



HARRIS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

**EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK
AND RULES**

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE/S

2023

ADVISORY COMMITTEE for each event is made up of the fair officer, association chairman and the event chair.

FAIR OFFICERS: Michele Reed and/or Cody Sherrouse

HCF&R Association Chairman: Fred Stockton

EVENT CHAIRS

Livestock Chairman: Brittany Thielen

Creative Arts and Horticulture Chairman: Ashlynn Reed

Ag Mechanics Chairman: Dustin Carnahan

Pageant Chairman: Jennifer Bealle

FAIR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1: ELIGIBILITY

a. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo does not discriminate against any applicant, exhibitor, volunteer, customer, or patron on the basis of race, sex, color, age, disability, religion, citizenship, veteran status, nationality or ethnic origin.



b. Exhibitors are defined as any participant in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo events including showing livestock, pageant contestants, creative arts and horticulture, ag mechanics, or other events hosted by the Harris County Fair and Rodeo association.

c. Exhibitors must live in Harris County or be enrolled in a Harris County School (Elementary-High School) that has a history of validating through Harris County 4-H Office. Exhibitor must be member of a Harris County FFA OR 4-H club and in good standing at the time of tag-in and show. If the High School validated in Harris County in 2020 and before in Harris County, the school is eligible to show in Harris County Fair.



d. All Harris County Fair Exhibitors must also only participate in or validate for one county fair.

e. Exhibitors must be academically eligible to participate in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo and may not have an exhibit shown for them by another exhibitor if ineligible.

f. If a hardship problem occurs with an exhibitor or exhibit, the Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent will contact the Harris County Fair event chairman or designee, who shall settle the problem at their discretion.

g. Agriculture Science Teachers/4-H Extension Agent are responsible for providing Harris County Fair a list of ineligible exhibitors by 6 PM on the Wednesday (October 18th) the week prior to the start of Show. A spreadsheet will be sent early October to teachers and the 4-H extension agent to provide eligibility information within.

h. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors and their exhibits must meet and adhere to the requirements of the show rules and any and all Special Rules listed under the appropriate department(s) and division(s) as printed in the Exhibitor Handbook and Rules to be eligible for entry.

i. **INELIGIBLE TO ENTER: DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITORS:** Harris County Fair and Rodeo reserves the right to refuse entry of any contestant for violation of these Rules. Contestants who previously have been disqualified from Harris County Fair and Rodeo shows will not be allowed entry until such time as expressed in the penalties handed down by the Harris County Fair Board has expired.

RULE 2: ENTRY PROCESS AND FEES

a. **ENTRY APPLICATION:** All applications for entry must be made on current, official Harris County Fair and Rodeo entry application forms in accordance with their instructions, providing division, class, and all other necessary information required.

- b. **ENTRY ACCEPTANCE:** In all cases, Harris County Fair and Rodeo management reserves the right to reject, accept, or accept conditionally an application for entry and does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings. Rejected entries may be returned to the applicant.
- c. **ENTRY SUBSTITUTIONS:** No exhibit substitutions will be allowed after check-in deadline. Only exhibits originally validated (tagged, tattooed, or banded) are eligible to show. Validation cannot be transferred to non-validated animals.
- d. **EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTIONS:** Exhibitor substitutions may be made to the Advisory Committee at check-in or the day of show by submitting an exhibitor substitution form and a processing fee of \$20 (each entry). Exhibitor substitutions are considered during extraordinary situations (Example: car accidents, medical conditions, family emergencies, etc.)
- e. **ERRONEOUS ENTRIES:** At the discretion of Harris County Fair and Rodeo management, exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Management will decide the disposition of each case of erroneous entry upon its merits.
- f. **INCOMPLETE ENTRIES:** Incomplete entries are defined as entries made by entry deadline but are missing signatures, W-9's, payment, or other required information and may be accepted conditionally. Incomplete entries are subject to additional fees. See miscellaneous fees. Harris County Fair and Rodeo may reject any late/incomplete entry without explanation.
- g. **ENTRIES NOT CHECKED IN UPON ARRIVAL:** If an exhibitor fails to check in by the published deadline, the entry is ineligible to compete.
- h. **EXHIBITOR LATE ARRIVAL:** If an exhibitor fails to arrive within designated arrival time/before arrival deadline, the entry is ineligible to compete.
- i. **ENTRY DEADLINES:** All youth entries must be submitted on-line no later than the date listed in the Important Dates document and additional paperwork post marked by the date listed in Important Dates document.
- j. **LATE ENTRY DEADLINE:** There will be a LATE ENTRY fee of \$250 for any market livestock entry (one fee per family) submitted after the published deadlines listed in the Important Dates Document. LATE entries will be accepted until October 13, 2023 at 11:59 pm.
- k. **ENTRY CONTENTS:** The entry must also include the following to be considered complete:
 - i. Payment submitted on-line by credit card.
 - ii. Each exhibitor's entry worksheet(s)
 - iii. One W-9 per exhibitor
 - iv. Acceptance of Release and Liability form per each exhibitor entered on-line or Signed Release and Liability form per exhibitor or team entered.



- v. All required supplemental contest materials (including registration papers for breeding animals) with all signatures.
- I. **ENTRY FEES:** All applications for entry must be accompanied by related fees. If the entry does not have fees enclosed, the application for entry will not be accepted or may be accepted conditionally.

Entry fees are as follows:

i.	Market Steers	\$40.00
ii.	Market Barrow	\$40.00
iii.	Market Lambs	\$40.00
iv.	Market Goats	\$40.00
v.	Market Rabbits	\$30.00/pen
vi.	Jr. Breeding Rabbits	\$10/rabbit
vii.	Poultry	\$30.00/pen
viii.	Ag Mechanics	\$40.00/each
ix.	Heifers	\$40.00/each
x.	Creative Arts and Horticulture	See Rules for fees
xi.	Exhibitor Substitution Fee	\$20 per entry

RULE 3: LIMIT OF ENTRIES

- a. Exhibitors may show only one (1) entry in each market division.
- b. Heifer division entries limited to (2) entries per exhibitor.
- c. Jr Breeding Rabbits are not limited to a certain number of entries per exhibitor.

RULE 4: PENALTIES

- a. If disqualification occurs before end of Fair lower exhibits move up. If disqualification occurs after fair, places stay the same. All monies from the disqualified exhibit shall be forfeited.
- b. If at any time any person is proved guilty of willfully, or intentionally altering any exhibit, or disobeying any Show rules, all prizes or ribbons won by that exhibit shall be returned and that person will be declared ineligible for that show and / or future shows.
- c. No Exhibitor will be allowed to be under the influence or in possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at any time or any place on the site grounds. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor and all exhibits being removed from Show and all prizes and money forfeited.
- d. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor and all exhibits being removed from Show and all prizes and money forfeited.

RULE 5: PROTEST PROVISION

- a. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$300.00, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or

appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Committee Chairman of the Livestock Committee no later than 9 AM the morning after the judging.

- b. Protests must be filed by Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent, or parent/guardian of the exhibitor requesting protest.
- c. Any and all differences, disputes, changes, and protest will be settled by a Advisory Committee consisting of:
 - i. Fair Board Operating Officer
 - ii. Livestock/Event Committee Chairman
 - iii. President of the HCF&R Association

RULE 6: VOLUNTEER HOURS

- a. Exhibitors and/or a family member (14 years or older family member) are required to sign up in advance and volunteer for 2 hours during the fair event. Hours can be for set-up, tear down, and during the fair. If an exhibitor fails to attend the required volunteer hours, their awards and premiums will be forfeited. The hours will be tracked by sign-in and sign-out sheets at the volunteer activity.

RULE 7: PREMIUM CHECK DISTRIBUTION

- a. Checks for monies due will be distributed only to eligible exhibitors who have:
 - i. Delivered their exhibit in accordance with the Freezer Sale rules.
 - ii. Submitted a copy of the thank you letter(s) to the **Premium Donor** to the HCF&R office. Thank you notes shall meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Written by the youth exhibitor
 - 2. An adequate message expressing gratitude and describing their experience at the fair and plans for the money received
 - 3. Thank you notes on binder paper and copy paper will not be accepted, must be an actual card
 - 4. Must be provided before the final Show on Saturday.
 - 5. Thank you notes deemed unacceptable by Fair Management may require a re-do.
 - 6. Thank you note(s) not received deadline will forfeit all premium monies.
 - iii. Complied with all other rules listed in the Exhibitor Handbook and Rules that apply.
- b. Checks are valid 90 days from issue date and will be mailed to CEA/AST once all thank you notes have been received.
- c. No checks will be reissued after 90 days from original issue date.

LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1: EXHIBIT CARE

- a. **OWNERSHIP:** To be eligible for competition, whether singly or in groups, animals must be the bona fide property of the owner. If proof of ownership is required, a sworn affidavit must be furnished. Jointly owned animals must be listed as so. In the group classes, jointly owned animals may be entered and exhibited under the name of one of the co-owners provided he/she owns a full or part interest in each of the animals in the group entry where eligible.
- b. All exhibits must be purchased and raised by the exhibitor. All exhibits must be raised at a facility located within or within 15 miles of the boundaries of Harris County. Random inspections by members of the Livestock Committee can be made during the raising period. Denial of access to an exhibit shall warrant disqualification.
- c. The exhibitor must feed, care for, and show their exhibit entered with minimal assistance during the entire feeding period.
- d. Exhibitors will furnish feed, feeders, and water containers, and will be responsible for the feeding and care of their exhibits for the duration of the show.
- e. Exhibitors of steers, heifers and hogs are responsible for the removal of animal waste from the Livestock Barn to the provided dumpster(s).
- f. **DISEASED ANIMALS:** Diseased animals cannot enter the Harris County Fair and Rodeo livestock area or grounds. Animal Health officials, Chairmen, and/or fair management will refuse unloading privileges to animals showing signs and symptoms of disease.

RULE 2: EAR TAGS

- a. All steer, lambs, goats, and swine exhibitors must have a Harris County Fair ear tag or Harris County State Validation tag obtained during the Harris County Fair and Rodeo Tag-In or Texas Validation in Harris County.
- b. Anyone found guilty by the Livestock Advisory Committee and/or Livestock Committee Chairman of removing, tampering or replacing any I.D. device placed on or in any exhibit will be disqualified from the Show.
- c. All ear tags must remain affixed to the exhibit until after processing has been completed for all exhibits sold in the Freezer Sale.
- d. No exhibits can be replaced after validation/tag-in.

RULE 3: PREVIOUS AUCTIONS

- a. No exhibit that has been through any other show's live auction will be eligible for the Harris County Fair.

RULE 4: MEDICATION RULE

- a. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo reserves the right to perform laboratory analysis on the blood, urine, hair, feces, and/or body tissue of any animal entered for competition. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with **an unapproved** drug residue as prohibited in this rule, will forfeit all current premium monies and may forfeit future rights and privileges to exhibit at the Harris County Fair. The conclusions reached by the Livestock Advisory Committee, as to whether such animal has been administered an un-approved drug, shall be final, without recourse against the HCF&R or any of its officers, directors or employees.
- b. Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking any type of performance enhancing or other unapproved medications to include, but not limited to steroids such as dexamethasone, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, local and systemic anesthetics, caffeine, alcohol, and any other drug not medically indicated are ineligible for competition. Unapproved means not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. The use of an FDA approved drug in an unapproved species will constitute unapproved drug use.
- c. If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for their particular species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug at check-in. The animal's urine or other tissues must be free of all drug residues at the time of check-in and at any time subsequent that the show management wishes to collect samples. It is acknowledged that drug testing can test the presence of drug residues due to the increased accuracy of testing. If an animal is tested positive, the exhibitor shall produce health records of dates of administration and by whom to the Livestock Committee for consideration and disposition.
- d. Exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) agrees and acknowledges that: (1) they are absolutely and solely responsible for the care and custody of their animals; (2) Harris County Fair and Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal(s) test positive for ANY medication, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/guardians are innocent of any wrong doing and did not administer the medication; and (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/guardians.
- e. Failure to cooperate on the part of the exhibitor is reason to exclude the exhibit from Premium awards and/or Freezer Sale.
- f. All Grand and Reserve Champion steers, hogs, goats, and lambs can be tested, and there may be random testing of lower placed exhibits.

RULE 5: UNETHICAL FITTING

- a. Unethical fitting is deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature, or weight of the exhibit by use of injections or ingested material

not conducive to the continued health of the exhibit or marketability of its carcass. Exhibits showing, in the opinion of the Show Management, signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified. As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any exhibit entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, and agrees to have such exhibit submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the Show Management as to whether such exhibit is unethically fitted or over age, shall be final, without recourse against the Show or any of its officers.

- b. Harris County Fair and Rodeo will be validating through the Texas Youth Livestock Association. This validation automatically enforces the State Validation Ethics Policy.

RULE 6: GROOMING

- a. No change of the color pattern of the exhibit by painting or dyeing will be allowed except for hoofs and dew claws. No adhesives or sprays that alter the physical shape and composition of the animal will be allowed in the show ring during judging. Swine can only use soap and water and shall not use any sheen or oils. A random swab test can be conducted for unapproved grooming materials such as adhesives, hair sprays, sheen (swine), etc. No corded clippers are allowed in the barn. If the rules are broken, that particular exhibit will be disqualified, and all monies forfeited.

RULE 7: SET UP/TEAR DOWN

- a. Exhibitors will be present to take down, clean and store pens and load livestock. Agriculture Science Teachers/4-H Extension Agent or their designee will be responsible for removal of any exhibits whose exhibitor is not present. Only show barn exhibits can be loaded on slaughter house trailers through the Freezer Sale.

RULE 8: CHECK-IN

- a. All livestock exhibits will be checked in according to the times listed on the official show schedule. No exceptions will be made for check-in/weigh-in times.
- b. Livestock shall be weighed on the same scales and stalled in the show barn after weigh-in. This will be supervised by the Livestock Committee.
- c. Steer divisions will be classified within their breed divisions upon check-in by a classifier selected by the Livestock Committee.
- d. Hogs, lambs and goats will have two trips across the scale to make minimum weight before being sifted. If weight on first trip across scales falls above minimum weight, that weight will be recorded as the official show weight. If the weight on the scales falls below the minimum weight a 3.0 lb inaccuracy tolerance will be allocated.
- e. First weight-in on steers is final.
- f. All sifted exhibits must be removed from the Livestock Barn upon being sifted.

- c. Only animals officially entered will be allowed on the Fairgrounds during their scheduled time (see individual competition rules).
- d. Any exhibits left in the barn after 12:00 pm on Sunday become the property of Harris County Fair and Rodeo.
- e. Freezer Sale animals will be placed on corresponding trailers based on buyers request on Freezer Sale Form. Exhibit destinations will be posted Saturday after 6 pm.

RULE 14: FREEZER SALE

Freezer Sale prices are as follows:

Steers	\$2.00/ lb	Lambs	\$300.00
Hogs	\$300.00	Goats	\$300.00
Broilers (Pen of 3)	\$150.00	Fryer Rabbits	\$150.00
Turkey	\$150.00		

- a. The freezer sale will have an early commitment sale to pre-sale animals.
- b. If an exhibitor has an exhibit which the exhibitor would like for the HCF&R to try and sell in the Freezer Sale, the exhibitor must fill out a sale form. Sale forms will not be accepted before the showing of the exhibit and must be turned in to the Livestock Show Office no later than close of business or two hours after the show concludes, on the day of the species show.
- c. Once a Freezer Sale form has been submitted for an exhibit, the entry is final, and the exhibit **may not be removed** from the sale process.
- d. Exhibitors, please be advised that there is NO GUARANTEE OF SALE in the Freezer Sale. Animals not sold in the Freezer Sale are the responsibility of the Exhibitor to remove or move out. Exhibitors are encouraged to find Freezer Sale buyers.
- e. **If your animal is sold in the Freezer Sale, please note the Texas Validation will be revoked and becomes invalid. You can not exhibit this animal at a Texas validated show at a later date.**
- f. Exhibits sold in Freezer Sale may be used in a Livestock Judging competition at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
- g. A list of exhibits sold in the Freezer Sale, along with their destinations, will be posted on the board located outside the Livestock Show Office sometime after the Freezer Sale concludes.
- h. Responsibility for delivering all exhibits sold at the Freezer Sale to a designated prearranged destination (local delivery or slaughter trailer) and in accordance with the

buyer's contract will be up to the exhibitor. Any arrangements made between the exhibitor and his buyer will be considered a personal arrangement.

- i. Judges will be requested not to award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the HCF&R that no prize should be given to any exhibit that is not deserving.
- j. All exhibitors of animals sold through the HCF&R Freezer Sale encouraged to send a thank you letter to their buyer. See the following rules for Check Distribution.
- k. Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors must turn in a signed delivery form to the HCF&R office in addition to a copy of their thank you letter to their buyer. Delivery forms will be distributed with each Freezer Sale form.

RULE 15: PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- a. Premiums are hereby established as follows for Market Shows:

SPECIES	GRAND CHAMPION	RESERVE CHAMPION	GRAND DIVISION	RESERVE DIVISION	3 RD OVERALL
Steers	\$ 5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	
Goats	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	
Swine	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$250.00	\$100.00	
Lambs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	
Broilers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$500.00
Rabbits	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$500.00
Turkeys	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$500.00

- b. Buckles and Banners will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion of each species.

- c. Premiums are not accumulative. Grand champion premium will include the grand premium but will not include the division premium as well.

- d. Buckles will be awarded to Grand Champion Showman for Steers, Heifers, Swine, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Broilers, and Turkeys.

- e. There will be no class premiums.

- f. All premiums are award prizes and do not represent a transaction purchasing any animal or exhibit. Any animal receiving a premium are still eligible for future shows, and the award does not invalidate the Texas Validation.

- g. The Premium Buyer/Donor for each premium will receive a buyer's banner, as well as their name in all livestock sponsor lists. The Premium buyer/donor will receive a photo with the recipient with their banner. Premium buyers/donors do NOT receive any exhibit in return for their donation.

- h. An Exhibitor who has received a Premium has the option to offer the exhibit in the Freezer Sale.

MARKET LAMB SHOW

Date: Friday, October 28, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Judge: TBD

- a. All lambs must be wethers.
- b. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- c. All sheep will be validated and tagged by the Harris County Fair or the Rodeo or Harris County State AgriLife Validation System. The validation dates will be posted on-line and in the Important Dates document. Any exhibit arriving after the designated times will be considered ineligible. Tags and/or ID devices will be furnished by the Livestock Committee. If a tag comes out, contact your Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent immediately for replacement. Family ownership of lambs is allowed, as long as all exhibitors are listed on the validation form.
- d. Upon arrival at the Show, lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up. Lambs with excessive wool will not be weighed until shorn to meet the satisfaction of sifter. Cordless clippers only for touch ups at the show. Soap and water only may be used for grooming prior to entering the show ring. The presence of talc, adhesives, oils, or any foreign materials is prohibited on the animals in the show ring. See Rule 6 for specific grooming rules.
- e. Minimum weight for lambs is 70 lbs.
- f. Lamb and goat grooming stands are not permitted but head stalls may be used.
- g. Above stall storage is recommended but not required. All tack must be out of alley ways.
- h. There will be 3 divisions for the lamb show: Lightweight, Medium Weight, Heavyweight
- i. There will be no class premiums.
- j. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 6th.



MARKET GOAT SHOW

Date: Friday, October 26, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Judge: TBD




- a. All goats must be wethers.
- b. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- c. The Show is open to any breed or crossbreed.
- d. All goats will be validated and tagged by the Harris County Fair or the Rodeo or Harris County State AgriLife Validation System. The validation dates will be posted on-line and in the Important Dates document. Any exhibit arriving after the designated times will be considered ineligible. If a tag comes out, contact your Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent immediately and have them contact Harris County Fair Livestock Chair for replacement. Family ownership of goats is allowed, as long as all exhibitors are listed on the validation form.
- e. Upon arrival at the Show, goats must be slick shorn to no more than 3/8" from knee and hock up, excluding the tail switch prior to arrival. Goats with excessive hair will not be weighed until shorn to meet the satisfaction of the sifter. Cordless clippers only for touch ups at the show. The presence of adhesives, oils, or any foreign materials is prohibited on the animals in the show ring. See Rule 6 for specific grooming rules.
- f. Minimum weight for goats is 50 lbs.
- g. Lamb and goat grooming stands are not permitted but head stalls may be used.
- h. Above stall storage is recommended but not required. All tack must be out of alley ways.
- i. There will be 3 divisions for the goat show: Lightweight, Medium Weight, Heavyweight
- j. Exhibitors will be permitted to use halters or neck collars in the Show ring.
- k. There will be no class premiums.
- l. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 6t



MARKET SWINE SHOW

Date: Friday, October 26, 2023 at 9:00 am

Judge: TBD

-  a. Market swine can be barrows or gilts. Gilts may show with the barrows and can be entered into the freezer sale.
- b. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
-  c. Swine will be shown by breed. There will be 6 breed divisions: Lt OPB, Dark OPB, Duroc, York, Hampshire, and Cross.
- d. All hogs will be validated and tagged by the Harris County Fair or the Rodeo or Harris County State AgriLife Validation System. The validation dates will be posted on-line and in the Important Dates document. Any exhibit arriving after the designated times will be considered ineligible. If a tag comes out, contact your Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent immediately and have them contact Harris County Fair Livestock Chair for replacement. Family ownership of hogs is allowed.
- e. Swine must be pre-clipped prior to arrival. Cordless clippers only for touch ups. No grooming substances will be used on swine except water prior to entering show ring. The presence of talc, oils, or any foreign materials is prohibited on the animals in the Swine Show ring. See Rule 6 for specific grooming rules.
- f. Above stall storage is recommended but not required. All tack must be out of alley ways.
- g. Minimum weight for hogs is 200 lbs.
- h. No show boxes larger than 30" wide x 48" long will be allowed. Show boxes cannot block walkways.
-  k. There will be no class premiums.
- l. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 6th.

MARKET STEER SHOW

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Judge: TBD

- a. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- b. All steers will be validated and tagged by the Harris County Fair or the Rodeo or Harris County State AgriLife Validation System. The validation dates will be posted on-line and in the Important Dates document. Any exhibit arriving after the designated times will be considered ineligible. If a tag comes out, contact your Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent immediately and have them contact the Harris County Fair and Rodeo Livestock Chair for replacement. Family ownership of steers is allowed.
- c. Upon arrival at the Show, steers will be pre-clipped to no more than ¼" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked for hair length at the time of weigh-in. Cordless clipping will be allowed on the grounds after weigh-in for touch ups only. Steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated and removed. Scissors will be allowed for trimming. See Grooming Rule 6 for specific grooming rules. Soap and water only may be used for grooming prior to entering the Show ring. Any exhibit which shows evidence of artificial coloring except hoof dressing on hooves and dew claws, will be disqualified.
- d. For safety purposes, a wild or unruly cattle may be disqualified from showing.
- e. Minimum weight for steers is 1000 lbs.
- f. Cattle trim/grooming chutes are not permitted.
- g. All steers must have a **neck tie and halter** on them while stalled in Livestock Barn.
- h. Steers will be broken into the following divisions: American, British, Exotic. Exhibitors will choose their division of choice on their weight card at check-in. A classifier will approve or deny this breed upon exiting the scale. The classifier will use the Texas Extension Office Cattle Classification Guidelines for division specifications.
- i. There will be no class premiums.
- j. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 6th.



BREEDING HEIFER SHOW

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 9:00 am

Judge: TBD

- a. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- b. All heifers do not need to be Validated through the County Extension office, nor do they need Harris County Fair tags or validation. Heifers' registration papers shall be in the exhibitors name and registration dates will be posted on the website and the Important Dates document. There will be no family ownership of heifers.
- c. Heifers must be pre-clipped prior to show. Scissors and cordless clippers will be allowed for trimming. See Grooming Rule 6 for specific grooming rules. Soap and water only may be used for grooming prior to entering the Show ring. Any exhibit which shows evidence of artificial coloring except hoof dressing on hooves and dew claws, will be disqualified.
- d. For safety purposes, a wild or unruly cattle may be disqualified from showing.
- e. All cattle must have a **neck tie and halter** on them while stalled in Livestock Barn.
- f. Cattle trim/grooming chutes are not permitted.
- g. Breeding Heifers will be broken into the following divisions: American, British, Exotic. Exhibitors divisions will be based on their papered breed, using the Texas Extension Office Cattle Classification Guidelines for division specifications.
- h. Each division will be broken into the following classes based on age**:
 - i. Class 1: January 2023-Show Date
 - ii. Class 2: September 2022-December 2022
 - iii. Class 3: May 2022- August 2022
 - iv. Class 4: January 2022- April 2022
 - v. Class 5: September 2021- December 2021
 - vi. Class 6: May 2021- August 2021

** These classes are subject to change, based on the number of entries in a certain age range.

- i. Buckles will be awarded to Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Champion Breed.

MARKET RABBIT SHOW

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 12:30 pm

Judge: TBD

- a. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- b. All fryer rabbits will be ear tattooed by the Livestock Committee. The tattooing dates will be posted to the website (See Important Dates for more information). Immediate family ownership is allowed, but all potential exhibitors must be listed on validation form.
- c. Age limit for Meat pens is 10 weeks, with a minimum weight limit of 3 1/2 pounds and a maximum weight limit of 5 1/2 pounds. If anyone rabbit in the pen is disqualified it may be replaced with a qualified substitute or the whole pen becomes disqualified.
- d. Meat pens shall consist of 3 rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Any ARBA recognized commercial breed may be shown. Refer to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ABRA) Standards of Perfection for a complete listing of commercial breeds. Broken meat pens must also be of the same variety.
- e. All animals will be sifted at time of weighing in at the show. Any rabbit with signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded, after sift at the judges discretion. The ARBA rules for market classes will be in effect as shown in the Standards for Perfection. This means that rabbits with missing toes and toe nails and wolf or buck teeth will not be accepted. All fryer pens should be fryers of the same breed and variety.
- f. Showmanship: Showmanship will begin immediately following the Market Rabbit Show and before the Breeding Rabbit Show. Showmanship will consist of a hands-on demonstration of rabbit knowledge to the market/breeding rabbit judge. Participants will need to demonstrate their ability to handle and care for their rabbits as well as general knowledge of rabbits in a verbal interview with the judge.
- g. Placing Premiums are as follows:


1st place	Grand Champion Premium
2nd place	Reserve Champion Premium
3rd place	\$ 500.00

Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 12th.

JUNIOR BREEDING RABBIT SHOW

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023

Judge: TBD

- a. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- b. Breeding Rabbit Show is only open to youth who meet the eligibility requirements within the Livestock General Rules.
- c. All animals must be a purebred rabbit of a recognized breed as set forth by the latest edition of the ARBA Standard of Perfection. The same rabbit may NOT be shown in both the Meat Pen and Open Jr. Breeding Rabbit Shows.
- d. All animals must be identified by permanent and legible ear marking in the left ear matching the entry on arrival at the show. Animals without an ear marking will not be allowed to show.
- e. Any rabbit with signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded at the judge's discretion.
-  f. Show will observe the latest revised rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Judging will be based on the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- g. Each exhibitor must place their rabbit on the show table to be judged when their breed is announced. Judging will cease when all rabbits are judged.
- h. Animals will be shown and judged in the proper division and class for breed, age and sex only. Rabbits will not be shown by variety.

Divisions will be as follows: 4 Class Breeds - Fancy and 6 Class Breeds - Commercial.

4 Class Breeds - Fancy Classes will be Junior Buck, Junior Doe, Senior Buck and Senior Doe.

6 Class Breeds - Commercial Classes will be Junior Buck, Junior Doe, Intermediate Buck, Intermediate Doe, Senior Buck and Senior Doe.

4 Class breeds are: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chin, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himilyian, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhindelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan and Thrianta.

6 Class breeds are: American, Giant Angora, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Creme

d'Argent, Flemish Giant, English Lop, French Lop, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox.

UPDATE!

Top 5 largest breeds will have their own Divisions.

- i. Showmanship: Showmanship will begin immediately following the Market Rabbit Show and before the Breeding Rabbit Show. Showmanship will consist of a hands-on demonstration of rabbit knowledge to the market/breeding rabbit judge. Participants will need to demonstrate their ability to handle and care for their rabbits as well as general knowledge of rabbits in a verbal interview with the judge. Contestants will compete in age groups of Junior and Senior.
- j. Rabbits used for showmanship must be participating in the show (Market or Breeding Rabbit Show). Rabbits cannot be an alternate rabbit not entered in the show.

UPDATE!

- k. Buckles will be awarded to Overall Best of Show and Best Opposite. Ribbons will be awarded for Best in Division. 1st – 5th place ribbons will be awarded in classes.

MARKET POULTRY SHOW

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023

Judge: TBD

- a. All Poultry will be purchased in the Central Purchase Orders for the Harris County Fair. No entry will be accepted unless exhibitor's name appears on the Master List at the time the order is placed. Immediate family ownership is allowed, but all potential exhibitors must be listed on the appropriate order form. All order forms must be signed by the exhibitor and parent/legal guardian. Completed forms and all money must be turned into the HCF&R Office by dates specified on the order form.
- b. Poultry order forms can be obtained from the Agriculture Science Teachers/4-H Extension Agents and/or will be posted on the HC&F website.
- c. Turkeys will be ordered in increments of 5. Broilers will be ordered in increments of 25.
- d. The numbers of birds composing a pen are as follows: 3 Broilers; 1 Turkey.
- e. All poultry will be wing-banded with numbered bands. All entries' band numbers must be from numbers assigned to that exhibitor. Poultry without wing-bands, for whatever reason, will not be eligible to show. If the bands show evidence of being tampered with, the pen will be disqualified.
- f. At time of delivery, exhibitor needs to check all wing bands for proper numbers and proper installation. There will be no re-banding after poultry is picked up. If any problems are found, this will be the only time the problems can be corrected. All poultry not picked up on the designated pick-up date, will become the property of the HCF&R.
- g. At the Show, poultry will be sifted if the poultry is not in show condition or if the poultry shows signs of diseases or improper wing bands. After passing the sift, poultry will be moved to a staging area to wait for judging. No culls or alternates will be allowed in the staging area.
- h. At the Show, non-FFA or 4H members or family members are allowed to assist the exhibitor lift and handle birds in the ring.
- i. Exhibitors must bring to the show an index card with the wing bands numbers of the turkeys and broilers the exhibitor are showing with the exhibitor's name on the card.
- j. All dead poultry will be removed from the Show barn and disposed of immediately after notifying show officials. If the exhibitor hands the judge a live exhibit at time of sifting and then the exhibit dies before judging is concluded, then the exhibit will be judged as a live exhibit for the rest of the judging (no substitutions between sift and judging). If an exhibit dies before sifting, it can be replaced with an alternate. Exhibits must be alive when handed to the judge for sifting (do not hand the judge a dead exhibit. All poultry be removed from Show barn within two (2) hours after judging.

k. All exhibits that are not sifted will be eligible for the Freezer Sale.

l. Placing Premiums are as follows:

1st place	Grand Champion Premium
2nd place	Reserve Champion Premium
3rd place	\$ 500.00

Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 12th.