2026 Fort Bend County Fair
Livestock General Rules & Regulations

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

2. **Any Exhibitor, parent or guardian of the exhibitor, agriculture science teacher, 4-H leader, or county agent who knowingly violates or condones the violation of any rule or rules shall be subject to immediate discipline and possible removal of exhibitor and family members from all shows and/or forfeiture of all sale proceeds**.

3. **ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER** – All entrants in the Livestock Department Auction Classes MUST:

   a) **Residency**: Be a RESIDENT OF FORT BEND COUNTY or ZONED TO A SCHOOL in Fort Bend County.

   b) **Citizenship**: All exhibitors must be a United States citizen and possess a valid social security number.

   c) **FFA/4-H Affiliation:** Exhibitors must be a 4-H or FFA member, having joined a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter by the ownership deadline of their Fair project and be in good standings with their Club or Chapter. (Note: Any Exhibitor that joins FFA at the beginning of their high school year must show under 4-H , be in good standing with their club unless they were an active Junior FFA member.) High School graduates are ineligible to show.

   d) Not have shown a market animal or commercial heifer in any other county fair or county youth fair from January 1st through December 31st of the current calendar year.

4. **GRADE INELIGIBILITY:**

   a) **GRADE INELIGIBILITY**: While the Texas Education Agency interpretation on extracurricular activities (as distributed May 2, 1985, and detailed under Update Number 2 example 1 and explanation 6 on page 240) remains intact, the following rule must be in effect for the Fort Bend County Fair. Scholastically ineligible exhibitors **SHALL NOT** have a substitute showman.

5. **ENTRIES**

   a) ***All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE before the due date for each specific division (https://fbcfa.fairwire.com). Entry fees are $50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.

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Entries Fees per Species:

Steer	$50 per exhibitor
Replacement Pen of 2	$50 per exhibitor
Replacement Halter Heifer	$50 per exhibitor
Swine	$50 per exhibitor
Goat	$50 per exhibitor
Roaster	$50 per exhibitor
Lamb	$50 per exhibitor
Broiler	$50 per exhibitor
Bucket Calf	$20 per exhibitor

b) Exhibitors are required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the current year show. Entries will not be accepted without the verification code for each exhibitor. The Quality Counts training and test can be found at Quality Counts | Courses | AgriLife Learn.

c) ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR. All exhibits must be an actual part of the exhibitor's current project, under his or her individual management and/or regular daily care. Net profits must terminate with the exhibitor. Exhibitors must present evidence of ownership from the date of validation of the project initiation as required by the various departments.

d) Family tagging will be allowed. This will be interpreted as "immediate family living in the same household." (i.e., brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters.) This does not include cousins, nieces, or nephews. This rule applies to Commercial Heifers, Steers, Swine, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry.

i. All exhibitors must fill out an entry form when the animal or animals are tagged or when poultry is ordered. Exhibitors must declare their exhibit tag number at "official check-in."

e) **Housing and Leaving the County**

i. All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county *or not at the designated address* during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.

ii. Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the **official form at least five (5) business days in advance** to obtain approval from the Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days

iii. Commercial Heifers, Steers, Swine, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry. All exhibitors must enter online, **IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.**

f) Family tagging will be allowed. This will be interpreted as "immediate family living in the same household." (i.e., brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters.) This does not include cousins, nieces, or nephews. This rule applies to fill out an entry form with required signatures, complete and turn in an EXHIBITOR W9 along

with an EXHIBITOR Release of Liability and each exhibitor must pay the $50 entry fee by the Division deadline. Crossing of species is not allowed for family tagging.

g) **Retag Policy**: In the event animal needs to be retagged the exhibitor, parent and/ or guardian must contact the Fair Office and Division Captain or Livestock Chairman within 48 hours. Animals will be retagged for loss of tag or infection only. Tags shall not be removed without the consent of the Division Captain or Livestock Chairman.

h) All decisions are subject to change by decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

6. **SUBSTITUTE WEIGH/CHECK IN & SHOWMAN**

Entries in the livestock show must be **WEIGHED IN AND SHOWN** by their owner. Substitution forms must be submitted prior to the first day of the Fair unless there is a medical emergency. Exhibitor substitution may be allowed under the following conditions:

i. Type (A) Substitution: Other School Activity – The substitution request must be made in writing by the parent. The parents' request must include the name of the substitute. The substitute must meet the requirements of Rules #3 and #4 of the Livestock General Rules.

ii. Type (B) Substitution: Sickness or Family Emergency – The substitution request must be made in writing by the parent. The parents' request must include the name of the substitute. The substitute must meet the requirements of Rules #3 and #4 of the Livestock General Rules.

In all cases, the Livestock Chairman must approve the exhibitor substitution and will do so only if all conditions have been met and the official FBCFA form is used with all the required signatures. If allowed, the substitute showman must be enrolled in the same school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor or an immediate family member living in the same household." (i.e., brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters.) This does not include cousins, nieces, or nephews. Substitute showman shall not participate in showmanship.

7. **ANIMAL HEALTH**

a) HEALTH REQUIREMENTS. According to Texas Animal Health Commission publication 91-35 dated February 25, 1991, rule 5.D.2., livestock and poultry originating in Texas and entering all other shows, fairs, exhibitions (i.e., county and local shows) are exempt from entry permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and testing requirements, except poultry must originate from flocks or hatcheries free from pullorum disease and fowl typhoid or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days before the exhibition. All Doe Goats and Ewe Lambs must have a scrapie tag in place at validation.

b) If any animal requires emergency treatment while on Show Grounds, only a licensed Veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical, or feed additives. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the Official Show Veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. Official show Veterinarian(s) (including contact information) will be posted in the Livestock Office at fair time. **All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor and are due when services are rendered**. If an animal is treated by a licensed veterinarian while at the Show, and the medication administered exceeds 15 days' withdrawal time, the animal(s) will be disqualified and not allowed to be shown. All disqualified animals MUST be immediately removed from the show grounds by the exhibitor. Should a placing animal(s) receive treatment requiring a 15 day or less withdrawal period, the Fort Bend County Fair will feed the animal for the duration of the withdrawal period with a charge to the exhibitor for the feed. The Fort Bend County Fair reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals, or feed additives as described above and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass is condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not change. An exhibitor or any immediate family member of an exhibitor of an animal producing a sample having a quantity of diuretic or un-approved medication of any kind may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Fort Bend County Fair.

8. **ETHICS**

a) Evidence of sharp practice to improve the conformation or appearance of animals is strictly prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.
b) Any tampering with projects entered in the Fort Bend County Fair, along with their associated materials and supplies, will not be tolerated. Any exhibitor found to be tampering with the project of another exhibitor will be subject to immediate disqualification and removal from the Fairgrounds as well as forfeiture of any placings, awards and sales proceeds. Criminal charges could be filed against any person found to be tampering with the project of an exhibitor, based on the totality of the circumstances.

9. **ANIMAL CARE AND SAFETY**

a) STALLING: Division Captains will assign stall/ open space based on Chapter/ Club affiliation as of September 1st of the current year's Fair. Animals must remain in their designated area and are NOT allowed to enter the Carnival or Vendor areas.

b) CARE of ANIMALS: It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals for the duration of the show. Show Management reserves the right to disqualify or remove from the Fairgrounds as well as forfeiture of any placings, awards and sales proceeds any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry.

In accordance with Section 42.09 as defined in the TX Health and Safety code, any exhibitor found in violation may face criminal charges if you are found in violation of the TX Health and Safety code. Section 42.09 "Cruelty to Livestock Animals" of the TX Health and Safety code prohibits a person from intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cruelly treating an animal. The following defines cruel punishment.

1. *Torturing an animal or in a cruel manner kills or causes serious bodily injury to an animal;*
2. *Without the owner's effective consent, kills, administers poison to, or causes serious bodily injury to an animal;*
3. *Fails unreasonably to provide necessary food, water, care, or shelter for an animal in the person's custody;*
4. *Abandons unreasonably an animal in the person's custody;*
5. *Transports or confines animal in the person's custody;*
6. *Without the owner's effective consent, causes bodily injury to an animal;*
7. *Causes one animal to fight with another animal, if either animal is not a dog;*
8. *Uses a live animal as a lure in dog race training or in in dog coursing on a racetrack; or*
9. *Seriously overworks an animal.*

c) Staying overnight on the Fairgrounds is not allowed, except with special written permission from the Livestock Chairman and Fair Manager.

d) Electrical equipment and cords will be used with caution and must comply with, and be used in compliance with, all Federal, State, and Municipal Occupational Safety and Health Regulations. Defective equipment or the overloading of circuits will not be allowed.

e) No animals are to be fed, tied, practiced with, or let loose in the show arena, Picture and/or Residue area at any time. Exercising animals in the arena is at the exhibitor's risk. The FBCFA will not be held liable for injury to any animal or exhibitor exercising during this time.

f) LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS' MUST, IF REQUIRED, FURNISH LIVESTOCK FOR THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST.

g) Exhibitors are prohibited from feeding animals or cleaning feed pans in the wash racks.

h) **Butt fans are prohibited for all species.**

10. **CHECK-IN AND JUDGING**

a) **UNLOADING ONTO FAIRGROUNDS**

i. All poultry will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds no earlier than 30 minutes prior to check-in time as specified in division rules.
ii. All hooved animals may begin to be unloaded no earlier than 2 hours prior to the designated check-in time as specified in division rules.

b) Only scales approved by the Livestock Committee will be allowed on the grounds.

c) CHECK IN: Exhibitors must be present with their animal at their respective check-in. If a substitute is needed, the exhibitor must adhere to rule #6 in the General Rules.

d) No excessive materials of any kind will be allowed on Steers, Lambs, Goats, Pigs (i.e., mud, excessive water, blankets, face guards) at Fair check-in.

e) SIFTING. Any animal or bird that does not meet show health and market standards will be rejected and must be removed from the show. Livestock and Poultry must be clean and near-final grooming stage at check-in time. Poultry and rabbits are sifted as they are checked in. Other livestock can be sifted at check-in and before judging. No excessive materials of any kind (solid or liquid) will be allowed on animals at weigh-in.

f) Show ring dress code for exhibitors and volunteers (excluding Fort Bend County Fair Junior Livestock Volunteers): Button up shirt or blouse with sleeves, slacks/jeans without holes, closed-toed shoes, or boots. No sandals or crocs. Clothing may not contain writing affiliated with 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, along with writing or graphics. **It is not the intent of the Fort Bend County Fair to discriminate against any exhibitor. A request for variance to this rule must be made in writing and will be reviewed by the Livestock Chairman, Co-Chairman and Directors in Charge to determine acceptance.**

g) JUDGES, CLASSIFIERS & HAIR JUDGE

i. Selection of Judges, Classifiers and Hair Judge: Show Management is solely responsible for selecting judges. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations and procedures of the Ft. Bend County Fair.
ii. Judges Decision: The judge's or classifiers decision is final.
iii. Interfering with Judges: An exhibitor or his representative who interferes with or displays disrespect to a judge or classifier could be disqualified or forfeit any monies earned or be subject to other penalties assessed by the Show.

h) SHOWMANSHIP: Exhibitors will be divided into three classes for the purpose of showmanship judging, Juniors (grades 3-5), Intermediates (grades 6-8) and Seniors (grades 9-12). Replacement and scramble heifers, rabbits and poultry will not be divided into separate classes. Exhibitors must exhibit their own animals. All exhibitors will have the opportunity to compete in showmanship. The Captain of the species reserves the right to break the divisions into heats by using their back numbers. For example, evens and odds. The judges' decision will be final for placing purposes.

i) SHOWING AND SELLING: Failure to appear in the arena to show or sell as the number is called automatically eliminates participant. An exception may be made if a substitute showman is approved by the Department Captain.

j) Protests MUST be filed in writing accompanied by a $300 cash deposit to the Fair Manager within eight (8) hours of the incident. After the 8-hour time limit has lapsed, an incident will not be considered. The Fair Board shall serve as arbitrators. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If the protest is overruled, the deposit will become the property of the Fort Bend County Fair. A protest may be made by the Exhibitor, Parent, FFA Advisor, or 4-H Leader. **Harassment of any committee chairman, director, or show official by any exhibitor, parent, FFA advisor, 4-H leader, or any other advocate will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification of the project**

11. **CHECK-OUT – DISPOSITION**

i. No animal of any kind will leave the Fairground Livestock Area from check-in until checkout unless required by Livestock Department and FBCFA. Stock and Poultry releases must be signed by the Division Captain before removal from the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors making the Livestock Auction and the Freezer Sale must appear at checkout on Sunday, **October 4, 2026**. Check out for all livestock and poultry making the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on Sunday, **October 4, 2026**, from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean up their pen/stall/area/tear down one pen of four panels to receive their disposition papers. **Non-placing animals must check out at the posted time and are not allowed back on the premises.**

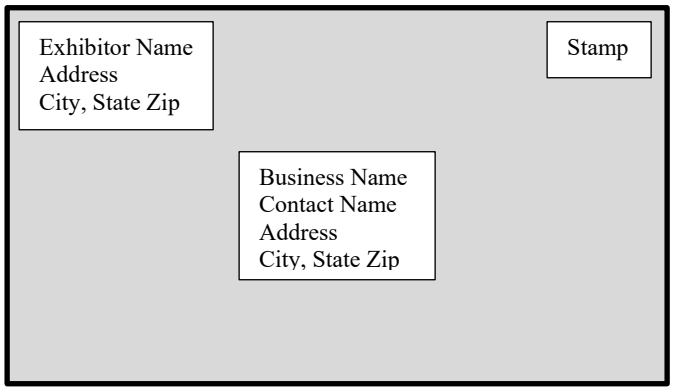
ii. All auction steers, swine, goats, and lambs will be hauled by a hauler contracted by the Livestock Committee of the FBCFA. Fort Bend County Fair is responsible for hauling only these auction animals. Disposition paperwork from Livestock Office is final and only signed written changes from the buyer submitted by 5:00 PM, Saturday after the auction will be acknowledged. The animal will be loaded and sent to where the paperwork is stated, and any changes will have to be handled by the buyer at the buyer's expense. Exhibitors must place their animal on the trailer for their final destination.

iii. Any animal remaining at the Fairgrounds beyond 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 4, 2026, becomes the property of the Fort Bend County Fair Association.

iv. If after slaughter, any animal has been found to be tampered with or altered, the exhibitor will not receive any auction sale money. The exhibitor may also be barred forever from showing at the Fort Bend County Fair.

12. **THANK YOU LETTERS**

a) 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 letters 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 (see below for reference).



b) Auction payments will not be released until Buyer Thank You Letters, Add-On Contributor and Award Donor Thank You Letters, along with required paperwork (signed disposition) are received by Fair Office.

c) Auction checks will be available for pick up in the Fair Office on Tuesday, 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 26th will be available for pick up in the Fair Office during normal business hours ONLY. Checks not processed by January 30, 2027 will be forfeited and the monies will go directly to the Fair Scholarship Fund.

    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 5th 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.

d) CHECKS WILL NOT BE MAILED.

e) 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.

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 MARKET BROILER SHOW

CAPTAIN: Lori Kendall
Co-Captain:

ONLINE ORDER/ENTRY & PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**Thursday, May 21, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
EXPECTED DELIVERY	**Friday, August 21, 2026**	**2 – 5:00 p.m.**
CHECK-IN	**Saturday, September 26, 2026**	**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**
SHOW	**Saturday, September 26, 2026**	**9:00 a.m.**
CHECK-OUT (NON-GRAND & RESERVE)	***Immediately following Broiler Show***	
CHECK-OUT (All Premium & Freezer Sale)	**Sunday, October 04, 2026**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Pen of 3 Broilers – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Broilers – Buckle & Banner
- 1st – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Broiler Showmanship – Buckle

RULES

1. All market broiler entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. For an exhibitor to be eligible for the Fort Bend County Fair Broiler Show, the exhibitor must order their broiler chicks through the Fort Bend County Fair Association. Only wing-banded birds will be allowed to show.

3. **Housing and Leaving the County**

   i. All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county *or not at the designated address* during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.

   ii. Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the **official form at least five (5) business days in advance** to obtain approval from the Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days

   iii. IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

4. All exhibitors must submit their division entry, poultry order and payment ONLINE at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than May 21, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. Entry fees are $50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued. No late orders will be accepted.

5. A minimum of twenty-five (25) chicks per exhibitor MUST be ordered. Additional chicks are to be purchased in lots of twenty-five (25) only. An exhibitor may order a **maximum of 100 chicks.** The broiler chicks will be a straight-run commercial type. A box of chicks will be eligible for the show only. Family orders/tagging will be allowed with each

exhibitor being assigned a set of consecutively numbered chicks. Exhibitors in the family may ONLY exchange WHOLE sets but no intermingling of birds within the sets will be allowed.

6. Broilers MUST be ordered in the name of the exhibitor who plans to show the broilers at the Fort Bend County Fair. All exhibitors must submit an online entry/order and paperwork. Family orders must be submitted through separate online entries/orders and on separate forms with all members listed on each form to be considered a family order.

7. Expected Delivery date will be **Friday, August 21, 2026. Location, delivery date, and time will be confirmed via the email that is on file for the exhibitors.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to verify and ensure all wing bands are accounted for within his/her order, any missing/replacement birds shall be taken care of prior to the exhibitor leaving the pick-up location.

8. The broilers presented to the Judge/Sifter will be the exhibitor's "Official Entry". No alternate at official check-in time.

9. Evidence of tampering with wing bands will not be tolerated. The decision of the Broiler Committee is final.

10. Bruising due to wing bands will be disregarded. The judge's decision is final.

11. Broilers with missing wing bands will not be allowed to show.

12. Sick, diseased, or injured birds shall be refused entry into the arena at the judge's or Captain's discretion.

13. All exhibitors are required to bring two (2) 1 lb. coffee cans for feed and water per entry to be allowed to check-in. NO EXCEPTIONS!

14. Exhibitor is allowed to bring two (2) people to help hold the broilers during the show if needed. Helpers must be FFA or 4-H members from a Chapter/ Club who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the general rules. Chapter/Club affiliation on attire is not allowed in the show arena.

15. One Showmanship award will be given to the exhibitor who has the best presentation of their livestock project – proper handling of birds, following dress code, behavior in the show ring, etc. Showmanship will be judged during the Broiler Show by the Broiler Judge. Only exhibitors showing their own project are eligible for showmanship.

16. **Judge's decision is final.**

17. Only the top two (2) placing pens of broilers will be required to remain in coops throughout the duration of the Fair for display. All others are required to check out immediately following the Broiler Show. If you have the Grand and Reserve Champion birds, they will remain housed during the course of the Fair. During this time, if your birds should expire, they do not need to be replaced while at the Fair, however, you will need to present a bird during the Jr. Livestock Auction.

18. All non-placing Broilers must be removed immediately from the Fairgrounds following the show.

19. If your animal makes the Jr. Livestock Auction or Freezer Sale, you must attend check out on Sunday October 4, 2026, from 7:30am to 10:00am to pick up your disposition papers. This will advise you to whom and where to deliver your processed animal. Be sure to check with the buyer for preference of processing – fresh or processed, frozen and bagged. Exhibitors are responsible for processing their own poultry. Grand and Reserve winners must clean up their pen/stall area to receive their disposition papers.

20. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 BUCKET CALF SHOW

CAPTAIN: Bill Sowa
Co-Captain: Susan Ernest

Online Entry / Paperwork Turn-In Deadline	**May 07, 2026**	**4:00 P.M.**
Mock Tag-In/Scrapbook Pick Up	**May 09, 2026**	**7:00 – 9:30 A.M.**
Scrapbook Due	**September 01, 2026**	**4:00 P.M.**
Check-In	**October 02, 2026**	**5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**
Show	**October 02, 2026**	**begins at 6:30 P.M.**

PURPOSE To teach youth not eligible for a market project the responsibility of raising and caring for a calf.

RULES

1. ***Prior to mock tag-in, exhibitors are required to submit their entry and $20.00 entry fee online at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than May 07, 2026. All paperwork (entry form, and Release of Liability) must be submitted and completed by May 07, 2026. If a late entry form and/or paperwork is turned in and/or completed at mock tag-in, Fort Bend County Fair will access a $10.00 late fee along with the $20.00 entry fee.**

2. **Scrapbooks will be available for pick up on May 09, 2026 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. NO CALVES PRESENT PLEASE.**

3. Open to Fort Bend County youth 5-8 years old, Kindergarten to 2nd grade.

4. Calves must be born between **June 01, and August 01, 2026**. Calves must not weigh over 300 lbs. and be subject to age and weight verification as determined by the Bucket Calf Captain.

5. If you are unable to obtain a calf by **August 15, 2026**, or won't be showing a calf, please contact the Captain, or the Fair Office to let them know you will not be showing a bucket calf.

6. Exhibitors will be allowed to show only one calf. Each exhibitor must have their own calf. **Sharing calves are not allowed.**

7. All calves MUST be on a Bottle Bucket or Bottle. No full-time feeding by a Nurse Cow is allowed.

8. All calves must be halter broke.

9. Calves can be any sex or breed.

10. All bucket calf exhibitors and their calves must check in between 5**:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.**

11. A Grand and Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle will be awarded and the remaining exhibitors will receive a Backpack award.

12. Each Age/Class Group will be determined as of August 15th of each school year. Age Group/Classes will be broken by the following (with the grade being the determination):

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Class A – Kindergarten (5-6 yrs) **Class B** – First Grade (6-7 yrs) **Class C** – Second Grade (7-8 yrs)

13. All Bucket Calf entries are required to turn in a picture book/scrapbook. Winners will be selected for Overall Winners, places 1-3. Winners will receive leather Ribbons. No original pages of the picture book/ scrapbook may be removed or substituted. Only 2 additional pages may be added to the end of the picture book/scrapbook for pictures. Picture pages must have at least 3 pictures per page.

14. Scrapbooks are due by **September 01, 2026**. Any exhibitor failing to turn in a Picture book/Scrapbook will NOT be allowed to show their bucket calf on **October 02, 2026**.

15. Exhibitors are required to keep their stalls clean while animals are on the Fairgrounds. No Hay Allowed.

16. Every animal must comply with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

17. All dairy calves must have animal identification.

18. Read and be familiar with the general rules stated in the General Livestock Rules & Regulations. All decisions of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors are final. All decisions are subject to change by decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of directors without prior notice.

19. <u>All exhibitors are required to turn in an exhibitor Release of Liability with their entry.</u>

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FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 GOAT SHOW

CAPTAIN: Trista Korczynski **Co-Captain: Rene Gutierrez**

ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**Thursday, June 25, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
TAG-IN	**Saturday, June 27, 2026**	**6:30 – 8:30 a.m.**
GOAT UNLOADING	**Thursday, September 24, 2026**	**begins 4:00 p.m.**
CHECK-IN	**Thursday, September 24, 2026**	**7:30 – 8:30pm.**
SHOW	**Friday, September 25, 2026**	**7:00 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT NON-PLACING	**Saturday, September 26, 2026**	**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT	**Sunday, October 04, 2026**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Goat – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Goat – Buckle & Banner
- Class Champion – Banner
- 2nd – 5th – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Division Showmanship – Buckle
- Reserve Division Showmanship – Award

RULES

1. All Meat-Goat entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. ***All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than June 25, 2026. Entry fees are $50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.

All goats must be brought to the Fairgrounds for tagging and tattooing on **June 27, 2026**. Wethers or Nannies may be tagged. Online Entry will only allow the exhibitor to enter one goat online. The exhibitor can still tag-in multiple goats. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring one goat to official check-in at Fair time.

3. All tags, including breeder tags, will be removed at tag-in on June 27, 2026, except SCRAPIE, or Texas State Fair validation tags.

4. Housing and Leaving the County

i. All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county *or not at the designated address* during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.

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ii. Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the **official form at least five (5) business days in advance** to obtain approval from the Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days

iii. **IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.**

5. At check-in at Fair time, goats must weigh no less than 60 pounds and no more than 125 pounds. Goats will be allowed one re-weigh. Goats will have one re-weigh with a three (3) pound (plus or minus) variance given at official check-in at Fair.

6. NO ALTERNATES WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE OFFICIAL FAIR WEIGH-IN.

7. All Market Goats must be dehorned or tipped prior to arrival. If horned, the horns must be tipped (not less than the diameter of a dime at the end). This must be done before they are brought to the Fairgrounds at Fair time. No tipping or dehorning will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.

8. All goats must remain in the goat area of the barn. No animal, once checked in at Fair time, may leave the interior gated premises or go to the carnival/vendor areas. Any animal observed out of the fenced area or goat area (i.e., parking lot) is subject to disqualification.

9. For the safety of the animal, they must remain muzzled at all times while in their pen. Additionally, exhibitors must secure the gate so that it does not come open.

10. Equipment: No trimming/blocking stands, show rails or blow dryers are allowed. Free-standing head stanchions must not block alleys and/or pedestrian traffic.

11. For judging, the Division Captain along with a Director in Charge and Livestock Chairman/Livestock Co-Chairman will assist to determine the number of classes based upon the number of entries at Fair time. Classes will be divided as evenly as possible by weight. The number of animals sold in the Junior Livestock Auction will remain the same.

12. **Judge's decision is final.**

13. An overall Grand & Reserve Champion goat will be selected from the 1st and 2nd place goats from each class. The sale order will be determined in accordance with the Junior Auction rules as outlined in rule #4.

14. Any Breed or Cross Bred Wether or Nanny Goat may be shown. All goats will be judged on their quality as a meat goat.

15. Exhibitor will be responsible for providing his/her own pine shavings.

16. No artificial paints, powders, or coloring may be used on goats. Upon arrival, goats must be sheared with hair no longer than 3/8 inch from the knee up, with exception of the tail switch. Touch-up clipping will be allowed with scissors or battery-powered clippers. **Violation of this rule will subject exhibitors to disqualification.**

17. Showmanship classes will follow rule 10 (h) in the Livestock Department General Rules.

18. The top **fifty (50)** placing goats making the Jr. Livestock Auction must remain in the barn for the duration of the Fair. The release of non-placing goats will be the next day, **September 26, 2026**, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m**. Nonplacing goats must check out at the posted time on September 26, 2026 and are not allowed back on the premises. Goats are not to leave the fairgrounds without proper disposition paperwork.**

19. Check out for all GOATS making the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on **Sunday, October 04, 2026**, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors MUST

attend to clean up their pen/stall/area/tear down one pen or four panels to receive their disposition papers. Exhibitors MUST clean out pens when checking out their goats. **Exhibitors must stay to place their goat on the trailer for their final destination.**

20. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

21. Upon check out Sunday morning, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their stall/pen before being allowed to leave the grounds. Failure to do so will result in a cleaning fee of $150 being deducted from your auction check for each stall/pen not cleaned.

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FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RULES

Captain: Marilyn Thomas **Co-Captain: Trista Korczynski**

REGISTRATION	**Saturday, October 03, 2026**	**7:00 – 7:45 a.m.**
ORIENTATION	**Saturday, October 03, 2026**	**7:45 – 8:00 a.m.**
JUDGING BEGINS	**Saturday, October 03, 2026**	**8:00 a.m.**

RULES

All entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Junior Livestock Judging Contest General Rules and Regulations.

1. Registration will begin at 7:00 am with the Contest beginning at 8:00 am in the George Barn. Contestants may stay near the Livestock Office in the George Barn until instructions are given.

2. Any FFA Chapter or 4-H Club/County may enter. All teams will consist of three (3) or four (4) members. All team members must be from the same FFA Chapter or 4-H County. To be eligible for the Ft. Bend County only awards all entrants must be a member of a Fort Bend County FFA Chapter or 4-H Club, under the supervision of an Agriculture Science Teacher, Fort Bend County Extension Agent or 4-H Leader.

3. The number of Junior or Senior teams and Junior or Senior individuals entering the Livestock Judging Contest will not be limited.

4. Entries will be accepted online through judgingcard.com until September 24, 2026 for $15 per individual or $45 per team. Registration will be available the day of the contest for $20 per individual or $50 per team.

5. Junior team members or individuals must be in the 3rd through 8th grade. Senior team members or individuals must be in the 9th through 12th grade. Junior or Senior Division must be indicated on the entry form. If a team, team member, or individual is entered in the wrong age division, the team will be automatically disqualified. In the individual contest, the individual will be automatically disqualified.

6. Scan sheets will be used and provided by Fort Bend County Fair and all scores will be tabulated by computer. Each contestant will be provided with one scan sheet. Replacement scan sheets will cost $1.00 per sheet. No scan sheets will be replaced after the contest begins.

7. Contestants should use a pencil, and team number provided by the Fort Bend County Fair Association. All contestants are required to correctly fill in their name, team name, team number, and placings. Individuals not adhering to those rules will be disqualified.

8. Market and breeding classes along with question classes may be judged.

9. Each contestant will be allowed 10 minutes per class.

10. There will be NO talking by contestants during the contest. Cellular phones and smart watches are not allowed in the judging area. Violation of this rule will cause the contestant and team to be disqualified.

11. Scores will be on placing and question classes. The tie-breaking class will be decided by the standard deviation (meaning the most consistent throughout the judging) as determined by the computer judging program.

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12. Results and awards will be presented as the tabulation is complete.
    - Jr and Senior Overall Teams: 1st – 5th will receive an award.
    - Jr. and Senior Overall Individuals: 1st place – Belt Buckle, 2nd – 10th award
    - In County Jr. and Senior Teams: 1st place award
    - In County Jr and Senior Individuals: 1st place Belt Buckle, 2nd – 3rd award

    If Teams or Individuals are not present to receive their awards, they will need to pick them up at the Fort Bend County Fair Office. No awards will be mailed.

13. The results that are announced at the completion of the contest are final regardless of any clerical errors or for any other reason.

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FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 LAMB SHOW

CAPTAIN: Rodney Korczynski
Co-Captain:

ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**Thursday, June 25, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
TAG-IN	**Saturday, June 27, 2026**	**6:30 – 8:30 a.m.**
LAMB UNLOADING	**Monday, September 28, 2026**	**begins 4:00 p.m.**
CHECK-IN	**Monday, September 28, 2026**	**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
SHOW	**Tuesday, September 29, 2026**	**6:30 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT NON-PLACING	**Wednesday, September 30, 2026**	**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT PLACING	**Sunday, October 04, 2026**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Lamb – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Lamb – Buckle & Banner
- Class Champion – Banner
- 2nd – 5th – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Division Showmanship – Buckle
- Reserve Division Showmanship – Award

RULES

1. All market Lamb entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. *****All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than June 25, 2026. Entry fees are $50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.**

   All lambs must be brought to Fairgrounds for tagging and tattooing on June 27, 2026. Online Entry will only allow the exhibitor to enter one lamb online. The exhibitor can still tag-in multiple lambs. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring one lamb to official check-in at Fair time.

3. All tags, including breeder tags, will be removed at tag-in on June 27, 2026, except SCRAPIE, major, or Texas State Fair validation tags.

4. **Housing and Leaving the County**
   - **i.** All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county *or not at the designated address* during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.
   - **ii.** Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the **official form at least five (5) business days in advance** to obtain approval

from the Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days

iii. **IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.**

5. Lambs must be wethers or ewes. At check-in at Fair time, lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds. Lambs will be allowed one re-weigh. Lambs will have one re-weigh with a three (3) pound variance given at official check-in at Fair.

6. NO ALTERNATES WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE OFFICIAL FAIR WEIGH-IN.

7. All lambs must remain in the lamb area of the barn. No animal, once checked in at Fair time, may leave the interior gated premises or go to the carnival/vendor areas. Any animal observed out of the fenced area or lamb area (i.e., parking lot) is subject to disqualification.

8. For the safety of the animal, they must remain muzzled at all times while in their pen. Additionally, exhibitors must secure the gate so that it does not come open.

9. Equipment: No trimming/blocking stands, show rails or blow dryers are allowed. Free-standing head stanchions must not block alleys and/or pedestrian traffic.

10. The Division Captain along with a Director in Charge and Livestock Chairman/Livestock Co-Chairman will assist to determine the number of classes based upon the number of entries at Fair time. Classes will be divided as evenly as possible by weight. The number of animals sold in the Junior Livestock Auction will remain the same.

11. Showmanship classes will follow rule 10 (g) in the Livestock Department General Rules.

12. **Judge's decision is final.**

13. Exhibitor will be responsible for providing his/her own pine shavings.

14. NO ARTIFICIAL COLORS OR ADDITIVES ARE TO BE USED ON SHEEP. Lambs must be slick shorn prior to arrival, no more than ¼ inch. Touch-up clipping will be allowed with scissors or battery-powered clippers. **Violation of this rule will subject the exhibitor to disqualification.**

15. The top **fifty (50)** placing lambs making the Jr. Livestock Auction must remain in the barn for the duration of the Fair. The release of non-placing lambs will be the next day, **September 30, 2026**, from 7:00 p.m. to 8p.m**. Non-placing lambs must check out at the posted time on September 30, 2026 and are not allowed back on the premises. Lambs are not to leave the fairgrounds without proper disposition paperwork.**

16. Check out for all LAMBS making the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on Sunday, October 04, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean up their pen/stall/area/tear down one pen or four panels to receive their disposition papers. Exhibitors MUST clean out pens when checking out their lamb. Exhibitors must place their animal on the trailer for their final destination.

17. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

18. Upon check out Sunday morning, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their stall/pen before being allowed to leave the grounds. Failure to do so will result in a cleaning fee of $150 being deducted from your auction check for each stall/pen not cleaned.

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FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 RABBIT SHOW

CAPTAIN: Sherry Stammann
Co-Captain: Megan Boyd

BREED DATE	**June 11, 2026 (for approximate 75-day old bunnies at showtime)**	
ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**August 06, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
TATTOO DATE	**August 25, 2026**	**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
CHECK-IN & SIFT	**Friday, September 25, 2026**	**6:30-7:30 a.m.**
SHOW	**Friday, September 25, 2026**	**8:00 a.m.**
CHECK-OUT (NON-GRAND & RESERVE)	***Immediately following Rabbit Show***	
CHECK-OUT (Premium & Freezer Sale)	**Sunday, October 04, 2026**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits – Buckle & Banner
- 1st – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Rabbit Showmanship – Buckle

RULES

1. All Meat Pen Rabbits are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules & Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. This is a Meat Pen Rabbit Show. Toenails and teeth will be disregarded. Bunnies must meet the weight requirement to show. This is **NOT** an ARBA-sanctioned show.

3. **Housing and Leaving the County**
   - **i.** All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county *or not at the designated address* during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.
   - **ii.** Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the **official form at least five (5) business days in advance** to obtain approval from the Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days.
   - **iii. IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY**

4. All meat pen Rabbits may be either kindled & raised by the exhibitor or purchased from a breeder. Exhibitors purchasing Rabbits from a breeder must buy and **take possession** of the Rabbits prior to the Tattoo date. All Meat Pen Rabbits must be the legal property of the exhibitor.

5. The Official start date of the meat pen Rabbit project will be the designated Tattoo date. Exhibitors must own and be caring for their Rabbits at this time and throughout the feeding period. The feeding period ends upon check-out from the show. Exhibitors are to care for their own Rabbits at the show. **DO NOT** feed and water any other exhibitor's Rabbits. If an exhibitor needs someone other than an immediate family member to feed and water their Rabbits at the show, a written request must be given to the Rabbit Captain for approval. If approval is granted, **ONLY** Rabbits stated in the request will be allowed to be fed by someone other than the immediate family. If approved, a copy of the

approved request will be on file in Livestock Office.

6. ***All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE** at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than **August 06, 2026 by 4:00 p.m**. Entry fees are $50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued. The Fort Bend County Fair Rabbit Committee will tattoo all eligible bunnies on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m**. The tattooing will be held at the Fairgrounds in Building B. Tattooing establishes animal eligibility for individual and/or family tag-in. Rabbits with incorrect, altered, or no tattoos will be eliminated at the official Fair check-in.

7. The date of the tattoo, August 25th, is the official starting date of the project. **An exhibitor may tattoo a maximum of 25 bunnies. Family Orders/Tagging will be allowed with each exhibitor being assigned a set of consecutively numbered bunnies. Exhibitors in the family may exchange sets but no intermingling of bunnies within the sets will be allowed.**

8. Meat pen will consist of three (3) Rabbits, all of the same breed & variety. Eligible breeds are Californian, Palomino, Rex, Satin, and New Zealand. **NO CROSS BREEDS** are allowed. The **suggested** age limit is approximately 75-days old at showtime. The weight limits are five and one-half (5 ½) pounds maximum and three and one-half (3½) pound minimum for each Rabbit.

9. **At Check-in & sift time at the Fair, Rabbits will have one (1) weigh per Rabbit, with a one (1) ounce variance given. The scales will be certified at Fair time.**

10. All Rabbits must be weighed by a member of the FBCFA Livestock Weight Committee in the presence of the Judge. If any, one (1) rabbit in the pen weighs more than the maximum allowable weight or less than the minimum allowable weight, the entire pen is disqualified. If any, one rabbit is deemed "unhealthy" or is disqualified by the Judge, the entire pen is disqualified.

11. The Rabbits presented to the FBCFA Livestock Weight Committee members, and the Judge will be the exhibitor's "Official Entry". **NO ALTERNATES** ARE **ALLOWED AT OFFICIAL CHECK-IN TIME.**

12. Showmanship will be announced after the conclusion of the rabbit show by the rabbit judge. Only exhibitors showing their own projects are eligible for showmanship. One showmanship award will be given to the exhibitor who has the best presentation of their project, proper handling of their one rabbit, following dress code, and answers the judge's questions.

13. **The Judge's decision is final.**

14. Only the top **two (2)** pens of Rabbits will be required to remain in coops throughout the duration of the Fair for display. All others are required to check out immediately following the Rabbit show.

15. Exhibitor is to furnish his/her own water & feed "crock-type" containers and is responsible for providing feed and water for their Rabbits throughout the duration of the Fair. No outside hanging containers are allowed.

16. If your animal makes the Jr. Livestock Auction or Freezer Sale, you must attend check out on **Sunday October 04, 2026, from 7:30am to 10:00am** to pick up your disposition papers. This will advise you to whom and where to deliver your processed animal. Be sure to check with the buyer for preference of processing – fresh or processed, frozen and bagged. Exhibitors are responsible for processing their own rabbits. Grand and Reserve winners must clean up their pen/stall area to receive their disposition papers.

17. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

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FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 REPLACEMENT HALTER HEIFER SHOW

CAPTAIN: Rachel Thomas
Co-Captain: Ty Thomas

ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**May 07, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
HALTER HEIFER TAG-IN	**May 09, 2026**	**7:00 – 9:30 a.m.**
VETERINARIAN PREGNANCY VERIFICATION STATEMENT	**Due at fair check-in, dated no earlier than Aug. 29, 2026**	
RECORD BOOK TURN-IN	**September 01, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
HEIFER UNLOADING	**September 24, 2026**	**begins 4:00 p.m.**
HALTER HEIFER CHECK-IN	**September 24, 2026**	**5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**
HALTER HEIFER JUDGING	**September 25, 2026**	**Upon Completion of Pen of Two Heifer Judging, which begins at 8:00 a.m.**
SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING	**Upon completion of Halter Heifer Judging**	
REPLACEMENT HEIFER SALE	**September 26, 2026**	**1:00 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT /ALL CLASSES	**September 27, 2026**	**7:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Replacement Halter Heifer – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Replacement Halter Heifer – Buckle & Banner
- American Division Champion – Banner
- American Division Reserve Champion – Banner
- AOB Division Champion – Banner
- AOB Division Reserve Champion - Banner
- Class Champion – Banner
- 2nd – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Division Showmanship – Buckle
- Reserve Division Showmanship – Award
- First Place Record Book – $100 Cash Voucher
- Second Place Record Book - $75.00 Cash Voucher

RULES

1. The entries and awards in this department are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. **Housing and Leaving the County**

   a) All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county *or not at the designated address* during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.

   b) Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the **official form at least five (5) business days in advance** to obtain approval from the

Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days

c) **IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.**

3. ***All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE** at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than **May 07, 2026.** Entry fees are $50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.

   All heifers will be officially entered, ear-tagged for identification, and aged on **Saturday, May 09, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds – Barn H. Online Entry will only allow the exhibitor to enter one halter heifer online. The exhibitor can still tag-in 3 halter heifers, with 2 being eligible to show at the Fair.

   a. Date of Birth for the Heifer must be turned in online at the time of the online entry. Date of Birth must match breeder certification.

4. A signed statement from the breeder as to the age, date of purchase of heifer must be presented at the tag in on **Saturday, May 09, 2026**. Breeder tags must be removed or will be removed by the committee at tag-in.

5. An exhibitor may tag-in the following on **May 09, 2026**: 1 - Class 1 pen of two or three heifers, with two being eligible to show in the Fair, 1 – Class 2 pen of two or three heifers, with 2 being eligible to show in the Fair, 3 Halter Heifers, with 2 being eligible to show at the Fair. Family tag-in is acceptable and must be indicated on the entry form. Only one lot exhibited may be eligible for the Replacement Heifer Auction. Heifers must be at least eight (8) months old and no older than twenty-three (23) months at the time of tag in. Those not meeting these requirements will not be tagged.

6. All Halter Heifers must be halter broken prior to exhibiting at the Fair.

7. All Halter Heifers **20 months** and older must be safe in calf in order to check-in and sell, but not have calved by **Thursday, September 24, 2026**. Exhibitors must have a veterinarian statement at the time of check-in for verification. This statement must be dated no earlier than 30 days prior to check-in. Heifers must 12 months at show time.

   The Halter Heifer Division will be broken into classes at tag-in as follows:

CLASS 100 – American	**12 – 19 months**
CLASS 101 – American	**20 – 27 months**
CLASS 102 – AOB	**12 – 19 months**
CLASS 103 – AOB	**20 – 27 months**

   Classifiers will be at check-in on September 24, 2026, to determine American or AOB

   American Characteristics are as follows:

   Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

   - Any color patterns
   - Progression of importance to include Bos Indicus head, eye, and head of moderate length, slightly dropping and opens forward and down
   - Crest or slick neck
   - Sheath score of 2 or more

   Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

   - Bos Taurus head
   - Bos Taurus short ear

- Bos Taurus eye
- Sheath score of 1

AOB:

- Any heifer not included in the American category

8. All Replacement Heifers may be subject to having teeth checked to verify age by the Fair Veterinarian.

9. Any heifer calving prior to check-in, **Thursday, September 24, 2026,** will be ineligible to show in the Replacement Heifer Show.

10. Any heifer that gets away from the exhibitor more than two (2) times will be tied to the rail and judged from there. In the event a loose, unmanageable heifer cannot be caught by Show Officials in a reasonable amount of time, will be guided to a holding area and judged from there. All show ring rules will apply to the holding area. The heifer will not be returned to the arena for any reason. The judge will be informed of Show Officials' decision and asked to continue to judge the heifer while in the holding area. As such, the exhibitor will not be eligible for Showmanship.

11. This will be a Blow and Go Show.

12. Showmanship will be held immediately after judging. Halter Heifer exhibitors will be divided into three classes for the purpose of showmanship judging: Junior (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), and Senior (Grades 9-12).

13. An information form will be provided for all Replacement Heifer exhibitors. All exhibitors **MUST** fill out the form and turn it in at check-in. The pregnancy status will be updated on this form at the time of check-in, with verification of the vet statement. If the form is not turned in at check-in, the exhibitor will be ineligible to SHOW at the Replacement Heifer Show.

    The Vet Statement date will be used to determine the age of the unborn calf for auction.

14. **Judge's decision is final.**

15. Overall placing will be determined by the percentage of heifers in each class.

16. Check-out for ALL REPLACEMENT HEIFERS will be on **Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m**. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean pens and/or stalls before receiving the release form.

17. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

MEMO: Heifers DO NOT have to be purchased within Fort Bend County.

18. Record books MUST be turned in by Tuesday, September 01, 2026. Record books will be forwarded to a judge prior to the Fair to be judged. Any exhibitor not turning in a record book will be ineligible to show at the Fort Bend County Fair. Record Book forms will be available at tag-in.

19. Any exhibitor showing more than one (1) Replacement Halter Heifer, must submit a substitution showman form prior to the first day of the fair. This form must be completed according to Livestock General Rule 6.

20. Upon check out Sunday morning, following the Heifer auction, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their stall/pen before being allowed to leave the grounds. Failure to do so will result in a cleaning fee of $150 being deducted from your auction check for each stall/pen not cleaned.

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 REPLACEMENT PEN OF TWO HEIFER SHOW

CAPTAIN: Marilyn Thomas
Co-Captain: Tanner Thomas

DIVISIONS

Class 1 – Open Class of Crossbred Pens of Two, 12-17 months (Born between April 2025-September 2025) Certified Open

Class 2 – Class of Crossbred Pens of Two, 18-27 months (Born between June 2024-March 2025) Certified Safe with Calf

ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**May 07, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
PEN OF TWO TAG-IN	**May 09, 2026**	**7:00 – 9:30 a.m.**
VETERINARIAN PREGNANCY VERIFICATION STATEMENT	**Due at fair check-in, dated no earlier than Aug. 29, 2026**	
RECORD BOOK TURN-IN	**September 01, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**

HEIFER SET-UP **Wednesday, September 23, 2026** **5-6:30pm**

MANDATORY – TURN IN Vet Certification paper AND Set-Up pens with water, feed & hay

HEIFER UNLOADING	**September 24, 2026**	**3:30-5:00pm**
PEN OF TWO CHECK-IN	**September 24, 2026**	**3:30-5:00pm**
PEN OF TWO JUDGING – Cattle Judging Only	**September 24, 2026**	**5:30pm**
PEN OF TWO JUDGING – Interview	**September 25, 2026**	**9am**
REPLACEMENT HEIFER SALE	**September 26, 2026**	**1:00 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT /ALL CLASSES	**September 27, 2026**	**7:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Replacement Pen of Two – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Replacement Pen of Two – Buckle & Banner
- Class 1 Open Champion Replacement Heifers – Award
- Class 1 Open Reserve Champion Replacement Heifers – Award
- Class 2 Bred Champion Replacement Heifers – Award
- Class 2 Bred Reserve Champion Replacement Heifers - Award
- 3rd – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Pen of Two Senior Showmanship (grade 9-12)– Buckle
- Reserve Champion Pen of Two Senior Showmanship (grade 9-12) – Award
- Champion Pen of Two Junior Showmanship (grade 3-8) – Buckle
- Reserve Champion Pen of Two Junior Showmanship (grade 3-8) - Award

RULES

1. The entries and awards in this department are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

2. **Housing and Leaving the County**

   a) All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county or not at the designated address during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.
   b) Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the official form at least five (5) business days in advance to obtain approval from the Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days
   c) IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

3. ***All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE** at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than **May 07, 2026.** Entry fees are $50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.

   All heifers will be officially entered, ear-tagged for identification, and aged on **Saturday, May 09, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds – Barn H. Online Entry will only allow the exhibitor to enter one halter heifer online. The exhibitor can still tag-in 3 halter heifers, with 2 being eligible to show at the Fair.

   a. Date of Birth for the Heifer must be turned in online at the time of the online entry. Date of Birth must match breeder certification.

4. A signed statement from the breeder as to the age, date of purchase of heifer must be presented at the tag in on **Saturday, May 09, 2026**. Breeder tags must be removed or will be removed by the committee at tag-in.

5. An exhibitor may tag in the following on **Saturday, May 09, 2026**: 1 - Class 1 pen of two or three heifers, with two being eligible to show in the Fair, 1 – Class 2 pen of two or three heifers, with 2 being eligible to show in the Fair, 3 Halter Heifers, with 2 being eligible to show at the Fair. Family tag-in is acceptable and must be indicated on the entry form. Only one lot exhibited may be eligible for the Replacement Heifer Auction.

6. **Cattle will be judged Thursday, September 24, 2026 with only show personnel present beginning at 5:30pm. Exhibitors must be present by 9am for the Interview process Friday, September 25, 2026. Awards will be announced at the completion of the interview process.**

7. Record books MUST be turned in by **Tuesday, September 01, 2026**. Record books will be forwarded to a judge prior to the Fair to be judged. Any exhibitor not turning in a record book will be ineligible to show at the Fort Bend County Fair. Record Book forms will be available at tag-in.

8. **All Heifers in Class 1 (12-17 months) must be OPEN in order to check in and sell. All Heifers in Class 2 (18-27 months) must be safe in calf in order to check in and sell, but not have calved by Thursday, September 24, 2026. The exhibitor must have a veterinarian statement at the time of check in for verification. This statement must be dated no earlier than 30 days prior to check in. On Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 5-6:30pm, it is MANDATORY THAT THE EXHIBITOR turn in the veterinarian statement, and set-up their pens with water, feed and hay.**

9. **When unloading on Thursday, heifers must be grouped by tag ID in order to unload.**

10. All Replacement Heifers may be subject to having teeth checked to verify age by the Fair Veterinarian.

11. Any heifer calving prior to check-in, **Thursday, September 24, 2026,** will be ineligible to show in the Replacement Heifer Show.

12. Only Show Officials will be allowed to assist exhibitors during sifting or judging.

13. An information sale form will be provided for all Replacement Heifer exhibitors. All exhibitors MUST fill out the form and LEAVE IT IN THE BACK OF THE RECORD BOOK. The pregnancy status will be updated on this form at the time of check-in, with verification of the vet statement. If the form is not turned in at check-in, the exhibitor will be ineligible to SHOW at the Replacement Heifer Show.

    The Vet Statement date will be used to determine the age of the unborn calf for auction.

14. **Judge's decision is final.**

15. Overall placing will be determined by the percentage of heifers in each class.

16. Check-out for ALL REPLACEMENT HEIFERS will be on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean pens and/or stalls before receiving the release form. Upon check out Sunday morning, following the heifer auction, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their stall/pen before being allowed to leave the grounds. Failure to do so will result in a cleaning fee of $150 being deducted from your auction check for each stall/pen not cleaned.

17. **Judging of Heifers –**

    Judging of heifers will be based on the following scoring system and criteria:

Cattle Scoring	**65 points**
1. Quality, Conformation and Condition	20 points
2. Structural Soundness	15 points
3. Frame Size for Age	10 points
4. Reproductive Soundness	10 points
5. Temperament/ Docility	5 points
6. Uniformity	5 points

    Heifers will be judged in their pens by a set of judges. Scores will be tallied by the judges and checked by the Chairman.

    In the event of a tie, the judges will break the tie.

18. **Judging of Showmanship –**

    Exhibitors will be divided into two divisions for Showmanship.
    Junior Division (3rd-8th grade)
    Senior Division (9th-12th grade)

    Showmanship placing will be determined by the point total of record books and oral interview combined in both Junior and Senior divisions.

Showmanship Scoring	**35 points**
1. Record Book	15 points
2. Oral Interview	20 points

    3. There will be a Junior and Senior Showmanship Award, along with honorable mention of the top five.

4. In the event of a tie, the higher interview score will win.

REPLACEMENT HEIFER FAMILY TAG RULE CLARIFICATION

Family tag is acceptable but must be indicated on the entry form. Tag # is the Pen #. Family tag exhibitors may swap pen shown but tag/pen #s may not be mixed. ***Ex:*** Joe has heifers with ear tags #119 (A, B, C) & his sister Jane has ear tags #120 (A, B, C). Joe can swap with Jane and show tags #120 (A, B, C) and Jane show #119 (A, B, C), BUT tag #s 119 and 120 cannot be mixed. If Joe and Jane each tag 3 heifers and at Fair time Joe's heifers are all bred but only one of Jane's heifers is bred, Jane cannot use Joe's extra heifer to replace her unbred heifer.

MEMO: Heifers DO NOT have to be purchased within Fort Bend County.

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

2026 FAIR VETERINARIANS' STATEMENT

Exhibitor Name:_____

Club:_____

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING HEIFER(S) ARE SAFE IN CALF:

TAG #_____ MONTHS BRED:_____

TAG #_____ MONTHS BRED:_____

TAG #_____ MONTHS BRED:_____

VETERINARIAN NAME: _____

_____ _____

SIGNATURE DATE

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

2026 FAIR VETERINARIANS' STATEMENT

Exhibitor Name:_____

Club:_____

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING HEIFER(S) ARE OPEN:

TAG #_____

TAG #_____

TAG #_____

VETERINARIAN NAME: _____

_____ _____

SIGNATURE DATE

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 MARKET ROASTER SHOW

CAPTAIN: Sandra Black
Co-Captain: Alan Black

ONLINE ORDER/ENTRY & PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**Thursday, May 21, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
EXPECTED DELIVERY	**Friday, August 07, 2026**	**2 – 5:00 p.m**
CHECK-IN	**Monday, September 28, 2026**	**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
SHOW	**Monday, September 28, 2026**	**8:00 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT (NON-GRAND & RESERVE)	***Immediately following Roaster Show***	
CHECK-OUT (All Premium & Freezer Sale)	**Sunday, October 04, 2026**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Roaster – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Roaster – Buckle & Banner
- 1st – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Roaster Showmanship – Buckle

RULES

1. All market Roaster entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. For an exhibitor to be eligible for the Fort Bend County Fair Roaster Show, the exhibitor must order their roaster chicks through the Fort Bend County Fair Association. Only wing-banded birds will be allowed to show.

3. **Housing and Leaving the County**

   a) All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county or not at the designated address during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.

   b) Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the official form at least five (5) business days in advance to obtain approval from the Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days

   c) IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

4. ***All exhibitors must submit their division entries, poultry order and payment ONLINE** at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than May 21, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. Entry fees are $50 per division. **Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.** No late orders will be accepted.

5. A minimum of twenty-five (25) chicks per exhibitor MUST be ordered. Additional chicks to be purchased in lots of twenty-five (25) only. An exhibitor may order a **maximum of 75 chicks**. The roaster chicks will be a straight-run

commercial type. A box of chicks will be eligible for the roaster show only. Family Orders/Tagging will be allowed with each exhibitor being assigned a set of consecutively numbered chicks. Exhibitors in the family may ONLY exchange WHOLE sets but no intermingling of birds within the sets will be allowed.

6. Roasters **MUST** be ordered in the name of the exhibitor who plans to show the roaster at the Fort Bend County Fair. All exhibitors must submit an online entry/order and paperwork. Family orders must be submitted through separate online entries/orders and on separate forms with all members listed on each form to be considered a family order.

7. Expected Delivery date will be **Friday, August 07, 2026. Location, delivery date, and time will be confirmed via email that is on file for the exhibitors.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to verify and ensure all wing bands are accounted for within his/her order, any missing/replacement birds shall be taken care of prior to the exhibitor leaving the pick-up location.

8. The roaster presented to the Judge/Sifter will be the exhibitor's "Official Entry". No alternate at official check-in time.

9. Evidence of tampering with wing bands will not be tolerated. The decision of the Roaster Committee is final.

10. Bruising due to wing bands will be disregarded. The judge's decision is final.

11. Roasters with missing wing bands will not be allowed to show.

12. Sick, diseased, or injured birds shall be refused entry into the arena at the judge's or Captain's discretion.

13. All exhibitors are required to bring two (2) 1 lb. coffee cans for feed and water per entry to be allowed to check-in. NO EXCEPTIONS!

14. Exhibitor is allowed to bring one (1) person to help hold the broilers during the show if needed. Helpers must be FFA or 4-H members from a Chapter/ Club who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the general rules. Chapter/Club affiliation on attire is not allowed in the show arena.

15. One Showmanship award will be given to the exhibitor who has the best presentation of their livestock project – proper handling of birds, following dress code, behavior in the show ring, etc. Showmanship will be judged during the Roaster Show by the Roaster Judge. Only exhibitors showing their own projects are eligible for showmanship.

16. **Judge's decision is final.**

17. Only the top two (2) roasters will be required to remain in coops throughout the duration of the Fair for display. All others are required to check out immediately following the Roaster Show. If you have the Grand and Reserve Champion bird, they will remain housed during the course of the Fair. During this time, if your birds should expire, they do not need to be replaced while at the Fair, however, you will need to present a bird during the Jr. Livestock Auction.

18. Any sifted, alternate, and non-sale birds must be removed from the Fairgrounds within one hour following the end of judging.

19. If your animal makes the Jr. Livestock Auction or Freezer Sale, you must attend check out on **Sunday October 04, 2026, from 7:30am to 10:00am** to pick up your disposition papers. This will advise you to whom and where to deliver your processed animal. Be sure to check with the buyer for preference of processing – fresh or processed, frozen and bagged. Exhibitors are responsible for processing their own poultry. Grand and Reserve winners must clean up their pen/stall area to receive their disposition papers.

20. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 SCRAMBLE HEIFER SHOW

CAPTAIN: Beth Gresso
CO-CAPTAIN: Sherry Stammann

ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**Thursday, May 07, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
RECORD BOOK TURN IN	**Tuesday, September 01, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
HEIFER UNLOADING	**Sunday, September 27, 2026**	**begins 10:30 a.m.**
CHECK-IN	**Sunday, September 27, 2026**	**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**
REGISTRATION PAPERS WILL be checked and tattoo/brand verified at CHECK IN		
SHOW	**Wednesday, September 30, 2026**	**7:00 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT	**Sunday, October 04, 2026**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

2026 SCRAMBLE HEIFERS

- Scramble Heifers will be shown in a three-breed format.
- There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.
- Calving Dates: January 1 – December 31, 2025
- Heifer must be purchased by May 7, 2026

BREEDS

American	*British*	*Exotic*
Brahman	Angus	Charolais
Brangus	Shorthorn	Limousin
Santa Gertrudis	Red Angus	Maine-Anjou
Simbrah	Hereford	Simmental
Beefmaster	Polled Hereford	Chianina
Red Brangus	Other Recognized	Other Registered Breeds
Texas Longhorn	British Breeds	
American Registered Breeds		

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Scramble Heifer – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Scramble Heifer – Buckle & Banner
- Champion Breed Division Scramble Heifer – Banner
- Reserve Champion Breed Division Scramble Heifer – Banner
- Class Champion Banner, 2nd-5th Leather Ribbons
- Champion Scramble Heifer Showmanship – Buckle
- Reserve Champion Scramble Heifer Showmanship – Award
- First Place Record Book – $250 Cash Voucher
- Second Place Record Book – $150 Cash Voucher
- Third Place Record Book – $100 Cash Voucher
- Fourth Place Record Book – $50 Cash Voucher
- Fifth Place Record Book – $25 Cash Voucher

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

RULES:

1. This show is subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. There is no entry fee for the Scramble Heifer Show.

3. **All heifer registration papers and tattoo/brand will be verified for show by show officials.**

4. The Scramble Heifer Show will be a "Blow and Go Show". No grooming materials of any kind will be allowed at showtime.

5. There will only be one Showmanship Class for all the Scramble Heifer exhibitors. Exhibitors called back for Showmanship must show their own project (animal) – no substitute project (animal) allowed.

6. All Heifers must be secured with a neck rope at ALL times.

7. Your Scramble Heifer is not eligible for the Jr. Market Livestock Auction or the Commercial Heifer Auction.

8. **Judge's decision is final.**

9. Pine shavings will be provided by the Fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring extra bedding for their stalls. Turf is NOT allowed in the cattle barn.

10. Scramble Stalls
    - All scramble heifers will be stalled in the designated Calf Scramble Area
    - Heifer(s) are stalled by club/chapter
    - Side panels, hanging fans, and showboxes are allowed within your assigned area
    - All decorations must be tasteful and non-offensive. A sign no higher than 8' off the floor and no wider than 4' may be hung in the stall.
    - The Fair will provide you with a laminated sign which must be displayed on your display or stall. Please attach so that your heifer cannot eat the sign.
    - Exhibitors are responsible for keeping the animals, their stalls and the walkway clean at all times
    - A buckle will be awarded for the Top Herdsman:
        - Stall is always clean and free of wet shavings and muck
        - Heifer is always clean, groomed and free of stuck-on muck
        - A decorative stall display is hung that highlights the exhibitor and the heifer
        - Exhibitor keeps the walkway near their stall clean and swept

11. Scramble Heifer exhibitors must prepare a monthly report on their projects. The report should include expenses and updates on your heifer's progress. Reports are due in the Fort Bend County Fair Association Office by the 5th of each month. You are also required to send a copy to your sponsor and Agricultural Science Teacher or County Extension Agent. Please remember without our sponsors this program won't be possible.

12. Each exhibitor is required to submit a record book (with required documentation) and essay titled, "My Calf Scramble Project" with a minimum of 250 words. Record book and essay are due on September 01, 2026 at the Fair office. Exhibitors failing to remit the record book and essay by the due date will not be eligible to show and may be required to reimburse their scramble monies.

13. Check-out time is **Sunday, October 04, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** There will be no early check-out.

14. All decisions are subject to change by decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 STEER SHOW

CAPTAIN: Dustin Black
Co-Captain:

ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**Thursday, March 26, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
TAG-IN	**Monday, March 30, 2026**	**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
STEER UNLOADING	**Thursday, September 24, 2026**	**begins 3:30 p.m.**
CHECK–IN/CLASSIFY	**Thursday, September 24, 2026**	**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**
SHOW	**Saturday, September 26, 2026**	**6:30 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT	**Sunday, October 04, 2026**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

TWO DIVISIONS OF STEERS TO BE SHOWN

- **American**
- **AOB**

AWARDS

- Overall Grand Champion Steer – Buckle & Banner
- Overall Reserve Champion Steer – Buckle & Banner
- Division Champion Steer – Banner
- Division Reserve Champion Steer – Banner
- Class Champions – Banner
- 2nd – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Division Showmanship – Buckle
- Reserve Division Showmanship - Award
- Best Gaining Steer – Award will be awarded to the exhibitor whose steer has the best overall weight gain from the official tag-in date, March 30, 2026, to the weigh-in date, September 24, 2026.

RULES

1. All Steer Show entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. ***All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE** at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than **March 26, 2026.** Entry fees are $50 per division. **Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.** All steers must be tagged in for entry and weighed on Monday, **March 30, 2026**, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Barn H between the hours of **5:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm.** Online Entry will only allow the exhibitor to enter one steer online. The exhibitor can still tag-in multiple steers. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring one steer to official check-in at Fair time. NO ALTERNATES WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE OFFICIAL FAIR WEIGH-IN.

3. No steer may possess any other tag(s) at tag-in or Fair time other than major show validation tag or Texas State Fair validation tag. Breeder tags must be removed or will be removed by the committee.

Approved by Board 12/11/2025

4. **Housing and Leaving the County**

    a) All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county or not at the designated address during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.
    b) Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the official form at least five (5) business days in advance to obtain approval from the Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days
    c) IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

4. All steers must remain in the steer area of the barn. No animal, once checked in at Fair time, may leave the interior gated premises or go to the carnival/vendor areas. Any animal observed out of the fenced area or steer area (i.e., parking lot) is subject to disqualification.

5. Any steer that gets away from the exhibitor more than two (2) times will be tied to the rail and judged from there. In the event that a loose, unmanageable steer cannot be caught by Show Officials in a reasonable amount of time, the steer will be guided to a holding area and judged from the holding area. All show ring rules will apply to the holding area. The steer will not be returned to the arena for any reason. The judge will be informed of Show Officials' decision and asked to continue to judge the steer while in the holding area. As such, the exhibitor will not be eligible for Showmanship.

6. No fans will be allowed on steers anywhere outside of the 6-foot head panels. The only fans allowed are hanging front, side, and rear fans. Not allowed includes butt fans on stands in the aisles and NO personal port-a-coolers

7. Steers will be shown in two division classifications:

AMERICAN

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Any color patterns
- Progression of importance to include Bos indicus head, eye, and ear of moderate length, slightly dropping and opens forward and down
- Crest or slick neck
- Sheath score of 2 or more

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Bos Taurus head
- Bos Taurus short ear
- Bos Taurus eye
- Sheath score of 1

Absolute Disqualifications:

- A combination of Bos Taurus head, eye, and ear characteristics

AOB Any steer not included in American

8. Steers will be classified at the Fair by the official classifiers of the Ft. Bend County Fair. Judgement of breed classifier(s) is final and not subject to protest.

9. Any steer not classified in the American Division will automatically go to the AOB Division.

10. Judging and sale order will be as follows for the 2026 Steer Show: There will be one overall Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Steer. The two (2) division champions will compete for the overall Grand Champion steer of the show. The reserve division champions are required to be brought into the show arena. After the Grand Champion has been selected, the Reserve division champion of the breed that furnished the Grand Champion competes with the remaining division champions for Reserve Grand Champion. Show order for 2026 shall be AOB, American. The sale order will be determined in accordance with the Junior Auction rules as outlined in rule #4.

11. Steers will be judged by division classification and for the purpose of judging may be divided into weight classes as determined by the Steer Captain along with a Director in Charge and Livestock Chairman/Livestock Co-Chairman. **The minimum show weight at Fair Check-in is 1000 pounds.**

12. Showmanship classes will follow rule 10 (h) in the Livestock Department General Rules.

13. No change of the color pattern of the animal by painting or dying will be allowed.

14. The 2026 show will be a Slick Shorn show. All steers will not have any hair length longer than ¼" on any part of the body, other than the center of the tail down. If any exhibitor's steer is found to have excessive hair by the steer officials of the Fort Bend County Fair Association, the exhibitor will be disqualified and asked to remove their steer from the grounds one hour after check-in. An exhibitor will not be allowed to protest a hair length disqualification.

There will not be any "touching up" after the steer has **started the check in process and will not be allowed to return to the weigh-in area.**

15. **The Judge's decision is final, including classifiers and hair judge.**

16. Touch-up clipping will only be permitted prior to weigh-in.

17. Exhibitors must furnish their own shavings.

18. All steers must be secured with a neck rope and halter when tied in a stall. A rope halter cannot be a slide ring rope halter. It must be a full rope halter.

19. No grooming material of any kind is allowed at showtime.

20. The top **forty-two (42)** placing steers making the Jr. Livestock Auction must remain in the barn for the duration of the Fair. The release of non-placing steers will be the next day, **September 27, 2026**, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30p.m**. Non-placing steers must check out at the posted time on September 27, 2026 and are not allowed back on the premises. Steers are not to leave the fairgrounds without proper disposition paperwork.**

21. Check out for all Steers making the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on **Sunday, October 04, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean up their pen/stall/area to receive their disposition papers.

22. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

23. Upon check out Sunday morning, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their stall/pen before being allowed to leave the grounds. Failure to do so will result in a cleaning fee of $150 being deducted from your auction check for each stall/pen not cleaned.

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FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 MARKET SWINE SHOW

CAPTAIN: Chad Hanson
Co-Captain: Trista Korczynski

ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**Thursday, June 25, 2026**	**4:00 p.m.**
TAG-IN	**Saturday, June 27, 2026**	**6:30 – 8:30 a.m.**
UNLOADING	**Saturday, September 26, 2026**	**6:00 – 8:00 a.m.**
CHECK-IN & WEIGH	**Saturday, September 26, 2026**	**8:00 a.m. – Call Time**
SHOW	**Sunday, September 27, 2026**	**2:00 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT/NON-PLACING	**Monday, September 28, 2026**	**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT	**Sunday, October 04, 2026**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Market Swine – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Market Swine – Buckle & Banner
- Class Champions – Banner
- 2nd – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Division Showmanship – Buckle
- Reserve Division Showmanship – Award

RULES

1. All Market Swine entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. **ENTRIES**

   A. ***All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE** at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than **June 25, 2026**. Entry fees are $50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a $50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.
   All Market Swine must be brought to Fairgrounds for tagging **Saturday, June 27, 2026**. Online Entry will only allow the exhibitor to enter one swine online. The exhibitor can still tag-in multiple swine. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring one swine to official check-in at Fair time.

   B. No animal may possess any other tag(s) at the tag in or fair time other than major show validation tags or Texas State Fair validation tags. Breeder tags must be or will be removed by the committee.

   C. **Housing and Leaving the County**

      a) All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county or not at the designated address during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming.
      b) Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify the Fair Office in writing using the official form at least five (5) business days in advance to obtain approval from the

Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days

c) IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

3. **CHECK-IN**

A. At check-in at Fair time, swine must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds and no more than 290 pounds. Swine will have one weigh-in with a four (4) pound variance given. The scales will be certified. No excessive materials of any kind will be allowed on the animal, water is allowed to keep swine cool during check-in. Swine will be weighed under the direction of the Weight Committee. Swine not making weight will immediately be backed off of the scale, the scale balanced and re-weighed one time only.

B. Swine will be shown by weight. The Division Captain along with a Director in Charge and Livestock Chairman/Livestock Co-Chairman will assist to determine the number of classes based upon the number of entries at Fair time. There will be no more than eight (8) total classes. Classes will be divided as evenly as possible by weight.

C. NO ALTERNATE SWINE CAN BE USED AT THE OFFICIAL FAIR WEIGH-IN.

D. Exhibitor will be responsible for providing his/her own pine shavings.

E. All swine must remain in the swine area of the barn. No animal, once checked in at Fair time, may leave the interior gated premises or go to the carnival/vendor areas. Any animal observed out of the fenced area or swine area (i.e., parking lot) is subject to disqualification.

4. **SHOWING OF ANIMAL/CARE**

A. There will be NO clipping of swine allowed on Fairgrounds.

B. Only water can be used on swine. No grooming materials of any kind can be used at showtime. Use of anything other than water will result in dismissal of showing.

C. Exhibitor is responsible for the feeding and care of their animal while the animal remains on the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds.

D. Showmanship classes will follow rule 10 (h) in the Livestock Department General Rules.

E. **The Judge's decision is final.**

F. Only exhibitors and show personnel will be allowed in the arena during the show. This includes the area in, around, and behind the placing pens.

G. The Fort Bend County Fair Association will provide water bottles for exhibitors to use while in placing pens.

5. **CHECK-OUT / DISPOSITION**

A. The top **eighty (80)** placing swine making the Jr. Livestock Auction must remain in the barn for the duration of the Fair. The release of non-placing swine will be the next day, **September 28, 2026**, from 6:00 p.m. to 7p.m**. Non-placing swine must check out at the posted time on September 28, 2026 and are not allowed back on the premises. Swine are not to leave the fairgrounds without proper disposition paperwork.**

B. Check-out for all SWINE making the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on Sunday, October 04, 2026 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Association Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean up their pen/stall/tear down one pen or four panels to receive their disposition papers. Exhibitors MUST clean out pens when checking out their swine. Exhibitors must place their swine on the trailer to their final destination.

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6. Upon check out Sunday morning, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their stall/pen before being allowed to leave the grounds. Failure to do so will result in a cleaning fee of $150 being deducted from your auction check for each stall/pen not cleaned.

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FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP RULES

CAPTAIN: Amanda Gutierrez
Co-Captain:

Purpose of Junior Livestock Volunteers
The purpose of Junior Livestock Volunteers is to serve and provide support to our livestock exhibitors both before and during the Fort Bend County Fair. Working in conjunction with the Livestock Committee, these volunteers play a vital role in ensuring the success of livestock events by offering assistance, promoting a positive environment, and helping uphold the standards and traditions of the Fair.

You do not have to have an animal project to be a member of Junior Livestock.

1. To be eligible for membership as Junior Livestock Volunteers, students must meet each of the following requirements:

    a. Be a RESIDENT OF FORT BEND COUNTY or ZONED TO A SCHOOL in Fort Bend County
    b. Be between the ages of 14 and 18 and must be enrolled in high school in the 2026-2027 school year (in 9th grade during the 2026 Fort Bend County Fair)
    c. Be an active member of any Fort Bend County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
    d. Have parent/guardian permission
    e. Have membership application & Release of Liability forms completed and submitted for approval by the deadline set by the chairman. Chairman will set the deadline for signing up and will not extend for any reason.

    ****Failure to turn in an application and release forms will result in automatic dismissal from JLV. ****

2. Official membership begins with the February meeting and continues through the Fair in October.

    a. Chairman will call the first meeting in February. An email will be sent out in January from the Livestock Admin to all leaders informing one of the upcoming meeting and deadline to turn in an application for the Jr. Livestock Volunteers. All applications must be turned in prior to the application deadline in January. Applications submitted after stated deadline will not be considered.
    b. All applications will be reviewed prior to the February meeting to make sure all students meet the requirements. Membership status will be determined by Junior Livestock Volunteer Leaders **Membership is limited to 35 Members.**
    c. Applicants will be notified if he or she has been selected to be a part of the Jr. Livestock Volunteers
    d. All selected members must have a Release of Liability on file with the Fair Office before the first workday.
    e. If you signed up previously and did not commit to working required shifts with no communication to Chairman, your application for the current year will not be considered. Chairman will notify you if you are unable to participate.

3. Meetings will be called by the Chairman and are held at the Fairgrounds.

    a. **Each member is allowed 1 excused absence due to:** Work, school function, 4-H/FFA event, family/personal emergency.
    b. Members must notify the chairman within one (1) day of the meeting of the reason for absence.
    c. Automatic dismissal will occur if a member misses a meeting and does not notify the chairman.

4. While the Texas Education Agency interpretation on extracurricular activities (as distributed May 2, 1985, and detailed under Update Number 2 example 1 and explanation 6 on page 240) remains intact, the following rule must be in effect for the Fort Bend County Fair. Members must maintain passing grades in school to continue their membership. Grades are subject to verification at any time during the year and membership may be suspended due to **grades falling below 70**.

5. Members will be required to sign up for workdays, including tag in's, check in's, shows and check out.

    a. Each member is expected to work a total of 10 shifts in events before, during and any potential events after the Fair is over. In addition to the 10 shifts it is mandatory to work Fair set-up and take down.

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b. The work requirements may be adjusted accordingly by the chairman.

6. Members who cannot attend a workday or selected event, must contact the Chairman before the workday or selected event.

    a. During the fair, members must sign in at the Livestock Office 15 Minutes before their selected show event and sign out after the event is completed.

7. **During the Fair, members are required to follow the dress code while working at a selected event or working in the Livestock Office.**

    a. Members are required to wear the shirt provided while working with JLV. Once the shift is complete, please change it into another shirt. Shirts are to only be worn while working on a selected event.
    b. Shirt will be tucked in.
    c. No Shorts are allowed. Please wear jeans.
    d. Closed-toe shoes are required.
    e. No hats.
    f. No facial piercings or visible tattoos are allowed while representing JLV.

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