

What to Expect – Livestock Exhibitors

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FAIR SCHEDULE and LIVESTOCK RULES and HANDBOOK:

The full Fair schedule and rules are online on our website on the Livestock Page. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be aware of the schedule and rules (Please READ THEM):

- [Livestock Show \(hcfairandrodeo.org\)](http://hcfairandrodeo.org)
 - Schedule Link: [Fair Schedule](#)
 - Livestock Rules and Handbook: [General Rules and Livestock Handbook](#)
 - Creative Arts Rules and Handbook: [Creative Arts and Horticulture Info](#)
1. **WEIGHT CARDS DUE at 7 pm** at the close of move-in on Thursday, October 24 for Steers, Lambs, Goats, and Swine. **Scales are open from 5-7 pm.**
 2. Move out times allowed only per the schedule
 3. Please remember to join our Harris County Livestock Show Updates Remind by texting @hclsu to 81010.

ELIGIBILITY

The fair will send an email to the Ag Teachers and 4-H to verify eligibility on **October 16/17**. Eligibility will verify membership in FFA/4-H and passing grades. For FFA, teachers will verify passing grades according to their rules and inform the Fair. For 4-H, the county extension agent will use the established 4-H eligibility forms and routine process. The teachers (FFA) and extension office (4H) will provide the data back to the Fair management by completing eligibility information in a shared sheet. An eligibility form will not be needed at check in. Eligibility is strictly enforced.

TICKETS/GATE PASSES:

- There will be no grounds passes or admittance fees for entering the grounds or parking.

MAPS:

Attached at the end of this document and include:

- Move-in/Move out Traffic Flow
- Grounds Map
- **Address:** 5801 Katy Hockley Cutoff Road, Katy TX 77493

MOVE IN/CHECK IN:

1. Follow the map, stay within your species designated lane. If you have multiple species in the trailer and
 - a. one of them is a Steer, use the steer lane
 - b. one of them is Swine, use the swine lane
 - c. or just pick the shortest line for a species you have
2. **Pick up your Exhibitor Packet DURING MOVE IN LINE AT THE TENT.**
 - a. Each exhibitor must sign Indemnity Form when turning in weight card.

- b. The packet contains weight card/s, exhibitor number, indemnity form and W9 (except breeding shows) if missing at registration, and freezer sale information.
3. **At the Tent you will be assigned a Stall/Pen number. There will be no holding pen space or stall space. If you want to stall together, you must arrive together in line.**
4. Allocated stall/pen space
 - a. Lambs/Goats will be penned 2 per pen. After 7 pm, people may move to unused pens.
 - b. Pigs will be penned 1 per pen.
 - c. Steers will be 2 per panel and panel space can not be used as tack space. Please note: Steers will not be able to hold space for Heifers moving in on Saturday. Holding space for animals not present yet is not allowed.
 - d. No tack pens nor tack stall space will be allowed (space is needed for animals). Above pen storage is recommended for pens.
5. After unloading, exit the lot and **park your trailer in the Trailer Parking Lot.**
6. Parking for Exhibitors is the same as for the Public
7. **WEIGHT CARDS DUE at 7 pm** at the close of move-in on Thursday, October 24.
 - a. Weight cards weights are recorded by Fair staff, there is not a weigh back per the livestock rules.
 - b. Exhibitors will not be allowed to edit their weight cards once it is turned into the Fair staff and the weight has been recorded.
 - c. **Please** mark your stall/pen number on your weight card.
 - d. At the scales, you may be asked to have your animal used during the Livestock Judging on Saturday. At the scale, more detailed information will be available about how those animals can be cared for through Saturday.
 - e. Make sure to turn in indemnity form or W9 as well.
 - f. Heifers and breeding rabbits will not need to turn in W9.
 - g. Freezer sale QR code and info will be in the packet. If you know you want to enter the freezer sale and haven't already entered it prior to the fair, you should add your animal to the freezer sale by scanning the QR code. The form will also be announced via Facebook, Ag teachers, and through email prior to the fair.

STALLING/PENS MANAGEMENT – Large Animals

1. **Stall and Pens Space**
 - a. **There are NO tack pens or stalls allowed. Every pen and stall is expected to be occupied** Exhibitors must supply **their own shavings** to be used in the pens/stalls. Bags of shavings will be available on-site and sold by Stockinger Show Supply.
 - b. Overhead tack racks/above head storage are highly recommended.
 - c. All pen dimensions for swine, lambs and goats: 5'x 5'
 - d. Steer exhibitors should bring their own divider.
2. **Air conditioning/Power information.**
 - a. The barn where animals are stalled is not air conditioned but there are overhead fans.
 - b. The show ring pavilion is air conditioned.
 - c. Power is available in the barn.
 - d. Exhibitors may provide their own additional stall fans.

SET UP/STAGING/CAMPING – Small Animals

1. Rabbits

- a. This is a carrying cage show so exhibitors need to be prepared to sit and wait for a while.
- b. The show ring is air conditioned.

2. Market Poultry

- a. The show ring pavilion is air conditioned, and battery powered fans are allowed.
- b. Bring an index card with the wing bands of the turkeys and broilers you are showing with your name on it.
- c. Index cards will be available at show if exhibitor forgets.
- d. Adults or other children not in FFA/4-H may help hold birds.

FREEZER SALE: New this year, exhibitors will **not** need to be present to load animals but must take care of animals through the remainder of the fair and leave feed Saturday evening. All exhibitors wanting to have animals in the freezer sale must submit a form through the QR Code provided before and during the fair. If we do not have buyers for all animals, animals can be sold to the floor (market price) if they are not purchased in the freezer sale. If you want this option, it shall be selected at the time of entering the freezer sale. All freezer sale animals require a Thank you note turned into the Freezer Sale table before Saturday at 5:00 pm. If your animal is sold, you will receive an email in the evening the day it was sold.

Volunteering:

1. General Rule 8 within the General & Livestock Rules and Handbook states that exhibitors and/or a member of their family must volunteer 2 hours.
2. The Volunteer signup sheet will be posted on our website here: [Livestock Show \(hcfairandrodeo.org\)](https://www.hcfairandrodeo.org).
Sign up before the Fair. The Volunteer Sheet Link is here: [Sign up sheet Link](#)
3. All Volunteers also need to register as a Fair Volunteer through our website and submit the Indemnity Form (available at the above link) **before the fair**. Link to register: [Volunteer Hours Registration \(hcfairandrodeo.org\)](https://www.hcfairandrodeo.org)
4. **At the Fair** near the show ring pavilion entrance there will be a Volunteer Table.
 - a. Each exhibitor must sign in and sign out.
 - b. The volunteer should make sure their information is entered into the online log of hours (ipad).

ON-SITE RV CAMPING SITES: Limited (about 15) RV Camping sites are available during the fair starting Wednesday Oct 23. Sites are available on a first sign-up basis through the following link. Sites are 30/50 amp, with water, no sewer hookup. The rate is \$40/night.

<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/36317/sessions/97420/sections/61460/tickets>

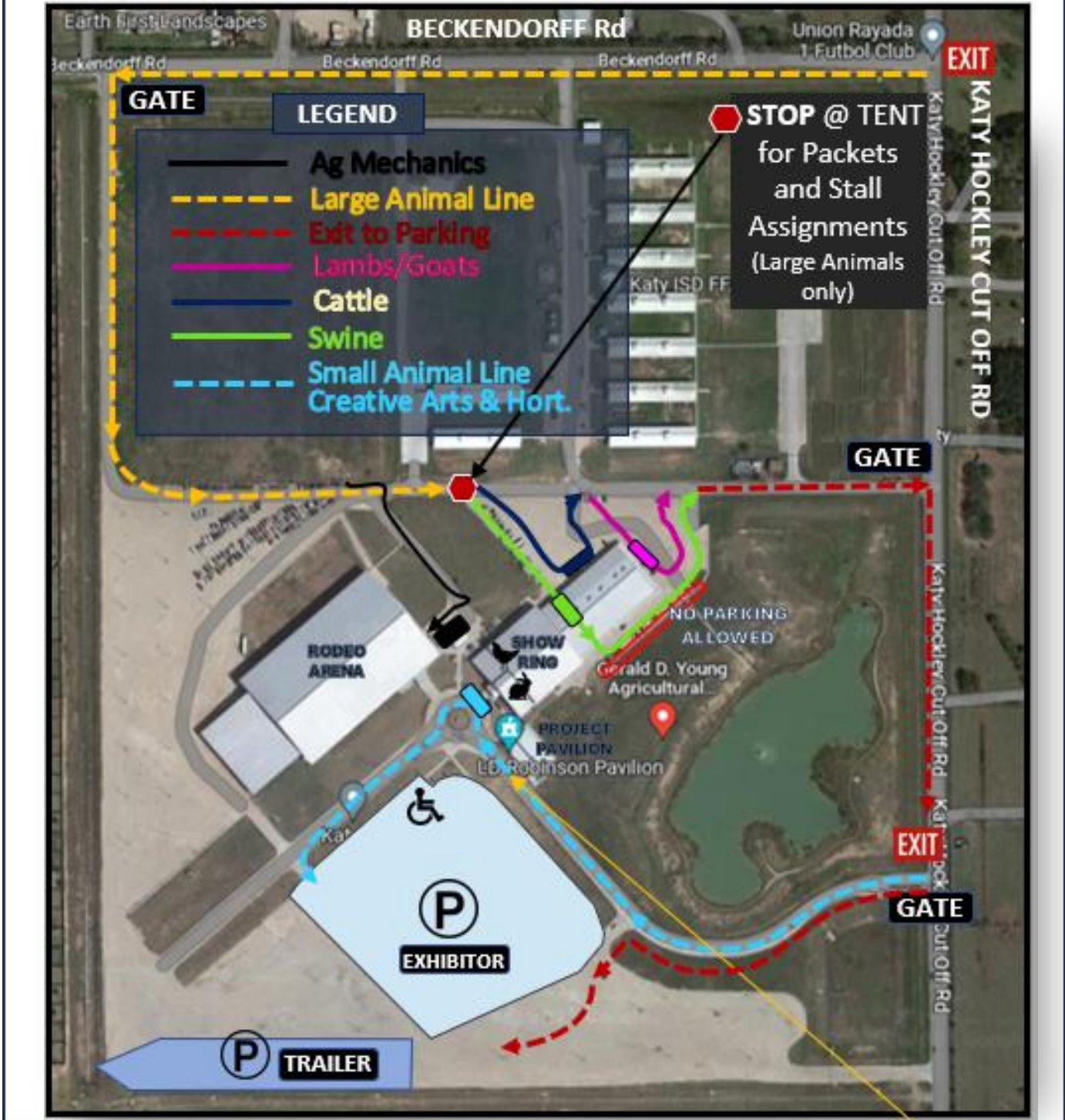
ON-SITE SHOW SUPPLY: There will be a Livestock Show Supply Trailer onsite from Stockinger Show Supply. They will have shavings available for purchase.

MOVE OUT PROCESS:

1. At the Livestock Exit Gate, a Volunteer will be checking ear tags and exhibitors against who registered for the show.
2. If someone besides the exhibitor is leaving with an animal, a Release Form must be obtained from the Fair Office.

MOVE IN & OUT

Thursday, Friday and Saturday





FAIR GROUNDS MAP



EVENTS

- 1 LIVESTOCK SHOW RING
- 2 LIVESTOCK PENS
- 3 PROJECT CENTER (ROBINSON PAVILLION)
CREATIVE ARTS & HORTICULTURE
FLORICULTURE DESIGN CHALLENGE
- 4 AGRICULTURE MECHANICS SHOW
- 5 RODEO ARENA
- 6 LIVESTOCK JUDGING
- 7 SILENT AUCTION - HALL
- 8 FAIR LIVESTOCK OFFICE
- 9 CONCESSIONS

☘ COFFEE/KONA ICE TRUCKS

FACILITIES

- GATE
- RESTROOMS
- HANDICAP PARKING
- FREE PARKING
- EMERGENCY EXIT & VEHICLE ACCESS