

Ellis County Youth Expo

2026

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2026 OFFICIAL SHOW SCHEDULE:

Sunday March 22, 2026

TIME TBD- Move in Ag Mech (both Market Place & Project)

Monday March 23, 2026

8:00 am Ag Mech Shows (both Market Place & Project), followed by awards
After awards, move out any non-sale projects

Tuesday March 24, 2026

TIME TBD - Floral Cup, Wood Build Off, Quick Draw Contest

TIME TBD - Creative Arts check in

Wednesday March 26, 2026

7:00 am Creative Arts check in

9:00 am Creative Arts show

5:00 pm All Creative Arts released and need to be out of the building, except for those that qualify for silent auction

Complete Set Up. All pens should be set. Set up will not be allowed upon arrival with projects. All tack should be in place by 5:00pm Weds March 25.

NO MOVE IN OR TACK DROP OFF ON THESE DAYS Thursday March 26 - Saturday March 28, 2026.

Sunday March 29, 2026 - Market animals can begin move in

Monday March 30, 2026

8:00 am Breeding Rabbit check in

8:00 am Ag Mechanics Build Off

10:00 am Breeding Rabbit Show

10:00 am Market Goats weigh in

11:00 am Market Rabbit check in

1:00 pm Market Lamb weigh in

2:00 pm Market Rabbit Show

6:00 pm Ag Mech Build Off Awards

9:00 pm All Rabbits must be out of the barn

Tuesday March 31, 2026

8:00 am Broiler check in

9:00 am Broiler Show

10:00 am Market Swine weigh in

12:00 pm Pee Wee Goat Showmanship*, followed by Market Goat Show, followed by Jr./Sr. Showmanship.

3:00 pm Pee Wee Lamb Showmanship*, followed by Market Lamb Show, followed by Jr./Sr. Showmanship.

**Pee Wee Showmanship may be moved at the discretion of the respective show superintendents.*

Non-sale animals must be out of the barn by 9 pm

Wednesday April 1, 2026

12:00 pm Pee Wee Swine Showmanship*, followed by Market Swine Show, followed by Jr./Sr. Showmanship (see special rules regarding Swine Showmanship)

**Pee Wee Showmanship may be moved at the discretion of the respective show superintendents.*

4:00 pm Steer weigh in.

Non-sale animals must be out of the barn by 9 pm

Thursday April 2, 2026

9:00am Breeding Heifer check in

11:00am Breeding Heifer Showmanship*, followed by Breeding Heifer Show

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

**Pee Wee Showmanship may be moved at the discretion of the respective show superintendents.*

Non-sale animals must be out of the barn by 9 pm

***Clean up of building & facilities in advance of The Day in The Ring Show - EVERY Chapter/Club is required to participate in clean up.

Friday April 3, 2026

9:00 am Day in the Ring

1:00 pm Sale Set-up (all Chapters/Clubs are required to participate)

The Draft catalog will be posted as early as possible. It is the Advisor/Exhibitor's responsibility to identify any errors in the catalog by 10:00 am Friday April 3, 2026. After that time, no changes will be made as the final catalog has a firm print deadline.

Saturday April 4, 2025

11:00 am BBQ Luncheon

12:00 pm Sale of Champions

Monday April 6, 2026

5:00 pm - Expo CLEANUP - all chapters/clubs are REQUIRED to participate. Subject to change based on weather.

Release Times are the day of the Show of your respective Species. You will know prior to showing how many places will make the sale.

Quick calendar overview/reference for 2026 Show:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			MARCH 18	19	20	tack move in 21
22 Ag Mech Move in Time TBD	23 Ag Mech Show - 8am Ag Mech Awards 6pm	24 CA Floral Cup Wood B/O QuickDraw Time TBD CA Show Check in TBD	25 CA Show Ck in 7am Show 9am	26 X	27 X	28 X
				RODEO		
29 Market animals can begin move in	30 Build off 8am to 5pm Brd Rab Ck in - 8am Show - 10am Goats Ck in - 10am Mkt Rab Ck in - 11am Show - 2pm Lambs Ck in - 1pm Ag Mech Awards 6pm	31 Broilers Ck in - 8am Show - 9am Swine Ck in - 10am Goats Show - Noon Lambs Show - 3pm	APRIL 1 Swine Show - 10am Steers Ck in - 4pm	2 Heifers Ck in - 9am Show - 11am Steers Show - 3pm	3 Day in the Ring/Sale Set Up	4 SALE
5 Easter	6 clean up	7				

Mission Statement:

At the Ellis County Livestock Show & Rodeo, our mission is to inspire and empower exhibitors, advisors, and parents in the agriculture industry by promoting efficiency and excellence in livestock showcasing.

	2017	2018	2019	**2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Exhibitors	539	595	658	715	486	509	637	605	704
Entries	867	1031	1177	1336	730	913	1064	1633	1098
Sale	\$494,411	\$644,123	\$578,295	\$992,657	\$707,700	\$1,046,297	\$889,794	\$1,098,213	\$1,085,305
Add-Ons	\$164,617	\$246,475	\$323,057	-	\$246,433	\$251,451	\$289,719	\$313,579	\$385,260
Premiums	\$2,673	\$3,140	\$3,825	-	\$4,213	\$2,385	\$5,305	\$7,290	\$4635
Scholarships	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	-	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$10,500	\$25,500
Grants (program)	\$12,500	\$13,500	\$20,000	-	\$15,000	\$19,000	\$10,000	-	-
Totals	\$678,201	\$911,238	\$930,177	\$992,657	\$978,346	\$1,323,133	\$1,198,818	\$1,429,582	\$1,480,700
**COVID									

2026 SHOW DELEGATES & ADVISORS

2025-2026 Show Chair - Derrick Norwood, Jr.

Show Secretary – Katie Christopher

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE Voting Delegates	Primary	Alternate
Maypearl	Chea Stansell	Candice Fincher
Ferris	Tyler McKay	Lindsey Estes
Italy	Larry Eubank	Peggy Blankenship
Waxahachie	Dusty Autrey	Clay Schoolfield
Palmer	Jeremy Robinson	Robyn Anglin
Midlothian	Bobby Anderson	Brooke Anderson
Midlothian Heritage	Chris Whitt	Mendi Whitt
Red Oak	Ron Davidson	Brian Sebring
Ellis Co 4H	Riley Underwood	
Ennis	Ryan McCabe	Johnny Roberts
Milford		
Avalon	Dionne Sauers	

CEAs/ASTs	
Maypearl	Trent Manning, Chris Wiemers
Ferris	Brian Harlan, Cierra Hopgood, Cheryl Kinney
Italy	Johnny White, Karlee Harton, Lauren Kale
Waxahachie	Adam Robinson, Jeanette Middleton, Jake Mullican, Amber Dowell, Wyatt Cookston, Kyle Hernandez, Julia Palmer
Palmer	Ryan Vines, Marc Nolan, Kirsten Chapman
Midlothian	Kelly Taggart, Parker Dunkerley, Katelynn Thornton
Midlothian Heritage	Wade Odom, Kate Weber-Barfield, Whitney Stults
Red Oak	Page Bishop, Ryan Pickard, Angelica Estrada-Weaver
Ellis Co 4H	Sidney Atchley
Ennis	Hank Hollywood, Kayla McCabe, Lauren Powell, Judi Tabb, Alan Linson, Jacob Thacker, Jimmy Morrison
Milford	Stephanie Thoms
Avalon	Kayla Blackburn

CLUB/CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Daily Maintenance:

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

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

Set-Up / Take-Down:

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

Administration of Rules and Regulations

The Ellis County Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all sale proceeds. Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary; if there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern. If any of the rules, or any provision of any single rule, is later held to be legally invalid or otherwise unenforceable, all other rules, and all other provisions and terms of any rule containing a provision or term later held to be legally invalid or unenforceable, shall remain in full force and effect.

GENERAL RULES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

SHOW CHAIRMAN

The Show Chairman is appointed by the Board of Directors no later than May following the previous spring show. The Show Chairman shall serve two consecutive terms and will oversee the Show Committee and annual Ellis County Youth Expo Spring show and Sale. The Show Chairman will hold monthly meetings. This person is responsible for submitting a contract to and the hiring of judges, and classifiers. The judges will come from a list nominated by the show committee. Any conflicts of interest shall be avoided and is at the discretion of the show chairman. The chairperson is also responsible for attaining species superintendents of their choosing.

SHOW COMMITTEE

The Show Committee's purpose is to assist in creating a show schedule, nominate judges, and assist in the running of the show. Ag Science Teachers (AST) and County Extension Agents (CEA) shall appoint committee representatives to serve as primary and alternate voting delegates. These voting delegates must be selected and in place by the second meeting of the school year. The duties of these delegates are to vote on matters that require action. Only one vote per chapter is allowed. The Show Chairman will appoint Superintendents and Classifiers.

Judges will be nominated electronically by the Show Committee. No more than two nominees per chapter/per species is allowed. The chapter must specify which nomination is their primary and alternate. This form will be made available to AST/CEA's no later than 30 days after the conclusion of the Sale of Champions. Chapters will have until 5:00 pm the day before the next scheduled meeting in April to have these nominations sent in. No other nominations will be considered after the submission deadline. At this meeting, the Show Committee will rank in order dictated by the number of nominations.

Conflicts of interest should be avoided and are at the discretion of the Show Chairman. This method shall apply only to market animals & breeding animals. Ag Mechanics and Fine Arts will be nominated in the same fashion, but the

superintendent will rank and contact judges. The list of judge nominations will be made available to everyone once judges have been selected. In the event that the judge selected is unavailable, the show chair will move to the next highest ranking one on the list. If you get to the end of the rankings and still do not have one selected, the show committee will meet again and start the process over again.

SHOW SECRETARY & OFFICE PERSONNEL

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

PROTESTS

In the event of a protest, the Show Chairman and Superintendents of the species will enforce the rules.

All protests must be filed in writing, citing the specific rule in question. This protest must be accompanied by a fee of \$250.00 CASH (two hundred and fifty dollars). Protests must be filed within (1) one hour following the selection of the reserve grand champion in the division in question.

- Decisions of the Judges, Weigh Master, and Classifiers are not subject to protest
- The committee to hear protests will consist of the general show chairman and at least a majority of the specific species superintendents. Their decision is FINAL.
- Decisions of the Superintendents may be appealed only to the Board of Directors and Show Chairman.
- Conflicts of interest shall be avoided.
- If the protest is found to be validated, the \$250.00 will be refunded.
- If an exhibitor or person representing them does not comply or fully cooperate with any investigation related to the rule violation(s), that exhibitor can be expelled from show, sale, any proceeds, future proceeds, and a ban from future shows.
- If you have more than one project entered in the show and one is disqualified because of a major rule violation, your other entries are not eligible for the sale, and any earned proceeds could be forfeited.

SHOW DIVISIONS

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

BREEDING DIVISIONS - Beef Heifers, Breeding Rabbits

AG MECHANICS DIVISIONS

- Shop Project Show - Ag Machinery & Equipment, Livestock Equipment, Wildlife, Home & Yard Convenience, Trailers, Cooking Equipment and Refurbished.
- Build Off
- Marketplace Show - Livestock & Farm Equipment, Wildlife, Home Recreation & Conveniences, and Cooking Equipment

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

PARTICIPATION

Participation in the Ellis Co. Youth Expo is limited to students who are enrolled in an Ellis County school district, and members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter within Ellis County. If they are home-schooled or attend a private school, they must show proof that their primary residence is in Ellis County. The exhibitor must be a member in good standing of FFA, 4-H, or FCCLA. They must have continuously and personally participated in preparing their project for show under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. They must be in the 3rd Grade and 8 years of age, but not more than 19 years old as of August 31 of the previous show year.

Exception: In the case of a student needing to participate in Ellis County as a resident of *an adjacent* county, per Texas 4-H guidelines, that participation will need to be approved by Texas 4-H and kept on file in their system. The form must be submitted a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the show. As a member of Ellis County 4-H, this student is no longer eligible to participate in any other county's livestock show.

ELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS

All eligible students must show and sell their own projects that were validated in their names. Any exceptions must be reviewed by the Show Chairman and Show Secretary. Exhibitors must submit a substitution showman form 24 hours prior to the respective show and sale for review. Acceptable exceptions are medical (with doctor's note), UIL event, and death in the immediate family only. Forms will be available in the show office and online.

INELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS

Ineligible exhibitor's projects are NOT eligible to show or sell AND MUST NOT BE ON SHOWGROUNDS. There WILL NOT be any refunds on entry fees if an exhibitor becomes ineligible. You are defined as ineligible if your school has deemed you that way. If an exhibitor's school has deemed them ineligible, they may not switch from FFA to 4-H for any reason.

DOGS

NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON SHOWGROUNDS. Any person with a dog will be asked to leave. If the request is denied, you will be asked to leave the premises within 15 minutes. If you are present after this time, the show chairman will call law enforcement. This is a zero tolerance policy.

MARKET & BREEDING SHOW VALIDATION PROCEDURES

State validation rules for cattle, swine, lambs, and goats will be followed. Possession deadlines and validation deadlines will be set and conducted by the Validation Chair. The validation chair(s) will coordinate and share dates with CEA's/AST's in which to get their groups tagged. After the last posted validation date, there will be no more validated animals of any kind. Please check individual species for registration requirements. Show Chairman and Species Superintendents have the authority to check validation at any time after validation, through final disbursement after the Sale of Champions. Bio-securities will be in place. If the results prove it is not the same animal, the animal will be disqualified from the show, sale, and/or forfeiture of any proceeds. Market animals should have no tags other than the validation tag at weigh in. All validation records shall be turned into the show office by the validation chairperson no later than 30 days past the state validation deadline. Market Rabbits will continue to be county validated. All others will be state validated only.

LOST TAGS

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

the validation chair, Superintendent, and respective advisor. All retags conducted at the county level must collect and submit new DNA to the state office. Superintendents must be notified, and animals retagged BEFORE weigh-in begins. If found altered or incorrect, the exhibitor may be disqualified from show, sale, and any proceeds.

ENTRIES

We will use an online entry process. The entry deadline will be established each year by the show committee and will be approximately one month prior to the show's begin date. Entry fees are due and based on online entries submitted. Entries and fees must be made and turned into the CEA/AST so that a SINGLE club payment can be made. Single club payment, along with signed entry cards and an invoice copy is due to the Executive Board Treasurer no later than 16 days after the entry deadline. These payments and entries shall be mailed to the P.O. Box. If the entries are not received by the start of the show, no exhibitor will be allowed to show until both are received. It is the responsibility of the person(s) responsible for submitting entries and payment to send them to the correct address.

The address is as follows:

P.O. Box T, Waxahachie, Texas 75168

Quality Counts verification will be REQUIRED for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding). Your Quality Counts number shall be reported on your entry form. The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items. All exhibitors and parents of said exhibitor acknowledges they have read and understand Quality Counts in its entirety.

ENTRY FEES

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

Projects must be owned and validated by the exhibitor. There will not be co-op projects except for Ag Mech. If more than one student of a family is listed on the entry card, the correct student's name and tag number must be declared and corrected by the end of day on the day that the respective species weighs in. A paid entry only constitutes that an exhibitor is entered, and that not until they are declared "checked in" by the show office, are they allowed to show.

MARKET SHOW ENTRY LIMITS

There is a limit of THREE market projects (Premium Sale Eligible) per exhibitor. This includes projects entered in ANY Market Animal Division or Ag Mech Projects for sale. Of the maximum of three market entries, no more than two may be entered in the same division, but any other combination of 3 is allowed.

BREEDING SHOW ENTRY LIMITS

Beginning in 2025, there will be no limit on entries. No females will be allowed in the Sale of Champions. Prize money will be as follows for all breeding divisions:

Class Top 3 -

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

Division Champion - \$150.00

Division Reserve - \$100.00

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION SCHOLARSHIPS

The ECLSR will award a \$500 scholarship to the Overall Grand Champion in all the market livestock divisions unless an exhibitor has previously been awarded the scholarship in the same division. In that case, the next highest placing exhibitor who has not previously won will be awarded. (Ex: Exhibitor previously won steer show - they win again. They are not eligible to receive a 2nd scholarship.) Additionally, any exhibitor that has won their respective division scholarship and has NOT graduated from high school will be eligible to receive the difference between the two, if any. No more than \$500 will be awarded to any exhibitor in the same division.

Additionally, ECLSR will award a \$500 scholarship to the Overall Grand Champion in all the breeding livestock divisions unless an exhibitor has previously been awarded the scholarship in the same division. In that case, the next highest placing exhibitor who has not previously won will be awarded. (Ex: Exhibitor previously won heifer show - they win again. They are not eligible to receive a 2nd scholarship.) No more than \$500 will be awarded to any exhibitor in the same division.

LATE ENTRIES

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

HEALTH REGULATIONS

No health papers are required.

STALLING

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

COLOR RULE

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

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship will include Market steers, swine, lambs, goats & rabbits and Breeding heifers, gilts, ewes, does & rabbits.

- Pee-Wee – 2nd grade and under
- Junior - 3rd grade to 8th grade
- Senior - 9th grade to 12th grade

Exhibitors must show the animal/project in showmanship that the exhibitor showed in the actual show. You shall not show another exhibitor's animal/project. This includes siblings regardless of if it was cross validated. No substitutions are permitted.

Pee-Wee is only for kids that cannot show as a Junior. They must live in the county or have siblings that are in 4-H or FFA. They must use an animal that is entered in the show. The exhibitor of said animal shall accompany the Pee-Wee. No parents/adults are allowed in the ring. Prizes will be awarded.

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

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

CLUB/CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

ALL CLUBS/CHAPTERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEAN UP FOR THE COUNTY SHOW. Participation from each club is paramount for tear down. Any chapter not represented during this procedure can be removed from next year's show.

RELEASE OF ANIMALS

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

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

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

FACILITY/GROUNDS

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

No alcohol will be allowed inside the main Expo building during the show week.

SALE of CHAMPIONS

The Ellis Co. Youth Expo is a market sale only. No breeding animals may go through the sale ring. Shop Projects (other than Ag Mech Marketplace that are deemed sale eligible, and Creative Arts are not sale eligible. You may only sell one project, excluding ag mech sale eligible items.

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

Included in your entry packet will be the rules of the sale. They are also listed below.

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

Rules violation shall result in dismissal from the show/sale and could result in being banned from next year’s show.

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

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

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

In the event of a class size larger than 25, a maximum number of placings to 10th will sell.

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

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

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

Buyers shall NEVER be asked to “give back” or return an animal purchased in the sale. From the time an entry is validated until the exhibitor cashes their ECTE auction/add-on check, the exhibitor or persons representing the exhibitor shall not ask the buyer for an animal to be returned to the exhibitor. “Persons representing the exhibitor” includes, but not limited to parents, relatives, breeders, or CEAs/ASTs. The penalty for this infraction includes but is not limited to removal from the sale, forfeiture of sale proceeds, and/or a ban from participating in the show to any of the parties involved.

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

DROP RULES

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

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

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

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

If no card is presented by the respective deadline, the office will decide. Once an animal has been dropped (either by exhibitor or office) NO CHANGES will be made. further, no verbal drops will be allowed. In the event of a protest, the drop card will be held by the Show Chairman and/or Superintendents until the protest has been resolved. Depending on the outcome and severity of the protest, the animal and exhibitor may be subject to disqualification.

SALE CATALOG

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

- Drop lowest placing project.

The Draft Sale Catalog will be posted as early as possible. It is the Advisor/Exhibitor responsibility to identify any errors in the catalog by 10:00 am FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025. After that time, no changes will be made as the final catalog has a firm print deadline.

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

FLOOR

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

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

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

Students may floor qualified animals by filling out the provided floor cards and presenting the card and animal at the designated area where a representative will sign the card and provide further instructions. **It is the responsibility of the**

student to get & keep their copy of the floor card and sale invoice from the ring as this will serve as a receipt for future payment.

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

There will be no floored animals loaded after 9:00 pm except for ones that qualified for the sale and were later dropped due to another qualifying project.

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

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

THE SWITCHING OF ANY ANIMALS BETWEEN THE SHOW AND SALE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION, LOSS OF PREMIUM MONEY AND EXPULSION FROM THE FOLLOWING YEARS SHOW.

ADD ON MONEY

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

SALE DISBURSEMENTS

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

Exhibitor's checks will be distributed through the supervising AST or CEA. Any lost checks must be reported to AST or CEA. There will be a \$ 50.00 per check charge to stop payment & re-issue new checks to an exhibitor.

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

Species/Show Specific rules violation shall result in disqualification of entry.

STEERS

Possession deadlines and validation deadlines will be set and conducted by the Validation Chair(s) and their respective committees.

Superintendent: Rickey Kelly

Assistant Superintendents: Dalton Kelly, Rhonda Kelly, Collin Stark

Judge: Joe Rathmann

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

- Grand and Reserve Overall and Breed Champions will be selected.
- BREEDS: American, British, European & their respective crosses.
- Any steer not classifying as American or British will be designated as European.
- An exhibitor can specify "European" with any breed of steer; European breed is not subject to classification.
- Minimum Weight - 900 pounds (15 lb. scale tolerance)
- Reweigh will only occur if the minimum weight (including scale tolerance) is not met. Reweigh will only occur once and be immediately.
- Animals cannot have any extra weight (mud, etc.) on them at weigh in.
- The hair on any part of the body of a steer (except for the switch) cannot be longer than $\frac{1}{4}$ " at the time of weigh in.
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW. Those not shorn will not be allowed to weigh in. Only leg hair may be touched up at the show..
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible; however, the final authority is that of the superintendents
- Maximum of 8 head per class, unless more than 8 are the same weight.

BREEDING HEIFERS

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

Superintendent: Amber Dowell

Assistant superintendents: Josh Zapletal, Rickey Kelly, Rhonda Kelly

Judge: Joe Rathmann

CLASS	Age Break	
1	September 1, 2025	And after
2	May 1, 2025	August 31, 2025
3	January 1, 2025	April 31, 2025
4	September 1, 2024	December 31, 2024
5	May 1, 2024	August 31, 2024
6	January 1, 2024	April 31, 2024
7	September 1, 2023	December 31, 2023

- The heifer show will be BLOW & GO format.
- ENTRY must include DOB.
- Heifers eligible up to 30 months of age on show date.
- There will be up to 7 classes per breed broken by age. Class 1 will consist of DOBs from September 1 of the previous year through current date; subsequent classes will be consecutive four-month periods from August 30 of the prior year backwards.
- No adhesives on any part of the animal. You must be able to run a comb through the animal's hair.
- All junior breeding beef heifers (including potential substitute heifers) MUST be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program. Heifer validation will include online registration paper submittal and physical validation with DNA hair sampling for all entered and potential substitute heifers. Animals entered in this department must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the records of the respective breed association (in the name of the exhibitor) on or before October 31. Permanent identification (i.e. brand or tattoo) must be present and must match the registration paper of the animal.
- One head will make up a breed.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SELECTED FOR BREEDING HEIFERS:

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

European breeds: Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Simmental, ORB.

LAMBS

Check-in will be conducted by the Superintendents. Possession deadlines and validation deadlines will be set and conducted by the Validation Chair(s) and their respective committees.

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

Superintendent: Mike Greiten

Assistant Superintendents: Ken Caldwell, Chris Maddox, Matt Authier

MARKET SHOW:

Judge: Wayne Morse

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

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

GOATS

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

Superintendent: Ken Caldwell

Assistant Superintendents: Mike Greiten, John Middleton, Matt Authier, Kate Authier

MARKET SHOW:

Judge: Charles Sealy

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

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

SWINE

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

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

Superintendent: Dusty Autrey

Assistant Superintendents: Kristi Autrey, Chris Maddox, Lee Statham, Donny Mosley

MARKET SHOW:

Judge: Kade Pendley

Showmanship Judge:

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

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

- Grand and Reserve Champions will be selected for both overall and breed.
- BREEDS: Duroc, White OPB, Dark OPB, Berkshire, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Light Cross, Dark Cross
- Any hog not classified as Duroc, White OPB, Dark OPB, Berkshire, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Dark Cross will be designated as Light Cross. Hereford hogs will show as Dark OPB.
- Crossbred standards shall be:
 - LIGHT CROSSBRED
 - Any pigs with white and/or blue only.
 - DARK CROSSBRED
 - All other colors (i.e. black, red and sandy).
 - Excluding solid white or blue.
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW. Touch ups will be allowed but no restraints will be used.
- ONLY barrows may be shown in market classes.
- Minimum weight - 220 pounds (5 lb. scale tolerance).
- Reweigh will only occur if the minimum weight (including scale tolerance) is not met. Reweigh will only occur once and be immediately.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, etc.) on them at weigh in.
- Swine must be kept in the area designated for swine in the barn or will be disqualified.
- Ear notches will be checked at weigh in and must match the validation card/state list or the animal will be disqualified.

- Ear tags will be re-checked as hogs are checking in for their respective class.
- Any animal with a fresh ear notch at the time of show will be disqualified.
- Weights may not be affixed to the ears.
- No paint, powder, adhesives, or ANY artificial colors may be used on swine.
- No oil of any type may be used on hogs for dressing. WATER ONLY!
- Senior Swine Showmanship - no assistance, including with penning gates, unless hogs are fighting.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible; however, the final authority is that of the superintendents.
- Maximum of 15 animals per class, unless more than 15 are the same weight

MARKET BROILERS

Possession deadlines and county only deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents.

Superintendent: Keith Shaw

Assistant Superintendents: Tommy Hendrickson, Robby Dudley, Garrett Thomas

Judge: Jacob Price

The tentative delivery date for broilers will be February 14, 2026.

- ALL birds will be ordered through the ECYE via the extension office. Either 50 OR 100 broilers per exhibitor will be ordered (no more/no less per person).
- Birds will be from the same hatch. Birds will be wing banded. Each exhibitor will list the band numbers of the birds they receive, BEFORE leaving the building. A copy of this list will be held at the office. The day of the show, the exhibitor that enters the birds will only be able to check in the birds that are on their list. Any bird without a wing band will be disqualified.
- Birds will be sifted for bruises and broken bones. Any occurrence of these defects after check-in will not be considered by the judge.
- If an exhibitor has 2 pens and they die, he/she can combine what they have left to make a pen. If the exhibitor only has 1 pen, then they will show what they have, unless they decide to pull the entry.
- NO WEIGHT CLASSES - STRAIGHT RUN SHOW
- Exhibitors will be allowed to substitute a qualified bird at the time of check in if one or more of the 3 original birds are sifted for bruises & broken bones. YOU WILL HAVE 30 MINUTES TO RETURN WITH A SUBSTITUTE.
- An additional volunteer bird holder will be allowed if they are an exhibitor or parent.

RABBITS

Possession deadlines and county only validation deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents. At time of validation, each rabbit will be tattooed with a unique identification number (UIN) assigned to each family (must be immediate and of the same household). Once you declare your pen during check in, no changes shall be made.

Superintendents: Taryn Rodgers, Katy Nolen, Chea Stansell, Karsen Morgan Wallace

MARKET SHOW:

Judge: Ernie Harie

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY VALIDATION DATE

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

BREEDING SHOW:

Judge: Bradley Campbell

MUST OWN AND POSSESS BY ENTRY DATE

- ENTRY must include ear tattoo number, age classification, breed, and sex.
- All general rules apply to the breeding rabbit show. Disputes will be settled by referring to the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) show rules and ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- Breeding animals are to be kept in carriers. Cages will not be provided at the show.
- Rabbits should be free of all disease symptoms. Rabbits showing signs of disease will not be allowed to show and may be pulled at any time during the show at the superintendent's discretion.
- Rabbits will be called to the table three times after that they will be scratched.
- Breeding animals are not eligible for the premium sale.
- Breeding rabbits will be released following the rabbit show.
 - 4 CLASS (FANCY DIVISION): American Fuzzy Lop, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Florida White, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Silver, Tan, Thrianta
 - Junior Buck
 - Senior Buck
 - Junior Doe

- Senior Doe
- 6 CLASS (COMMERCIAL DIVISION): American, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Creme D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Satin, New Zealand
 - Junior Buck
 - Intermediate Buck
 - Senior Buck
 - Junior Doe
 - Intermediate Doe
 - Senior Doe

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Check-in and registration paper check will be conducted by the Superintendents.

Superintendent: Dillon Bradbury

Assistant Superintendents: Brady Sapp

Judge(s): TBD

PROJECT SHOW:

This division is NOT SALE ELIGIBLE

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

- Club – Club or Chapter
- Description – Name of the Project (examples: 14' Equipment Hauler, Covered Smoker Trailer, 3 Point Bale Spear, Portable Hibachi Grill, Rustic 8' Dining Table etc..) Use this to give us short but good details about the project.
- Leave the Team Name blank, but list ALL students building/exhibiting project(s)

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

Prizes: TBD

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

Livestock Equipment	4	Livestock Handling & Housing	Livestock panels, stalls, corrals, gates, squeeze chutes, head gates, chicken coops, brooders, incubators
	5	Feeding & Watering Equipment	Trough feeders, self feeders, hay feeders
	6	Livestock Show Equipment	Trim chutes, blocking stands, show rails, show boxes

Wildlife	7	Traps & Capture Devices	Hog traps, predator traps
	8	Blinds & Observation	Deer stands, duck blinds, observation towers
	9	Feeding & Watering Equipment	Wildlife feeders, watering equipment
	10	Wildlife Handling & Housing	Aviaries, Incubators, Brooders, etc
	11	Misc. Wildlife Equipment	Shooting targets, shooting benches/tables, gun cabinets/racks

Home & Yard Convenience	12	Small Indoor Furniture/Furnishings	Tables, Benches, Beds, Coffee Tables, End Tables, Bedside Tables, Chairs (less than 16 cu.ft. combined, measured at widest point)
	13	Indiv. Lg Indoor Furniture	Tables, Benches, Picnic Tables, Chairs (more than 16 cu.ft., measured at widest point)
	14	Multi Piece Large Indoor Furniture	Multi piece (more than 16 cu.ft. measured at widest point)
	15	Outdoor Metal Furniture	Metal Tables, Benches, Picnic Tables, Chairs
	16	Outdoor Wood Furniture	Wood Tables, Benches, Picnic Tables, Chairs
	17	Horticulture and Gardening	Planter Boxes, Greenhouses, Container Gardens

18	Fire Pits without Grill	Firepit w/o grill
19	All Other Home Convenience	Games, Yard Décor, Chiminea, Yard Art, Signs (including ornamental/non-cooking fire pits, no gates)

Trailers	20	Bumper Pull Utility (Less than 16')	
	21	Bumper Pull Utility (16' and over)	
	22	Gooseneck Utility	All Lengths Lowboys and Floats
	23	Other Trailers	Hay Trailers, Welding Trailers, Dump Trailers

Cooking Equipment	24	Misc. Outdoor Cooking	Fryers, burners for cooking, woks, disc cookers, campfire cooking equipment
	25	Stationary Grills and Smokers	Firepits with grill, Grills on a stand, Patio Grills and Smokers
	26	Towable Smokers (Smoker Trailers)	Must be able to be towed with a vehicle

Refurbished (Storyboard must include before & after pics)	27	Tractors	Tractors and machinery all years
	28	Horse Drawn Equipment	Classic horse drawn equipment wagons, plows
	29	Tractor Drawn Equipment	Plows, tillage equipment, forage equipment
	30	Trailers	Refurbished Trailers of all types

MARKET PLACE SHOW:

This division IS SALE ELIGIBLE

- Overview
 - Project Workmanship/Quality – 70%
 - Team or Individual Sales Presentation – 20%
 - Marketing Materials – 10%
- A Grand Champion of the Ag Mechanics Marketplace Contest & a Reserve Grand Champion of the Ag Mechanics Marketplace will be Selected for the Sale. Additionally, the Grand & Reserve in each of the divisions will sale for a total of 8 sale spots.
- The judges will act as a real customer which may include not buying the project. Participants will have to establish rapport with the judge and ask probing questions to ensure they meet the judges' needs.

- Teams may only use the following items during the team sales presentation: the team, the project and Marketing Flyer. No slide shows, electronic presentations, videos, computer demonstrations, etc. are required during the team sales presentation, these items may be part of the display in the Marketplace but will not be considered during the team sales presentation.
- Teams will have seven (7) minutes to interact with the judge. All members of the team must be present, and all must participate.
- Teams should present themselves with a professional appearance.
- Teamwork and involvement of team members in the construction of the item will be judged during this event.
- All Projects should be complete at the time of Check In for the show.
- All projects must include the below documentation at a minimum:
 - Bill of materials
 - Drawings (hand sketched or computer drafted)
 - Photos of student/students completing the work
 - SDS/Technical Data Sheets for products used
- Market Value: All projects are required to be sell eligible in this division and the team should assign a realistic market value to their product. No matter what type of product is sold, the price charged to customers or clients will have a direct effect on the success of the business. Though pricing strategies can be complex, the basic rules of pricing are straightforward:
 - All prices must cover costs and profits.
 - Assured price for product reflects the dynamics of cost, market demand, response to the competition, and profit objectives.
 - Prices must be established to ensure sales.
- Breakdown of Judging Criteria:
 - Project Workmanship/Quality Judging Criteria (70% of Overall Score):
 - Workmanship – 60%
 - Innovation – 20%
 - Marketability -20%
 - Sales Presentation (20% of Overall Score)
 - Students will design & give sale presentations as if giving a sales pitch to “sell” their project to the judges. This will be done at the time of judging and throughout that day. This should be rehearsed, and the students will need to have technical knowledge of the processes & tools used to construct the project.
 - Marketing Materials (10% of Overall Score)
 - Each team will develop an 8.5” by 11” one or two-sided flyer promoting and detailing the product. The flyer should be designed to be utilized as an advertisement for and an overview of

the product to be shared with customers. This will always be on display and used in the team sales presentation to “sell” the project to the judges.

- Teams should plan to accomplish the following tasks during the sales presentation:
 - Introduce themselves to the customer at the opening of the presentation.
 - Introduce the product to the customer.
 - Point out the features of the product.
 - Explain how the product would benefit the customer. Ask for the customers’ reaction to the product.
 - The customer will object to some element of the sales presentation. Teams should try to overcome the objection (price, size, color, etc.) with a positive solution to the customers’ objections.
 - The customers will also give the teams a chance to close the sale during the presentation. Ask for the business and be prepared to finalize the order.

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

- Project Naming/ Description:
 - Exhibitor Name – Chapter/Club & Description (examples: Ennis FFA Dining Table, Waxahachie FFA Texas Fire Pit, Italy FFA Patio Swing, Midlothian FFA Welding Skid, etc.)
 - Club – Club or Chapter
 - Description – Name of the Project (examples: 14’ Equipment Hauler, Covered Smoker Trailer, 3 Point Bale Spear, Portable Hibachi Grill, Rustic 8’ Dining Table etc.) Use this to give us short but good details about the project.

- Leave the Team Name blank, but list ALL students building/exhibiting project(s)

Market Place Divisions:

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

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

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

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

Awards:

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

AG MECHANICS PROJECT BUILD-OFF

Superintendents: Dillon Bradbury

Assistant Superintendents: Brady Sapp

Judge(s): TBD

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

Rules:

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

Judging:

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

Awards:

- The top three teams will be selected, and the following banners awarded:

Grand Champion

Reserve Grand Champion

Third Overall

Top Hand

Safety

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