FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 Livestock Auction Rules

IMPORTANT DATES:

• **Replacement Heifer Sale**	**Saturday, September 26**	**1:00 P.M.**	**H Barn**
• **Jr Livestock Auction**	**Thursday, October 1**	**7:00 P.M.**	**George Pavilion**
• **Freezer Sale**	**Saturday, October 3**	**12:30 P.M.**	**Building B**
• **Thank You Letters Due**	**Tuesday, November 3**	**5:00 P.M.**	**Fair Office**
• **Check Pick-Up**	**Thursday, November 17**	**8:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.**	**Fair Office**

GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors, entries, and awards must comply with the Fort Bend County Fair General Rules & Regulations, Livestock General Rules, Drug Testing Rules, and the following specific rules. Interpretations and applications will be made by the Auction Department Chairman, the Fair Manager, and/or the Auction Directors/Board of Directors. OFFICIAL RULES ON FILE IN THE FAIR OFFICE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OTHER RULES.

2. Add-On forms must be submitted at an auction or to the fair office. Add-on forms must be paid in full at the time the form is turned in. Add-ons completed online must be paid at that time.

3. Failure to appear in the auction area to sell as an exhibitor number is called automatically eliminates the participant. An exception may be made if the participant submits a substitute form, and the substitute is approved by the Auction Committee Chairman and/or Livestock Auction Director.

4. The Fair Association will do all purchase billing and collection on all Auction Items, and then pay sellers (at the Association's discretion). A 7% sale fee will be deducted from the seller's check. If species organizations have passed the "Check-Off" for research and promotion, that fee will also be deducted from the seller's check.

5. All sellers MUST submit a thank-you letter to his/her buyer and add-on contributors and award donors which must be received at the Fair Office, unsealed on or before **November 3, 2026, at 5:00 PM**. The Fair Office will forward thank-you letter to the buyer(s) and add-on contributors. Thank-you letters MUST be addressed to the buyer/add-on contributors, have the exhibitor's return address and first-class stamp.

   (a) Auction payments will not be released until Buyer Thank You Letters, Add-On Contributor Thank You Letters, and required paperwork (signed disposition as stated in rule 14) are received by Fair Office. Auction checks will be available for pick up in the Fair Office on **Thursday, November 17th** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All thank you letters and required paperwork must have been received by November 3rd to pick up your check on November 17th. Checks that are not picked up on November 17th will be available for pick up ONLY during normal Fair Office business hours. Checks not processed by January 30, 2027 will be forfeited and the monies will be applied toward reducing the 7% auction commission fee.
      i. If thank you letters were turned in after the deadline, you will be notified when your check is available for pick up. There will be a two-week processing period for letters and required paperwork turned in after the November 3rd deadline. The check will be available accordingly.
      ii. If Parent/Guardian is picking up the check, they must present a valid driver's license that matches the address listed on ShoWorks.
      iii. If the Exhibitor is picking up the check, they must present a student photo ID.
   (b) **CHECKS WILL NOT BE MAILED**.
   (c) Exhibitors who sell poultry or rabbits MUST make arrangements with the buyer within two weeks of the last day of the Fair to determine delivery.

6. Poultry and Rabbits making any auction that requires processing must be custom processed by the Exhibitor.

7. All Auction Steers, Swine, Lambs, and Goats will be transported by a hauler contracted through FBCFA.

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8. Exhibitors who ask for their animals to be returned will be barred from future shows at the Fort Bend County Fair. Also, an exhibitor whose representative asks for an animal back will be barred from future shows at the Fort Bend County Fair.

9. Animals shall not be decorated during the sale. Only those items the Fair has awarded the exhibitor (banners, buckles, trophies, etc.) for that sale lot may be displayed during the auction. One helper can be used to hold the listed items for an exhibitor. No gifts shall be displayed for potential buyers and gifts cannot contain alcohol.

10. There will be no resale of items during the auction sales, nor any individual sales to persons while in attendance at the sale. All "FOR SALE" signs are prohibited throughout the Livestock Department.

11. The removal of sold hooved animal (steer, swine, lamb, and goat) projects is prohibited. No one – exhibitor, parent or guardian of an exhibitor, family member, agriculture science teacher, 4-H leader, or county agent, shall make arrangements nor remove a sold hooved animal project from the fairgrounds once it has been sold in the Jr. Livestock Auction or Freezer Sale. There will be no verbal or written contracts between the Buyers and Exhibitors for these purposes. This includes the intent or good-will agreement to remain in possession for a disclosed or undisclosed period of time for the purpose of "feeding out" a market animal. Buyers must make disposition arrangements prior to Load Out on Sunday so Exhibitors know where to send animals at Check Out. The Fort Bend County Fair Association, nor its Officers or committee personnel will not be held liable for these non-binding verbal and/or written agreements.

12. If the buyer wants other dispositions, they must email livestock@fbcfa.org by 5:00 p.m. Saturday after the Freezer Sale. Verbal changes of disposition will not be accepted without an email supporting the change.

13. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST ATTEND LIVESTOCK CHECK-OUT** whether your animal is at the barn or not! **Check-out is Sunday, October 4, 2026 7:30 – 10:00 AM.**
    a) At this time, you will receive disposition paperwork, READ IT and confirm what your buyer wants to do with the animal they purchased.
    b) If your hooved animal is at home, you MUST bring it back to the fairgrounds ALIVE at the time of check-out to get your disposition paperwork. If your buyer wants it sent to market or to processing, you will not have time to go back home to get your animal.
    c) Poultry and Rabbit processing is done by the exhibitor at the exhibitor's expense. You MUST contact your buyer within two weeks of the conclusion of the fair to make arrangements for delivery.

14. If you deliver your animal (live or processed) to your buyer, you must submit a signed disposition sheet before your check will be released.

JR. LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

1. The Jr. Livestock Auction shall not exceed 182 designated lots unless approved by the Board of Directors of the Fort Bend County Fair. The number of each species sold in the Jr. Livestock Auction will be determined as outlined below:

   27 Steers

   The remaining 155 sale lots will be divided equally among each species (excluding steers) based on the total number of entries. 155 will be divided by the total number of entries (excluding steers) to determine the percentage of sale lots for each species. The final number of sale lots will be calculated and approved by the Board of Directors after August 25, 2026 (rabbit tattoo date).

2. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) market animals in the Jr. Livestock Auction. **If an exhibitor qualifies more than two animals, his or her choice of two (2) items must be finalized within one (1) hour after the lamb show ends on Tuesday September 29, 2026 via the Auction Animal Drop Form. This form is available in the Livestock Office.** The exhibitor's decision will be final. Exhibitors not making a decision within the time limit will

forfeit the decision to the Jr. Livestock Auction Committee Chairman, Co-Chair, and Directors in Charge.

3. All Grand Champions and Reserve Champions in the Jr. Livestock Auction Classes MUST SELL. Therefore, if an exhibitor has more than two Grand and/or Reserve Champions, that exhibitor will be allowed to sell all of them. In such a case, rule #3 will supersede rule #2.

4. For the selection of the sale order in the Livestock division, the division judge will place the sale order and alternate in the Roasters, Broilers, and Rabbits divisions. In the Swine, Goats, and Lambs, the division judge will place the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion after which he will place all remaining class champions (first place animal from each class). The order in which the remaining first-place animals are placed will determine the sale order rotation for that division or that breed within a division. This rotation will be followed until all sale placings and alternates are filled. If the Grand and Reserve Champions both come from the same class, then the third-place animal in that class will be placed immediately after all of the other first-place animals and before the remaining second place in each class. For the steers, the sale order will be determined as follows: the American and AOB divisions will each establish a sale order for their division by Grand Division being 1st, Reserve Division being 2nd then the remaining 1st place class winners will be placed. If the Grand and Reserve come out of the same class the remaining 1st places will be placed, setting the sale rotation for each Division. The Grand and Reserve Division Champions will compete for the Overall Grand and Reserve Champion, however, all Champions will sell before the remaining placing animals. These placings will set the sale rotation. For example, if the AOB wins Grand Overall and the American wins Reserve Overall, then the Reserve AOB will sell 3rd, Reserve American will sell 4th, then the 3rd overall AOB will sell 5th, then the 3rd overall American will sell 6th with the remaining sale orders filling in.

5. The Jr. Livestock Auction will sell Grand Champions first in the following order: steer, broiler, lamb, roaster, swine, rabbit, and goat, followed by Reserve Champions in the same order. The remaining sale order will follow this rotation, and be evenly distributed, with a goat being the last selling lot. The Grand Champion Steer will be the first lot to sell yearly. The remaining rotation will rotate yearly to give each species an opportunity to be the 2nd and last lot to sell.

6. An exhibitor could show here but decide not to sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. **The exhibitor must complete the Auction Animal Drop Form for any animal that they do not wish to sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. This form is available in the Livestock Office. The completed Auction Animal Drop Form must be turned in no later than one hour after the lamb show ends on Tuesday September 29, 2026.** If shown, but not sold, each lower place animal in the sale order from that division would be moved up.

7. **Poultry & Rabbits:** Exhibitors are responsible for bringing back one roaster, broiler, or rabbit to carry across the auction block during the Jr. Livestock Auction.
   Only the Grand and Reserve Champions of these species will be carried across the auction block. Lower-placing poultry and rabbits are NOT to be brought back to the fairgrounds for the Jr. Livestock Auction, instead we will have poultry and rabbits available to be carried across the auction block. This applies to Roaster, Pen of 3 Broilers, and Pen of 3 Rabbits.

FREEZER SALE RULES

1. The Freezer Sale shall not exceed 105 designated lots unless approved by the Board of Directors of the Fort Bend County Fair. The number of each species sold in the Freezer Sale cannot exceed the designated number listed below.

   - 15 Steers
   - 15 Lambs
   - 15 Swine
   - 15 Pens of Broilers
   - 15 Roasters
   - 15 Pens of Rabbits
   - 15 Goats

2. The sale Order will be determined by Class and/or Breed Placings after Jr. Livestock Auction Sale Order is determined.

3. Each eligible Exhibitor is limited to one item in the Freezer Sale, as long as he or she is not eligible for the Jr. Livestock Auction. **If an Exhibitor qualifies for more than one animal, or he or she wishes to withdraw from the Freezer Sale, his or her choice must be finalized by 12:00 PM the Wednesday before the Freezer Sale via Auction Animal Drop Form**. The form can be found in the Livestock Office or on the fair website. The form may be turned into the Livestock office or emailed to livestock@fbcfa.org. The exhibitor's decision will be final. Exhibitors not making a decision within the time limit will forfeit the decision to the Freezer Sale Committee Chairman, Co-Chairman, and Directors in Charge.

4. An Intent to Sell form must be submitted no later than one hour after the lamb show ends on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 for all exhibitors eligible for the freezer sale. If an intent to sell form is not submitted by stated deadline, the exhibitor will no longer be eligible to sell in the freezer sale. The intent to sell forms are mailed out in the exhibitor packets or can be found on the fair website.

5. No animal sold in the Freezer Sale will be allowed to exceed the lowest price paid in the same animal division in the Jr. Livestock Auction during the current Fair. A notice will be posted designating the highest price allowed for each animal division.

6. The Official opening bid for animals will be set by the Fort Bend County Fair Association.

7. ALL Freezer Sale exhibitors, including those whose animals have already checked out, MUST come to final checkout (per the Livestock Schedule) to receive their disposition papers. **IF YOU SOLD A HOOVED ANIMAL, BRING THE ANIMAL WITH YOU TO CHECK-OUT, ALIVE.**

REPLACEMENT HEIFER RULES

1. **The replacement heifer auction shall include the top 75% of the placing halter heifers and all of the placing pen of 2.**

2. The sale order for Pen of 2 and Halter Heifers will rotate annually. In 2026 Pen of 2 Grand Champion will Lot 1 and Grand Champion Halter will be lot 2. Reserve Grand Champions would be next, then 3rd overall pen, 3rd overall halter and so on as set within the established order of pen and halters. For the Pen of 2, the sale order will be determined as follows: the Class 1 and Class 2 divisions will each establish a sale order for their division by Grand Division being 1st, Reserve Division being 2nd, then the remaining entries will be placed. The Grand and Reserve Division Champions will compete for the Overall Grand and Reserve Champion, however, all Champions will sell before the remaining placing animals. These placings will set the sale rotation. For example, if the Class 1 Champion wins Grand Overall and the Class 2 Champion wins Reserve Overall, then the Class 1 Reserve Champion will sell 3rd, Class 2 Reserve Champion will sell 4th, then the 3rd Class 1 will sell 5th, then the 3rd Class 2 will sell 6th with the remaining sale orders filling in.