aid kit
- Welding Shield to protect onlookers from eye damage
- PPE for all team members
- Other tools as desired except for GMAW/FCAW/PAC machine

Woodworking Competition

Superintendent: John Templeton
Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $175
Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, (Expo Parking Lot) 5827 Leonard Rd, Bryan TX 77807

Friday, October 16	
On-site team check-in	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Safety Meeting for all contestants	8:00 a.m.
Build-Off Construction begins (Total build time 5 hours)	8:30 am
Coaching Window on build project (15 minutes)	8:30 a.m. – 8:45 am
Working Lunch	12:00pm
Contest Ends/ Judging begins	1:30 pm
Awards	2:30 pm

Registration:

1. Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
2. Teams may pay online through the BVFR Portal or bring payment to the contest and present at check-in time. Teams needing an invoice sent to the school must let BVFR know this when entering.
3. Build-Off Registration fee is $250.00 per team entered.
4. Registration Deadline is October 1, 2026, at 11:59pm
5. All entries are final on October 1, 2026, and registration fees will not be refunded. If a team enters but cannot compete for any reason, they may come to BVFR and pick up their metal and parts no later than October 9, 2026. After that date, the metal and parts become the property of BVFR.

Contest Rules:

6. Team will participate with four (4) members under the supervision of their AST (or designated school official) and may only visit with the coach during the one time listed on schedule.
7. Each team will construct a project in the allotted time.
8. Each team will be provided with detailed plans and all required parts. All materials will be placed in the team's designated work area before the start time.
9. All grinders must have safety guards in place. No Exceptions!
10. No electricity will be provided to any team.
11. All teams must attend the safety/contest meeting at 8:00 a.m. A parts list will be discussed at this meeting. All teams must verify the parts given to them at the beginning of the contest. Should a discrepancy occur with the parts, the team must notify contest officials by 9:00 a.m.

12. Each advisor will have approximately 15 minutes to discuss or answer any questions their students may have during the allotted time. When the 15 minutes have concluded, students are on their own to communicate, troubleshoot, construct, and problem-solve. No teachers will be near the project during construction times except as noted in the schedule.
13. Safety will be constantly judged ALL DAY. Points will be deducted for unsafe acts. Teams will be notified of each unsafe act. If a team commits three noticeable safety violations, they will be disqualified by the judges.
14. No structural changes will be allowed to the project. If time allows, accent pieces can be added.
15. All construction will cease at 1:30 p.m.
16. Registration for teams is on a first come first serve basis and space may be limited.
17. All projects become the property of the team once the competition is completed. Please make sure you have a way to transport the project home.

Awards:

Champion Team

- Belt buckle (4)
- Vinyl Banner (4)
- Satin Banner

Reserve Champion Team

- Vinyl Banner (4)
- Satin Banner

Third Place Overall Team

- Vinyl banner (4)

Recommended Tools:

- Trailer to haul all tools
- A set of hand tools (pliers, wrenches, ratchet, socket set, Allen wrenches, etc.)
- Four-way lug wrench
- Grinders with guards
- Portable band saw
- Cut-off saw
- E-7018, 1/8” dia. electrodes, 25 lbs. minimum (THESE WILL BE PROVIDED BUT TEAMS MAY ALSO BRING THEIR OWN)
- Jack stands, pipe sawhorses, etc. for construction purposes
- Box level, 4 ft. minimum
- Torpedo level
- Center punch
- 32 oz. ball peen hammer
- Sledgehammer
- Miscellaneous pieces of angle/tubing/pipe for fabrication (12” – 24” in length)
- Tent to work under pending inclement weather or excessive heat
- Cold water for team members

- 2 fire extinguishers
- First-aid kit
- PPE for all team members
- Other tools as desired except for GMAW/FCAW/PAC machine.

AgRobotics Competition

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $25/ team

Saturday, October 17	
AgRobotics team check-in and team pit area set up	8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Orientation	8:30 AM
Building/Programing	9:00 AM-12:00PM
Lunch	12:00PM-12:30PM
Competition begins	1:00PM
Awards Ceremony	4:00PM

Contest Rules:

1. The show is subject to the General Rules, Livestock Show Rules, and the following Special Rules.
2. Eligible exhibitors are all FFA and 4-H members of Texas.
3. Divisions:
    a. Juniors: Ages 8-13 (Age as of August 31, 2026)
    b. Seniors: Ages 14-18 (Age as of August 31, 2026)
4. **Registration:** Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
5. Team members and one coach per team will receive complementary admission to the main Fair weekend, October 23-25.
6. **Members per team**. A team will consist of at least three (3) and no more than five (5) members.
7. **Equipment**. Each team must supply their own equipment for the competition. Each team may only bring the supplies listed below. Equipment will be checked by contest officials as teams check in for the contest. Any extra equipment or item that does not meet specifications will be returned to the team coach.

Quantity	Supply
1	Lego® Mindstorms® EV3, NXT brick or Spike Prime
Unlimited	Backup rechargeable batteries or sets of AA batteries
3	Lego® motors
1	Ultrasonic Sensor
1	Touch Sensors
1	Sound Sensor
1	Light or Color Sensor
1	Gyro Sensor
1	Laptop computer or tablet with programming software
1	Power strip (3-prong, grounded)
1	25ft. extension cord (3-prong, grounded)
1	Plastic container of cardboard box for transporting robot to and from field area
1	Ruler or tape measure
Unlimited	Pencils, paper (for design and note-taking)
Optional	Additional Lego® pieces (disassembled)
Optional	Lego® Mindstorms® Expansion set

8. No two-prong extension or power strips allowed. Computer power cords are allowed to be two-pronged.
9. **Bluetooth Connectivity**. Bluetooth connections can be made and utilized during the programming phase. It is not allowed during the competition phase while the robot is on the playing field.
10. **Minimum Construction Skills and Proficiency**. Competitors must be capable of designing and building a functioning Lego® Mindstorms® EV3 robot that includes the use of:
    a. Motors
    b. Light/color sensor
    c. Touch sensor
    d. Ultrasonic sensor
    e. Levers, arms, claws, etc.
    f. Incorporating non-Lego parts into robot design and/or function
11. **Minimum Programming Skills and Proficiency**. Competitors must be capable of programming a Lego® Mindstorms® EV3 robot in order for the robot to:
    a. Move
    b. Turn
    c. Maneuver attachments effectively
    d. Use sensors appropriately and effectively
12. An orientation will be provided for all participants where officials will review the mission, rules, and scoring. Team captains will draw to determine competition order.
13. Each team will be directed to a team pit (table and chairs). Each pit will have access to electricity to power laptops and robot batteries.
14. Each team **may practice until contest time starts**. A test/practice field will be available near each team pit.
15. If time permits, teams are allowed to make alterations to their robot design and/or program between matches. Team must report immediately to the staging area and playing field when called.
16. The robot must perform the mission autonomously.
17. Only registered contestants, coach, and contest officials will be allowed in the pit areas.
18. Only two team members are allowed at the AgRobotics match table during competition. Team members may switch between matches.
19. Parents & coaches will not be allowed to be at the game tables during the match.
20. Teams that experience equipment malfunction(s) may not replace the part with supplies outside the contest area (from leaders, volunteers, county Extension agents or contest officials). Instead, team members must work together and be creative in completing preparation without malfunctioning equipment or visit with other teams.
21. Depending on the mission, contest officials may provide non-Lego® items that must be incorporated into the function of the robot and/or serve as part of a challenge.
22. Depending on the mission, additional points may be awarded for use of sensors.
23. No cell phones or other types of communication devices are allowed in the pit or contest areas. Exceptions include the approved items listed in the equipment section. During AgRobotics Competition, contestants are not allowed to communicate with spectators (including agents and parents).
24. In addition to mission score, teams will be scored on team communication, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

25. A match is 3 minutes and consists of 4 rounds. The lowest scoring round will be dropped. The top 4 teams from each division will proceed to the final round. If less than 3 teams are in a division, no final round will be conducted and the scoring will reflect the final scores of the 4 rounds.
26. Finalist teams will be ranked based on their total scores. Judges results and decisions are final.

AWARDS

Awards will be distributed as follows:

Grand Champion Team (Per Division) – Rosettes (4); Vinyl Banner

Reserve Grand Champion Team (Per Division) - Rosettes (4); Vinyl Banner

Third Place Team (Per Division) – Rosettes (4)

Horseman Skillathon Contest

Superintendent:
Assistant Superintendent: Brazos Equine Horse Committee
Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $40

Sunday, October 18	
Registration/ Check-in – Senior Division	9:00 am
Registration/ Check-in – Intermediate & Junior Division	10:00 am
Contest Begins – Senior Division	9:30 am
Contest Begins – Intermediate & Junior Division	10:30 am
Awards	Will begin 15 minutes after contest ends

The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo in conjunction with Brazos Extension Horse Committee will hold our annual Equine I.Q. Contest. The contest is open to all students between the ages of 8 – 18, as of September 1, 2026, who are enrolled and are attending public, private or homeschool elementary or secondary schools in Texas. The contest will be open to the first 250 applicants.

Participants will have the opportunity to earn scholarships and awards through their involvement. The scholarship funds will be provided to the winning students to be used as scholastic assistance and will be available beginning with their first semester of enrollment at an accredited college or university of their choice.

Students awarded a scholarship will receive a certificate(s) indicating the amount of the scholarship won. The scholarship will be paid beginning with the first semester the student is enrolled in an accredited degree plan at a college or university. The certificate(s) should be presented to the registrar of financial aid office of the college or university the student chooses to attend. Instructions for redemption are printed on the back of the certificate. Upon verification of the student's enrollment, the Stock Show will issue a check directly to the student's college or university.

Contest Rules:

1. The show is subject to the General Rules and the following Special Rules.
2. Eligible exhibitors are all FFA and 4-H members of Texas.
3. Divisions:
    - Juniors: Ages 8-10 (Age as of September 1, 2026)
    - Intermediate: Ages 11-13 (Age as of September 1, 2026)
    - Senior: Ages 14-18 (Age as of September 1, 2026)
4. Contestants must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private or homeschool elementary or secondary school in Texas.
5. This competition is limited to youth who are U. S. Citizens with Texas residency. Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete. All contestants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate.

6. Scholarship recipients will be required to provide their social security number after the show to receive their scholarship.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. Complete the online entry application & submit payment online with credit card payment. https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2026/equine-iq-contest2
2. An entry fee of $40.00 will be charged per contestant.

CONTEST STRUCTURE

1. Round One (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
    a. Round one will consist of written questions and identification stations. The top ten contestants per division will proceed to Round Two
2. Round Two (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
    a. Round two will consist of hands-on activities and may include oral questions. This is the final round for junior and intermediate contestants. The top five contestants in the senior division will proceed to Round Three.
3. Round Three (Senior Only)
    a. Five senior contestants will proceed to round three, which will consist of a five-minute speech. On August 1, a selection of issues facing the horse industry will be available for contestants to review at https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2026/equine-iq-contest2 All contestants in the senior division should come prepared to present a speech on those industry issues. The specific topic will be given 10 minutes prior to presentation. The speech presentation will be held in front of judges and will be open to the public.

RESULTS

1. Results can be found at https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2026/equine-iq-contest2
2. Each contestant will be given an individual identification number at the time of registration.
3. Results will be posted by identification number only.
4. Please allow 24 hours for results to be posted. If identification number is misplaced, please contact info@brazosvalleyfair.com for assistance.

AWARDS

All awards will be presented immediately following the contest in each age division in the Central Texas Ballroom.

Senior Division Scholarships:
1st – 5th will receive a Scholarship award

Intermediate and Junior Division Awards:
Buckle – 1st place
Rosette – 1st through 5th place

Senior Division Awards:
Buckle – 1st place
Rosette – 1st through 5th place

STUDY MATERIALS

- Study materials will be available July 1.
- Speech topics available August 1 at: https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2026/equine-iq-contest2
- Specific questions related to the Equine I.Q. Contest may be sent to info@brazosvalleyfair.com.

Western Art Contest

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $5.00 per entry

Entry drop-off opens	September 28 – 8:00am -5:00pm
Entry drop-off deadline	October 1 – 8:00am -7:00pm
Entries will be judged	October 21
Entries will be on display	October 23-25
Entry pick up	October 26- 30 – 8:30am – 4:30pm

Contest Rules:

1. The show is subject to the General Rules and the following Special Rules.
2. Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
3. Eligible exhibitors: ALL Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited public or private school or a home school environment. Adults must reside in Texas as of entry date
4. Divisions:
   - Pee Wee: Grades K-2
   - Junior: Grades 3-5
   - Intermediate: Grades 6-8
   - Senior: Grades 9-12
   - Adult: 18 years of age & older
5. Artwork must be completed under the supervision of a school art teacher. If an art teacher is not available in the school district, the parent/guardian may supervise the artwork. Any legal issue arising from the infringement of the copyright law is the sole responsibility of the student and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s). The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo will not be responsible for or involved in any legal issues arising from infringement.
6. Contestants, parents, and teachers are not permitted to be present during judging.
7. **No group projects.** Each student may enter (1) one piece of artwork in each category.
8. **Categories:**
   - 2D illustrations
   - 3D sculptures
9. Each piece of artwork must be titled.
10. Each entry must have a complete Declaration, Release and Acknowledgement Form
11. Each entry must have an artwork tag. The release must be signed by the teacher, student, and parent/legal guardian if the student is under the age of 18 years.
12. **The following criteria will be used to judge entries:**
    - Composition – Demonstrated use of aesthetic balance of visual weight, including object and color placement as it applies to the artwork

- Craftsmanship with Chosen Medium – Artist's use of brushwork, color mixing, blending and skilled control of materials used
- Demonstrated Artistic Skill – Artist's handling of proportion, linear and atmospheric perspective, value, contrast, accurate drawing of details and subject, correct size relationships (i.e. legs bend the right way, cows the right size for the barn, saddles and bridles don't have missing elements, etc.)
- Creative, Fresh Approach – Skillful application of innovative approach to subject matter (i.e. unusual point of view or other original approach)
- Title of Artwork – A great title will be thought-provoking and be the artist's way of enhancing emotion concerning the subject

13. Judging will take place prior to the opening of the Fair. Judging is closed to the public.
14. Artwork that is framed or larger than the size requirements will not be accepted for competition or display.
15. Our exhibit will be open to the public including small children, and although we do our best to protect all artwork, it is impossible for us to control the activity of every person viewing the exhibits. We will not be responsible for damage.
16. All artwork must be the student's original composition. No copies, by hand, electronic or mechanical device, of any previously published piece of art, previously published photograph, or other copyright protected material will be allowed
17. Artwork containing satanic or violent imagery, nudity or inappropriate clothing, profanity or lewd content, or gang-related symbols or themes will not be accepted and may result in disqualification.
18. Entries created using mechanical or electronic assistance—including but not limited to opaque or overhead projectors, photocopied or professionally/mechanically reproduced images, computer-generated or computer-enhanced artwork (including the use of scanners), sewing machines, or molds—are not permitted and may result in disqualification.
19. Artwork containing the following materials is not permitted and may result in disqualification: glitter; plastic figures; pre-packaged or pre-cut craft kits; commercial or newsprint lettering, stencils, or rub-on letters in their original form; loose sand (sand must be glued); wax; fragile materials that may break or be damaged during handling or display (such as soft clay or glass); living materials; unfired clay; or noodle art.
20. Entries may also be mailed. Must have registration confirmation included. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is not responsible for any damage done to artwork in the shipping process. Entries will not be delivered or mailed after the show.

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ILLUSTRATION (2D) GUIDELINES

1. The following MEDIA are some examples of acceptable mediums:
   - Pastels
   - Watercolor
   - Oil Paint
   - Acrylic Paint
   - Ink
   - Charcoal
   - Pencil
   - Mixed Media
   - Chalk
   - Scratchboard
   - Digital
2. **Size of illustrations-** Dimensions may be vertical or horizontal, but they **must not exceed 18" X 24".** Incorrect sizes are subject to disqualification.
3. **Illustrations must be matted**. "Professional" mats are acceptable, but they are not required. At a minimum, sturdy material such as poster board or heavy construction paper should be used that prevents sagging of artwork when hung.
4. Framed illustrations will not be accepted
5. Mat boards are recommended
6. **Mat size must not exceed 2" on any side.**
7. Mat color is limited to **white or black**
8. Paintings on canvas with wooden stretcher frames do not need to be matted.
9. Paintings on hardboard canvas may be matted or mounted with sturdy poster board instead of using hooks or wires. A minimum mat edge of 1" will enable the artwork to be displayed with clips without damage to the canvas board

SCULPTURE (3D) GUIDELINES

1. The following MEDIA are some examples of acceptable mediums:
   - Clay (air dry, kiln fired)
   - Wire
   - Wood
   - Metal
   - Plaster
   - Papier Mache
   - Any other material that falls within the guidelines of our rules and regulations
2. Sculptures should be well made and be able to stand alone.
3. Any sculpture made of fragile material must have a base to support it.
4. Soft clay will not be accepted.

5. Maximum size - Sculptures are not to exceed 20” in height or width, including the base.
6. Weight - Sculptures should not weigh more than 35 pounds.
7. Sculpture must be submitted in a secure container; padding is optional but strongly encouraged.
8. Tape or tie Art Label to sculpture.

AWARDS:

Youth Division

ILLUSTRATION (2D) CATEGORY

First, Second, Third Place (Per Grade)	Ribbon
Champion (Per Age Division)	Rosette
Reserve Champion (Per Age Division)	Rosette
Grand Champion Illustration	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Illustration	Vinyl Banner

SCULPTURE (3D) CATEGORY

First, Second, Third Place (Per Grade)	Ribbon
Champion (Per Age Division)	Rosette
Reserve Champion (Per Age Division)	Rosette
Grand Champion Sculpture	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Sculpture	Vinyl Banner

Overall Grand Champion – Buckle and Satin Banner

Overall Reserve Champion –Satin Banner

Adult Division

ILLUSTRATION (2D) CATEGORY

Champion	Rosette
Reserve Champion	Rosette
3rd Place	Rosette

SCULPTURE (3D) CATEGORY

Champion	Rosette
Reserve Champion	Rosette
3rd Place	Rosette

Overall Grand Champion – Rosette; Vinyl Banner

Overall Reserve Champion – Rosette; Vinyl Banner

Photography Contest

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Entry

Entry drop-off opens	September 28 – 8:00am -5:00pm
Entry drop-off deadline	October 1 – 8:00am -7:00pm
Entries will be judged	October 21
Entries will be on display	October 23-25
Entry pick up	October 26- 30 – 8:30am – 4:30pm

Contest Rules:

1. The show is subject to the General Rules and the following Special Rules.
2. Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
3. Eligible exhibitors: ALL Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited public or private school or a home school environment. Adults must reside in Texas as of entry date
4. Divisions:
   - Pee Wee: Grades K-2
   - Junior: Grades 3-5
   - Intermediate: Grades 6-8
   - Senior: Grades 9-12
   - Adult: 18 years of age & older
5. All photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor between the dates of January 1, 2026 and the time of entry. Photographs may be submitted only one time to the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Photography Contest. The same original photograph cannot be entered in multiple categories.
6. **Categories:**
   - Western Photography
   - Other Photography
7. Exhibitors may submit a max of two entries
8. Each piece of artwork must be titled.
9. Each entry must have a complete Declaration, Release and Acknowledgement Form which can be found on the entry form.
10. Each entry must have an artwork tag. The release must be signed by the teacher, student, and parent/legal guardian if the student is under the age of 18 years.
11. Content of photographs must be appropriate for persons of all ages to view. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to eliminate sensitive subject matter. Photographs that are deemed obscene, vulgar, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any laws are strictly prohibited.
12. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo respects the rights related to copyright law and intellectual property. All photographs must be the photographer's original work and taken by the photographer entering. Use

of a photo from other sources/people without permission is not allowed and will lead to disqualification of the photograph.

13. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo and/or its employees/volunteers involved in the contest will not be held liable for missing, mislabeled or non-displayed photographs. By entering, the photographer accepts this release.
14. All photographs are judged on an individual basis of quality. Judge's decisions on all entries are final.
15. By submitting a photograph in this contest, photographers agree to obtain all rights to images used in the photograph. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo cannot be held responsible for any model releases or image releases that the photographer did not obtain.
16. Dimensions may be vertical or horizontal, but must be 8" X 10"
17. Photographs must be matted. "Professional" mats are acceptable, but they are not required. At a minimum, sturdy material such as poster board or heavy construction paper should be used that prevents sagging of artwork when hung. Mat boards are recommended
18. Mat size must not exceed 2" on any side.
19. Photographs WILL NOT be accepted in picture frames.
20. Entries that do not follow contest rules will be automatically disqualified. Reasons for disqualification include incorrectly sized photographs, submitting more than two photographs per exhibitor, or photographs deemed inappropriate or unsuitable.
21. Entries may also be mailed. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is not responsible for any damage done to artwork in the shipping process. Entries will not be delivered or mailed after the show.

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AWARDS

Youth Division

Photography – Western Category

First, Second, Third Place (Per Grade)	Ribbon
Champion (Per Age Division)	Rosette
Reserve Champion (Per Age Division)	Rosette
Grand Champion Western Photography	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Western Photography	Vinyl Banner

Photography – Open Category

First, Second, Third Place (Per Grade)	Ribbon
Champion (Per Age Division)	Rosette
Reserve Champion (Per Age Division)	Rosette
Grand Champion Open Photography	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Open Photography	Vinyl Banner

Overall Grand Champion – Buckle and Satin Banner

Overall Reserve Champion –Satin Banner

Adult Division

Photography – Western Category

Champion	Rosette
Reserve Champion	Rosette
3rd Place	Rosette

Photography – Open Category

Champion	Rosette
Reserve Champion	Rosette
3rd Place	Rosette

Overall Grand Champion – Rosette; Vinyl Banner

Overall Reserve Champion – Rosette; Vinyl Banner

Quilt Contest

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $10.00 per Entry

Entry drop-off opens	September 28 – 8:00am -5:00pm
Entry drop-off deadline	October 9 – 8:00am -7:00pm
Entries will be judged	October 21
Entries will be on display	October 23-25
Entry pick up	October 26- 30 – 8:30am – 4:30pm

Contest Rules:

1. The show is subject to the General Rules and the following Special Rules.
2. Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
3. Eligible exhibitors: ALL Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited public or private school or a home school environment. Adults must reside in Texas as of entry date
4. Divisions:
   - Youth:
     a. Pee Wee: Grades K-2
     b. Junior: Grades 3-5
     c. Intermediate: Grades 6-8
     d. Senior: Grades 9-12
   - Adult: 18 years of age & older
5. **Categories:**
   - Traditional Pieced - Top can be hand or machine pieced, quilting by hand or machine.
   - Applique - Top can be hand or machine appliqued, quilting can be done by hand or machine
   - Mixed Technique - Two or more techniques used approximately the same amount. May be quilted by hand or machine. For example, a combination of piecing and applique or piecing and embroidery.
   - Modern Minimalist - Quilting can be done by hand or machine
6. Exhibitors may submit a max of two entries.
7. **Entry Process:**
   - Online Entry Forms can be found on the website at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
   - Each piece of artwork must be titled.
   - Each entry must have a complete Declaration, Release and Acknowledgement
   - Each entry must have a quilt tag that matches the registration info
8. Quilts must have been made in the last two years.
9. Each person/group may enter one quilt per category.
10. All persons who stitched on the quilt, including the quilter, must be listed on entry form.
11. All quilts must be quilted through 3 layers by hand or machine or both.
12. Quilts in hardwood frames will not be accepted.

13. Quilts must be clean and in show condition.
14. Quilts and/or people who made them may be photographed and/or videotaped for promotional purposes.
15. All decisions by judges are final. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to reject or reclassify any entry.
16. The Brazos Valley Fair's goal is to display all quilts entered. If necessary, due to space restrictions, only quilts selected by the judges will be displayed during the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.
17. Credit must be given for a quilt submitted that uses an existing pattern or quilt as inspiration for the entry.
18. Each entry must be submitted in a cloth pillowcase or bag with an identification tag stating your name, phone number and category entered. ONE ENTRY PER PILLOWCASE OR BAG.
19. Quilt exhibitors are encouraged to deliver projects to the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo at the Brazos County Expo Complex. Entries may also be mailed. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is not responsible for any damage done during the shipping process.

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AWARDS

Youth Division

First, Second, Third Place (Per category)	Ribbon
Champion (Per Category)	Rosette
Reserve Champion (Per Category)	Rosette

Overall Grand Champion – Rosette and Satin Banner
Overall Reserve Champion –Rosette and Satin Banner

Adult Division

First, Second, Third Place (Per category)	Ribbon
Champion (Per Category)	Rosette
Reserve Champion (Per Category)	Rosette

Overall Grand Champion – Rosette and Vinyl Banner
Overall Reserve Champion – Rosette and Vinyl Banner

Agriculture Public Speaking Contest

Superintendent: Kathryn Kelly
Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $30

Thursday, October 22	
Check-In	8:00am
Contest begins	9:00 am
Final Round	15 minutes after preliminary round ends
Awards	15 minutes after final round ends

Contest Rules:

1. All rules apply to the Agricultural Public Speaking Contest. Please refer to the General Rules and Junior Show Rules.
2. Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
3. Age Divisions:
   (a) junior division, exhibitor grades 3-8,
   (b) senior division, exhibitor grades 9-12.
4. Contestants in each division will be divided into groups depending on category. Categories must be indicated upon entry by October 1, 2026; category changes after the entry deadline will not be permitted.
   (a) Late Entry: October 2-21, 2026
   (b) Late Entry Fee: $100
5. Abstracts, literature cited submission page, and statements of originality all must be submitted at the time of entry. There will be no exceptions. **Incomplete entries will not be accepted.**
6. The top two in each category will advance to the finals.
7. Business attire or official 4-H/FFA attire is recommended.
8. Contestants are required to upload the following items at the time of entry
   (a) Abstract (200-300 words)
   (b) Literature Cited Submission Page (minimum of 5 references). Cited in APA or MLA Format.
   (c) A statement of originality signed by the contestant, parents, and AST/CEA must be attached to each copy of the speech.
   (d) Manuscripts are not required to be officially submitted; however, contestants must have a copy available on contest day to provide Show Management if requested.
   (e) If a contestant chooses not to follow the documentation guidelines outlined, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management, and Judge.

8. Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes in length and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Time point deductions will be as follows:

Under six minutes – one point per ten seconds

Over eight minutes – one point per ten seconds

Judge can stop students at 10 minutes if they are still speaking.

9. Each judge will get to ask each contestant a question. Each answer will be no longer than 90 seconds.
10. Each contestant will enter their speech in one of nine categories. A contestant may enter one category only. There are subject matters which may be appropriate in more than one category. The final determination of all speeches will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Show Management. The category the student wishes to enter must be submitted with the original entry form.
11. Previous 1st place winners in Junior and Senior Divisions must select a new speech topic to remain eligible to enter the contest in subsequent years.

Categories:

Agribusiness: Any current and future subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, advertising, etc.

Agricultural Advocacy/Communications: Any current or future subject that deals with the process or act of communicating agricultural related information to the public.

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 rights, subsidies, price supports, etc.

Agriscience/Agricultural Technology: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new agri-technology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, computer applications, etc.

Animal Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries.

Agronomy/Horticulture: 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

Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, etc.

Livestock Show Ethics: Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the ethics practiced in the livestock show industry.

Western Heritage: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Western history, culture, or heritage.

Awards:

Junior Grand Champion Overall – Buckle and Satin Banner

Junior Reserve Champion Overall – Satin Banner

Senior Grand Champion Overall – Buckle and Satin Banner

Senior Reserve Champion Overall – Satin Banner

Baked & Canned Goods Contest

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Entry

Canned Goods	
Entry turn-in	September 28th – October 1st
Entries Judged	October 22nd
Entries Displayed	October 23rd-25th
Baked Goods	
Entry Turn-in & Judged	October 22nd
Entries Displayed	October 23rd-25th

Contest Rules:

1. The show is subject to the General Rules and the following Special Rules.
2. Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
3. Eligible exhibitors: ALL Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited public or private school or a home school environment. Adults must reside in Texas as of entry date
4. **Divisions:**
   - Youth:
     a. Pee Wee: Grades K-2
     b. Junior: Grades 3-5
     c. Intermediate: Grades 6-8
     d. Senior: Grades 9-12
   - Adult: 18 years of age & older
5. All entries must include the recipe submitted on an 8 ½ x 11-inch sheet of paper. Upon entry, the recipes become property of the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.
6. All entries must be prepared from scratch and must be the work of the person entering the item.
   - For example, premade piecrust, cookie dough, canned icing, frozen dough, cake mix, etc. are not permissible.
7. Entries requiring refrigeration will not be accepted
8. No decorations will be allowed inside the containers or on the jar (including but not limited to ribbons, artificial flowers, toys, trinkets, etc.)
9. No food items will be returned to the exhibitor
10. Exhibitors are encouraged to deliver projects to the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo at the Brazos County Expo Complex. Entries may also be mailed. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is not responsible for any damage done during the shipping process.

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Baked Goods:

1. Entries in the baked goods category must be delivered by 4:00 PM, October 22nd, 2026. Entries will be judged the same day.
2. All baked goods entries must be submitted in sturdy, disposable containers and covered with a clear plastic lid. Containers will not be returned to the exhibitor following the show.
3. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and originality, must include a minimum of 6 servings/pieces or slices.
4. **Entry Categories:**
   - **Cakes:** Entry must be a whole cake made from scratch.
   - **Cookies:** Entry must display a minimum of six cookies. No premade cookie dough. Specialty cookies requiring a commercially prepared ingredient such as caramels, marshmallows, almond bark or melted chocolate chips are acceptable.
   - **Pies:** Entry must include whole pie. Pie must be entered in a disposable aluminum pan. Only cooked fillings and/or toppings will be accepted. Not acceptable are cool whip, heavy cream or premade pie fillings.
   - **Other:** May include brownies, candy, loafs, muffins, or bars.

Canned Goods:

1. Canned goods entries may be delivered between 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, September 28th - October 1st, 2026. Entries will be judged prior to the fair.
2. All canned foods must have been canned within the past year.
3. Each entry must include two (2) cans, one for judging and one for display.
4. Both jars must be labeled with the name of the contents and the date canned.
5. All canned items must be in a standard canning jar, no smaller than ½ pint and no larger than 1 pint, a two-piece canning lid and an airtight seal.
6. If the seal is broken or the lid is rusty, the entry will be disqualified.
7. Jams, Jellies and Preserves are **recommended** to be in a ½ pint canning jar but not required.
8. Salsa, Sauces, and Pickled items are **recommended** to be in a one pint canning jar but not required.
9. Entries will be judged on color, consistency, flavor, texture, pack, and taste.
10. **Entry Categories:**
    - Jams, Jellies and Preserves
    - Salsa and Sauces
    - Pickled Items

AWARDS

Youth Division

Baked Goods

First, Second, Third Place (Per category)	Ribbon
Champion Baked Good	Rosette, Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Baked Good	Rosette, Vinyl Banner

Canned Goods

First, Second, Third Place (Per category)	Ribbon
Champion Canned Good	Rosette, Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Canned Good	Rosette, Vinyl Banner

Overall Grand Champion – Buckle and Satin Banner

Overall Reserve Champion –Satin Banner

Adult Division

Baked Goods

Champion	Rosette
Reserve Champion	Rosette
3rd Place	Rosette

Canned Goods

Champion	Rosette
Reserve Champion	Rosette
3rd Place	Rosette

Overall Grand Champion – Rosette; Vinyl Banner

Overall Reserve Champion – Rosette; Vinyl Banner

LEGO® Master Extravaganza Contest

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $5.00 per Entry

Saturday, October 17	
Entry Drop Off	8:00am – 10:00 am
Judging begins	1:00pm
Award Announcements (posted to website)	Within 24 hours after judging ends
Friday, October 23 – Sunday, October 25	
Entry Display	
Monday, October 26	
Entry pick up	8:00am – 5:00pm

Contest Rules:

1. The show is subject to the General Rules and the following Special Rules.
2. Contest Entry will be completed through an online form at www.brazosvalleyfair.com
3. Eligible exhibitors: ALL Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited public or private school or a home school environment. Adults must reside in Texas as of entry date
4. **Divisions:**
   - Pee Wee: Grades K-2
   - Junior: Grades 3-5
   - Intermediate: Grades 6-8
   - Senior: Grades 9-12
   - Adult: 18 years of age & older
5. Entries must be built completely from scratch and your own creation, not a LEGO® designed kit.
6. Your build must consist of LEGO® building blocks **ONLY**. No Mega blocks, tinker toys, boxes, paper, etc. No painting LEGO® bricks. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification.
7. Entry must fit in a 24" x 24" area and can be no taller than 24".
8. Exhibit must be placed on a base. The base can be wood or LEGO® base plate and can be decorated with your theme. If entries are submitted without a base, they will not be accepted or judged.
9. There is no limit to how many LEGO® building bricks you can use. Use as many as you would like if they fit in the specified dimensions.
10. Entries must have been prepared/created/managed by the exhibitor whose name is entry
11. Include your name and a brief description of your design on a note card for the judges. Explain your inspiration for your creation.
12. Judging will be based on the following: creativity, imagination, appearance, and degree of difficulty.
13. Artwork that reflects the education and appreciation of Western or Texas heritage is strongly encouraged but not required. In the event of a tie, the piece that best represents Western or Texas heritage will serve as the tie breaker. Examples of Western or Texas heritage themes may include, but are not limited to:
    - Farm or ranch life (past or present)

- Cowboy or rodeo scenes
- Country or western landscapes
- Still life depicting cowboy, Native American, or pioneer items
- Historical people or events (such as the Battle of the Alamo, the California Gold Rush, Buffalo Soldiers, Chief Sitting Bull, etc.)
- Recognizable Texas landmarks, buildings, or locations
- Texas town or city skylines, downtown squares, or similar settings

14. All entries will be displayed at the Fair, whether they receive a ribbon or not.
15. Items of offense, controversial topic will not be accepted.
16. Judging will not be open to the public.
17. All judges' decisions are final.
18. All photos taken at the competition will become property of the Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo and may be used for advertising purposes.

Awards:

Youth Division

Champion (per division)	Rosette
Reserve Champion (per division)	Rosette
Overall Grand Champion	Buckle; Vinyl Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion	Vinyl Banner

Adult Division

Overall Grand Champion	Rosette; Vinyl Banner
Overall Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette; Vinyl Banner

Junior Livestock Judging Contest

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $15/individual and $60/Team

October 23rd	
Check-in	8:00am
Contest begins	9:00am
Awards	*will begin 45 minutes after contest ends

Contest Rules:

1. The show is subject to the General 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. On-site and late entry's – onsite and late entries will be accepted. (check or cash only)
   - $30 per individual
   - $100 per team
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: Ages 8 - 13 (Age as of August 31, 2026)
   - Senior: Ages 14 - 18 (Age as of August 31, 2026)
6. Only contestants who officially entered in the contest may participate.
7. 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 #2 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.
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.
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.

Awards:

High Point Individual (per division)	Buckle; Vinyl Banner
High Point Team (per division)	Vinyl Banners
Reserve High Point Individual (per division)	Vinyl Banner
Reserve High Point Team (per division)	Vinyl Banners
3rd Place Individual (per division)	Rosette
3rd Place Team (per division)	Rosette
4th Place Individual (per division)	Rosette
4th Place Team (per division)	Rosette
5th Place Individual (per division)	Rosette
5th Place Team (per division)	Rosette

BBQ Cookoff

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2026
Entry Fee: $250 per team

Friday, October 16th	
Arrival and check-in	12:00-5:00 pm
Tray Pick-up	4:00 – 6:00 pm
Head Cooks Meeting (South Dining Hall)	6:00 pm
Jackpot turn-in – Margarita	7:00 pm
Jackpot turn-in – Steak	8:00 pm
Saturday, October 17th	
Jackpot turn-in – Chefs Choice	10:00am
Beans turn-in	11:00am
Chicken Turn-in	12:00pm
Pork Spare Rib Turn-in	1:30pm
Brisket Turn-in	3:00pm
Awards	Will follow once all entries have been judged

Contest Rules

1. Teams must submit their entry online for the 2026 BVFR BBQ Cook-off no later than **OCTOBER 1, 2026 at 11:59pm.**
2. Entries are placed on first come, first-served basis until all spaces have been taken. Any other entries received after this date will be accepted only if space allows.
3. Each team can consist of no more than one head cook and four team members.
4. Each team must have and cook on their pit and cooking team members may not cook for more than one team in the competition. Each cooking team is required to have the head cook attend the cook's meeting which will be held on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 6:00pm in the South Arena Show Office.
5. The Head Cook must be onsite and available to the BVFR BBQ Committee if necessary.
6. **Cooking categories to be judged will be:**
    a. Brisket
    b. Chicken
    c. Pork Spare Ribs.
7. **Quantities for turn-in are as follows:**
    a. One (1) half chicken complete with breast, thigh, leg and wing,
    b. eight (8) pork spare ribs
    c. eight (8) brisket slices
8. All meat must be raw.
9. No pre-marinating prior to the start of the cook-off.
10. No garnish or sauce may be in tray at turn-in. You may cook with sauce but it may not be ladled/spooned or otherwise placed on the meat at turn-in.
11. All judging will be done in accordance to **IBCA** rules https://ibcabbq.org. **If you have any questions, ask at the cook's meeting.**
12. Additional cooking categories:

   a. Jackpot Beans - entry fee $25
   b. Jackpot Chef's Choice - entry fee $25.
   c. Jackpot Steak (up to 2 steaks) – entry fee $25

13. Setup will begin on Friday, October 16, 2026, beginning at 9:00am and ending at 5:00pm.
14. No extra vehicles will be allowed in the pit area after 5:00pm on Friday, October 16, 2026. Any vehicle parked outside your cook-off team's boundaries after the designated time may be towed at owner's expense.
15. Cook-off sites will be approximately 30' x 60' or as otherwise marked.
16. Team's equipment and decorations must fit within the area assigned.
17. Electricity will not be supplied by the BVFR BBQ Cook-off Committee. All tent structures or canopies must be secured with water barrels. Boring or drilling of holes into concrete for spikes is prohibited.
18. **NO equipment may leave your space any earlier than 5:00pm, Saturday, October 18, 2026.** This includes, but is not limited to, tents, pits, etc. You must exit out of Gate F.
19. Each team must provide drip pans or diaper the pit being used; all teams are required to have a fire extinguisher present during times of cooking. All extinguishers must have a current date tag. Committee personnel will randomly inspect for extinguishers. Props, trailers, tents, generators, coverings and/or any other part of the cooking team's equipment is the sole responsibility of the cooking team and may not extend at anytime outside of the designated cooking team space.
20. Fire holes or open pits are not permitted.
21. Propane heaters are permitted for heating purposes but will be used at the discretion and responsibility of the team using them. Pit fires must be wood or wood substance (charcoal). BBQ pits may include gas or electricity to start natural fiber substances to complete cooking.
22. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification. **Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to minors (anyone under the age of 21).** Each team must monitor its own area when it pertains to minors. Security officers will be permitted to all areas of the cook-off including all cook-off team tents, etc. and will have authority to handle matters in accordance with the law.
23. No alcohol, goods, or food sales are permitted to the general public by anyone except those authorized by the event chairperson.
24. Each team will be responsible for cleanup within their assigned space and are expected to do so within a timely manner. Garbage cans may be provided depending on availability, so please ensure that they are not packed full. Trash pick-up may be provided. It is strongly suggested that each team bring their own trash can and additional supply of trash liners for their own use. **Upon check out, each team is required to place excess trash debris, etc. in trash bags and placed in the dumpsters that will be provided. Absolutely no BVFR ASHES may be disposed of on site.**
25. DJ's and radios shall be played at a reasonable level. The BVFR has a noise ordinance that will be enforced between the hours of 12:00 am and 7:00 am. Pyrotechnics of any kind are strictly prohibited. Excessive noise will be determined by
26. The use of motorized recreational vehicles is allowed in the cook-off area between 3:00 pm on Friday, October 10, 2025 thru 5:00 pm Saturday, October 11, 2025. Motorized vehicles will include but are not limited to: public or private golf carts or ATV's of any

kind. Mobility scooters and motorized wheelchairs are allowed for those in need of such devices. No bicycles, skateboards, skate shoes or unicycles will be allowed.

27. Judging will be run in accordance with **IBCA** rules and guidelines, and their decision will be final. The awards will be presented in the South Arena located on the cook-off grounds. Cooking teams are required to have a representative present and claim tickets must be readily available.

Awards:

BBQ Cookoff grand Champion – Buckle, Vinyl Banner, and $750.00
BBQ Cookoff Reserve Champion – Vinyl Banner and $500.00
Champion Brisket – $350, buckle, Vinyl Banner
Champion Ribs – $350, buckle, Vinyl Banner
Champion Chicken – $350, buckle, Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Brisket - $300, Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Ribs - $300, Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion Chicken - $300, Vinyl Banner
3rd Overall Brisket - $250, Vinyl Banner
3rd Overall Ribs - $250, Vinyl Banner
3rd Overall Chicken - $250, Vinyl Banner
4th Overall Brisket - $200, Vinyl Banner
4th Overall Ribs - $200, Vinyl Banner
4th Overall Chicken - $200, Vinyl Banner
5th Overall Brisket - $150, Vinyl Banner
5th Overall Ribs - $150, Vinyl Banner
5th Overall Chicken - $150, Vinyl Banner

Jackpot categories will be paid
1st place-$150
2nd place-$75