

2026 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
GALVESTON COUNTY STEER SHOW RULES
COUNTY DIVISION & MARKET DIVISION
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| TAG-IN: | Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. |
| ENTRIES DUE: | All entries, fees and required paperwork will be due to the fair office no later than 6:00 p.m. January 22, 2026, and must be submitted by 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher, ONLY. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON |
| ENTRY FEE: | \$30.00 |
| CHECK-IN & CLASSIFICATION: | Monday, April 20, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. |
| WEIGH-IN TIME: | <u>Scales will be open immediately after check-in is closed.</u> Weight Cards must be submitted to the check-in table no later than 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026 |
| JUDGING: | Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. SCALES WILL CLOSE AT THE START OF STEER SHOW |
| MANDATORY RELEASE: | Wednesday, April 22, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. ALL Steers NOT making the sale. |
| CHECK-OUT: | Auction Steers that will not be used for the Livestock Judging Contest may be moved by the Steer Committee to a designated area/tie rail in the livestock barn or to an offsite holding location prior to the Commercial Heifer check-in. All remaining auction steers will check-out on <i>Sunday, April 26, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</i> |

1. All entries for this division will be subject to the General Livestock Rules of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. except where they conflict with the requirements of this division in which case the division rules will prevail. In the event of special circumstances that may arise, or a conflict between rules, decisions of the Show Chairperson and the Livestock Superintendent will be final.
2. **COUNTY STEERS ONLY: Verification Process:**
 - a) Exhibitor must locate his/her steer within Galveston County.
 - b) At the time of verification, calf must be seen with mother and be county ear-tagged by the Steer Committee before exhibitor may take possession.
 - c) Calves must be born in Galveston County and will require verification by the Steer Committee.
 - d) County calves must be county tagged prior to Tag-In.
3. All steers must be presented for ear tagging on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds. All steers must be owned by the Exhibitor on this date. Exhibitors must declare whether to show in the County Division or the Market Division on this date. The County Division tag-in process will consist of a) verification of ear-tag, b) nose printing, and c) signing of tag-in form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative. The Market Division tag-in process will consist of a) ear-tagging, b) nose printing, and c) signing of tag-in form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative.
4. Steers which are tagged with an Official Texas Steer Tag approved by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and which are the property of the same Exhibitor (as indicated on the official state 4-H or FFA steer validation forms), will not be required for re-tagging. However, all such steers must be present for recording of the Texas Tag Number, nose printing, and signing of tag-in form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative. **County Division: If tags have been removed for Texas tag, the original County tag must be presented with the steer at tag-in. (Also see General Rule #9)**
5. **All Steers will be classified at check-in.** The Classifier will be a non-Galveston County Cattleman chosen and approved by the Steer Committee, who will determine the steer on visible characteristics only to be either:

AMERICAN: BRAHAM CHARACTERISTICS AND FEATURES MUST BE EXHIBITED, MUST EXHIBIT AT LEAST THREE (3) OF THESE CHARACTERISTICS: DEWLAP, EAR, HUMP, OR SHEATH.

EXOTIC: ALL OTHERS.

The decision of the Classifier at check-in will be final.

6. An Exhibitor may enter two steers in the County Steer Division and two steers in the Market Steer Division provided one is classified to be shown in the American class and one is classified to be shown in the Exotic Class. (i.e. Only one County American, one County Exotic, one Market American and one Market Exotic steer can be shown by the same exhibitor.) ***If an exhibitor has two steers in the same division and they classify to be in the same class, they must decide at the time of classification during check-in which steer will be shown, and the other steer must then be removed from the fairgrounds. There will be no refunds on animal entries paid for steers that classify in the same division and class.***
7. For safety reasons, all steers must be de-horned prior to check-in.
8. All steers will be slick sheared to have no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the animal's body upon arrival to show grounds. The only exception will be the tail switch. The switch may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked at the time of check-in for conformity of the slick shear 1/4" or less of hair. Only scissors or cordless clippers may be used for Cosmetic clipping hair touch up prior to entering the show staging area. All grooming of your cattle before the show must be done in the designated grooming/power plant area only. Blow dryers will be allowed to be used only at the designated grooming/power plant area. NO generators will be allowed under the livestock barn.
9. **Steers must weigh a minimum of one thousand (1000) pounds on check-in day at the Fair. All Steers will be weighed by the exhibitor on the designated scales provided by the Steer Committee. Each exhibitor must return the weight card to the official check-in table no later than 7:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2026. The weight card is the INDIVIDUAL OFFICIAL WEIGHT. Once the weight card is turned in, absolutely no changes can be made. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
10. Steers must be halter broke for the Fair and cross-tied with one rope around the neck and one rope from the halter. Any steer which cannot be handled by the Exhibitor during check-in will automatically be sifted. Any steer which cannot be handled by the Exhibitor during judging will be removed from the Show Ring and disqualified.
11. No hay for bedding will be allowed. Shavings will be permitted at exhibitors' expense, but not provided by GCF&R. Exhibitors' shavings cannot be stored on the fairgrounds. All bedding must be cleaned up at time of release.
12. Stall area for steers must be cleaned by the exhibitor prior to their release. NO steers will be released until the stall area has been inspected.
13. Drench guns may be used. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
14. Steers will be placed into American or Exotic classes of equal or near equal numbers, according to weight. The number of classes will be determined by the Steer Committee according to the number of entries at check-in.
15. Only the exhibitor, steer & one (1) parent or Ag/4H leader will be allowed in the designated holding area during the show.
16. There will be an American and an Exotic Champion and Reserve Champion in both the County Division and the Market Division. The County American and County Exotic Champions will compete against the Market American and Market Exotic Champions for the Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Steer in the 2026 Steer Show.
17. Immediately following each class, the top three steers will be re-weighed. Animals having more than a maximum weight gain of five percent (5%) over the official weight at check-in will be sifted and disqualified.
18. **Mandatory release for steers not making the sale is WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Auction Steers that will not be used for the Livestock Judging Contest may be moved by the Steer Committee to a designated area/tie rail in the livestock barn or to an offsite holding location in order to accommodate the check-in of the Commercial Heifers. All remaining steers will check-out Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Steers left after 11:00 a.m. will become the property of the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. Release forms must be signed by the Steer Show Chairperson or Livestock Superintendent before steers can leave the Fairgrounds. All steers not making auction that received a commitment and are going to a packing house or are donated back to the fair must return to the fairgrounds May 2, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**
19. **Exhibitors wishing to keep their halters must claim them by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2026. HALTERS NOT CLAIMED AT THIS TIME WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF GCF&R.**
20. A Proof of Delivery Form (when applicable) and thank you card (see General Rule #43) will be required before Exhibitor's check can be released. All exhibitors must come to the Fair Office, with these items, to sign for their check.

Fair officials reserve the right to change the rules, dates, times and places due to unforeseen circumstances.