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## 2023 COVER GIRL RYLEIGH GREER

Representing Arroyo 4-H Club is Miss Ryleigh Faith Greer. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Daniel and Tiffani Neu and Mark Greer and is a junior at Harlingen High School South. Ryleigh served as the 1st Vice President for Arroyo 4-H Club, Cameron County Secretary and is an active FFA member. She was a Youth Livestock Ambassador, advocating for the livestock industry for Texas 4-H. Ryleigh has competed in photography, livestock judging, poultry, market and breeding goats, rabbits, cattle and dairy goats for RGVLS for 7 years. She has won Grand Champion Dairy goat and multiple Market Goat Breed Champions. At Harlingen High School South, Ryleigh is a varsity cheerleader, Student Council member, and National Honor Society Student, ranking in the top 10% of her class and currently enrolled in the Certified Veterinarian Assistant Program. Through 4-H and FFA Ryleigh volunteers at many functions and events, is an ambassador for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and has served as a debutante for the Lower Valley Cotillion Club. Her plans after graduation include attending Texas A&M with aspirations to be on the Livestock Judging Team, study Animal Science and become a veterinarian to work with Veterinarians Without Borders.



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## **SATURDAY – MARCH 4**

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Check in Open/Youth Horse Show Speed Event – Payne Auto Rodeo Arena
- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Delivery & Check in of Photography & Western Art Projects – Event Center – Drive Thru Drop Off
- 7:30 p.m. Cover Girl Revue – Event Center Upstairs – Open to the Public

## **SUNDAY – MARCH 5**

- 8:00 a.m. Check in Open/Youth Horse Show Performance Event – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena

## **TUESDAY – MARCH 7**

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Delivery of all livestock tack. Decorating of stalls.

## **WEDNESDAY – MARCH 8**

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Arrival of Open and Jr Breeding Cattle (Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Commercial Cattle, Mini Hereford, and All Other Breeds (AOB))
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Breeding & Commercial Cattle Check In & Classification – Event Center Arena
- 6:00 p.m. Weight cards turn in for Commercial Cattle time deadline – Event Center Arena
- 7:00 p.m. Santa Gertrudis Futurity Show

## **THURSDAY – MARCH 9**

- 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Youth Archery Event – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena
- 9:00 a.m. Judging of Jr Santa Gertrudis – Event Center Arena



### **THURSDAY – MARCH 9 (Continued)**

- 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Delivery of 4-H & FFA Shop Projects – Youth Center
- 12:00 p.m. Judging of Jr Beefmaster – Event Center Arena
- 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Early delivery of Jr Breeding Sheep, Jr Breeding Goats, Open Boer Goats & Dairy Goats
- 3:00 p.m. Judging of Jr Commercial Heifers – Event Center Arena

### **FRIDAY – MARCH 10**

- 8:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H & FFA Shop Projects – Youth Center
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Delivery of Jr Breeding Sheep, Jr Breeding Goats, Open Boer Goats & Jr Dairy Goats
- 9:00 a.m. Judging of Jr AOB Heifers – Event Center Arena
- 11:00 a.m. Judging of Jr Mini Hereford Show – Event Center Arena
- 12:00 p.m. Judging of Open Santa Gertrudis Show – Event Center Arena
- 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Early delivery of Jr Breeding Gilts
- 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Delivery & Classification of Horticulture Entries – Greenhouse
- 3:00 p.m. Judging of Open Commercial Heifers – Event Center Arena
- 5:00 p.m. Check in Jr Dairy Goats – North Barn
- 8:00 p.m. Check in Open Boer Goats– North Barn

## SATURDAY – MARCH 11

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| 8:00 a.m.               | Judging of 4-H & FFA Shop Projects – Youth Center   |
| 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.       | Delivery & Check in Jr Breeding Goats   |
| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  | Delivery of Jr Breeding Gilts   |
| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  | Delivery & Check in of Jr Breeding Sheep  |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Judging of Open Beefmaster Show – Event Center Arena  |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Judging of Horticulture Projects – Greenhouse   |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Delivery of garments and information forms for the All Valley Cotton Style Show – Event Center Upstairs |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Swine Skillathon On Site Registration – Event Center  |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Swine Skillathon Competition – Event Center   |
| 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | Delivery & Sifting of Jr Breeding Rabbits   |
| 12:00 p.m.              | Weight cards turn in for Jr Breeding Gilts – Hog Arena Office   |
| 1:00 p.m.               | Judging of Open AOB Show – Event Center Arena   |
| 1:00 p.m.               | Judging of Open Boer Goat Show – North Barn Arena   |
| 1:00 p.m.               | Preliminary Judging – All Valley Cotton Style Show garments – Closed to exhibitors and the public       |
| 1:30 p.m.               | Judging of Horticulture for Grand Champions & Reserve Grand Champion – Greenhouse                       |
| 2:00 p.m.               | Judging of Open Mini Hereford Show – Event Center Arena   |

## **SATURDAY – MARCH 11 (Continued)**

- 3:00 p.m. Judging of Jr Breeding Cattle Showmanship – Event Center Arena
- 4:00 p.m. Judging of Jr Dairy Goats – North Barn
- 4:00 p.m. Swine Skillathon Award Ceremony – Event Center Hog Arena
- 5:00 p.m. Jr Breeding Gilt Showmanship – Event Center Hog Arena
- 5:30 p.m. Comments from Judges & Presentation of Awards for 4-H & FFA Shop Projects – Youth Center
- 6:30 p.m. Good Housekeeping & Herdsman Awards Presentation – Event Center Arena
- 7:00 p.m. RGVLS Ranch Rodeo – Payne Auto Group Arena
- 7:00 p.m. Beefmaster Futurity Event – Event Center Arena  
(or immediately following Herdsmen/  
Good Housekeeping Awards)

## **SUNDAY – MARCH 12**

- 8:00 a.m. Judging of Jr Breeding Sheep followed by Showmanship – North Barn Arena
- 8:00 a.m. Release of All Breeding Cattle
- 9:00 a.m. Classifying & Judging of Jr Breeding Gilts – Event Center Hog Arena
- 9:00 a.m. Release of Open Boer Goats
- 10:00 a.m. Judging of Jr Breeding Rabbits followed by Showmanship – Rabbit Arena
- 12:00 p.m. All Valley Cotton Style Show Check In – Event Center Upstairs



## **SUNDAY – MARCH 12 (Continued)**

- 1:00 p.m. Judging of All Valley Cotton Style Show – Event Center Upstairs
- 1:00 p.m. Judging of Jr Breeding Goats followed by Showmanship – North Barn Arena
- 2:00 p.m. RGVLS Ranch Rodeo – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena
- 5:00 p.m. Release of Jr Breeding Rabbits, Jr Breeding Gilts, Jr Breeding Goats, Jr Breeding Sheep & Dairy Goats

## **MONDAY – MARCH 13**

- 8:00 a.m. Prepared Public Speaking Contest Check In – Event Center
- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Delivery of ALL Market Goats and Market Lambs and Delivery of all livestock tack (Tack must go through staging)
- 8:30 a.m. Agricultural Product Identification Contest with awards at the conclusion of the event – Event Center
- 9:00 a.m. Prepared Public Speaking Contest with awards at the conclusion of the event – Event Center
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Delivery & Sifting of Market Rabbits followed by written exam for Showmanship – Rabbit Arena
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. On Site Registration for Beef Skillathon – Event Center
- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Delivery of Market Steers and Market Hogs
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sifting & Classifying and Weight Card Turn In for Market Goats and Market Lambs

## **TUESDAY – MARCH 14**

- 8:00 a.m. Judging of Market Rabbits followed by Showmanship – Rabbit Arena
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Delivery of Market Steers & Market Hogs
- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Arrival of Open and Jr Breeding Cattle (ARB, Brahman, Red Brangus & Simbrah)
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Middle Barn Cattle Scale Open
- 1:00 p.m. Beef Skillathon – Event Center Upstairs
- 1:00 p.m. Judging of Market Lambs – North Barn
- 3:00 p.m. Classifying & Validation and Weight Card Turn in for Market Steers
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Breeding Cattle Check In – Event Center Arena
- 6:30 p.m. RGV Brahman & F1 Association Showmanship Clinic & Show – Event Center Arena

## **WEDNESDAY – MARCH 15**

- 8:00 a.m. Judging of Jr Simbrah – Event Center Arena
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Delivery & Sifting of Market Poultry – Middle Barn
- 9:00 a.m. Judging of Market Goats – North Barn
- 10:00 a.m. Judging of Jr Red Brangus – Event Center Arena
- 12:00 p.m. Corrections to Market Hog weight cards
- 11:00 a.m. Judging of Jr ARB – Event Center Arena
- 1:00 p.m. Judging of Jr Brahman – Event Center Arena
- 3:00 p.m. Jr Breeding Cattle Showmanship – Event Center Arena

**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 15 (Cont.)**

4:00 p.m. Classifying & Judging of Market Hogs (Duroc, Dark OPB, Light OPB, Yorkshire) – Event Center Hog Arena

7:00 p.m. Judging of Market Poultry – Event Center Arena

**THURSDAY – MARCH 16**

8:00 a.m. Classifying & Judging of Market Hogs (Hampshire, Dark Cross, Other Cross, Champion Drive) – Event Center Hog Arena

8:00 a.m. Judging of ARB Open Show – Event Center Arena

9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Showmanship – North Barn

9:00 a.m. Judging of Red Brangus Open Show – Event Center Arena

10:00 a.m. Judging of Simbrah Open Show – Event Center Arena

1:00 p.m. Market Goat Showmanship – North Barn

12:00 p.m. Judging of Red & Gray Brahman Open Show – Event Center Arena

**FRIDAY – MARCH 17**

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Release of 4-H & FFA Shop Projects

8:00 a.m. Market Hog Showmanship – Event Center Hog Arena

9:00 a.m. Judging of Market Steers followed by Showmanship- Event Center Arena

2:00 – 6:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest Registration – Event Center Hog Office



## **SATURDAY – MARCH 18**

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|-------------------|---|
| 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Release of 4-H & FFA Shop Projects  |
| 7:30 a.m.         | 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest Team Packet<br>Pick up – Rodeo Arena Box Office                               |
| 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  | 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest – Payne Auto<br>Group Rodeo Arena   |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Sale of Champions and Presentation of Scholarship<br>Recipients – Event Center Arena                              |
| 6:00 p.m.         | Load out of Market Hogs   |
| 6:00 p.m.         | Good Housekeeping, Herdsman Awards and 4-H &<br>FFA Livestock Judging Awards Presentation – Event<br>Center Arena |

## **SUNDAY – MARCH 19**

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|-------------------------|---|
| 12:00 midnight          | Release of all Breeding Cattle  |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Load out of Market Steers   |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Release of Horticulture Projects  |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Load out of Market Lambs & Market Goats   |
| 12:00 p.m.              | Check in RGVLS Open/Youth Horse Show Ranch<br>Sorting Events – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena |
| 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.       | Release of Photography & Western Art Projects –<br>Event Center                             |
| TBA                     | Load out of Market Rabbits & Market Poultry   |

# 2023 RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW

## CHANGES & REMINDERS

### APPLICATION OF RULES

The General Rules and Regulations apply to every division listed in this book. There are also rules specifically for the Open Shows, Junior Shows and Departments within these divisions. Exhibitors are responsible for reading, learning, and following all the rules that apply to the division entered.

All changes and reminders can be found throughout this premium book highlighted in yellow.

1. Preliminary delivery of livestock tack
  - a. Tuesday – March 7 – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Delivery of tack and decoration of stalls
  - b. Monday – March 13 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Delivery of tack
2. Breeding Cattle Classification time 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on designated days
3. Market Steer judging – Friday, March 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
4. Please review entry fees for projects
5. Exhibitor Rule 8 – If an exhibitor uses a substitute exhibitor in a Jr Breeding Division that shows an animal and qualifies for the Champion Drive, the original owner, not the substitute exhibitor, of the animal must show said animal in the Champion Drive. Exception, if both the original and substitute exhibitor’s animals make the Champion Drive.
6. Blocking Table & Trim Chutes: No Market Lamb or Market Goat blocking tables are permitted on grounds. No Steer or Junior Heifer Trim Chutes are permitted on grounds.
7. Clippers: No clippers, with an electrical cord, are allowed to be used once animals arrive on the grounds. Cordless clippers are allowed.
8. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within the past 30 days is required for all Breeding Cattle. The health certificate must be location specific to the Show. The health certificate must specify “Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Mercedes, TX”.
9. Absolutely no tattooing, branding, or ear notching will be allowed on the showgrounds. Any violations of this rule will result in the exhibitor and project being subject to disqualification.
10. Details of the Sale of Champions, including but not limited to, date, time, place levels, and eligibility of exhibitor is subject to change at the sole discretion of the board of directors of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
11. All tack, feed, and equipment, including but not limited to show boxes, dryers, chairs, brooms, shovels, or scoops and bags, must be kept in the designated feed alley. None of these items will be allowed in any public walkway. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO THE SCHOOL OR 4-H CLUB.**

12. Jr Breeding Cattle: Winners of the Good Housekeeping Award/Herdsman Award will receive prime location for stalling in the Event Center for the 2024 show. Prime Location will be at the discretion of the stalling committee.
13. Good Housekeeping – Each exhibit must consist of at least 5 exhibits
14. Photography – Exhibitor may enter only one photo for judging.
15. Western Art – Only one piece of art may be entered per exhibitor. Artwork must be in one category only
16. Market Goat
  - a. All market goats entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions
  - b. All market goats must have a legible county tattoo
  - c. Rule 17: Fitting rule
17. Market Hogs
  - a. Rule 14: Fitting rule
  - b. All market hogs entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags
  - c. From Monday, March 13, 2023, 12 p.m. to Saturday, March 18, 2023, 5 p.m., all alley ways are to be kept clear of show boxes, feed boxes, wagons, ice chests, chairs and other items that may cause harm to any hogs or people walking down the alley ways. These items may be placed on exterior perimeter of the hog barn pens. Outside perimeter is a first come first serve basis and no items are to be affixed to pens or bleachers. No boxes will be allowed to hang anywhere outside of the pen. Failure to follow this rule will result in disciplinary action to the school or 4-H club in violation of each offense.
18. Market Lambs
  - a. All market lambs must have a legible county tattoo
  - b. All market lambs entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions
  - c. Rule 13: Fitting rule
  - d. Shearing: Lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints before arrival to the grounds. This will be strictly enforced. Refer to rule 16 Fitting
19. Market Rabbits
  - a. Review section 4 for market rabbits that can be validated. The pen of market rabbits to be validated must have the same coloration, same breed of rabbit and from the same litter. No mix matching of different breeds will be allowed to be validated or shown at RGVLS
  - b. Exhibitors must report, IN PERSON, to the rabbit area at which time a multiple choice exam will be given at a determined location. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service Rabbit Literature that is available through

[www.shop4-H.org](http://www.shop4-H.org), through county agents, and from the 2021-2025 editions of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection book

#### 20. Market Steers

- a. All market steers entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags
- b. All market steers must have a legible county tattoo
- c. No cable halters will be allowed
- d. Rule 18: Fitting rule

#### 21. Jr Breeding Gilts

- a. All Jr Breeding Gilts entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guideline and decisions
- b. Animals show in this division will be ineligible for market hog division
- c. Rule 10: Fitting Rule

#### 22. Jr Breeding Goats

- a. All Jr Breeding Goats must have legible county tattoo. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions
- b. Goats entered in this division are ineligible for the market goat division
- c. Rule 12: Fitting Rule
- d. Commercial Does entering the showing must have validation ear tag

#### 23. Jr Breeding Rabbits

- a. If there are more than one exhibitor from the same family entering the Jr Breeding Rabbits to show, every rabbit must have a different tattoo in their left ear
- b. Rabbits entered in this division are ineligible for the market rabbit division
- c. Exhibitors must report, IN PERSON, to the rabbit area at which time a multiple choice exam will be given at a determined location. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service Rabbit Literature that is available through [www.shop4-H.org](http://www.shop4-H.org), the county extension agents, and from the 2021-2025 edition of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection book

#### 24. Jr Breeding Sheep

- a. All Jr Breeding Sheep entering the showing are required to have a validation ear tag
- b. All Jr Breeding Sheep must have a legible county tattoo
- c. Sheep entered in this division are ineligible for the market lamb division
- d. Rule 11: Fitting

#### 25. Jr Breeding Cattle

- a. All Jr Breeding Commercial Cattle entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all commercial cattle guidelines and decisions by the committee, management and board of directors.



- b. In the event there are 15 or more entries of the same breed shown in competition, a separate division may be created for them THE FOLLOWING YEAR
- c. Texas Longhorns and Simmental will now be in the AOB division

26. Jr Red Brangus/ Open Show Red Brangus

- a. The animals must be registered in the ARBA and/or IBBA in the exhibitor's name and have legible brand including a private herd number which shall correspond with the registration papers
- b. Judging of Red Brangus will be based on "desirable" characteristics as entered in the ARBA and/or IBBA Bylaws

27. Open Show Breeding Cattle

- a. Texas Longhorns and Simmental will now be in the AOB division

28. Open Boer Goat Show

- a. Exhibitors may enter the Open Show at check in if the goat is entered in the Jr Breeding Goat Show. There will be a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$20 entry fee made payable to RGVLS
- b. Rule 11: Fitting Rule

29. Youth Archery

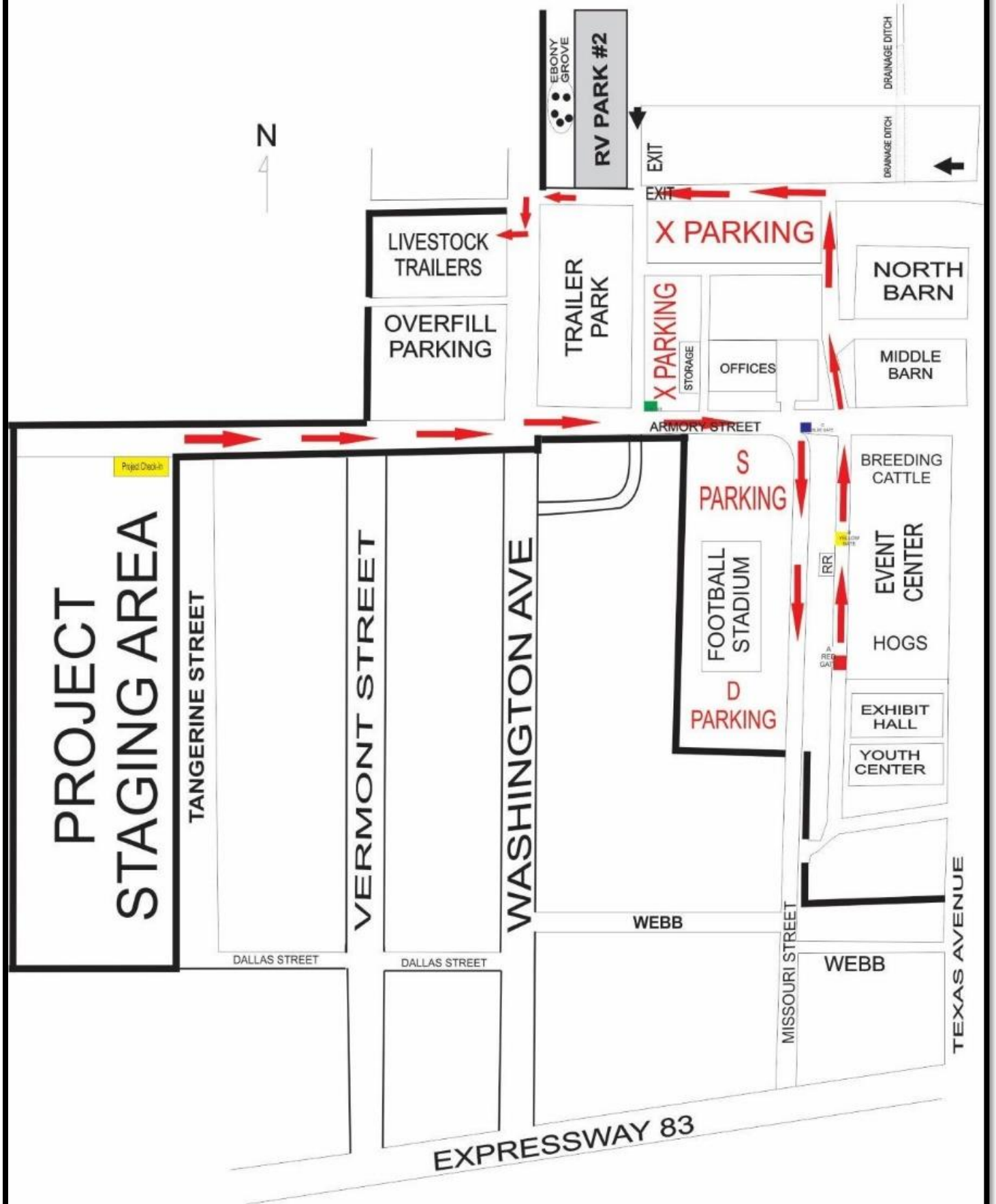
- a. Verification of coach WILL be required in advance of participation of any contestant. Coaches MUST provide the official name of their program and a contact phone number for verification. If a participant cannot be verified, they will not be allowed to compete.

GENERAL RULE CHANGES

- 30. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
- 31. No corded blowers will be allowed for market animal divisions
- 32. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of specified divisions. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the breed champion of each division. 15 head or more will result in full scholarship amounts. Some divisions may vary and are specified in that particular division.
- 33. Showmanship and other events are now categorized by grade and not age. Refer to specific division for provisions.
- 34. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director WILL have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing. Regardless of any disqualifications, any market animal will remain under consignment contract and will be sold at the end of the event.

35. Open Show exhibitors ages 5 years old to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade must have a parent or legal guardian accompany them in the show ring. The parent/legal guardian will have an extra lead on the show halter.

# ALL LIVESTOCK & SHOP ENTRIES STAGING AREA CHECK-IN



**2023**  
**Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show**  
**Board of Directors**

Mike Risica - President  
Horacio "Lacho" Garza - 1st Vice President  
Sam Morrow - 2nd Vice President  
Edna Martinez - Secretary  
Sherilyn Goad - Treasurer  
Luis Saldana - Director at Large  
Bobby Sparks - President Emeritus

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Daniel Acevedo  
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Reagan Florence  
Lucas Hinojosa, DVM  
Michael Lamon  
Felo Martinez  
Earl Neuhaus  
Abel Suarez  
Mitch Thomas  
Ryan Vaughan  
Bill Wentz



## OFFICE STAFF

Mando Correa - General Manager  
Christy Cameron - Marketing & Fund Raising Director  
Nicole Campos - Receptionist  
Terri Kotzur - Livestock Coordinator  
Becky Leimon - Concessions Coordinator  
Darleen McDonald - Livestock Secretary  
Andrew Maldonado - Program & Event Coordinator  
Jennifer Perez - Accounts Payable/Receivable Clerk



## MAINTENANCE

Conrad Gonzales - Supervisor  
Pablo Alvarez  
Andy Garcia  
Angel Gonzales  
Sal Gonzalez  
Rene Rodriguez



**2023 RGVLS  
CHAIRMEN  
&  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**4-H & FFA  
LIVESTOCK JUDGING**

Chairman: Judy Milton  
Co-Chairman: Eddie Cruz  
MEMBERS

Jena Adkins, Jerin Bryant, Monty Bryant, Jessica Canales, Deidren Cantu, Paul Cantu, Katie Cash-Lynn, Derek Correa, Thomas Garza, Jorge Guerra, Vanessa Hernandez, Xavier Hernandez, Martin Limon, J.D. Milton, Juan Munoz, Robert Salazar, Eddie Salinas, Annie Vasquez, Cassie Vasquez, Roel Vasquez, Daniella Vela & Brad Wood

**4-H & FFA  
SHOP DIVISION**

Chairman: Eloy Reyna  
Co-Chairman: Roberto Quintero  
MEMBERS

Cristal Badillo, Ralph Badillo, Barrie Briggs, Anissa Canales, Brian Canales, Artemio Cantu, Bertha Cantu, Chris Cuello, Rene Flores, Mike Garrett, Israel Garza, Jose Garza, Elena Gutierrez, Billy Langley, Deanna Guzman, Jose Guzman, Sal Langley, Sarah Langley, Willie Langley, Joe Lopez, Mary Lopez, Candi Mobley, Darrell Mobley, Joe Montemayor, Marta Quintero, Christina Reyna, Melba Reyna, Lori Salazar & Tony Salazar

**ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Mark Brunnemann  
MEMBERS

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(956) 565-2456 Office  
[www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com)

### **EMERGENCY FIRST AID STATION**

An emergency first aid station will be established and maintained on the showgrounds.

### **PARKING**

Parking attendants will be on hand to direct traffic to the various parking areas. Vehicles parking in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Cars parked in the parking lots should be locked and empty of people. All trucks, trailers, and vehicles of exhibitors, not used daily, must be parked on the auxiliary parking lot which is provided free of charge. The lot is located on the West side of the Show grounds.

### **STOLEN OR LOST PROPERTY**

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for stolen or lost property before, during or after the Show.

### **SECURITY & POLICE**

Law enforcement officers will be on hand to give assistance if needed. The Livestock Show will not be responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show is also NOT responsible for accidents.

### **CONCESSION STANDS**

All who operate or work in stands of any kind that serve drinks or food must comply fully with local, county and state health department requirements. Concessionaires are responsible for paying all state sales taxes and permit fees.

### **DELIVERIES**

All persons or firms making deliveries to the showgrounds must purchase a commercial delivery permit. Permits will be sold for \$50, which entitles the purchaser to one delivery vehicle windshield sticker. This sticker must be affixed to the windshield of the delivery vehicle and will admit the vehicle, driver and one attendant.

### **VETERINARIAN**

Dr. Lucas Hinojosa, Official Show Veterinarian, or members of the Rio Grande Valley Veterinarian Association will be on call at all times. To obtain the services of a veterinarian, exhibitors should contact their division superintendent, or the main livestock show office.

## **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER**

Only photographers displaying the badge “Official Photographer” are authorized to operate on the showgrounds and to charge exhibitors and others for their services. News Media, Breed Association Representatives and other persons may take pictures provided they will not be sold to others.

## **RETURNED CHECKS**

A \$35 charge will be made for all checks returned due to insufficient funds, account closed or other reasons.

## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

It will be considered a favor if visitors will report to the management any mistreatment or extortion practices by an employee of the livestock show, concessionaire, or carnival. Do not wait until the show is over to file a complaint, but report immediately as then is the time redress can be made.

## **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Persons, organizations, or corporations desiring to present their product, or their views may lease space in the areas designed for this purpose by the management. Such space shall be assigned in accordance with a predetermined plan. Whenever practical, however, each lessee will be given preference in leasing the same space the following year.

To maintain the public areas in a safe, neat, and sanitary condition, and to promote a pleasant and carefree atmosphere, no lessee shall conduct any portion of its operations outside the space leased to it. Nor shall any persons, group or corporation conduct business, distribute samples or printed material, or make any solicitation or presentation of any nature on the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds except within the areas leased by it. Begging, soliciting, singing or public speaking are strictly prohibited.

The above STATEMENT OF POLICY is an implied condition in every contract or lease agreement and is part of the General Rules and Regulations of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show published only in the Premium List.

## **OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS**

The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession, show, sign, banner, advertising matter or merchandise of any kind that may be falsely entered or deemed objectionable, without assigning a reason, and if necessary, to return any money paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

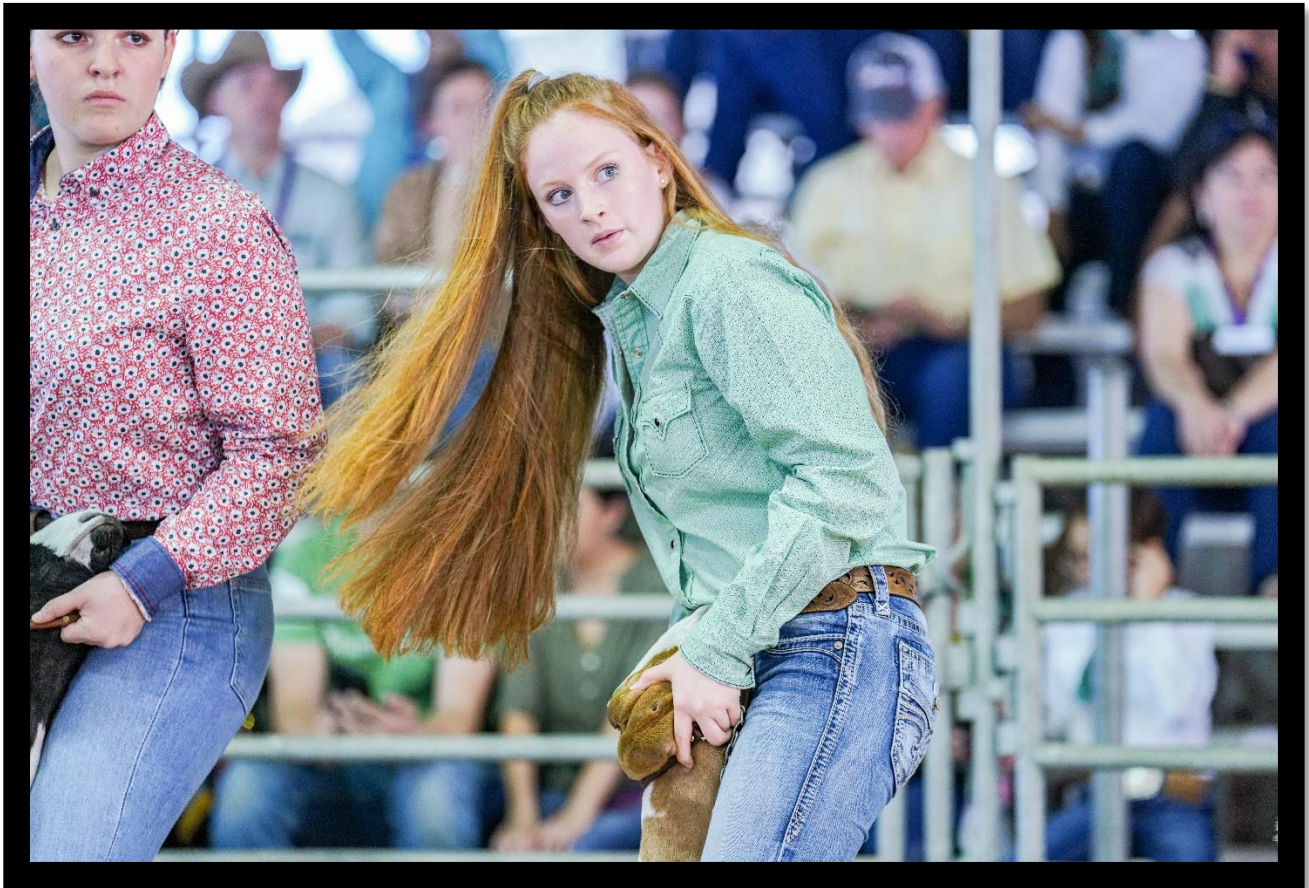
## **GATES**

The Show will open to visitors beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023, and each day of the Show thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, except Friday and Saturday nights when gates will be open until 1:00 a.m. No one will be allowed on the grounds after 1:00 a.m., other than those holding proper credentials.



## DOGS/PETS

**DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUNDS** because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees, vendors, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show committee members, volunteers and Show visitors. The only exception is official entries in a sanctioned RGVLS competitive and/or entertainment event or certified service dogs. Service dogs must have proper credentialing. Dogs entered in the Pet Show must be removed from the Showgrounds immediately after the Pet Show is completed.



# **GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL EXHIBITORS**

## **RULE 1. INTERPRETATION & VIOLATION OF RULES:**

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Inc. (at times in these rules referred to simply as “the Show”), reserve, to the Show’s Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, protests, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to the rules as its judgment may determine. All exhibitors by entry into the show hereby agree and contract to abide and be bound by these rules and that their rights and privileges as Exhibitors in the Show are solely defined by them. Any Exhibitor who violates any of these rules will be subject to specific penalty specified in any rule or rules violated plus one or more of the following as determined in the sole discretion of the Executive Committee:

- Issuance of oral or written apologies in a form acceptable to the Show, to other exhibitors, Show Officials, sifters, judges, chapters, clubs and/or other persons or entities affected by the violation.
- Removal from the Showgrounds, along with any exhibits of his/her.
- Suspension or disqualification of the exhibitor, his or her immediate family, or both from the 2023 and/or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows.
- Forfeiture of all premium, extra, or supplemental funds and/or sales proceeds applicable to the sale of his/her exhibit(s) as part of any Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from which that exhibitor has been disqualified.
- Suspension or disqualification of his/her FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from the 2023 and/or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows
- Suspension or disqualification of other persons with ownership interests in the exhibit(s) exhibited from the 2023 and or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows
- And/or such other penalty as the Executive Committee otherwise orders

## **RULE 2. STATEMENT OF LIABILITY**

All exhibits will be subject to the direction of the Show Management, but the Show will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur for any reason, including but not limited to, the condition of the premises or the refusal to consent to the administration of any drugs, chemicals, or other foreign substances. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss or injury to any exhibit exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog and shall indemnify the Show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto as well as damage or injury to any other person or property used by the exhibitor or any of the exhibits by him/her arising out of, or in any way connected with, such exhibit.

## **RULE 3. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY**

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will only accept entries through our online program. Entries may be submitted beginning November 1, 2022; however, they must be received in the Livestock Show

Office by deadline. Entry Certification Forms (one per exhibitor), copy of State Validation Forms (Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Jr Breeding Gilt and Jr Breeding Sheep), copy of original registration forms (Jr Breeding Goats and Jr Breeding Heifers) and payment for entries are due in the Livestock Show Office no later than 10 calendar days after online entry date. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Please plan with your school district or club to make sure your payment is made on time.

- All FFA, 4-H and FCCLA entries must be submitted through the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show online entry system available on our website, [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com). It is within the sole discretion of the Show to reject or accept conditionally any applications.
- Separate entries must be submitted on exhibits, which compete in more than one class
- NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM INDIVIDUAL FFA, FCCLA OR 4-H EXHIBITORS. All entries of exhibitors from each individual 4-H Club, FFA or FCCLA Chapter from the State of Texas must be submitted online by the 4-H Club manager, county agent, Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) or FCCLA teacher. Payment must be made with one check, money order, cashier's check, or credit card payment for all the club or chapter entries. No cash please. Payment must be received in the Livestock Office no later than 10 days after online entry date deadline. Please make check payable to RGVLS. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS FULL ENTRY FEES ARE PAID. NO REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES WILL BE MADE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

#### **RULE 4. APPLICATION SUMMARY**

All entries of exhibitors from each individual 4-H club, FFA or FCCLA Chapter must be submitted online by the 4-H Club manager, county agent, Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) or FCCLA teacher. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show requires a hardcopy of the Official ShoWorks receipt and the detailed ShoWorks summary of entries, in alphabetical order by exhibitor last name, delivered or mailed to the Livestock Show office no later than 10 calendar days after the online entry date deadline. A hardcopy of a W-9 must also be received on each exhibitor containing EXHIBITOR, NOT PARENT, INFORMATION.

4-H club managers and ASTs must submit a list of adult leaders who will be assisting their exhibitor during the Show.

#### **RULE 5. DEADLINE CALCULATION**

All deadlines specified herein that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday other than during the Show itself shall be on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Any other extension of any deadline occurring other than during the Show itself such as for weather, natural disaster, Act of God, strike, or any other cause will be at the sole discretion of the Show Management. All deadlines occurring during the Show itself are final and will not be extended under any circumstances.

#### **RULE 6. ENTRY FEES & DEADLINE SUMMARY**

The following is a list of entry fees and deadlines for various animals and exhibits. It is agreed that all exhibitors that these fees are expressly NOT for the purchase of any goods or services or the chance to win any prize.

There will be a charge of \$50 per head/exhibit or \$250 per 4-H Club, FFA or FCCLA chapter for entries received after January 13, 2023. Late entries with additional fees will be taken until January 27, 2023. The online portal will close on January 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. A \$250 late fee will apply for club/chapters not submitting payment by deadline.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023**

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| Market Steer (One per exhibitor)                   | \$30 per head                           |
| Market Hogs (One per exhibitor)                    | \$20 per head                           |
| Market Lambs (One per exhibitor)                   | \$20 per head                           |
| Market Goats (One per exhibitor)                   | \$20 per head                           |
| Market Rabbits (One pen of 3 per exhibitor)        | \$20 per pen                            |
| Market Poultry (One pen of 3 per exhibitor)        | \$85 per pen ONLINE deadline 12/16/2022 |
| Horticulture                                       | \$20 per entry                          |
| Western Art (One judged piece per exhibitor)       | \$20 per entry                          |
| Photography (One judged piece per exhibitor)       | \$20 per entry                          |
| Breeding Cattle (Jr and Open shows)                | \$30 per head                           |
| Breeding Cattle – Exhibit Cattle Only (not judged) | \$50 per head                           |
| Jr Breeding Gilts                                  | \$20 per head                           |
| Jr Breeding Goats                                  | \$20 per head                           |
| Jr Breeding Sheep                                  | \$20 per head                           |
| Jr Breeding Rabbits                                | \$20 per pen                            |
| Jr Dairy Goats                                     | \$20 per entry                          |
| 4-H & FFA Shop Projects                            | \$20 per exhibitor/team member          |
| Beef Skillathon                                    | \$20 per entry                          |
| Swine Skillathon                                   | \$20 per entry                          |
| Ag Product ID (Early online registration)          | \$5 per person                          |
| Ag Product ID Team (Onsite Registration)           | \$25 per team (3-4 members)             |
| Ag Product ID Individual (Onsite Registration)     | \$8 per person                          |
| Prepared Public Speaking                           | \$20 per entry                          |
| All Valley Cotton Style Show                       | \$20 per entry                          |
| Livestock Judging                                  | \$5 per person                          |
| Speed/Performance Horse Events                     | \$10 per class entered                  |
| Youth Archery                                      | \$20 per class entered                  |

Entries in Jr Beef Division and Open Show must be halter broken.

\*Breeding cattle only will be allowed to stall in the Breeding Cattle area. Cattle Stalled that do not show in competition will be considered exhibit cattle and a fee of \$50 per head will be incurred. Exhibitors who fail to pay this fee may be asked to remove their animals from the showgrounds.

#### **RULE 7. PROJECT/ANIMAL SUBSTITUTIONS**

No substitutions of entries will be allowed under any circumstances in any Jr Division after entry deadline.

#### **RULE 8. EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTIONS**

All animals must be exhibited by their owners, however, when an exhibitor has more than one project entered AND being judged at the same time at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show a substitute exhibitor may be used. The substitute exhibitor must be from the same FFA or 4-H club. The substitution request form must be filled out and turned in to the division superintendent prior to the event for approval.

If an exhibitor uses a substitute exhibitor in a Jr Breeding Division that shows an animal that qualifies for the Champion Drive, the original owner, not the substitute exhibitor, of the animal must show said animal in the Champion Drive.

#### **RULE 9. SHOW CARDS**

Each entry will be assigned a number. Exhibitors will receive a show card with corresponding number, which must be worn when entry is being judged.

#### **RULE 10. FEED & WATER**

All exhibitors must provide all feed along with all watering and feed vessels. Every exhibitor must adequately feed and water each animal, which he or she has entered, all the way up to their division LOAD OUT time. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor (at the Board's discretion) from showing next year.

#### **RULE 11. ARRIVAL OF LIVESTOCK ENTRIES – SEE RULES UNDER EACH DIVISION**

#### **RULE 12. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK – SEE RULES UNDER EACH DIVISION**

FFA and 4-H Club exhibitors must stay with their market entries until buyers take charge of them or until released by the division superintendent.

#### **RULE 13. CARE OF ANIMALS, STALLS & PENS**

All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each morning and animals in their stalls or pens from that time until 6:00 p.m., unless being judged or being prepared for judging.

All livestock will be stalled in the designated area assigned to that particular division. For example: Breeding Cattle – Event Center; Steers – Middle Barn; Goats and Sheep – North Barn, etc. Exhibitors will not be permitted to stall animals otherwise. To do so may result in an exhibitor being disqualified.



#### **RULE 14. GROOMING OF ANIMALS**

Only immediate family members, ASTs, 4-H Club managers, county extension agents and certified 4-H group leaders of the group, (for all Jr Shows) will be allowed to help/fit exhibitor's animals on the showgrounds during the 2023 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, March 9-19.

Blocking Tables & Trim Chutes: No Market Lamb or Market Goat Blocking Tables are permitted on grounds. No Steer or Junior Heifer Trim Chutes are permitted on grounds.

Clippers: No clippers, with an electrical cord, are allowed to be used once animals arrive on the grounds. Cordless clippers are allowed.

#### **RULE 15. GENERATORS**

No generators will be allowed

#### **RULE 16. STALL CARDS & SIGNS**

Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor is required to post a stall card or sign of their exhibit giving the exhibitor's name, club or chapter and similar information, such as sponsor, etc. This sign may be of any design or shape provided the outside dimensions do not exceed 22 inches in the Junior Livestock Barns. The exception to this rule will be duty roster signs. These must be no more than three feet wide and four feet in height. Decoration of stalls will take place during designated times only.

Exhibitors showing in the junior show must stall with their respective 4-H club or FFA chapter, and they must post signs that reflect that club or chapter; they can only compete in Good Housekeeping Awards. If an exhibitor is entered in the Open Show only, they can compete for the Herdsman Award.

Exhibitors of Open Breeding Cattle are permitted to display a sign over the exhibit advertising their own herd. This sign shall be a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other exhibitor's signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs not to exceed 22x28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals with an individual exhibit. No "For Sale" signs will be permitted. All other forms of signs or advertising must be approved by the Show.

The Show, at its sole discretion, may have any signs removed that violate these provisions or which it otherwise finds objectionable for any reason.

#### **RULE 17. SIFTING OF LIVESTOCK**

If the classifier, sifters, Show Management, or RGVLS Director determine that an animal is lacking in competitive merit or is not adequately controllable for any reason, it will be eliminated, disqualified from further competition in that year's Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. All sifted market animals will be returned to the exhibitor and must be immediately removed from the showgrounds. Junior exhibitors must personally present their animals for sift. Substitute junior exhibitors may present an animal for sift only if approved by the division superintendent. No adults will be allowed in the sifting area.

#### **RULE 18. JUDGING RULES**

The time of judging the livestock will be announced prior to the Show. All exhibitors must be on hand at the time of judging to present their animal promptly on schedule. No complaint or protest that judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.

Only Jr exhibitors will be allowed in all holding areas. No other personnel will be allowed in the holding pens/areas.

Only the exhibitors, the official judges, his/her certified assistants, and authorized show personnel will be allowed in the judging ring. During the judging, exhibitors shall not speak to the judge except when asked to do so by the judge. No exhibitor, at any time or in any way, whether in person or by agent, servant, parent, or any other person, may interfere with the judges and/or sifers in their official capacity or exhibit disrespect to them or other Show Officials.

In classes where competition does not exist, the judge shall make his award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited. The judge will not and cannot award a premium or other award to an unworthy animal.

### **RULE 19. SHOWING FOR ADJUDICATION**

All exhibitors, in accordance with the rules, must bring their animals into the arena for judging at times and locations specified for the type and/or class in which competing.

### **RULE 20. ETHICS**

The following shall be considered unethical in the entry, care, handling and/or showing of any animal.

- Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown
- Striking the animal to cause swelling or depressed area
- Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, body parts, hide or hair, except for the removal of warts, teats or horns or clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- Insertion of foreign material under the skin including, but not limited to, air, liquid, or natural substances from other portions of the same or other animals such as blood, urine, fat or tissue of any kind.
- Changing the color of hair at any point, spot, or area on the animal's body.
- The act of artificially filling animals internally by stomach pumping is prohibited
- The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench
- Mishandling, abuse, or neglect of animals

### **RULE 21. PROTESTS**

Any disagreement, dispute, claim or challenge to any decision of the Show Management, its officials, or judges, under these rules or otherwise arising out of the presence of any exhibitor on the showgrounds or in any competition as part of the Show, must be made by protest in writing within 15 calendar days of the event or decision made based on the disagreement, dispute, claim or challenge. If protesting an animal, protest must be made prior to completion of judging of that animal. All protests must be supported by affidavit based upon the person knowledge of the affiant supporting the protest together with a deposit of \$250. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. No protest will be accepted challenging the policy reflected in any rule, only its application or administration. All policy decisions of the Show reflected in these rules are final. No protest will be accepted regarding the merits of the judge's decision unless it is alleged that such decision was made in violation of these rules. The Executive Committee of the Show shall have the sole right and authority to review and decide the protest. In so doing, it may use the information contained therein and any and all other



information, which it may be able to acquire from any source. The protesting party will be notified of a time and place within twenty (20) days of the date of the protest when the protesting party, in person or by representative so authorized in writing, may appear before the Executive Committee to state his/her position or present additional evidence competent under the Texas Rules of Evidence. Each such presentation shall be limited to ninety (90) minutes of total time. Non-appearance at the time scheduled will constitute a default of the protest. The Show will not be required to produce any controvert evident at the presentation but may RULE discuss such evidence with the protesting party at the presentation if the Executive Committee desires to do so. The protesting party will be allowed to request advance production of any controvert evidence to the extent it is available when requested. Within ten (10) days of the date of the scheduled presentation, the Executive Committee will forward its decision in writing to the protesting party at the address on that party's application and to any representative so authorized in writing. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final in all respects. Compliance with this rule in all respects shall be an absolute administrative prerequisite to any further action of any kind.

## **RULE 22. SPECIAL RULES**

Special rules or conditions are published in each division where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any division and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

## **RULE 23. STAYING OVERNIGHT ON THE SHOWGROUNDS**

Only bona fide ASTs, CEAs, Assistant CEAs, 4-H club managers, exhibitors, their parents/guardians and/or family members and other persons authorized by the Show management will be allowed to stay on the grounds overnight.

## **RULE 24. GENERAL CONDUCT RULES**

No excessive noise of any kind will be allowed after twelve midnight. No exhibitor, family member of any exhibitor, AST, CEA, 4-H club manager or assistants may use abusive language, be disruptive, interfere with the exhibits of others, exhibit lewd or lascivious behavior, possess, or use non-prescription narcotics or controlled substances as defined by federal law, or otherwise create a nuisance or obstacle to the orderly continuation of the Show. Any person on the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds who refuses to allow a search of his/her person, exhibit area, supplies, overnight living quarters, vehicles or other facilities under their possession or control within the confines of the Showgrounds for substances prohibited by these rules may be subject to the penalties as specified in Rule 1. Constructive possession is the existence of substances in or within the areas specified herein other than on the person.

## **RULE 25. GROUND SECURITY**

All exhibitors are always solely responsible for the security and condition of their animals until delivered on or to the truck or other conveyance of the buyer. The Show is in no way responsible for security of any animal or exhibit. Each FFA Chapter and 4-H Club must supply the name and phone number of a person who can be reached at all times during the Show in case an emergency arises.

## **RULE 26. WRISTBANDS & GATE TICKETS**

- One exhibitor wristband will be provided to FFA, FCCLA and 4-H Club advisors for each exhibitor listed on their summary sheets. Wristbands must always be worn during the Show.

The wristband will serve as the exhibitor's admission to the showgrounds. Double entry in the Open and Jr Divisions by a Jr exhibitor does not entitle the exhibitor to additional passes and/or parking permits. No lost or stolen wristbands will be replaced.

- Agriculture Science Teachers and 4-H club managers: Complimentary season gate tickets will be allowed each AST and 4-H club manager based on the following number of exhibitors as show on their summary sheet. CEAs and Assistant CEAs who have exhibitors from their county will each be allowed one season gate ticket. Additional season gate tickets may be purchased at the discounted price of \$35.

| NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS  | NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1-10 Exhibitors       | 2 Season Tickets                |
| 11-20 Exhibitors      | 3 Season Tickets                |
| 21-30 Exhibitors      | 4 Season Tickets                |
| 31 or more Exhibitors | 5 Season Tickets                |

- Adult Livestock Exhibitors: Listed below is the maximum number of season gate tickets that will be issued. Each exhibitor will be dealt with separately and if the maximum number of tickets is not required, the maximum will not be issued. Additional season gate tickets, more than the allowed amount, may be purchased at the discounted price of \$35.

| NUMBER OF HEAD  | NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Head          | 1 Season Ticket                 |
| 2-3 Head        | 2 Season Tickets                |
| 4-6 Head        | 3 Season Tickets                |
| 7-10 Head       | 4 Season Tickets                |
| 11 or more head | 5 Season Tickets                |

Note: All gate tickets of every character are good only for admission of the person to whom issued. Tickets are not transferable and will be forfeited if misused in any manner.

## **27. SALE – MARKET ANIMALS**

As this is a terminal show, exhibitors must sell all market steers, hogs, lambs, goats, poultry, and rabbits that show in competition during the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. There will be no take-home market animals, except those ordered by the Show to be removed due to sickness. All market steers, hogs, lambs, and goats will be sold by the pound. Market rabbits and poultry will be sold by the pen. The Show reserves the right to return market animals to their exhibitors in the event a bid cannot be obtained by the Show.

## **28. CHECKS FOR SALE PROCEEDS**

The annual Sale of Champions will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Buyers should make checks payable to RGVLS. Payment is due on the day of the sale.

## **29. OWNERSHIP & ANIMAL IDENTITY**

Ownership of all terminal projects will remain with the exhibitor until the project is delivered on or to the truck or other conveyance of the buyer.

Animal Identity DNA Testing – As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor must agree to submit DNA Validation/Registration samples of any and all animals entered by the exhibitor for purposes of identifications. The Show requires the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation/registration event. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing company/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. If the animal's identity (Show sample) is found to differ from its validation/registrations sample, then the exhibitor will forfeit any awards, prize money and/or sale proceeds and may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit in the future at the Show.

Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee" in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family and/or the supervising CEA or AST. Failure to gain approval from the supervising AST/CEA and the Species-Specific County Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.

## **30. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within the past 30 days is required for all **BREEDING CATTLE**. The health certificate must be location specific to the Show. The health certificate must specify "Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Mercedes, TX".

All livestock exhibited must meet the health requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission and any additional requirements that the Show may, in its sole discretion, require.

Cattle and horses from tick and scabies quarantined areas must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a state or federal inspector showing freedom from infection or exposure thereto and have been dipped immediately prior to shipment. These animals will be checked against health certificates at the gate of the showgrounds. Any animal may be inspected, refused entry, or be required to be removed from the showgrounds due to disease or external parasites. Animals that show any evidence of abnormal discharge will not be admitted and all cows calving will be isolated.

**HORSES:** Effective January 1, 1997, all equines, regardless of origin, entering any show, fair and exhibition (interstate or intrastate) must have a negative test for EIA conducted within the previous 12 months.

## **RULE 31. FOREIGN SUBSTANCES**

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, in its sole discretion, may, any number of times and at any time, test any animal officially entered in any division for unethical fitting or any foreign substance, including any type of drugs, chemicals or prohibited feed additives other than drugs or chemicals. Feed additives are prohibited if they are so indicated by the USDA or FDA at the time of the test. Unethical fitting is any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural confirmation, musculature, or weight in any animal.

## **RULE 32. MEDICATIONS**

Exhibitors who have animals on the grounds and service of a veterinarian is needed, should report to the superintendent of their division who will call a veterinarian. After that, exhibitors should wait near their animal until a veterinarian arrives. If an animal of an exhibitor needs medication, the decision to give it or allow it to be given is solely that of the exhibitor, regardless of consent or lack thereof from the Show and the effect on the animal of its administration, or lack thereof, is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor. If the medications used to treat the animal are, or could be, hazardous to humans if consumed, the animal must be removed from the showgrounds immediately. If the animal of an exhibitor is medicated without the expressed consent of the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian, and it tests positive for the substance administered, the provisions of Rule 1 will apply. Payment of veterinary fees is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Rule 32 establishes a zero tolerance for any type of medication in an animal, unless the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian, has given expressed written consent. Should any such medication be found in the actual or constructive possession of any other person, that person may be expelled from the showgrounds for a length of time to be determined in the sole discretion of the Show. Veterinarians bringing such medications onto the showgrounds for the possible treatment of animals pursuant to this rule should advise the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian before doing so or they will expose themselves to the provisions of this rule.

## **RULE 33. TATTOOING, BRANDING, ETC.**

Absolutely no tattooing, branding, or ear notching will be allowed on the showgrounds. Any violations of this rule will result in the exhibitor and project being subject to disqualification.

## **RULE 34. SALE OF CHAMPIONS**

Details of the Sale of Champions, including but not limited to, date, time, place levels and eligibility of exhibitor is subject to change at the sole discretion of the board of directors of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

## **RULE 35. SHOW BOXES**

All tack, feed, and equipment, including but not limited to show boxes, dryers, chairs, brooms, shovels or scoops and bags, must be kept in the designated feed alley. None of these items will be allowed in any public walkways. Failure to follow this rule will result in disciplinary action to the school or 4-H club.

## **RULE 34. COOKING**

No cooking grills, crockpots, roasters, hot plates, electric skillets, or BBQ grills are allowed within the showgrounds or in any barn areas.

## **RULE 35. TENTS**

No personal tents, pop up tents or shade are allowed within the showground or barn areas.



Current as of October 4, 2019

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## **Summary of Texas Requirements**

### **For Intrastate, Interstate and International Livestock (Domestic and Exotic), Poultry and Ratites**

**Note:** The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two.

### **Cattle Requirements (including Bison)**

- I. Intrastate (Cattle moved within the state of Texas)
  - A. All cattle or bison originating in Texas and participating in:
    1. Intrastate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (those functions that require Texas livestock, poultry and ratites of the same species to be housed and exhibited separate and apart from livestock, poultry and ratites from out of state) are exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and testing requirements.
    2. Interstate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (those functions that permit livestock and poultry from other states to enter for show or exhibition and held in common facilities with Texas origin livestock and poultry of the same species) are exempt from an entry permit, but must meet the same other requirements as for those species entering from out-of-state and be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection.
      - a. Texas origin dairy cattle are not required to be tested for tuberculosis to participate in a show, fair or exhibition within the state but must be officially individually identified.
  - B. Requirements for Change of Ownership within Texas
    1. All dairy cattle must to be individually identified prior to change of ownership.
    2. All sexually intact cattle, 18 months of age and older, changing ownership within Texas, shall be officially identified within seven days of the change of ownership.
    3. Trichomoniasis Requirements
      - a. All Texas origin bulls sold, leased, gifted, exchanged or otherwise change possession for breeding purposes in the State of Texas shall meet the following testing or certification requirements prior to sale or change of ownership in the state.
        - 1) Registered bulls under 18 months of age can be certified as virgin, by the breeder, and accompanied by a breeder's certificate of virgin status; or
        - 2) If from a herd of unknown status (a herd that has not had a whole herd test), be tested negative on three consecutive culture tests conducted not less than seven (7) days apart or one RT-PCR test conducted within 60 days of sale or movement, be held separate from all female cattle since the test sample was collected, and be accompanied by a Trich test record showing the negative test results.
        - 3) Untested Bulls: Bulls presented for sale without a breeder's certification of virgin status or a Trich test record showing negative test results may:
          - a) Be sold for movement only directly to slaughter; or
          - b) Sold for movement to a feedlot and then to slaughter; or
          - c) Be sold and moved under a Hold Order to such place as specified by the Commission for testing to change status from a slaughter bull to a breeding bull.
            - Such bulls require official permanent individual identification prior to movement; move to the designated location on a VS 1-27 permit, and be held in isolation from female cattle at the designated location for not less than 21 days where the bull shall undergo three culture tests or for not less than 7 days where the bull shall undergo one RT-PCR test.
            - If the results of any test are positive, the bull shall be classified as infected and be permitted for movement only directly to slaughter or to a market for sale directly to slaughter.
    4. Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Requirements
      - No testing is required. Texas is a free state for both diseases.



II. Interstate (Cattle moved into the state from other states)

- A. Any livestock, poultry or raites that are infected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious or communicable disease may not enter the state. Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.
- B. An owner-shipper statement may be used in lieu of a certificate of veterinary inspection in some instances (see below).
- C. Entry permits are required as noted in the following section and may be obtained by calling 512/719-0777 (24 hours) or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 or by writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966.
- D. **\*\* VS Update:** No equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae may enter Texas from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis. All equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae from a vesicular stomatitis affected state must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 14 days of the date of entry into Texas.
- E. Entry Requirements for Cattle:
  1. Certificate on Veterinary Inspection within 30 days prior to entry, except for the following:
    - a. Female cattle, 18 months of age and over, delivered directly from the farm of origin to slaughter
    - b. Beef breed female cattle, 18 months of age and over, entering from other than a farm of origin may be moved to slaughter, or to an approved feedyard when accompanied by a Form VS 1-27 on which each animal is individually identified. Brucellosis test data, when required, shall be written on the VS 1-27 Form which must include the test date and results.
    - c. Beef breed female cattle, 18 months of age and over, delivered directly to a USDA specifically approved livestock market by the owner or consigned there with an owner-shipper statement.
    - d. Beef breed steers, spayed heifers, beef breed female cattle, under 18 months of age, delivered to slaughter and accompanied by an owner-shipper statement or to a livestock market by the owner or consigned there with an owner-shipper statement; or
    - e. Beef breed steers, spayed heifers and beef breed female cattle, under 18 months of age, delivered to a feedlot for feeding for slaughter by the owner or consigned there with an owner-shipper statement.
  2. Official individual identification is required:
    - a. On all beef cattle over 18 months of age
    - b. On all dairy cattle
    - c. On all breeding bulls more than 12 months of age
    - d. On all cattle and bison used for shows, exhibitions, rodeo or recreational events
    - e. Types of official identification
      - 1) Official Alpha-numeric USDA metal eartags (bangs tags)
      - 2) Official Alpha-numeric USDA metal vaccination tags
      - 3) Official 840 or 900 RFID tags (**900 series tags are no longer official if applied to the animal after March 11, 2015**)
      - 4) Official 840 flap or bangle tags
      - 5) Official individual animal breed registry tattoos or brands
      - 6) National Dairy Fair Tag or Dairy Herd Improvement Association Tag
  3. A permit is not required unless bulls are entering for exhibition and return to the state of origin per the Trichomoniasis requirements section #6 below.
  4. Brucellosis testing / vaccination requirements
    - a. A negative brucellosis test is required within 30 days prior to entry or be from a class free state, area or certified free herd.
    - b. Brucellosis vaccination is required for female cattle between 4 to 12 months of age or be from a class free state, area or certified free herd.
    - c. Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) (applies to all states)
      - 1) Cattle entering Texas directly from the DSA:
        - a) Breeding bulls and sexually intact females shall be tested for brucellosis 60 to 120 days post entry, except:
          - Cattle for immediate slaughter
          - Cattle for feeding for slaughter in a feedlot; and
        - b) Sexually intact females that have not calved must be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving.
        - c) Nonvaccinated sexually intact females between 4 and 12 months of age shall be officially brucellosis vaccinated prior to entry, except:
          - Cattle for immediate slaughter



- Cattle for feeding for slaughter in a feedlot; and
- d) All cattle must also meet all applicable entry requirements.
- e) All breeding bulls and sexually intact females require an entry permit.
- 2) Cattle entering Texas from Idaho, Montana or Wyoming that do not currently reside in the DSA:
  - a) All breeding bulls and post parturient females shall enter Texas with one of the following statements on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:
    - The cattle represented on this certificate never resided in the DSA; or
    - The cattle represented on this certificate tested negative for brucellosis at least 60 days after leaving the DSA.
  - b) Sexually intact females that have not calved must enter with an entry permit and be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving or with a statement on the certificate that the cattle never resided in the DSA.
  - c) All cattle must also meet all applicable entry requirements.
- 3) Cattle entering Texas from states other than Idaho, Montana and Wyoming that previously resided in the DSA:
  - a) Sexually intact females that have not calved must enter with an entry permit and be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving or with a statement on the certificate that the cattle never resided in the DSA.
  - b) All cattle must also meet all applicable entry requirements.
- 5. Tuberculosis testing requirements
  - a. All sexually intact dairy cattle that are two months of age or older must be tested for tuberculosis per the rules c through e in this section, below.
  - b. All sexually intact dairy cattle that are less than two months of age require an entry permit to a designated facility and held until tested negative at two months of age. Dairy cattle delivered to an approved feedlot and accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection with an entry permit are exempt from testing unless from a restricted herd. Calves from a Modified Accredited Free State must also originate from an accredited free herd or be from a herd that has been tested within 1 year prior to entry.
  - c. Cattle from Accredited Free States or Zones require the following:
    - 1) Beef cattle (including bison), no test is required
    - 2) All dairy cattle require a test within 60 days prior to entry except on sexually neutered cattle or cattle from an accredited free herd.
  - d. Cattle from Modified Accredited Advanced Free States or Zones require:
    - 1) A tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry or;
    - 2) Be from an accredited herd that has been tested within 1 year of date of movement or;
    - 3) The cattle or bison are moved directly to an approved slaughtering establishment or;
    - 4) The cattle or bison are sexually intact heifers moved to an approved feedlot (dairy cattle are required to be accompanied by a permit), or are steers or spayed heifers; are either officially identified or identified by premises of origin identification.
  - e. Cattle from Modified Accredited States or Zones require:
    - 1) A whole herd test conducted within 1 year prior from to date of movement and that the individual animals be identified and be individually tested within 60 days prior to entry or;
    - 2) Be from an accredited free herd that has been tested within 1 year date of movement or;
    - 3) The cattle or bison are moved directly to an approved slaughtering establishment or;
    - 4) The cattle or bison are sexually intact heifers moved to an approved feedlot (dairy cattle are required to be accompanied by a permit), or are steers or spayed heifers; are either officially identified or identified by premises of origin identification; and are tested negative within 60 days prior to entry.
  - f. All "M" branded steers, which are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock and used for either feeding or recreation purposes require:
    - 1) A permit prior to entry and;
    - 2) Be tested negative for tuberculosis within twelve months prior to entry.
- 6. Trichomoniasis Requirements:
  - a. A negative Trichomoniasis test is required within 60 days prior to entry on all breeding bulls twelve (12) months of age or older with an official Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test.
  - b. Trichomoniasis samples pooled at the laboratory may qualify as the official test if no more than five total samples are pooled.



- 1) Exceptions for testing for bulls 12 months of age or older:
  - a) Bulls entering Texas for the purpose of participating in a fair, show, exhibition or rodeo may enter without a Trichomoniasis test as long as a permit is issued prior to entry. The bulls must be isolated from female cattle and stay in the state for less than 60 days.
  - b) Bulls entering Texas directly to a feedyard that has executed a Trichomoniasis Certified Facility Agreement may enter without a Trichomoniasis test. Bulls must be accompanied by a permit prior to entry.
  - c) Bulls entering Texas directly to a facility that tests the gain and feed conversions of cattle (bull test station) may enter without a Trichomoniasis test if moved directly to the facility and are isolated from females and accompanied by a permit issued prior to entry.
  - d) A Texas bull that is enrolled in an out-of-state facility for the purpose of testing gain and feed conversions of cattle (bull test station) may enter without a Trichomoniasis test as long as the bull is moved directly to the Texas premises of origin. The certificate of veterinary inspection must state the bull was enrolled in a bull test station and was isolated from female cattle.
  - e) Bulls enrolled at an out-of-state Certified Semen Services certified artificial insemination facility (CSS facility) that isolates the bull from female cattle at all times may enter without a Trichomoniasis test as long as the bull is moved directly from the CSS facility into the state. The certificate of veterinary inspection shall state the bull was enrolled in a CSS facility.
  - f) Bulls originating from a herd that is enrolled in a Certified Trichomoniasis Free Herd Program or other certification program that is substantially similar may enter without a Trichomoniasis test.
  - g) The bull can move to a federally approved livestock market as long as accompanied by an owner-shipper statement if coming straight from farm of origin.
    - If the bulls are moved from any other location other than farm of origin going to an approved livestock market, they may enter with a CVI and an entry permit.
- 2) The official identification number and age of bull shall be written on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- 3) Any bull, that has had contact with a female subsequent to the initial test, must be retested within 60 days prior to entry.
- 4) Female cattle from a known Trichomoniasis herd or are exposed to a known Trichomoniasis positive bull are prohibited from entering Texas unless permitted to an approved slaughtering establishment.
- 5) All bison are exempt from meeting the above Trichomoniasis testing requirements.

III. International (Cattle moved into the state from foreign countries)

- A. Any livestock, poultry or ratites that are infected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious or communicable disease may not enter the state. Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.
- B. Entry permits are required as noted in the following section and may be obtained by calling 512/719-0777 (24 hours) or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 or by writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966.
- C. Entry Requirements from Foreign Countries
  1. USDA Importation Certificate (VS 17-30) within 30 days prior to entry.
  2. Branding Requirements
    - a. Sexually intact cattle destined for an approved feedyard/pen must be "S" branded prior to or upon arrival at the approved feedyard/pen.
    - b. Spayed heifers shall be identified by branding prior to entry.
    - c. All cattle moved into Texas from Mexico shall be identified with an "M" brand prior to moving to a destination in Texas.
  3. Permit Requirement
    - a. Sexually intact cattle must obtain an entry permit if for other than direct to slaughter or approved feedyard/pens.
    - b. The permit number must be entered on the Importation Certificate (VS Form 17-30).
  4. Brucellosis Requirements
    - a. All sexually intact cattle from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized comparable brucellosis status:
      - 1) Vaccination Requirement
        - a) Non-vaccinated sexually intact female cattle between 4 and 12 months of age entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in an approved



- feedyard/pen shall be placed under quarantine on arrival and officially brucellosis vaccinated.
- b) The quarantine may be released after a negative test is conducted 30 days after they have had their first calf.
- 2) Testing Requirements for Bulls
    - a) Bulls entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding in an approved feedyard/pen shall be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and placed under quarantine and retested 120 to 180 days after arrival.
    - b) The quarantine will be released following a negative brucellosis test.
  - 3) Testing Requirements for Females
    - a) All sexually intact female cattle entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen shall be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and placed under quarantine on arrival and retested for brucellosis in no less than 120 days nor more than 180 days after arrival for release of the quarantine however, if the sexually intact female cattle have not had their first calf prior to the 120 to 180 day post entry test, the quarantine will not be released until a second negative test for brucellosis is conducted no sooner than 30 days after the animal has had its first calf and the second negative test has been confirmed.
  - 4) Testing Requirements for Sexually Intact Cattle moving directly to an approved feedyard/pen.
    - a) All sexually intact cattle destined for feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian. These cattle must be "S" branded prior to or upon arrival at the approved feedyard/pen, and may move to the approved feedyard/pen only in sealed trucks with a VS 1-27 permit issued by a representative of TAHC or USDA personnel.
    - b. All other cattle from foreign countries, foreign states or zones within foreign countries with comparable brucellosis status, would enter by meeting the requirements for a state with similar status.
5. Tuberculosis Requirements
    - a. All sexually intact cattle, from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized comparable tuberculosis status:
      - 1) To be held for purposes other than for immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen, must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and shall be under quarantine on the first premise of destination in Texas pending a negative tuberculosis test no earlier than 120 days and no later than 180 days after arrival. The test will be performed by a veterinarian employed by the TAHC or APHIS/VS.
      - 2) When destined for feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen, cattle must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian; moved directly to the approved feedyard/pen only in sealed trucks; accompanied with a VS 1-27 permit issued by TAHC or USDA personnel; and "S" branded prior to or upon arrival at the feedyard.
    - b. All other cattle from foreign countries, foreign states or zones within foreign countries with comparable tuberculosis status, would enter by meeting the requirements for a state with similar status.
    - c. Cattle originating from Mexico
      - 1) Regardless of reproductive status, test history, or Mexican state of origin, Holstein and Holstein cross cattle are prohibited from entering Texas.
      - 2) All sexually intact cattle shall meet the requirements provided for in this section above.
      - 3) Steers and spayed heifers from Mexico shall meet the federal importation requirements as provided in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 93, Section 93.427, regarding importation of cattle from Mexico. In addition to the federal requirements, steers and spayed heifers must be moved under permit to an approved pasture or to an approved feedyard/pen.
      - 4) Cattle utilized as rodeo and/or roping stock shall meet the requirements set out in this section and the applicable requirement below:
        - a) All sexually intact cattle shall be retested annually for tuberculosis at the owner's expense and the test records shall be maintained with the animal and available for review, or

- b) All sexually neutered horned cattle imported from Mexico are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock and must:
  - Be tested for tuberculosis at the port of entry under the supervision of the USDA port veterinarian, and
  - Be moved by permit to a premise of destination and remain under Hold Order until permanently identified, and retested for tuberculosis between 60 and 120 days after entry at owner's expense. The cattle may be allowed movement to and from events/activities in which commingling with other cattle will not occur and with specific permission by the TAHC until confirmation of the negative post entry retest for tuberculosis can be conducted, and
  - Be retested for tuberculosis annually at owner's expense and the test records shall be maintained with the animal and available for review.
- 5) A copy of the certificate issued by an authorized inspector of the USDA,APHIS, for the movement of Mexico cattle into Texas, must accompany such animals to their final destination in Texas, or so long as they are moving through Texas.
- 6. **Trichomoniasis Requirements**

All breeding bulls entering from foreign country, shall enter on and be moved by an entry permit, to a premises of destination in Texas and shall be placed under Hold Order and officially tested for Trichomoniasis with not less than three official culture tests conducted not less than seven days apart, or an official Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test, within 30 days after entry into the state.

All bulls shall be isolated from female cattle at all times until tested negative for Trichomoniasis. The Hold Order shall not be released until all other post entry disease testing requirements have been completed.

All bulls tested for Trichomoniasis shall be officially identified at the time the initial test sample is collected. The Identification shall be recorded on the test documents.
- 7. **International (Cattle moved into the state from foreign countries)**
  - Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for International animal requirements.
    - For Export call (512) 383-2411
    - For Import call (301) 851-3300

# **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHOLESALE MEAT ACT**

Market livestock and poultry shown at and sold through the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show must meet the requirements of the Wholesome Meat Act, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Act requires that animals intended for harvest for human consumption must be healthy and free of chemical or drug residues. Antibiotics and Sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods. Before administering these drugs, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian. Drug label directions and withdrawal periods must be followed. Unhealthy or lame animals may be rejected for processing. Entire carcasses may be condemned if drug or other chemical residues are found.



# THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW



**CHAMPS FOR CHAMPIONS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

# CHAMPS FOR CHAMPIONS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

## REQUIREMENTS

1. Must have exhibited in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in at least 2 of the past 3 years
2. Must have a minimum SAT or ACT score of one of the following:
  - a. A minimum SAT Score of 1280 (2400 scale) if taken prior to March 2022
    - i. Critical Reading + Writing+ Math
  - b. A minimum SAT score of 950 (1600 Scale) if taken after March 2022
    - i. Evidence Based Reading and Writing + Math + Option Essay
  - c. A minimum ACT score of 18
3. Applicants must be resident of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties
4. Must have made formal application to enroll in a college, university, technical school, or form of higher education
5. In addition to the basic requirements above, applicants must meet the entrance requirements of the college, university, or technical school they plan to attend
6. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the annual Sale of Champions and may be required to assist the Sale of Champions Committee throughout the sale.
7. Scholarship funds must be requested within 12 months after graduation from high school. Funds will be forfeited after 12 months, unless approved by the scholarship committee.

## JUDGING & SCORING SHEET SCORING CATEGORIES

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Academics                 | 30 Points |
| RGVLS Projects            | 20 Points |
| Projects other than RGVLS | 10 Points |
| Leadership                | 10 Points |
| Honors & Awards           | 7 Points  |
| Citizenship               | 5 Points  |
| Narrative                 | 10 Points |
| Interview *if selected    | 8 Points  |

\*After preliminary judging, the Scholarship Committee will interview the top scoring applicants.

## TOTAL MAXIMUM SCORE 100%

Deadline for applications to be in the livestock show office is Friday, January 13, 2023, by 4:00 p.m.

**No applications will be accepted after this date. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Mail or deliver to RGVLS at 1000 N. Texas Ave. Mercedes, TX 78570



**RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
LIVESTOCK SHOW  
&  
SOUTH TEXAS FORD  
DEALERSHIPS**



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**EXHIBITORS SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM**

## **RGVLS & SOUTH TEXAS FORD DEALERSHIPS EXHIBITOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and the South Texas Ford Dealerships will award scholarships to exhibitors of breed/division champion projects at the Show. Recipients must be a graduate from a Texas public, private or home high school and attend an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. The recipient must compete in RGVLS according to the rules in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Premium Book
2. Recipient must be the owner and exhibitor of the project that the scholarship is awarded for
3. Should an exhibitor of his/her project be disqualified for any reason from the RGVLS, or in any subsequent RGVLS, any scholarship or scholarships he/she has been awarded will be forfeited
4. Should recipient not attend a college, university, vocational or trade school the first regular semester after graduation from high school or fail to maintain academic standards for enrollment, the balance of his/her scholarship(s) shall revert to the RGVLS Exhibitor Scholarship Program

### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Recipient must attend and accredited college, university, vocational or trade school
2. Recipient must submit to the RGVLS the completed RGVLS Scholarship Requirements and Criteria Form
3. Recipient must submit to the RGVLS proof of graduation from high school showing the date of graduation
4. Recipients must furnish the RGVLS an official registration slip and verification of enrollment (VOE) past the two (2) week's withdrawal period to redeem their scholarship
5. Scholarships will be paid directly to the college, university, vocational or trade school the recipient is attending, unless instructed in writing by the recipient.
6. Recipients may not redeem more than \$2000 in scholarships per semester from the RGVLS & South Texas Ford Dealerships Scholarship Fund and may not accumulate more than \$10,000 in scholarships during their entire participation in RGVLS. Once an exhibitor reaches \$10,000 and he/she wins again, in any particular class, the scholarship will go to the second-place winner unless the second-place winner has reached the \$10,000 limit. It would then go to the next winner until it is fully awarded.

7. The recipient must complete 12 credit hours per semester with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 for each semester. If the GPA falls below 2.0 for any semester and the recipient has not redeemed all of his/her scholarships, the remaining balance will revert back to the Exhibitor Scholarship Program.

## **FUNDS**

1. No funds will be paid directly to the recipient without written request from the recipient
2. No funds will be distributed until the recipient has complied with all requirements listed above  
RGVLS Executive Committee reserves the right to interpret or to amend these rules and requirements anytime at its discretion and to settle and determine all disputes, questions or matter regarding, arising from or incident to the scholarship program.





# **RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



# **SALE OF CHAMPIONS**

## SALE OF CHAMPIONS PARTICIPANTS

The Sale of Champions is the annual Premium Auction. Below you will find the official participants and their requirements in participation of the auction. This is a premium only auction. Projects will NOT become the property to the highest bidder.

|                              |  |  |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| 4-H & FFA Shop Division      | Overall Grand Champion<br>Overall Reserve Grand Champion   | Do not bring project<br>Do not bring project   |
| All Valley Cotton Style Show | Overall Grand Champion<br>Overall Reserve Grand Champion   | Exhibitor may wear project<br>Exhibitor may wear project   |
| Horticulture Division        | Overall Grand Champion<br>Overall Reserve Grand Champion   | May bring project<br>May bring project   |
| Photography Division         | Overall Grand Champion<br>Overall Reserve Grand Champion   | May bring project<br>May bring project   |
| Western Art Division         | Overall Grand Champion<br>Overall Reserve Grand Champion   | May bring project<br>May bring project   |
| Market Goat                  | Grand Champion<br>Reserve Grand Champion<br>Division Champions<br>Reserve Division Champions<br>1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> place exhibitors | Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Do not bring project |
| Market Hog                   | Grand Champion<br>Reserve Grand Champion<br>Breed Champions<br>Reserve Breed Champions<br>1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> place exhibitors       | Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Do not bring project |
| Market Lamb                  | Grand Champion<br>Reserve Grand Champion<br>Breed Champions<br>Reserve Breed Champions<br>1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> place exhibitors       | Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Do not bring project |
| Market Poultry               | Grand Champion<br>Reserve Grand Champion<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall<br>4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> place exhibitors  | Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Must bring project<br>Do not bring project                       |

Market Rabbits

Grand Champion  
Reserve Grand Champion  
Breed Champions  
Reserve Breed Champions  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place exhibitors

Must bring project  
Must bring project  
Must bring project  
Must bring project  
Do not bring project

Market Steers

Grand Champion  
Reserve Grand Champion  
Breed Champions  
Reserve Breed Champions  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place exhibitors

Must bring project  
Must bring project  
Must bring project  
Must bring project  
Do not bring project





# **THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



**AGRICULTURE PRODUCT  
IDENTIFICATION  
EVENT**

# **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION CONTEST**

**Contest developed by Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and adapted by  
The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo**

**Event Date:** 8:30 a.m. - Monday, March 13, 2023 – Event Center Upstairs

This event is subject to The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Rules and Regulations and the Special Rules of this section. Where special rules conflict with other rules, special rules prevail.

## **Special rules for Agricultural Product Identification Contest:**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. This event is open to the first 100 teams to successfully submit an entry form
2. Students must be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade up to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of the date of the contest
3. Students must be enrolled in public, private or homeschool in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties. Enrolled college or university students are not eligible.
4. Divisions
  - a. 4-H team members must be from the same county
  - b. FFA team members must be from the same chapter
  - c. Public school team members must be from the same school campus
5. Each team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) students. Team scores will be calculated based on the highest total score of three (3) team members.
6. Each team must be certified by a 4-H club manager, AST or school sponsor/official
7. Contestants must meet academic eligibility rules as identified in the UIL Side by Side document

### **ENTRY**

An entry fee of \$5 per person made payable to RGVLS online by Friday, January 13, 2023. Team designation will be completed at check-in the day of competition. Team designation forms and ShoWorks receipts for each participant will be required. For those choosing to do on-site registration, there will be an \$8 per contestant registration fee or \$25 per team, regardless of the number of team members

### **CONDUCT OF CONTESTANTS**

1. There will be no talking between contestants during the contest. Violating this rule may cause the contestants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
2. Only contestants and contest officials will be allowed in the contest area during the competition
3. Contestants must have their contest number clearly visible on their clothing

4. Contestants must advance from one exhibit to the next when instructed to do so
5. Contestants must elevate each exhibit in sequence and will not be allowed to return to any exhibit after advancing
6. Contestants should not, in any way, willfully obstruct the work of another contestant
7. If an ineligible contestant is permitted to judge, the team and individual members of that team will be ineligible for prizes and future entry into this contest may be denied to the school, county 4-H or FFA Chapter
8. Contestants will not be allowed to bring/use any materials (written/printed) while in the contest

### **CONTEST FORMAT**

Twenty (20) Texas agricultural products selected from the Texas Agriculture Product List & RGV Addendum will be exhibited at separate stations. Contestants will select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. In addition, each station will have one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display.

- Question may be:
  - General to the industry that produced the product (i.e., Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production)
  - Specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e., cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety)
  - Contestants will be allowed 30 seconds at each station before they are asked to advance to the next station

### **SCORING**

- Contestants will receive five (5) points for each product that is correctly identified and five (5) points for each question that is correctly answered. Points will only be awarded on the follow up questions (pertaining to the product displayed) if the product is correctly identified.
- **TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE**
  - Individual – 200 points
  - Team – 600 points

### **TIES**

Seven (7) stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. Teams with the highest cumulative scores at these seven (7) stations will win any ties. If ties remain, winners will be determined by the toss of a coin

### **REFERENCES**

The following websites are recommended references. Teams will also benefit from web searches and by visiting supermarkets to view products on the Texas Agriculture Product List & RGV Addendum

- 2020 Ag Product ID Study Guide – <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2019/08/2020-Ag-Product-ID-Study-Guide.pdf>

- Fruits & Vegetables Study Guide – <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Fruits-and-Vegetables-Study-Guide.pdf>
- Pork Basics - <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Pork-Basics.pdf>
- Popular Pork Cuts - <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Popular-Pork-Cuts.pdf>
- Basic Beef Cuts Study Guide - <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Beef-Cuts-Study-Guide.pdf>
- Beef Cuts Chart - <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Beef-Chart.pdf>
- Beef Cuts Poster - <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Beef-Cuts-Poster.pdf>
- Texas Horticulture & Crops - <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/TexasCrops/>
- USDA Cuts of Beef - <https://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/cuts/>
- Pork Cuts - <https://www.pork.org/cooking/cuts/>
- Fruit & Vegetables - <https://www.heb.com/category/shop/fruit-vegetables/490020>

## AWARDS

- Teams – 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Banner
- High Point Individual – Banner

## TEXAS AGRICULTURE PRODUCT LIST

|                 |                |                |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Almond          | Celery         | Lime           | Plum            |
| Aloe Vera       | Cherry         | Loquat         | Pomegranate     |
| Apple           | Cilantro       | Mandarin       | Potato          |
| Apricot         | Coconut        | Mango          | Pumpkin         |
| Artichoke       | Collard Greens | Mayhaw         | Radish          |
| Asparagus       | Cucumber       | Muscadine      | Rosemary        |
| Avocado         | Dill           | Napa           | Serrano         |
| Banana          | Eggplant       | Okra           | Snap Peas       |
| Bean            | Fig            | Olive          | Spinach         |
| Beet            | Ginger         | Onion (dry)    | Squash (Summer) |
| Black-eyed Peas | Grapefruit     | Onion (Green)  | Squash (Winter) |
| Blackberry      | Green Bean     | Orange         | Strawberry      |
| Blueberry       | Guava          | Papaya         | Sweet Corn      |
| Bok Choy        | Honeydew       | Peach          | Sweet Potato    |
| Broccoli        | Jalapeno       | Pear           | Tangerine       |
| Brussel Sprouts | Jicama         | Peas           | Tomatillo       |
| Cabbage         | Jujube         | Pecan          | Tomato          |
| Cantaloupe      | Kohlrabi       | Pepper (Bell)  | Turnip          |
| Carrot (Orange) | Leeks          | Pepper (Chile) | Walnut          |
| Carrot (Maroon) | Lemon          | Persimmon      | Watermelon      |
| Cauliflower     | Lettuce        | Pineapple      |                 |

\*All beef and pork products are also subject to inclusion in this contest



## RGV ADDENDUM

|                      |                      |                              |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Amaranth             | Grapes (Wine)        | Melons (Cantaloupe)          |
| Arugula              | Greens (Collard)     | Melons (Honeydew)            |
| Cabbage (Chinese)    | Greens (Dandelion)   | Melons (Watermelon)          |
| Cabbage (Green)      | Greens (Kale)        | Melons (Watermelon Seedless) |
| Cabbage (Red)        | Greens (Lettuce)     | Onion (Red)                  |
| Cabbage (Savoy)      | Greens (Mustard)     | Onion (White)                |
| Citrus (White)       | Greens (Parsley)     | Onion (Yellow)               |
| Citrus (Grapefruit)  | Greens (Swiss Chard) | Parsley                      |
| Citrus (Lemons)      | Greens (Turnip)      | Peas                         |
| Citrus (Oranges)     | Herb (Basil)         | Peppers (Chile)              |
| Citrus (Tangelos)    | Herb (Cilantro)      | Peppers (Green)              |
| Citrus (Tangerines)  | Herb (Curly Parsley) | Potatoes (Chipper)           |
| Cucumbers            | Herb (Dill)          | Spinach (Savoy)              |
| Cucumbers (Pickling) | Herb (Parsley)       | Spinach (Curly Leaf)         |
| Endive               | Kohlrabi (Green)     | Spinach (Flat Leaf)          |
| Escarole             | Kohlrabi (Purple)    | Tomatillo                    |

# **THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



**PREPARED PUBLIC  
SPEAKING**

# **PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE - \$20**

**CHECK-IN:** 8:00 a.m. – March 13, 2023 – Event Center

**CONTEST:** 9:00 a.m. – March 13, 2023 – Event Center (Awards at conclusion)

The prepared public speaking contest is designed to enhance the communication skills of future leaders as well as promoting interest in the various facets of agriculture including natural resources and policy making. 4-H and FFA participants are challenged to write and present a speech in one of the following areas:

- Animal Science
- Plant Science
- Natural Resources
- Agribusiness
- Ag Policy
- Agricultural Technology & Communications

This event will be ruled by the RGVLS General Rules plus the following special rules:

## **ENTRY**

- One copy of the manuscript with bibliography is due in the RGVLS office on or before March 3, 2023. You may email your manuscript to [terri@rgvls.com](mailto:terri@rgvls.com). The first email sent will be the manuscript entered. Once it has been submitted, it cannot be changed. Each contestant may only enter one speech.
- A bibliography in APA style must accompany each manuscript

## **ORIGINALITY**

- The manuscript and speech presentation must be the contestant's own effort.
- A statement of originality must accompany each entry

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Participation is limited to individuals who are in good standing of 4-H clubs or FFA chapters in the State of Texas

## **AGE GROUPS**

- Juniors – 8 years old and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but not more than in the eighth grade
- Seniors – At least 9<sup>th</sup> grade, but not graduated from high school nor more than 18 years old

## **FORMAT**

- Presentations will be judged by a panel of 2-3 judges
- The junior age group may be combined into one division for judging depending on the number of entries. The top two (2) contestants will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in the finals. If entries allow for separate divisions, all division winners will compete in the finals
- Senior contestants will be divided into their respective divisions, winners face off in finals.

## **TIME LIMIT**

- Juniors – Each speech shall be a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) minutes
- Seniors – Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of eight (8) minutes
- Deductions will be applied to overall score if time is under/over allotted time. Time point deductions will apply as one point for each ten (10) seconds over/under the allowed time

## **QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD**

- A three (3) minute question/answer period will follow each speech. At the end of three minutes, time will be called, and all questioning will end. If time is called during the student's answer, the contestant may complete his/her answer. Only official judges may ask questions

## **ATTIRE**

- Business attire or official 4-H or FFA dress is recommended

## **PROPS**

- The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.
- Note cards are not considered props

## **SCORE SHEET**

- The manuscripts will be reviewed and validated by show officials prior to the contest. A separate panel of judges will evaluate and score the presentations.
- Judges' comments will be returned to CEA/AST or 4-H club manager following the contest

## **DIVISIONS**

- **AGRIBUSINESS** – Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as:
  - Cooperatives
  - Sales
  - Service
  - Journalism
  - Communications
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Marketing/Advertising
  - Finance
  - Commodities
  - Hedging

- **AGRICULTURAL POLICY** – Any current or future subject addressing policy or legislation
  - Domestic Farm Issues
  - International Trade
  - International Competition
  - Rural Economic Development
  - Legal Issues
  - Animal Welfare
  - Subsidies
  - Price Supports
  
- **ANIMAL SCIENCE** – Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of
  - Dairy Industry
  - Equine
  - Poultry
  - Sheep
  - Goat
  - Swine
  - Beef
  - Specialty Animal Industries
  
- **PLANT SCIENCE** – Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect or horticulture and/or agronomy industries. This may include areas as:
  - Floriculture
  - Fruit and/or Vegetable Production
  - Nursery Operations
  - Turf and Landscape Management
  - Crop Production
  - Specialty Crop Production
  
- **NATURAL RESOURCES** – Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as:
  - Soil
  - Water
  - Air
  - Water quality
  - Wildlife
  - Forestry
  - Aquaculture
  - Conservation
  - Recreation
  - Recycling
  - Energy Environmental Issues



- **AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS** – Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as:
  - Biotechnology
  - Bio Genetics
  - Bio Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Farm Safety
  - Use of Technology
  - Research
  - Laser
  - Satellites
  - Computers
  - Embryo Transfer

### **AWARDS**

- Junior & Senior Division Champions – Rosette
- Junior & Senior Division Reserve Champions – Rosette
- Junior Grand Champion – Buckle
- Senior Grand Champion - \$500 Scholarship & Buckle
- Senior Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle

# **RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



# **COVER GIRL REVUE**

# **COVER GIRL REVUE**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – Friday, December 16, 2023

**COVER GIRL ORIENTATION** – Monday, January 9, 2023

**COVER GIRL REHEARSAL** – Friday, March 3, 2023

**COVER GIRL REVUE CONTEST** – Saturday, March 4, 2023

## **COVER GIRL RULES**

1. Each FFA Chapter and 4-H Club in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties will be allowed one contestant. Contestants must be an active member of 4-H or FFA. No junior FFA Chapters will be eligible to enter a contestant.
2. A contestant must be under 18 years of age as of September 1, 2022
3. A contestant must be a junior in high school at the time of the contest in March. A contestant is only eligible to participate in the Cover Girl Contest once
4. Any contestant who has attended school more than five semesters after the eighth grade, prior to September 1, 2022, is ineligible to participate
5. A contestant must be single, never have been married and have no children at the time of the Show
6. A contestant must be an active member of 4-H or FFA, must have a project entered in the 2023 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and must have had at least one project in The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in previous years
7. Costumes of the contestants need not be elaborate or expensive. The main requirement of a costume is it be original in design and carry out a western theme
8. Contestants, in addition to their costumes, will be judged on poise, beauty and personality
9. All contestants must attend their Cover Girl Orientation on Monday, January 9, 2023, to be eligible to compete
10. All contestants must attend Cover Girl Rehearsal on Friday, March 3, 2023, to be eligible to compete
11. A Certification Form, provided by the Livestock Show, must be submitted by each contestant. The principal of the school of which the contestant attends, her parent/guardian and the Agriculture Science Teacher or 4-H Club Manager (of the club or chapter contestant is representing) must sign this form
12. Each contestant must furnish a portrait style 4"x6" photograph (head shot) to be used for publicity purposes. PHOTOGRAPH MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM. Keep in mind these photos will be used to judge "Miss Photogenic"

13. Each contestant must EMAIL a written biography to the RGVLS Livestock/Competitive Events Coordinator at [terri@rgvls.com](mailto:terri@rgvls.com) by deadline. Biography must be a minimum of 185 words and cannot exceed a maximum of 200 words. The biography will serve as background information while the contestant walks on stage
14. Deadline for entries and photographs will be Friday, December 16, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. A substitution for a contestant may be entered only by deadline, Friday, December 16, 2023.
15. The contestant selected as Cover Girl will officiate at the 2023 Show and her picture will appear on the cover of the 2023 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Premium Book
16. Winners will be present at all required events as stipulated by the guidelines of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. Failure to do so could result in relinquishment of title, scholarship award and disqualification of winner
17. The Executive Committee of the livestock show will have the privilege of determining the availability of the Cover Girl and/or runners up to represent the livestock show at any and all events
18. The Cover Girl will be asked to ride in parades at various times throughout the year. Should she be queen of another organizations, her first obligation will be to represent RGVLS
19. First, Second, Third and Fourth Runner Up winners should be willing to participate in events at the 2023 Show when asked to do so
20. Winners will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the showgrounds
21. Entry forms and pictures must be brought to the livestock show office, 1000 N. Texas Ave., Mercedes, TX 78570

## **AWARDS**

- Cover Girl - \$1500 Scholarship, Buckle, Banner & Trophy
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up - \$1000 Scholarship and Trophy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up - \$750 Scholarship and Trophy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up - \$500 Scholarship and Trophy
- 4<sup>th</sup> Runner Up - \$300 Scholarship and Trophy



# **THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING  
AWARD**



## 4-H & FFA GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded to FFA Chapters and/or 4-H Clubs as a reward for their good housekeeping in the Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Rabbit, Market Lamb/Goat, and Junior Beef Divisions.

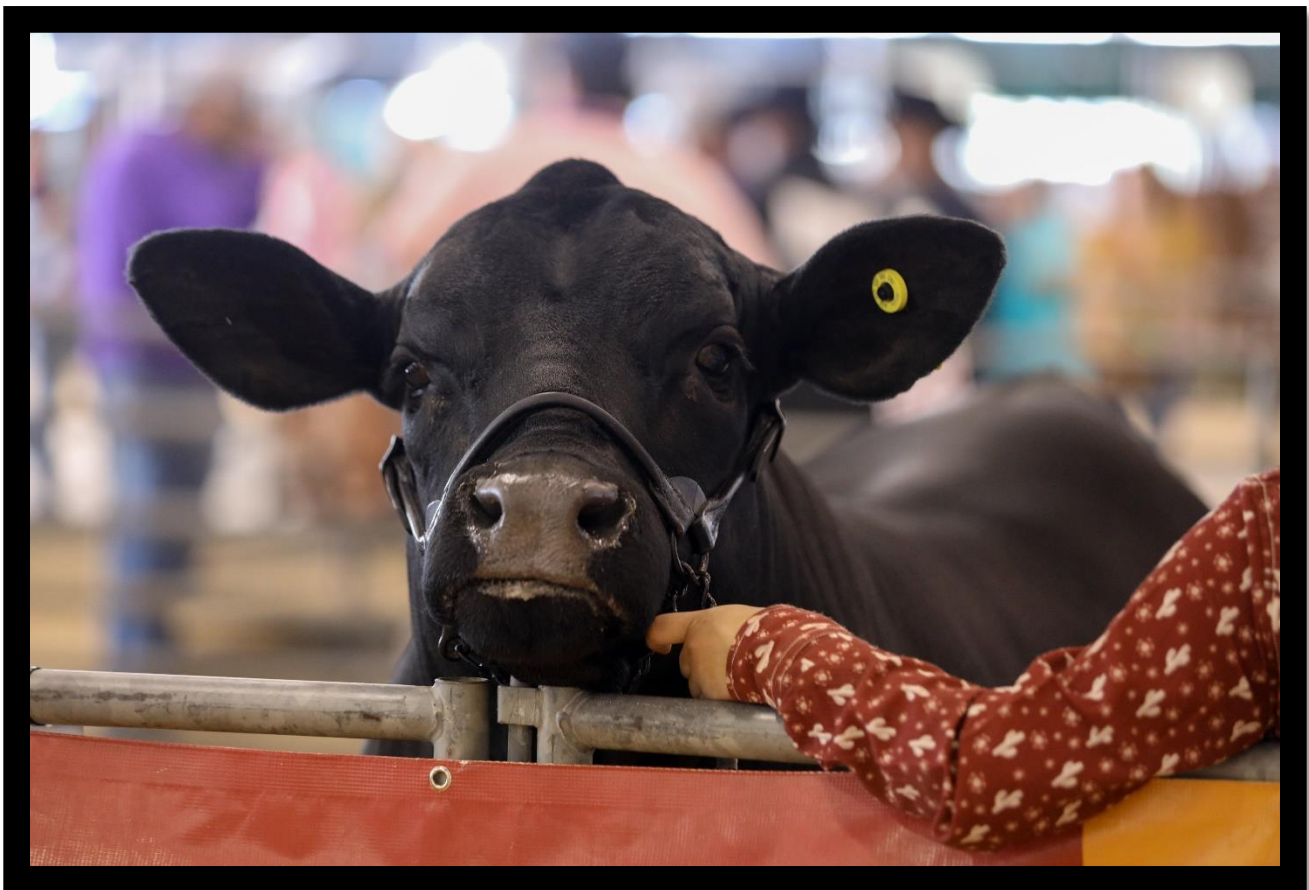
### AWARDS

- First place - \$50 and Banner – First in line at the load out
- Second place - \$30 and Banner
- Third place - \$25 and Banner
- Winners of the Good Housekeeping Award will receive prime location for stalling in the Event Center for the 2024 show. “Prime location” will be at the discretion of the stalling committee.

### RULES/REGULATIONS

1. Each exhibit must consist of at least 5 exhibits
2. Committee appointed by the Show Management will make inspections during the ten days of the Show to determine those who, in its judgement, make the best record for the period of the Show, taking into consideration the following points:
  - a. Orderliness and cleanliness of animals, stalls, tack, and public walkways
  - b. Promptness in having stalls and pens clean by 9:00 a.m. each day and animals in their stalls or pens from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except during sifting, judging or being prepared for judging
  - c. All tack, feed, and equipment, including show boxes and chairs, must be kept in feed alley or in stalls assigned. None will be allowed in public walkways. If additional room is needed, exhibitors should apply for extra stalls to be used for this purpose. Extra stalls are contingent on availability and may not always be possible
  - d. In the rabbit division, hanging flip top metal rabbit feeders, securely attached, with approximately six ounces of dry pellet food per rabbit placed in each rabbit cage at each daily feeding (between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.). A spill proof 32 ounce or larger water bottle with clean water in each rabbit cage at all times. Only the exhibitor who is exhibiting a pen of rabbits can display his/her own rabbit to the public. Nothing shall be displayed or attached to or below the rabbit cages other than pen assignment signage attached by the rabbit committee. Nothing may be put under cages and no feed or supplies may be stored in empty cages or placed on top of cages
  - e. Personal appearance by exhibitors
  - f. Availability of personnel to furnish information about exhibit

- g. Number of animals in exhibit
- h. Observance of all rules and regulations of the Show
- i. Cooperating with Show officials, other exhibitors and exhibiting an attitude of good sportsmanship in general
- j. Plants, flowers, latticework, and other decorations will NOT be taken into consideration when judging Good Housekeeping
- k. If, in the opinion of the judges, an exhibit is not worthy, no prize money will be awarded. Housekeeping should be done by the exhibitors and not by parents, teacher, or club managers



# **THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



**4-H & FFA  
LIVESTOCK JUDGING  
CONTEST**

# **4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

**ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE** – Friday, January 13, 2023

**ON SITE ENTRY DEADLINE** – 2:00 – 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2023

**ENTRY FEE – TEAM** - \$20 per team online entries

**ENTRY FEE – INDIVIDUAL** - \$5 per individual online entries

**PACKET PICK UP** – 7:30 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING EVENT** – Saturday, March 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Contest Instructions

9:00 a.m. – Livestock Judging Event

## **RULES**

1. To be eligible to enter the contest, a contestant must be an active bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and be enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy Counties at the time of the contest. Any contestant found to be ineligible, including those misrepresenting their age, will result in the disqualification of the contestant, as well as their team, for the current year's contest.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in the respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club
3. There will be a separate division for exhibitors the reside **OUTSIDE** of the four mentioned counties
4. Team supervisor or team captain may enter their team on Friday, March 17, 2023, with the judging contest committee between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Team packets can be picked up on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. at the Hog Barn Arena. Livestock Judging Event instructions will be given at 8:30 a.m. and the event will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Rodeo Arena.
5. A team shall consist of three (3) or four (4) members; the three high scoring team members will count as the team's score with the fourth member automatically becoming the alternate
6. Contestants will not be allowed to converse during the contest. Cell phones, tablets, smart phones, smart watches, or any other electronic devices will not be allowed. Violations can result in disqualification. Contestants should bring a clipboard, 1 blank sheet of paper and a pencil. This is a closed contest and will not be open to the public during contest time.
7. Any conversation, hand gestures, notes, etc. toward another contestant will be perceived as cheating and will result in a score of zero for the class
8. The judging contest will include Market Animals and Breeding Animals. There will be a minimum of 6 classes. A competent judge or judging committee will be on hand to discuss placing of each class as soon as all contestants have finished placing animals.

9. In the event of a tie, the team with the highest individual score will be declared the winner.  
Should a tie still exist, the second highest individual total score will be the winner
10. All contestants are eligible for high point individual
11. Exhibitors of animals entered in the Livestock Show are required to allow animals to be used in the Livestock Judging Contest
12. A plaque will be placed in the museum and updated yearly with the winning team's name
13. No video/recording allowed during the contest or reasons discussion by the judge

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

## **DIVISIONS**

- Junior team members grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate team members grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Senior team members grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **AWARDS**

- High Point Individual (in each age group) – Buckle and \$500 Scholarship
- High Point Individual (in each age group) – Beef – Banner
- High Point Individual (in each age group) – Swine – Banner
- High Point Individual (in each age group) – Sheep & Goats – Banner
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (in each age group) - \$50, Banner and Ribbons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team (in each age group) - \$40, Banner and Ribbons
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team (in each age group) - \$30, Banner and Ribbons



# 4-H & FFA SHOP DIVISION



**2022 GRAND CHAMPION SHOP PROJECT  
MERCEDES FFA**

## **4-H & FFA SHOP DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per exhibitor/team member

**DELIVERY TO SHOW GROUNDS** – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**AWARDS** – 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**RELEASE OF ITEMS** – 7:00 a.m., Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

The purpose of this division is to encourage greater use of the shop in making implements for home/farm use and to display to the general public, through exhibits, some of the values of agricultural science training.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ASTs, 4-H CLUB MANAGERS, A PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN, REPRESENTATIVE OR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE CAN TURN IN PROJECTS. THIS PERSON MUST HAVE A PROJECT REGISTRATION SHEET FOR EACH PROJECT HE/SHE IS ENTERING. These forms can be downloaded from our website, [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com). You will also note that a 4x6 photograph of the project with the exhibitor(s) must be attached to the Shop Project Registration Form. This applies to all entries.

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide active member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school. Exhibitors must have been enrolled in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Exhibitors must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties. Exhibitors must be under twenty (20) years of age as of January 1, 2023.
2. All projects must be constructed in a home or school shop under the supervision of an AST, 4-H Club manager or county agent, and must be constructed within the current school year that they are exhibited.
3. Projects previously exhibited at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be eligible to be entered. Projects which have been refinished or build from kits will not be eligible to enter. The only exception will be trailers that may be built from kits.
4. There will be 3 Judges/Classifiers at the time of check in
5. Projects without a record book will NOT be judged. Record books must contain student made drafts and plans, materials list, cost of purchases list and photos of student(s) working on the project, in all stages, beginning, middle and final. Exhibitor(s) must be present with their record book.
6. There will be NO SUBSTITUTION of projects or exhibitors. The item entered on the entry application must be the item brought to the Show

7. Entries must be made in the name of one person only on entry application. The exception will be projects that are team built. For example, squeeze chutes, livestock trailers, bedroom furniture, etc. All team member names appear on the entry application and the Project Registration Form.
8. An exhibitor may enter two (2) projects. They can be wood, metal or a combination of both. A separate entry application must be completed for each entry and a \$20 entry fee paid for each. All blanks on entry application must be completed. A description of the project must be included on the entry application. The project brought to the Show must fit the description of the project entered on the entry application or it may be rejected and held ineligible to be shown. The Shop Committee will have final discretion to reclassify any project.
9. All vehicles pulling or hauling entries to the Show must be removed from the area next to the Exhibit Hall after entries are unloaded. If exhibitor and his/her club cannot load and unload the project, it cannot be brought to the showgrounds. RGVLS staff will not assist in loading or unloading.
10. Any unfinished project with workmanship not up to standards may be sifted from the Show by the 4-H and FFA Shop Committee. No painting or finishing of projects will be allowed in the exhibit hall. Any project with wet paint or finish must remain outside the exhibit hall until the finish is dry. Judges will be advised to disregard minor blemishes, scratches, etc. that may occur during transporting project or assembly on grounds
11. After the judging is completed, judges will give reasons as to their placing, suggestions to improve projects, etc. This will occur at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11, at which time awards will be announced and presented. No advisors or parents in the Youth Center while shop projects are being judged. Only one project per exhibitor can be in the live auction.
12. Projects will be judged based on the following:
  - a. 20% Workmanship
  - b. 20% Degree of Difficulty
  - c. 20% Design and Balance
  - d. 20% Utility/Functionality
  - e. 10% Originality/Creativity
  - f. 5% Record Book
  - g. 5% Interview
13. Immediately after judging, butane bottles on any project must be removed and taken out of the exhibit hall
14. Failure to comply with rules will result in forfeiture of awards
15. Exhibitors of the overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023

16. Description of project must include physical dimensions. For example, in the case of a BBQ pit, include length, depth and/or diameter. Include if a firebox is attached and if multiple pieces are included as well. Similar information should be included for other projects
17. Please be advised that due to the growing number of projects, items in Classes B, E, F, O and P, along with hunting blinds and larger items in classes A, D and K, shall be displayed along the south wall of the Youth Center
18. Decorations shall be confirmed to only the project exhibited. No decorations may be placed near or around the floor area of projects at any time during the Show

## **FARM & RANCH DIVISION**

### **CLASSES**

- A. LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT – Squeeze chutes, feeder, mineral boxes, head gates, show boxes
- B. FARM MACHINERY & CONVENIENCES – Mowers, shredders, packers, fertilizer distributors, headache racks, bale movers, bumpers, winches, grill guards, electrical machinery, gates, pickup racks, etc.
- C. SHOP EQUIPMENT – Worktables, drill stands, weld testers, welding tables, shop lights, storage bins, anvils, etc.
- D. WILDLIFE EQUIPMENT – Game feeders (both stationary and mobile), hunting blinds (without the support legs which could be too tall to fit inside the building), portable and stationary hunting seats (including tripods), game trapping and loading devices (such as used by Texas Parks and Wildlife Departments) and game hanging devices
- E. TRAILERS 10' BOX AND UNDER – All trailers must meet Texas DOT Regulations. Include description of trailer
- F. TRAILERS 10' BOX AND OVER – All trailers must meet Texas DOT Regulations. Include description of trailer
- G. BAR-B-QUE PITS – BBQ pits generally with rubber tires, single or tandem axle, 10'1" box and over and designed to be pulled on roads by vehicles, including BBQ pit with other accessories on trailers. Trailers must meet Texas DOT Regulations
- H. BAR-B-QUE PITS – BBQ pits generally with rubber tires, single or tandem axle, 10' box and under and designed to be pulled on roads by vehicles, including BBQ pit with other accessories on trailers. Trailers must meet Texas DOT Regulations
- I. SMALL WILDLIFE EQUIPMENT – Filet boards, fishing rods, lures, scabbards and holsters, knives, small gun holders, rod racks

# HOME & GARDEN DIVISION

## CLASSES

- J. HOME FURNITURE & CONVENIENCES – Bookshelves, gun cabinets, household tables, electrical conveniences and other items designed for use inside the home
- K. HOME INTERIOR & CONVENIENCES SMALL – Measurements restrictions 36”x36”x36”
- L. TABLETOP CUTTING BOARD – No legs
- M. YARD FURNITURE & CONVENIENCES – Shop and storage buildings, greenhouses, playground equipment, yard and porch swings, electrical conveniences and other items designed for use outside the home (not in any other category)
- N. PICNIC TABLES – Picnic tables, patio tables, other outdoor tables
- O. BAR-B-QUE PITS – All sizes of BBQ pits with lids
- P. BAR-B-QUE PITS – BBQ pits with smokers and/or fireboxes
- Q. TAXIDERMY
- R. METAL ART
- S. HOME INTERIOR & CONVENIENCES – Medium size. Measurement restrictions over 36” and less than 60” in any dimensions
- T. FIRE PITS, FISH FRYERS, COOKERS



## **4-H & FFA SHOP DIVISION JUDGING SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

- G. BBQ Pits 10'1" and Over Box Trailer Mounted
- C. Shop Equipment
- S. Home Interior & Conveniences
- T. Fire Pits, Fish Fryers, Cookers, etc.

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

- J. Home Furniture & Conveniences
- B. Farm Machinery & Conveniences
- N. Picnic Tables
- Q. Taxidermy

**2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

- A. Livestock Equipment
- D. Wildlife Equipment
- M. Yard Furniture & Conveniences
- I. Small Wildlife Equipment

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

- E. Trailers 10' and Under
- F. Trailers 10'1" and Over
- K. Home Furniture & Conveniences Small
- O. BBQ Pits – All Sizes of BBQ Pits with Lids

**11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

- L. Tabletop Cutting Boards
- R. Metal Art
- P. BBQ Pits – BBQ Pits with Smokers and/or Fireboxes
- H. BBQ Pits – BBQ Pits 10' Box and Under Trailer Mounted

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

- Champion Drive
- Select Division Champions, Reserve Champions
- Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion
- General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

## **AWARDS**

- Superior Projects – Purple Ribbon
- Excellent Projects – Blue Ribbon
- Good Projects – Red Ribbon

In addition to the above awards, the following prizes will be awarded in each of the twenty categories. Only purple (Superior) ribbon projects will be eligible to compete.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$30 and Rosette
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25 and Rosette
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$20 and Rosette
- Champion Farm & Ranch Project - \$150 and Plaque
- Reserve Champion Farm & Ranch Project - \$50 and Plaque
- Champion Home & Yard - \$150 and Plaque
- Reserve Champion Home & Yard - \$50 and Plaque
- OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION – Buckle & Banner
- OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION – Buckle & Banner

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award. All first place winners, Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions will receive special tool awards.

The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

## **SPECIAL 4-H CLUB/FFA CHAPTER AWARD**

This award will be made to the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter whose members score the most points.

- Special 4-H club or FFA Chapter Award – Banner

Points will be given as follows:

- Superior Ribbon (purple) – 3 points
- Excellent Ribbon (blue) – 2 points
- Good Ribbon (red) – 1 point

In addition, points will be awarded in each category for:

- Champion of Division – 5 points
- Reserve Champion of Division – 3 points
- 1<sup>st</sup> place – 5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 4 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 3 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – 2 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place – 1 point

# ALL VALLEY COTTON STYLE SHOW



**2022 SENIOR CHAMPION  
HOLLIE CANTU  
HIGHLAND HUSTLERS 4-H**



**2022 JUNIOR CHAMPION  
MERCY CASANOVA  
LINN-SAN MANUEL 4-H**

# ALL VALLEY COTTON STYLE SHOW

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per exhibitor

**DELIVERY OF GARMENTS** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**PRELIMINARY JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11 (closed to public)

**STYLE SHOW CHECK IN** – 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

**JUDGING/STYLE SHOW** – 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

## QUALIFICATIONS

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school. Exhibitors must have been enrolled in their respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old, but under twenty, as of January 1, 2023. Exhibitors must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties
2. All garments must be constructed by the exhibitor by sewing, using a sewing machine or by hand, with needle and thread, knitting or crocheting using new or recycled materials with a minimum of 50% cotton. There are no cost limits for construction. Garments must be constructed in a home or school under the supervision of a Home Economics Teacher, Agriculture Science Teacher or 4-H Clothing Leader and must be constructed within the school year that they are exhibited. Accessories may be purchased. No late garments will be accepted after 12:00 p.m. (noon)
3. All visible garments worn during the judging must have been constructed by the exhibitor. (i.e., blouse under jumper)
4. An exhibitor may enter one outfit. Projects previously exhibited at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be eligible to be entered
5. A garment, which in the opinion of the committee, does not meet the criteria of the category in which it was entered, may reclassify
6. Garments must be check by the exhibitor's supervisor at time of fitting (before hemming) and at completion of garment. Information form must be signed and dated by supervisor at both checks and verified to be exhibitor's work. Information form must accompany garment.
7. A 4x6 photo of the exhibitor in their finished project must be attached to the information sheet. This can be found on our website, [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com). Please include a list of hobbies, activities, etc. in the description of garment. Also, you will need to attach a copy of the back side of the pattern envelope to your information sheet. This information sheet must be turned in with the garment

8. Exhibitor must be available for an interview on Saturday, March 11, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. during delivery of garments
9. Judging is based on the inner and outer garment construction, modeling (poise and posture) and interview

## **VIOLATIONS**

- Any exhibitor will receive a penalty for not following all Style Show requirements. This would include not completing all forms, illegible or incorrect forms and not using fabrics with a minimum of 50% cotton
- Violations or complaints should be reported to the Style Show Committee prior to judging. Once preliminary judging has begun, disqualification will not be made
- Any legitimate infraction of the above rules and regulations will result in the immediate disqualification of the contestant. Further disciplinary action will be reviewed and considered by the Executive Committee of the Livestock Show
- Decisions of the judges are final

## **CATEGORIES**

- A. **CASUAL** – For school and casual after school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirts, shorts, tops, casual or sporty dresses, skirts or pants with casual/sporty jackets, school coats and coordinated separates
- B. **DRESSY** – For ensembles worn to dressy activities such as church, dinner dates, theater, banquets, and job/scholarship interviews. Examples include men’s and women’s suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats
- C. **FORMAL** – Limited to garments worn to formal evening events and formal weddings. This category includes tuxedos, formal gowns, wedding dresses and bridesmaid dresses. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities
- D. **SPECIALTY** – Limited to athletic and special purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad and cheerleader uniforms, athletic garments such as jogging suits, swimsuits, leotards, ski-wear, sleep wear, theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities

## **DIVISIONS**

- Junior Division – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Division – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>



## AWARDS

- Overall Grand Champion – Scholarship, \$100 and plaque
- Overall Reserve Grand Champion - \$50 and plaque
- Champion winners in each division will compete for the Overall Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Overall Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$50 and Ribbon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$30 and Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25 and Ribbon

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply

# THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW



**CALF SCRAMBLE**  
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## **2023 RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur to any contestant in the Calf Scramble before, during or after the Scramble
2. Each contestant must submit a Minor's Release to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show by January 13, 2023. Contestants will be notified of their acceptance, and the date and time they are to participate.
3. **INCOMPLETE MINOR'S RELEASE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCPETED.** All information requested on the Minor's Release Form must be complete. Parents and contestants along with the witness must sign the release
4. No contestant will be permitted to participate in more than one scramble performance in any one year
5. Contestant will be permitted to catch a calf no more than one time in his/her 4-H or FFA career
6. Entries by FFA Chapters and 4-H clubs should be submitted through the online ShoWorks system

## **SELECTION OF CONTESTANTS**

1. Contestants must have reached their 14<sup>th</sup>, but not their 18<sup>th</sup>, birthday by January 1, 2023, and not enrolled beyond their junior year in high school. Contestants must reside in the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy and be actively participating in an FFA or 4-H program in one of these counties
2. The Scramble Committee will select contestants
3. There will be two (2) scrambles during the 2023 Show: one (1) during the Friday evening rodeo, March 17, 2023, and one (1) during the Saturday evening rodeo, March 18, 2023

## **ARENA RULES**

1. Contestants will carry into the arena a halter with attached rope that will be supplied by the Scramble Committee. Neither the halter nor the rope may be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the animal in the usual way
2. Contestants may not work as a “team”. Each contestant will attempt to catch and halter one of the calves. Each contestant catching a calf is required to lead the calf across the finish line without aid. After placing the halter on the calf, the contestant will not be permitted to fasten the rope to themselves in any manner as to aid in leading the calf over the finish line
3. If a contestant has a hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf unless it breaks away. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, they will be ordered by the referee to release the calf
4. If a calf is caught by the tail, the contestant will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to place the halter on. However, at the direction of the referees, the contestant must let the calf go.
5. Poor sportsmanship will automatically disqualify the contestant, and undue roughness will not be tolerated
6. There will be not less than eight (8) referees appointed

## **PURCHASE CERTIFICATES AND RULES FOR THE 2023 SHOW**

1. A purchase certificate in the amount of \$800 will be issued to each of the contestants catching a calf
2. A thank you letter must be written to the scramble sponsor and submitted to the show office. The Show will forward all letters to the scramble sponsors. **CALF SCRAMBLE CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THE THANK YOU LETTER IS RECEIVED**
3. The steer/heifer must be purchased no later than September 1, 2023
4. Beef animal purchased must be a registered female of one of the following breeds and for which the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show has classes: Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ABC, Charolais, Chianina, Maine-Anjou and AOB. The certificate may also be used to purchase a Commercial Heifer
5. Steers/Heifers must have been calved no later than January 2023
6. Calf purchased must be approved by the 4-H club manager or AST before a check will be issued from the Calf Scramble Fund for payment
7. The Purchase Certificate should be given to the seller, who is responsible for transferring the registration certificate to the scrambler’s name. A Bill of Sale for Jr Commercial Heifers or steers. An original Registration Certificate from the seller for a registered and the scramble certificate must be returned to the Livestock Show Office by Monday, November 10, 2023.

8. Payment will not be made to the seller until the above papers are received in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office, of the completed certificate, Bill of Sale and/or original Registration certificate in the exhibitor's name
9. A record book must be maintained for all records of expenses and management of the purchased animal. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will provide guidelines for the Record Book
10. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Calf Scramble Record Book must be delivered, or mailed, to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show office by 4:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024. Record books will be judged for the "Most Outstanding Record Book". First place record book will be awarded a scholarship. Only record books that have included all the required information will be judged. If record books are not received in the Livestock Show Office by February 16, 2023, exhibitor will be ineligible to show their animals in completion
11. The obligations of the Calf Scramble Program must be met and must be verified by the scrambler's supervisor. If not, the participant will be required to return the \$800 to The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Calf Scramble Account.



# **THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



**GREASED PIG  
SCRAMBLE**

## **GREASED PIG SCRAMBLE**

1. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for any accidents connected with this scramble
2. Qualifications for contestants are:
  - a. Exhibitors must be in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. High school seniors are not eligible to participate
  - c. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school. Exhibitors must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties
3. Contestants must be in good health and be physically fit to participate. All participants must be present and checked in prior to orientation
4. Every contestant will be expected to help set up and take down hog panels used in the contest. All contestants are subject to being chosen to wash pigs prior to being released by the committee
5. All participants must wear shoes at all times. No steeled toed shoes or opened toed shoes will be allowed.
6. Participants must show up to register one hour prior to event
7. There will be 8 rounds of the Greased Pig Scramble during the Show, all to be held in the Jr Livestock Arena. The number of pigs released in the arena for each round will be determined by the number of contestants
8. Each contestant will attempt to catch one of the pigs. The contestant catching a pig is required to put the pig in a small pen within a reasonable length of time. Referees will declare winners
9. If a contestant has a hold of a pig, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the pig unless it breaks away
10. If two or more contestants catch the same pig, they will be ordered by the referee to release it
11. Poor sportsmanship exhibited by any contestant and/or parent will be grounds for immediate disqualification. Any undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referees
12. Scrambles will be refereed by a group of not less than four (4) referees
13. No contestant will be permitted to participate in the scramble more than one time in any one year
14. Each exhibitor who wishes to participate must submit a Minor's Release Form to the show. Deadline for releases to be in the Show office will be January 13, 2023. Releases will be checked for eligibility. From the eligible applications, a number of names will be drawn to see who will participate. Exhibitors whose names are drawn will be advised as to date and time they are to compete

15. The Interscholastic League Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education, has formulated a plan permitting Greased Pig Scrambles and still protecting a contestant's amateur standing. This is done by placing the matter under the supervision of the agriculture science department of the schools and the 4-H club supervisors and prohibiting the participants from receiving anything of cashable value for winning the athletic part of the program
16. A purchase certificate will be issued to each contestant catching a pig in each round in the amount of \$125
17. All purchase certificates must be used in the purchase of a market steer, market hog, market lamb, market goat, market rabbits, market poultry, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, breeding goats or breeding beef animals which must be in the contestant's FFA or 4-H project for the 2023 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. If the project is not shown during the 2023 Show, you may be required to reimburse the Show for the cost of the project up to \$125
18. The entire program, including the selection of the kind and breed of livestock, the care and management, etc. will be under the supervision of the county agent, 4-H club manager or AST
19. Livestock must be purchased prior to February 11, 2023
20. In order to accommodate 8 nights of Greased Pig Scrambles, we will be combining 4-H and FFA contestants equally each night. This will allow contestants a better chance of catching a pig. Girls will run with girls and boys with boys
21. ASTs, CEAs and 4-H Club Managers should enter their contestants through the online ShoWorks system.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.



# HORTICULTURE DIVISION



**Gabriella Zuniga**  
**2022 Grand Champion Horticulture Project**  
**PSJA FFA**

# **HORTICULTURE DIVISION**

**ENTRY FEE - \$20**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**CHECK IN/CLASSIFYING** – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11

**JUDGING FOR GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS** – 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**RELEASE OF PROJECTS** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 19

## **REGULATIONS**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H club, FFA chapter, and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school. Exhibitors must be residents of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties
2. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or nine years old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023.
3. All plants entered in the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 9, 2022 and must have not been rooted and seeded before the previous year's livestock show. Exception is projects in class seven.
4. Each exhibitor may register only one plant to exhibit
5. Each entry will consist of the following
  - a. A total of 2 photos must be submitted along with each entry
    - i. First photo needs to be taken on or before December 9, 2022
    - ii. Second photo needs to be taken within one week of the entry deadline, January 6, 2023.
  - b. All plants should be in the official show pots by the January photo, with the exception of bulbs
  - c. No student, student name or club name will be allowed in the photo
  - d. Photos must be attached to the RGVLS Horticulture Worksheet. These can be found on the website, [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com), under "Exhibitor Forms"
    - i. These same photos will need to be in the exhibitor's record book as well, duplicate copies are recommended
  - e. Plants only
6. All projects must be grown in a home or school facility under the supervision of as AST or 4-H leader
7. No accessories on the outside or inside of the pots or special stands will be allowed in the greenhouse except for the trellises bought from the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. No rocks or aggregates in any pots larger than sand. No decorative bark on top of potting soil except



for the succulent division. Aggregates no larger than 2 cm in diameter will be allowed. Gravel larger than 2cm will be disqualified at the judge's discretion. See show container section of this book for more details

8. All plants must be living
9. Plants must be wiped clean. No plant shine or wax may be used to gloss the foliage. Only soap and water may be used
10. All plants must be watered prior to entry. Exhibitors must water their own plants during the show
11. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the show
12. No entry may be re-potted within 60 days of the Show. Pots showing evidence of this will be subject to removal from the show. All pots are subject to the re-potting test. Pots will not be sold after January 6, 2023
13. Violation or failure to comply with any of these rules could cause a project to be sifted. The committee has the right to enforce that any sifted project must be immediately removed from the showgrounds
14. Check in time will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023. Judging of Horticulture entries will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Judging for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon at the greenhouse
15. Entries will be classified upon arrival at the Show. The Horticulture Chairman will resolve any questions regarding classification of entries. Entries that meet all rules and regulations will be placed in one of the ten divisions
16. Horticulture Record Books – Each exhibitor shall prepare a written record book of his/her entry to be submitted with each entry at check in time
  - a. Horticulture Record Books may be typed, printed, or neatly written by the exhibitor
  - b. Horticulture Record Book worksheets can be obtained from the Livestock Show Office or online at [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com)
  - c. Record book is used for validation and any information needed by the judge to break a class tie.
  - d. At least 3 photos of the plant project must be submitted in the Record Book
    - i. First photo should be taken before December 9, 2022
    - ii. Second photo by January 6, 2023
    - iii. Third photo to be taken at least 2 weeks prior to the March event
  - e. Committee will meet to review and validate or sift entries and corresponding pictures within a week after the January 13, 2023, entry deadline
17. Any entry identification card must be attached to each project at check in time

18. Exhibitors must be present with their plant entries and record book during judging. If any exhibitor cannot be present during this time, substitution rulings will apply
19. Plants will be judged according to the ideal standards for that species, taking these things into mind in general
  - a. Maturity Stage
  - b. New Growth
  - c. Symmetry, Fullness, and Balance
  - d. Insect Damage
  - e. Disease
  - f. Leaf Color
  - g. General appearance and size for age
  - h. Record Book, if good, could improve placing
20. All contestants must be prepared, if necessary, to answer questions from the judge about planting dates, watering, fertilizing, and/or other care and management questions about their projects at entry time
21. Exhibitors must be responsible for getting their plants from greenhouse to judging area and back to the greenhouse if they have a division winner
22. After judging, all plants may be tagged for sale in the greenhouse area. Plants will be released to student or buyers on Sunday, March 19, 2023, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Any plants not picked up by this time will become property of the Show

### **SHOW CONTAINERS/TERRARIUMS/TRELLIS/TOMATO CAGES**

All containers, terrariums, trellises, and tomato cages will be provided and sold by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. Entries that arrive at the Show in anything other than the official show containers, terrariums, trellises, or tomato cages will not be accepted. Containers, terrariums, trellises, and tomato cages must be paid for by the exhibitor, 4-H club manager or AST when they are picked up at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office. Container, terrarium, trellis, and tomato cage prices will be based on the actual cost of the containers when they are purchased by the Show

### **CONTAINERS AND SUPPLIES PRICES**

Containers will not be sold after January 6, 2023

- 10" Hanging Basket - \$2.00
- 10" Round Pot - \$3.00
- 14" Round Pots (Edible plants only) - \$7.00
- Tomato Cage - \$1.00
- Oval Planter - \$4.00
- Trellis - \$8.00
- Terrarium - \$15.00

## **PLANT DIVISIONS**

Division 1 – Foliage Plants

Division 2 – Succulents – none older than 3 years – judge’s discretion – three or more varieties

Division 3 – Trailers and Vines

Division 4 – Flowering Plants

Division 5 – Ferns

Division 6 – Bulbs – Corn, Rhizome, Tubers and Pseudo Bulbs

Division 7 – Terrariums – All terrariums must have a lid which can be removed. No colored sand

Division 8 – Collection of Herbs – three or more varieties

Division 9 – Combination Plants – must contain 2 or more different plant species

Division 10 – Edible Plants – only one vegetable in a pot at a time

## **AWARDS**

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Class Champion – Rosette

Reserve Class Champion – Rosette

3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded ribbons

## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$22
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$21
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$20

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply

# **THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



**PHOTOGRAPHY  
DIVISION**

# PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per entry

**DELIVERY OF PHOTOS** – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 4

**AUCTION FOR QUALIFYING PHOTOS** – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 18

**RELEASE OF PROJECTS** – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 19

## SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All participants must be enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school and be at least 5 years old and under 20 years of age as of September 1, 2022. All participants must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties
2. The exhibitor will enter in the division according to his/her age of September 1, 2022
  - a. Sub Junior Division – Grades K – 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. Junior Division – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Intermediate Division – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Senior Division – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
3. All photography must have been taken between March of 2022 and January 2023. Photographs may not have been entered in a previous Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for damaged photographs. Participants may protect their entries with clear plastic. Entries must be suitable for all groups. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified. The photography committee reserves the right to reject material considered inappropriate. Settlements of any disputes or discrepancies that may arise are at the sole discretion of the Photography Contest Committee. All decisions of the judges are final. All photos must have been taken by the person entering the photo. Photography of copyrighted material is strictly prohibited. Professionals will not be allowed to enter. A professional is defined herein as one who is involved in photography as a livelihood
4. Exhibitor may enter only one photo for judging. Entries must be submitted online at [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com).
5. Photos must be 8"x10" and must be matted with a black, white, or black with white. Mats must be 11"x14" with an 8"x10" opening. Cardboard or foam backing of matted photo is permissible but not required. The maximum dimension of the entry is 11"x14". No framed pieces will be accepted
6. All photos should have an Exhibitor Information Form taped to the back of each. Each entry must also include an EXHIBITOR ID TAG. This tag can be downloaded from the RGVLS website, [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com). Exhibitors should fill out the tag and securely mount it to the front left bottom corner of the mat. Exhibitor information will be covered by committee members prior to judging



7. Exhibitors should NOT attach hanging tabs to mats. RGVLS standard hanging tabs will be attached by committee after judging
8. All entries must be checked in at the Event Center at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds on Saturday, March 4, 2023, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. This will be a drive-thru check in. All proper paperwork must be in place prior to drop off. Forms and supplies will not be provided. If photography piece is not properly matted with forms in place it will not be accepted
9. Judging will be based on the following criteria
  - e. Composition
  - f. Originality
  - g. Quality of Print
10. Categories are as follows for each age division:
  - A. BLACK AND WHITE – Photos can be of any subject as long as they are printed in black and white. Black and white photos are not permitted in any other category. Images may not be printed in Sepia (brown tones), ONLY BLACK AND WHITE. Sepia images do not qualify in any category
  - B. PEOPLE – Photos focus on a person or people from all walks of life – parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports and couples
  - C. ANIMALS & BIRDS – Photos focus on all types of animals or birds, wild or domestic. Photos in this category may also include all types of bugs, insects and fish
  - D. STILL LIFE – Photos of one or more inanimate (not living) objects in a composition, where the photographer has clearly given thought to the arrangement of objects and to their lighting, focus and background. The objects in the photos must be ones which can be moved and rearranged, not part of the landscape or the fixtures of a building. Lighting can be either natural or artificial. Where the picture is just of a single object, it fits with this category, as long as obvious thought has gone into the placement of the object.
  - E. LANDSCAPE & SCENERY – Photos focus on the beauty of nature. Photos in this category would include sunsets, sunrises, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, farms, nature images and other outdoor scenes
  - F. ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY – Photos of any object in motion. Subjects can be those playing sports, dancing, race cars, running animals, etc. as long as the focus of the photos is in motion
  - G. PLANTS & FLORA – Photos of interesting, unique and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plants/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category
  - H. CURRENT LIVESTOCK SHOW THEME – Photos that express or exhibit the current theme of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

- I. FOOD – This category is a still life specialization of photography aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED
- J. ELEMENTS OF DESIGN – Photos showcasing elements of design such as line, shape, patten, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photos consist of any subject matter as long as focus is clearly on an element of design

11. All photographs must be picked up Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Event Center. Photos will be released to the exhibitor, their ag/art teachers or 4-H club managers only. Photos not picked up on Sunday will be brought to the Livestock Show Office. Photos not picked up are not the responsibility of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Inc., its employees, or committee members

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

### **AWARDS**

Overall Grand Champion – Buckle

Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Plaque

1<sup>st</sup> place – Rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place – Ribbon

Champion winners in each division will compete for Overall Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Overall Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

# **THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**



**WESTERN ART**



# WESTERN ART DIVISION

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per entry

**DELIVERY OF ART** – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 4

**AUCTION FOR QUALIFYING PIECES** – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 18

**RELEASE OF ENTRIES** – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 19

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Kindergarten, elementary, junior high and high school students of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties are eligible to enter. There will be 4 divisions, they are as follows:
  - a. Sub Junior Division - Kinder – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - b. Junior Division Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Intermediate Division Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Senior Division Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
2. Art must be the sole work of one student
3. **Only one piece of art may be entered per exhibitor. Artwork must be in one category only.**  
Example: no pencil and felt tip markers or pencil and watercolors. Each category will be color coded for easier judging. Art may be entered in one of the following categories:

Sub-Junior Division – Grades K – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Junior Division – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

- A. Oil, Acrylic
- B. Watercolor, Tempera
- C. Mixed Media, Collage, Wall Hangings
- D. Pencil
- E. Pen & Ink
- F. Colored Pencils, Crayons
- G. Felt Tip Markets

Intermediate Division – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Senior Division – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

- A. Oil, Acrylic
- B. Watercolor, Transparent Acrylic, Tempera
- C. Mixed Media, Collage, Wall Hangings
- D. Pencil
- E. Pen & Ink
- F. Colored Pencils
- G. Pastels

4. NO GLASS, PLEXIGLASS, PLASTIC FIGURES OR COMMERCIAL OBJECTS OR LETTERING MAY BE USED as part of the picture. All art must be the original work of the exhibitor. No copies of any published artwork or photograph will be accepted
5. Art may be realistic or abstract pictures of Texas ranch life, cowboy or rodeo episodes, any imaginative country and western scene or one depicting cowboys or Indians. If wildlife is used it must be American Wildlife and must be shown in a western setting. No nude or suggestive characters
6. Size of artwork (matted or framed)
  - a. Minimum 11" x 14" – this includes up to 3" mat or frame
  - b. Minimum 20" x 24" – this includes up to 3" mat or frame
7. Display Instructions
  - a. Art must be backed or mounted on rigid medium weight illustration board or corrugated cardboard. Do not use poster board or construction paper. Support must be sturdy enough to prevent sagging and must not be pieced together
  - b. Art must have some means of hanging it attached. Work will be stapled to partitions to be stabilized. Picture will not be accepted unless all rules are followed
  - c. It is advisable to have each piece of art matted in such a way it may be stapled. Also, it is advisable each piece be covered with plastic to maintain the medium
  - d. Mat must not exceed 3 inches on any side
  - e. Paintings on canvas stretcher frames and woodwork must have a wire on back
  - f. Acrylic or acetate coverings may be used but are not mandatory, however it is suggested covering be used on charcoals and pastels. Frames may be used but are not mandatory. If frames are used, art cannot exceed maximum size – detailed in article 7
  - g. All work must be dry
  - h. Each art piece must have a card attached to the back of the piece containing
    - i. Exhibitor's name
    - ii. Home address
    - iii. Phone number
    - iv. Grade
    - v. Name of School
    - vi. Teacher's name
    - vii. Teacher's phone number
  - i. Each art piece must have a card attached to the lower right hand corner of the work bearing the following information:
    - i. Exhibitor's name
    - ii. Grade
    - iii. Name of School
    - iv. Teacher's name
    - v. Teacher's phone number



- j. Upper grades 6-12 grades only:
  - i. Both cards must be attached to the artwork when you arrive. Committee members checking in the artwork will not do this
- k. Any work that does not meet the above rules will be disqualified

## **JUDGING**

Judging criteria will be as follows:

1. **CREATIVITY – ORIGINALITY** – Not from a pattern, a novel idea, not copies from any published artwork or photograph
2. **HANDLING OF MEDIA** – execution – uses media in a knowledgeable way
3. **COMPOSITION** – repetition, variety or variation, balance, unity, dominance, contrast, harmony, graduation of the 7 elements of art – shape, size, line, direction, texture, color and value
4. **PRESENTATION** – neatness (not smeared or dirty), mat adheres to artwork, properly mounted for hanging, mats and/or frames enhance work
5. The decision of the judges will be final

## **AWARDS**

Overall Grand Champion – Buckle

Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Plaque

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Ribbon

Champion winners in each division will compete for Overall Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Overall Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Overall Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

# MARKET GOAT



**Wyatt Robbins**  
**2022 Grand Champion Market Goat**  
**Sharyland Pioneer FFA**

# MARKET GOAT DIVISION

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per exhibitor

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

**WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15 – North Barn

**SHOWMANSHIP** – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 16

**LOAD OUT** – 11:00 a.m., Sunday, March 19

## **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:**

Exhibitors must remove goats that are sifted from the showgrounds immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and or buyer to the processing plant, individual, etc. assigned by the Show management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

Market Does brought to the showgrounds must have a Premise ID Tag issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If an exhibitor has purchased a market doe from a breeder, the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag.

## **RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old but less than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023
3. Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed, a wether or unbred doe
4. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species-Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
5. All goats must be validated by October 31, 2022. A copy of the validation form must be attached to the Entry Certification Form. All market goats entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
6. All Market Goats must have a legible county tattoo
7. An exhibitor may enter only one goat.



8. Absolutely no tattooing or branding done on showgrounds
9. Any animal which has sold in a terminal auction at another show will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership forms are received, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled.
10. Exhibitors must declare animal weight at the time they sift and classify. The weight listed on the weight card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the weight card to include declared weight and state validation tag number
11. The decision of the sifters will be final. Protest will not be accepted on sifter's opinion
12. After sifting, goats will be divided into five weight divisions as nearly equal as possible. Each weight division will then be divided into four classes as nearly equal in number as possible. All goats of the same weight will be put in the same weight group
13. Goats must meet the following requirements or be sifted
  - a. Must weigh at least 65 pounds. Maximum weight for all goats will be 120 pounds
  - b. Any goat that has had its natural musculature or weight altered by use of injections or ingested material not conducive of the continued health of goats or marketability of goat carcasses will be sifted
  - c. All goats must be slick shorn from the hock up with 3/8 inch of hair or less
  - d. Sharp or pointed horns must be clipped, rounded or sanded to the size of a dime or larger to meet the approval of the Goat Committee prior to going through the sift
  - e. Goats must be creditable from standpoint of quality, finish and not have been mutilated in any way at time of sifting
  - f. Exhibitors must have a collar or halter on their goat at all times during weighing and sifting
14. Blocking Tables & Trim Chutes: No Market Goat Blocking Tables or show rails are permitted on grounds. All market goats must be clipped before arrival to the showgrounds. No clipping will be allowed at the showgrounds. Individual free standing head stanchions are allowed, but they must stay within the pen and must not block alleys and/or pedestrian traffic



Individual Free Standing Head Stanchion

15. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.
16. Chokers and spikes will not be permitted during sift or during judging
17. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a goat, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping below the knees and hocks with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the goat is subject to disqualification.
18. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
19. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing. Regardless of any disqualifications, any market animal will remain under consignment contract and will be sold at the end of the event.
20. Top four (4) placing goats in each class of each weight division may be designated for re-weighing during judging at a time determined by the Goat Superintendent. Any goat weighing more than 5 lbs. above its initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing
21. The goat committee may collect a hair and/or blood sample from any goat entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any goat not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of this hair and/or blood sampled compared to the DNA analysis of the samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified
22. Showmanship will take place Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. All exhibitors must declare showmanship during the sifting process
23. All Market Goats will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Sifted goats must be removed from showgrounds immediately after sifting
24. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any division of the Market Goat Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply



## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Division Champions – Scholarship & Banner

Reserve Division Champions – Banner & Rosette

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Division Champions and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$26
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$25
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$24

## **MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of market goats are eligible to compete. Exhibitor must show their own goat for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups based on age as of day of show.

## **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon

# MARKET HOG



**Keaton Fohn**

**2022 Grand Champion Market Hog**

**Highland Hustlers 4-H**

# **MARKET HOG DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per exhibitor

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13th  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**VALIDATION CHECK/WEIGHT CARD TURN IN** – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**CORRECTIONS TO WEIGHT CARDS** – 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

**CLASSIFYING/JUDGING** – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

**SHOWMANSHIP** – 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**LOAD OUT** – 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> (Times subject to change)

## **MARKET HOG DIVISION RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties.
2. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years old, but under twenty as of January 1, 2023.
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.
4. Both barrows and gilts are eligible to be entered. All market hogs must have been validated by the Texas Swine Validation Program by November 30, 2022. A copy of the validation form must be attached to the Entry Certification Form. Ear notches and validation numbers must match those on validation paperwork. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
5. An exhibitor may enter only one hog.
6. Any animal that has been sold in a terminal auction at another show is ineligible for this Show. Market hogs found to have evidence of more than one validation will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership Forms are recorded, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled

7. Minimum weight is 240 lbs. Maximum weight is 290 lbs. Animals will be reweighed at the discretion of the Division Chairman. Hogs that are found to have injuries or illness are subject to sift at the discretion of the show veterinarian
8. From Monday, March 13, 2023, 12 p.m. to Saturday, March 18, 2023, 5 p.m., all alley ways are to be kept clear of show boxes, feed boxes, wagons, ice chests, chairs and other items that may cause harm to hogs or people walking down the alley ways. These items may be placed on the exterior perimeter of the hog barn pens. Outside perimeter is a First come First Serve basis and no items are to be affixed to pens or bleachers. No boxes will be allowed to hang anywhere outside of the pen. Failure to follow this rule will result in disciplinary action to the school or 4H club in violation of each offense.
9. Animals must stay in assigned pens. Exhibitors cannot build their own pens. You should bring your own dividers
10. Exhibitors must declare animal weight, breed, and state validation number on weight card. The weight listed on the weight card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the weight card to include declared weight and state validation tag number and breed. Errors made on validation cards by the exhibitor or representative will not be changed after Tuesday, March 14, at 5:00 p.m. Committee errors on class and weight posting will NOT be changed after Wednesday, March 15, at 12:00 noon. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must declare their decision on the back of their weight card along with their AGE. No showmanship entries will be added after Tuesday, March 14, at 5:00 p.m.
11. Scales will be allowed in the barn during sifting and judging within organizations assigned pens or designated areas, provided they are tagged with the organizations name, and they must state "Non-Official Scale". No scales will be allowed in alley ways at any time. Scales must be removed within one hour following the final judging. Failure to follow scale rules will result in a \$50 fine
12. Absolutely no ear notching on showgrounds. Any fresh ear notching discovered will result in disqualification of the animal. Disqualified animals are still subject to consignment contract
13. All market hogs entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. Exhibitors may NOT remove ear tags from their animals. Any club with an animal ear tag missing will be fined. If ear tags fall off, it must be turned into the Market Hog Committee Chairperson. Exhibitors may NOT remove pen numbers from pen where their animal was stalled. Removal of ear tags and/or pen numbers may result in exhibitor's premium money and/or resales money being held by RGVLS.
14. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a hog, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.
15. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging



16. Market hogs will be classified by the judge as they enter the show ring
17. A market hog, which in the opinion of the judge, does not have predominant breed characteristics of the class in which it is entered, may be sifted from the Show or, with the approval of the Division Superintendent and the Show Management, moved by the judge to the class, which in his/her opinion, the animal is eligible to be entered
18. Crossbreed is defined as an animal whose sire and dam are of different breeds
19. Hogs may be reweighed during judging at a time determined by the Superintendent. Any hog weighing more than 10 lbs. above or 10 lbs. less than its initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing. Once the market hog validation card is turned in, no hog will be permitted to leave RGVLS property
20. The hog committee may collect a hair and/or blood sample from any hog entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any hog not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of this hair and/or blood sampled compared to the DNA analysis of the samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified
21. All market hogs will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid
22. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Market Hog Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

## **JUDGING**

After sifting and weighing, hogs will be divided by the following breeds:

- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Yorkshire
- Dark Other Purebreeds
- Light Other Purebreeds
- Dark Crossbreeds
- All Other Crossbreeds

In the event there are as many as 75 entries of another Purebreed, classes will be added for that breed. If the number of entries of any breed falls below 40, that breed class will be discontinued to following year. Hogs will be put in classes as nearly equal in number as possible. All hogs of the same weight will be put in the lower weight group.

First place hogs in each breed class will compete for Breed Champion. Second place winner in class, which produced the Breed Champion, will compete with remaining first place hogs of the breed for Reserve Breed Champion



## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champions – Buckle, Banner, Scholarship & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champions – Banner & Rosette

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Division Champions and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$26
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$25
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$24

## **MARKET HOG SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of market hogs are eligible to compete. Exhibitor must show their own hog for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups based on age as of day of show

## **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon

# MARKET LAMB



**Christopher Ramirez**  
**2022 Grand Champion Market Lamb**  
**Weslaco FFA**

# **MARKET LAMB DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per exhibitor

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

**WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

**JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**SHOWMANSHIP** – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16

**LOAD OUT** – 11:00 a.m., Sunday, March 19

## **MARKET LAMB DIVISION RULES**

### **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

Exhibitors must remove lambs that are sifted from the showgrounds immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and/or buyer to the processing plant, individual, etc. assigned by the Show Management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

Market ewes brought to the showgrounds must have a Premise ID Tag issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If any exhibitor has purchased a market ewe from a breeder, the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.
4. Lambs may be wether or ewe lambs. All lambs must have been validated by the Texas Lamb Validation Program by October 31, 2022. A copy of the validation form must be attached to the Entry Certification Form
5. Any exhibitor can enter only one lamb
6. Pens will NOT be taken apart or altered in any way without approval of the superintendents. No lights are to be strung on pens. Superintendent reserves the right to pen a minimum of three head per pen

7. Lambs must meet the following requirements or be sifted
  - a. All lambs must weigh at least 80 lbs. There will be no top weight
  - b. Any lamb that has had its natural musculature or weight altered by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of lambs or marketability of lamb carcasses will be sifted
  - c. All lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up at time of sifting. Lambs with excessive wool will be sifted
  - d. Lambs must be creditable from standpoint of types, quality, finish and breed characteristics
  - e. Lambs that have been mutilated in any way will be sifted
  - f. A lamb, which in the opinion of the sifter or classifiers, does not have predominant breed characteristics of the class in which it is entered, may be sifted from the Show or, with the approval of the Division Superintendent, moved to another class
8. Any animal which has been sold in a terminal auction at another show will be ineligible for this Show. Lambs found to have evidence of more than one validation will be ineligible to show, unless the proper Change of Ownership forms are received, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled
9. Exhibitors must declare animal weight and breed at the time they sift classify. The weight listed on the weight card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the weight card to include declared weight, state validation tag number and breed designation
10. The decision of the sifter and/or classifiers will be final. Protests will not be accepted on sifter's opinion. Lambs will be brought to classifiers by breed for proper classification
11. After sifting, lambs will be divided into weight groups by breeds as nearly equal number as possible, but all lambs of the same weight will be in the same weight group. The number of classes per breed will be determined by the Superintendent of the Lamb Division
12. All market lambs will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Sifted lambs must be removed from the showgrounds immediately after sifting
13. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a lamb, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping below the knees and hocks with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the lamb is subject to disqualification
14. Shearing: Lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints before arrival to the grounds. This will be strictly enforced. Refer to rule 15 Fitting.



15. Blocking Tables & Trim Chutes: No Market Goat Blocking Tables or show rails are permitted on grounds. All market goats must be clipped before arrival to the showgrounds. No clipping will be allowed at the showgrounds. Individual free standing head stanchions are allowed, but they must stay within the pen and must not block alleys and/or pedestrian traffic



Individual Free Standing Head Stanchion

16. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.

17. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging

18. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing. Regardless of any disqualifications, any market animal will remain under consignment contract and will be sold at the end of the event.

19. All Market Lambs must have a legible county tattoo

20. All market lambs entering the showring are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.

21. Lambs may be reweighed during judging at time determined by the Superintendent. Any lamb weighing more than 5 lbs. above or below its initial show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing

22. The lamb committee may collect hair and/or blood samples from any lamb entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any lamb not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of the samples compared to the DNA analysis of the hair and/or blood samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified

23. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Market Lamb Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.



## **MARKET LAMB CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS**

### **1. HAIRED SHEEP**

- a. Acceptable Breed Characteristics
  - i. Bardo, St. Croix, Dorper, White Dorper, Katahdin or a cross among these breeds
  - ii. No wool below kneed and hocks
  - iii. No wool forward of poll
  - iv. No excessive wool covering
- b. Discriminatory Breed Characteristics
  - i. Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than the five listed above
  - ii. Solid black lambs
  - iii. No evidence of hair on britch, belly or forearm
  - iv. Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene

### **2. FINE WOOL**

- a. Acceptable Breed Characteristics
  - i. Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet or a cross between these three breeds
  - ii. Soft pelt
  - iii. Silky, white face that is narrow and clean cut
  - iv. Silky, medium size ears
  - v. White hooves and legs
- b. Discriminatory Breed Characteristics
  - i. Black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body of the lamb
  - ii. Freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin may be permitted on the face and ears if other breed characteristics are in order
  - iii. Freckles or brown or black spots above the hooves
  - iv. Coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, down the back of the hind legs and above the hooves
  - v. Black pigmentation in the hooves
  - vi. Black lambs should be classified as medium wool

### **3. FINE WOOL CROSS**

- a. Acceptable Breed Characteristics
  - i. Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% fine wool breeding
  - ii. Soft pelt that is characteristic of ½ blood fine wool
  - iii. Mottling or some spotting on face and ears
  - iv. Mottling and/or spotting of legs below the knees and stifle joint
  - v. Face and ears should be soft and silky
- b. Discriminatory Breed Characteristics
  - i. Face, ears and legs should not be extremely dark or solid in color
  - ii. Coarse, chalky white hair on face, ears, legs and in the flanks
  - iii. Colored fiber (black or brown spots) in the wool

#### 4. SOUTHDOWN

##### a. Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- i. Hair color on muzzle and nose should be gray to dark brown, not approaching black. White is acceptable around muzzle and eyes
- ii. Wool on the legs should correspond to hair color on the muzzle. A few colored spots on the body are acceptable
- iii. Ears should be of moderate length and size with a pointed end and may be approaching slick
- iv. Noses should be a colored pigment other than solid pink. A spotted nose is acceptable
- v. Muzzle should be broad with a head of medium length
- vi. Hooves should be solid black

##### b. Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- i. Face, ears and legs should not be extremely dark or solid in color
- ii. Pink nose
- iii. Coarse, chalky hair around the eyes and in the flank
- iv. Completely slick ears
- v. Pink or stripped hooves
- vi. Black spots in the fleece
- vii. Open poll on the head

##### c. Absolute Disqualification

- i. Specked face or legs
- ii. Horns or scars
- iii. Solid black lambs
- iv. Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double muscled

#### 5. MEDIUM WOOL

- a. All other breeds not mentioned in sections 1, 2, 3 or 4 above

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

#### **CLASSES**

- Haired Sheep
- Fine Wool
- Fine Wool Cross
- Southdown
- Medium Wool

#### **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champions – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champion – Banner & Rosette

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Division Champions and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

### **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$26
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$25
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$24

### **MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of market lambs are eligible to compete. Exhibitor must show their own lamb for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups based on age as of day of show.

### **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Grand Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 and Ribbon

# MARKET POULTRY



**Emma Trevino**  
**2022 Grand Champion Market Poultry**  
**PSJA FFA**

# **MARKET POULTRY DIVISION**

**ORDER/ENTRY DEADLINE** – December 5, 2022

**ENTRY FEE** - \$85 per exhibitor – includes order of chicks

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS & SIFTING** – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15

**JUDGING** – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15

**LOAD OUT** – TBD

## **MARKET POULTRY DIVISION RULES**

### **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

All birds brought to the showgrounds must be consigned by the exhibitor to the processing plant, individual, etc. assigned by the Show Management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties
2. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but under 20, as of January 1, 2023
3. All order for chicks must be placed no later than December 5, 2022. Birds must be ordered through the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office. Each exhibitor must order a box of 50 birds. Ordering birds constitutes a show entry
4. No requests for refund of money received for payment of chicks or cancelations of orders will be considered. Checks will be deposited upon receipt
5. Chicks may be either straight run or sexed (if sexed birds become available). All exhibitors will be provided with the number of birds from the same hatchery order and will be distributed to exhibitors randomly. Birds of either sex may be shown.
6. All birds will be wing banded. Wing band numbers will be assigned when exhibitors pick up newly hatched birds. All birds brought to the Show must bear the wing band numbers assigned to that exhibitor
7. Each exhibitor will be allowed one entry in each of two classes: Pen of Broilers Class and Best Bird Class. The pen of broilers entry will consist of three birds. The Best Bird class will consist of a single bird and may not come from the pen of broilers class
8. The winner of the Best Single Bird class will be awarded a belt buckle and will NOT be eligible for premiums or the Sale of Champions
9. Each exhibitor may bring no more than 5 birds to sift: Pen of 3, Best Bird and one alternate or pend of three and 2 alternates. All birds brought to the showgrounds become the property of the Show and will not be allowed to leave the grounds



10. Birds will be inspected by the judge at sifting to eliminate entries not in proper show condition
11. Birds found to have bruises, broken wings, etc. during sift may be replaced by an alternate bird or best bird brought by the exhibitor. Sick and/or diseased birds will be sifted and, if discovered at any time during the Show, will be subject to removal by show officials as directed by the judge and/or show veterinarian. Birds with reduced comb growth or other secondary sex characteristics which indicate the presence of a hormone will be sifted
12. Birds losing their wing band for whatever reason are ineligible to show. Birds with wing bands showing sign of being tampered with are subject to being sifted. Birds bearing a wing band other than one assigned to the exhibitor will be sifted
13. There is no maximum or minimum weight per bird. Birds will not be weighed at the Show. Very lightweight birds will be subject to being sifted at the discretion of the judge
14. During sifting and check-in, each exhibitor will be required to sign up for housekeeping duty as organized by the poultry committee. Housekeeping duty will be assigned to individual exhibitors so that all exhibitors will take turns providing feed, clean water and fresh shavings to all birds for the duration of the Show. All birds must have clean feed and water at all times. It will be the responsibility of all exhibitors to perform their housekeeping duties as assigned. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities may result in disqualification of the exhibitor from future shows. The Show will furnish feed and shavings. Exhibitors may also bring their own feed
15. Birds must not be removed from the assigned cage after they are cooped, except by permission from the Poultry Committee Chairman. On the day of the show, birds may be managed inside the cage only by the owner of the birds
16. Exhibitors must be present at the time of sifting and judging to show their birds to the judge. Each exhibitor should arrange for two 4-H or FFA members to help them exhibit their birds during judging.
17. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
18. The Official Broiler Order Form will serve to meet the requirements of the Texas Pullorum Disease Fowl Typhoid Act of 1977 and no other broiler health papers need to be submitted to the Show
19. All exhibitors are required to display an exhibitor card on their pens at all times
20. If a bird expires between the time of sift and the time prior to the exhibitor entering the show arena, their alternate bird or best bird will be allowed to replace the expired bird, but only if an alternate bird and/or best bird was taken through the sift by that exhibitor. If a bird expires after entering the show arena, no substitution will be allowed, and the final placing will be left to the discretion of the judge. All substitutions must be approved by the chairman of the poultry committee

21. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and places 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for the Sale of Champions

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

### **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Scholarship, Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Best Single Bird – Buckle

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place – Rosette

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place - Ribbon

### **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**

- 9<sup>th</sup> place - \$26
- 10<sup>th</sup> place - \$25
- 11<sup>th</sup> place - \$24



# MARKET RABBIT



**Maddie Lyn Garcia**  
**2022 Grand Champion Market Rabbit**  
**STX Elite Legends 4-H**



# **MARKET RABBIT DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per exhibitor

**DELIVERY/WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

**REGISTER FOR RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP** – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 14 followed by Showmanship

**LOAD OUT** – TBD

## **MARKET RABBIT DIVISION RULES**

### **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

All sifted rabbits must be removed from the showgrounds immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and/or buyer to the processing plant, individual, etc. assigned by the show management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

Validation of market rabbits will take place Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the RGVLS Showgrounds in Mercedes for \$5 per breed. The exhibitor may validate as many market rabbits as they like. This will be a drive thru validation. Please turn off vehicles upon entering the validation area and following instructions given by the Market Rabbit Validation Committee. **Review section #4 for market rabbits that can be validated. The pen of market rabbits to be validated must have the same coloration, same breed of rabbit and from the same litter. No mix matching of different breeds will be allowed to be validated or shown at RGVLS.**

There will be not tattoos, markings, written marker or symbols allowed in any market pen rabbit's right or left ear. One tattoo will be used for all validated market rabbits and will be done so by the Market Rabbit Committee on validation day. If a different tattoo, marking, written marker or symbol other than the RGVLS tattoos, in either the left or right ear, shows up on the market rabbit pen during the 2023 show, the entire pen will be disqualified. The rules and regulations will be handed to every exhibitor during validation that will include information on the rules, proper carrying cages, metal feeders, water bottles and number of market pen rabbits allowed to bring to sift and the Show. These rules and regulations must be signed by the exhibitor and returned to a committee member.

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties.
2. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old but under twenty as of January 1, 2023
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee" in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the

Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock

4. An exhibitor can enter only one pen. The pen is to consist of three rabbits, all the same breed or they will be sifted. **DO NOT BRING 4 RABBITS TO THE SHOW AND NOT TWO SEPARATE BREED. i.e., 2 CALIFORNIANS AND 1 CROSS BREED THEN CALL THE SET CROSS BREED.** Choose the 3 you want to enter before you get to the showgrounds. Please bring the 3 rabbits in wire carrying cage with lifted wire bottom. No laundry baskets, pet carriers, cardboard boxes, or milk crates. Rabbits must be presentable to the judge and rabbit committee at the time of sift. Animals must be clean and dry, or the pen of rabbits will be sifted
5. Rabbits will be weighed on an official show scale at time of entry
6. Rabbits will be sifted in accordance with the current American Rabbit Breeder's Association's (ARBA) Standard of Perfection. Defects include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Must weigh at least 3 ½ pounds, but no more than 5 ½ pounds at the sifting weigh in. If any one rabbit in the pen weighs less than 3 ½ pounds or more than 5 ½ pounds, the entire pen will be sifted
  - b. Must be marketable meat and pelt (fur) quality
  - c. Must not be over 70 days old at time of sifting
  - d. Must be free of the following defects
    - i. Cysts, ruptures, or tumors
    - ii. Cold or snuffles
    - iii. Abscesses (hocks or elsewhere)
    - iv. Blindness in either or both eyes
    - v. Mange
    - vi. Mites (ear or body)
    - vii. Fleas
    - viii. Malocclusion
    - ix. Vent Diseases
    - x. Missing toes or missing complete toenail
    - xi. Bob tail or broken tail
  - e. If any one rabbit in the pen is disqualified, the entire pen will be sifted
7. Identification card during sift with pen number will be color coded as per breed, color and must follow exhibitor to the end of the sift table where the judge will place
8. Judge will have final say if the animal is show worthy or will be sifted
9. A pen of rabbits, which in the opinion of the sifter, does not meet ARBA Breed Standards of the breed in which it is entered, will be moved to the proper breed by the sifter
10. After rabbits have been accepted by the Show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor



11. Weighing/Sifting/Classifying of Market Rabbits – Only one parent or AST/Club Manager will be allowed in the rabbit area during the sift for a 15 minute time frame to help the exhibitor with unloading of rabbits. The exhibitor can hang their flip top metal rabbit feeders, 32 oz. water bottles and give rabbits water during this time. Feeding can be done after the sift is over. Signage, show supplies and show boxes can be delivered after sifting is completed.

Each exhibitor must identify the breed of their rabbits at the time of check in/sift.

Only FLIP TOP METAL RABBIT FEEDERS (through the cage type and big enough to hold enough feed for 3 rabbits each day) and one or two 32 oz. or larger bottle type waterier, so rabbits will have enough water during warm weather. No crocks or bows allowed.

Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits each day until rabbits are loaded out at the end of the Show. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor, at the Board's discretion, from showing the following year.

The rabbit area will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day. RABBITS MUST HAVE WATER AT ALL TIMES. THEY MUST BE FED BY 7:00 P.M. EACH DAY. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

12. The livestock show will not be responsible for any rabbits that get sick or expire while on exhibit or in case of fire

13. No oils, polishes, powders, wipes, or other products may be used which would cosmetically alter the rabbit's naturally groomed appearance at sifting or at the show table

14. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with the American Rabbit Breeder's Association's (ARBA) Standard and Guide for Judging Meat Classes. Judges will additionally refer to the appropriate Breed Standards, as they deem necessary

15. The four judging factors are as follow:

- a. MEAT TYPE – 40% - Look for fryers that are compact, short, and well filled out with rounded solid flesh. Protruding hips, pin bones, back bones (spines), etc. are faults. Look for wide, deep loins, thickness of the hindquarters and well-developed shoulders. Hindquarters are most important. Loin is next and shoulders are third in importance
- b. CONDITION – 30% - All three rabbits in the pen should be in prime condition
- c. UNIFORMITY – 20% - The pen must reflect uniformity of weight, size, appearance, condition, meat type and fur
- d. FUR – 10%

16. General public and spectators will not be allowed to handle any exhibitor's rabbit at any time during the week of the Show. Only the exhibitor, FFA Leader, 4-H Project Leader, parent/legal guarding will be allowed to handle their own individual, club, or chapter's rabbit projects at any time during the week of the Show

17. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging

18. Exhibitors will be required to display their rabbits at the show tables as directed by the judge. Any exhibitor who places in their class must remain in the rabbit barn until advised to leave. Failure to remain in the area will result in forfeiture of any further placing
19. No locks will be permitted on cages after judging takes place. Cages may be locked until judging. Any locks found on cages after judging will be cut off. Nothing shall be displayed or attached to or below the rabbit cages other than pen assignment signage attached by rabbit committee. Nothing should be placed in empty cages
20. Delivery of rabbits to buyer or his agents will be made on Sunday, March 19. Feeders and water bottles may be removed after load out
21. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Market Rabbit Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

## **BREEDS**

- New Zealand
- Californian
- Crossbreeds and Other Purebreeds

Each breed will have classes as follows:

- 1 to 20 pens – 1 class
- 21 to 40 pens – 2 classes
- 41 to 60 pens – 3 classes
- 61 to 80 pens – 4 classes

First and second place of each class will compete for Breed and Reserve Breed Champion. First place pen of rabbits in each class will compete for Breed Champion. The second place winner in the class that produced the Breed Champion will compete with the remaining first place class winners for Reserve Breed Champion. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded in each class as indicated under “Premium Section”

The New Zealand classes will now include New Zealand White, New Zealand Black, New Zealand Broken and New Zealand Red. Each individual New Zealand breed will have its own class and once the first and second place from each class is selected, then an overall New Zealand Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion will be selected to compete with the remaining breeds, Californian and OPB/Crossbreeds. All Breed and Reserve Breed Champions will compete for the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion. The judge of the show has the final decision in classification of Market Pen Rabbits.

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champion – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champion – Banner & Rosette

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Division Champions and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$26
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$25
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$24

## **MARKET RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

### **MONDAY, MARCH 13**

- Only rabbit exhibitors who are exhibiting their own rabbits will be allowed to enter the Rabbit Showmanship Competition. They must register for showmanship during the sift at the Rabbit Sifting Table on Monday, March 13
- Exhibitors must report, in person, to the Rabbit Area at which time a multiple choice exam will be given at a determined location. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service Rabbit Literature that is available through [www.shop4-H.org](http://www.shop4-H.org), through county agents and from the 2021-2025 editions of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection book.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

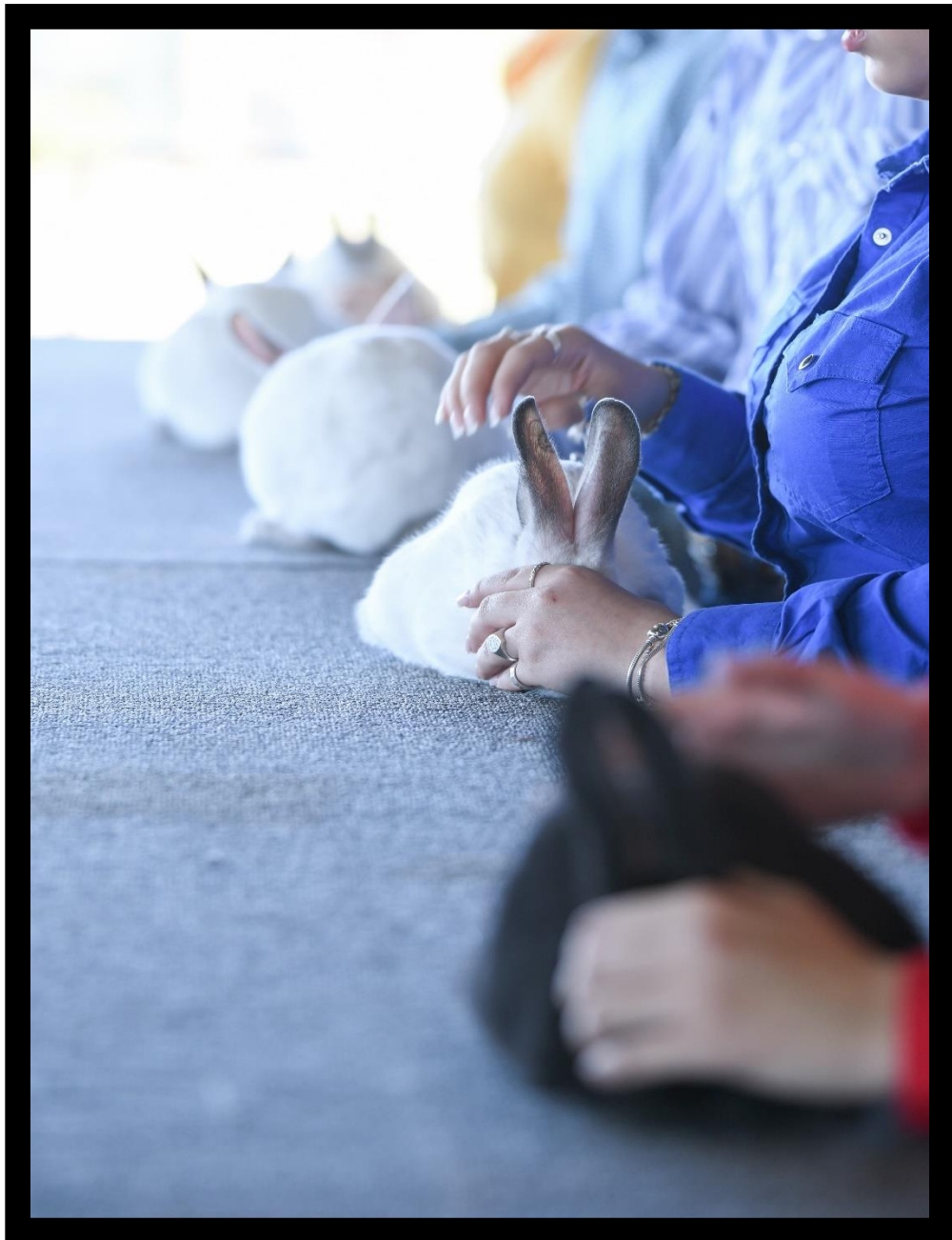
- Takes place after completion of all rabbit judging
- The top five contestants from each of the age groups, scoring highest on the multiple choice exam, will compete in the showmanship finals. Each finalist will be called individually to take one of their previously shown RGVLS market rabbits to the show table for final competition. Physical “showing” of their rabbit as well as their knowledge of rabbit husbandry will constitute 100% of the score. The decision of the judge is final.

## **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100 and Buckle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$75 and Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 and Ribbon





# MARKET STEER



**Reynaldo Flores**  
**2022 Grand Champion Market Steer**  
**Showlife 4-H**



# **MARKET STEER DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$30 per exhibitor

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**SCALES OPEN** – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 17

**SHOWMANSHIP** – Following judging, Friday, March 17

**LOAD OUT** – 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 19

## **GRAND CHAMPION BUCKLE SPONSORED BY WANDA ECHOLS**

### **MARKET STEER DIVISION RULES**

#### **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

All sifted steers must be removed from the showgrounds immediately after sifting. All others must be consigned by the exhibitor and or buyer to the processing plant, individual, etc. assigned by the show management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school and reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties
2. Exhibitor must be in the third grade or nine years old, but under twenty years of age, as of January 1, 2023
3. All steers must have been validated on or before June 30, 2022, with a legible nose print, ear tag, ear tattoo and completed validation form. Validation tags must be in steers ear prior to arriving on showgrounds. **All market steers entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags.** ONLY VALIDATION TAG SHOULD BE PRESENT IN THE EAR. REMOVE ALL OTHER TAGS BEFORE SIFT. Steers without an official Texas Steer Validation will be ineligible to show. A copy of the validation form must be attached to the Entry Certification Form. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
4. An exhibitor may enter only one steer
5. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the

Species Specific County- Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock

6. Any animal which is found to have entered in another show under a different exhibitor's name, other than the name entered in this Show, will be declared ineligible. Any animal that has been sold in a terminal auction at another show is ineligible for this Show. Market Steers found to have evidence of more than one validation will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership Forms are recorded, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled

**7. All Market Steers must have a legible county tattoo**

8. Steers must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
  - a. Must weigh at least 1050 pounds. There will be no top weight limit
  - b. Must be creditable from standpoints of types, quality finish and breed characteristics
  - c. Must be free of grub or grub damage
  - d. Must be dehorned and show no secondary horn growth
  - e. Must be trained to lead and handle properly. Nose leads will be permitted during sifting and judging. **No cable halters will be allowed.** Any steer that is wild or requires handling by more than one person at weighing and sifting may be sifted. During the show, such animals may be removed from the ring
  - f. All steers must be shorn prior to arrival at the showgrounds. Hair must not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  "on any location of the body excluding the tail switch. Tail switch is defined as no more than 10" above the end of the cartilage of the tail. No trimming on the grounds with power equipment will be permitted. **ALL STEERS MUST BE CLEAN AT THE TIME OF SIFTING**
9. There is to be no feeding, drenching, or watering in the arena during judging
10. Steers must remain in their assigned stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except during sifting, judging or being prepared for judging. Stalls will be located in the Middle Barn
11. Exhibitors must declare animal weight at the time of sift and classification. The weight listed on the weight card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weigh back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the weight card to include declared weight and state validation tag number
12. Any steer showing more than normal fill at weighing time will be sifted by show officials
13. A steer which in the opinion of the classifiers does not have predominant breed characteristics of the class in which it is entered may be sifted from the Show or, with the approval of the Division Superintendent and Show Management, be moved by the classifiers to the class which in their opinion the animal is eligible to be entered
14. The act of artificially filling animals internally by stomach pumping is prohibited and will result in disqualification of the animal

15. Decision of official veterinarian, classifier and/or sifter will be final and no protests will be considered by the show management
16. Crossbreed is defined as a steer whose sire and dam are of different breeds
17. After sifting and weighing, steers will be divided by breed and put in classes as nearly equal in number as possible according to the following schedule. All steers of the same weight will be put in the lower weight group.
  - 1 to 10 entries – 1 class
  - 11 to 20 entries – 2 classes
  - 21 to 35 entries – 3 classes
  - 36 to 50 entries – 4 classes
  - 51 entries & over – 5 classes
18. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a steer, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the steer is subject to disqualification. No change of the major color pattern of a steer by painting or dying will be allowed. Any steer groomed with material that allows color to come off the steer will not be allowed in the Show
19. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.
20. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
21. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing. Regardless of any disqualifications, any market animal will remain under consignment contract and will be sold at the end of the event.
22. Any steer may be designated for reweigh at any time determined by the Steer Superintendent. Any steer weighing more or less than 5% of his initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing. All Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions will be reweighed before Grand Champion judging
23. First place steers in each breed class will compete for Breed Champion, second place winner in class which produced the Breed Champion will compete with remaining first place steers of the breed for Reserve Breed Champion
24. The Steer Committee may collect a hair and/or blood sample from any steer entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any steer not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of this hair sample compared to the DNA analysis of the hair sample taken from it at the time of enrollment in the validation program will be disqualified

25. All market steers will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Sifted steers must be removed from the showgrounds immediately after sifting

26. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Market Steer Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

## **MARKET STEER BREEDS**

Eligibility for the following classes will be based solely on visible characteristics as determined by state guidelines and the classifier(s) appointed by the show management. See rule 13

- SANTA GERTRUDIS
- SIMBRAH
- ABC STEERS – AMERICAN BREEDS AND CROSSES
- CHAROLAIS
- CHIANINA
- MAINE-ANJOU STEERS
- AOB STEERS – ALL OTHER BREEDS

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champions – Scholarship, Buckle, Banner & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champions – Banner & Rosette

Champion winners in each division will compete for Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Breed Champions and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM AWARDS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$42
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$41
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - \$40

## **STEER DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of steers are eligible to compete. Exhibitor must show own steer for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups.

## SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

Awards will be made on the basis of showmanship, neatness of exhibitor, show condition and behavior of animal. Prizes will be awarded in each age group as follows:

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon





# JR BREEDING GILT DIVISION



**Taylor Lawsen**  
**2022 Grand Champion Jr Breeding Gilt**  
**East Central San Antonio FFA**

# **JR BREEDING GILT DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per entry

**DELIVERY TO SHOW** – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 10 and  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**WEIGHT CARD TURN IN** – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11 – Hog Arena Office

**SHOWMANSHIP** – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**CLASSIFYING/JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

**RELEASE** – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

## **JUNIOR BREEDING GILT DIVISION RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old, but less than twenty years of age as of January 1, 2023
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
4. There is no limit as to the number of entries per exhibitor. All animals in this division must be validated with the Texas FFA/4-H Swine Validation Program by November 30, 2022 and a copy of the validation papers must be sent with the Entry Certification Form. Validation papers must accompany exhibitor in the show ring
5. All Jr Breeding Gilts entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions
6. Registered animals are allowed to show with non-registered animals. All animals must be validated. There will NOT be a separate show for registered animals
7. There will be no weight limit in this division. There will be an age limit; no gilt will be more than 10 months of age by show time. The judge will classify all breeding gilts according to Breed Registerable Characteristics as they enter the show arena. Animals not meeting these characteristics may be subject to reclassification

8. Animals show in this division will be ineligible for the Market Hog Division

9. Pen assignments will be made upon total entries and available pens. All exhibitors should be prepared to share pens. Dividers are the responsibility of the exhibitor

10. WATER ONLY. Any other products used prior to or on day of show must be thoroughly washed off. Animals entering the ring groomed with any of these products will be ruled ineligible to show

11. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging

12. The decision of the judge will be final. Protest will not be accepted on the judge's opinion

13. Gilts may be reweighed during judging at a time determined by the Superintendent. Any gilt weighing 15 pounds more than her initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing

14. Anything under 225 lbs. will be in an under 225 lbs. class

15. There will be a 15 lbs. weigh back on all Breed and Reserve Breed Champions

16. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Jr Breeding Gilt Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

## CLASSES

After weighing and classifying breeding gilts will be divided into the following breeds:

- Duroc
- Yorkshire
- White Other Purebreeds
- Other Crossbreeds
- Hampshire
- Dark Other Purebreeds
- Dark Crossbreeds

Gilts will be put in classes as nearly equal in number as possible. First place gilts in each class will compete for Breed Champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in the class that produced the Breed Champion will compete with the remaining 1<sup>st</sup> place Breeding Gilts for Reserve Breed Champion.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 and Texas Animal Health Commissions Rules and Regulations also apply.



## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Banner

Breed Champion – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champion – Banner & Rosette

## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$24

## **JR BREEDING GILT DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of Jr Breeding Gilt are eligible to compete. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups.

## **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

Awards will be made based on showmanship, neatness of exhibitor, show condition and behavior of animal.

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon

# SWINE SKILLATHON

**DATE OF EVENT** – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11

**CHECK IN/LATE REGISTRATION** – 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 11 – Event Center

**AWARDS PRESENTATION** – 4:00 p.m. – Event Center Hog Arena

## SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry: An entry fee of \$20 made payable to RGVLS is required. Entries must be submitted online, and official RGVLS entry forms must be completed. We will accept onsite registrations on March 11, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.
2. Eligibility: Contestants must meet all Junior Show Rule Requirements. Contestants must be registered and show a hog in either the RGVLS Jr Breeding Gilt Show or the RGVLS Market Hog Show to be eligible to compete in the Swine Skillathon Contest
3. Contest: Consists of written questions and skill stations. The written exam will be 1 hour in length and the skill stations 15 minutes each
  - a. Juniors – 50 questions
  - b. Intermediate – 75 questions
  - c. Seniors – 100 questions
  - d. 4 skill stations for each division

## DIVISIONS

The contest will be divided into three age divisions. Ages as of August 31, 2022

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediates – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## AWARDS

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Buckle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Banner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Banner



# JR BREEDING GOAT DIVISION

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per entry

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 10  
8:00 – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11

**CHECK IN** – 8:00 – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11

**JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12, Showmanship to follow

**RELEASE** – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

## JR BREEDING GOAT DIVISION RULES

Sexually intact goats brought to the showgrounds must have a Premise Tag ID issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If an exhibitor has purchased a project from a breeder, the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag. If animal has an official registration certificate and the tattoo matches that registration, then the premise tag requirements may be waived at the discretion of the committee chairman.

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old, but less than twenty years of age as of January 1, 2023
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
4. Exhibitors will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter in this division but may enter no more than two entries per class
5. Identification: Goats must have a state validation tattoo, or original registration tattoo corresponding to its registration certification number. Ag teachers and 4-H managers must check the tattoo on the animals and make sure the tattoo can be seen and identified with no problem prior to bringing entry to the Show. THERE WILL BE NO TATTOOING OF ANIMALS ON THE SHOWGROUNDS.
6. All Jr Breeding Goats must have a legible tattoo. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.

7. A copy of registration papers must be attached to Summary Sheet and Entry Certification Form. Original registration papers must accompany animal to Show
8. Breeding goats validated as registered must have registration paperwork reflecting exhibitor ownership or on or before October 1, 2022. If proper registration was not attained a breeding goat validated as registered may enter the commercial show. Breeding goats validated as commercial do not require registration paperwork.
9. Premise Tags will be enforced. Must be in place prior to registration. This is not the responsibility of the committee. Exhibitors without premise tags will not be allowed to show.
10. Choke with spikes may be permitted during sift or during judging at the discretion of parent/guardian, 4-H leader or FFA advisor for the safety of the exhibitor
11. Horns: Full bloods need to be horned, with minor tipping. Percentages may be horned or dehorned
12. Goats entered in this division cannot be shown in the Market Goat Division
13. Fitting guidelines: Goats may be fully haired or trimmed to the owner's discretion. Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a goat, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the goat is subject to disqualification.
14. Abnormalities: Goats showing any pronounced defect, abnormality or open wounds will be barred from showing. Any evidence of cosmetic surgical alteration to enhance the physical conformation of an animal or dying of hair will disqualify the entry
15. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
16. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing.
17. Goats will be shown by the age on the Registration Certificate
18. Goats in the Jr Breeding Commercial Goat Division will be classified by weight and tooth age
19. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Jr Breeding Goat Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

### **PERCENTAGE BOER DOE CLASSES**

- Class 1 – Percentage females born on or after September 1, 2022
- Class 2 – Percentage females born June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022
- Class 3 – Percentage females born March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022
- Class 4 – Percentage females born November 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022
- Class 5 – Percentage females born July 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021
- Class 6 – Percentage females born March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021
- Class 7 – Born Before March 1, 2021
- Class 8 – Breed Champion Percentage Female – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 9 – Reserve Breed Champion Percentage Female – Banner & Rosette

### **PUREBRED BOER DOE CLASSES**

- Class 10 – Purebred females born on or after September 1, 2022
- Class 11 – Purebred females born June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022
- Class 12 – Purebred females born March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022
- Class 13 – Purebred females born November 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022
- Class 14 – Purebred females born July 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021
- Class 15 – Purebred females born March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021
- Class 16 – Born Before March 1, 2021
- Class 17 – Breed Champion Purebred Female – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 18 – Reserve Breed Champion Purebred Female – Banner & Rosette

### **COMMERCIAL BOER DOE DIVISION RULES**

1. Commercial does in the Jr show must be state validated and have a Texas State Validation Tag.  
**All Commercial Does entering the showing must have validation ear tag**
2. All Commercial Does must have Texas State Premise/Scrapie Tag each year
3. If there are any questions by classifiers, then the doe will be moved to the next older doe class.  
All classifier decisions are final for the Show
4. Commercial Does entered in the Jr Commercial Doe Show are eligible to be shown in the RGVLS Open Boer Goat Show, however, Commercial Does are not eligible to be shown in the RGVLS Market Goat Show.
5. Classifying and sifting of Commercial Does will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, in the designated area by the goat committee for Jr and Open Breeding Goat exhibits

6. If greater than 10 entries are in the class, the class will be divided to its own separate class and be divided by the show committee

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

### **COMMERCIAL BOER DOE CLASSES**

- Class 19 – Does with milk teeth
- Class 20 – Champion Doe with Milk Teeth
- Class 21 – Reserve Champion Doe with Milk Teeth
- Class 22 – Two Tooth Does
- Class 23 – Champion Two Tooth Doe
- Class 24 – Reserve Champion Two Tooth Doe
- Class 25 – Four Tooth & Older Does
- Class 26 – Champion Four Tooth & Older Doe
- Class 27 – Reserve Champion Four Tooth & Older Doe
- Class 28 – Overall Champion Jr Commercial Doe – Banner, Scholarship & Rosette
- Class 29 – Overall Reserve Champion Jr Commercial Doe – Banner & Rosette

### **SCHEDULE FOR PREMIUM AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$24

### **JR BREEDING GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of Jr Breeding Goats are eligible to compete. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups. Exhibitor must show his/her own goat.

### **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - &75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon



# JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION



**Casey Parker**  
**2022 Grand Champion Jr Breeding Rabbit**  
**Borderline 4-H**



# JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per entry

**DELIVERY/WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**JUDGING** – 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12 followed by Showmanship

**RELEASE** – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

## JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school
2. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old but under twenty years of age as of January 1, 2023
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
4. EACH INDIVIDUAL JR BREEDING RABBIT MUST HAVE LEGIBLE BREEDER’S/OWNER’S TATTOO IN THE RABBIT’S LEFT EAR ONLY. There will be no tattoos, markings, written marker or symbols allowed in any Jr Breeding Rabbit’s right ear at all. Each tattoo must be a maximum of 5 digits, minimum of 2 digits. If there are more than one exhibitor from a family, every rabbit must have a different tattoo. Tattoos must be in the rabbit’s left ear only by possession date, January 14, 2023, and not the day of the sift. The tattoo must be entered during the online entry process by the Ag teacher or 4-H club manager. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors and their parent/guardian to provide correct tattoo information to their Ag teacher or 4-H club manager. There will be no corrections or additions after the entry deadline is met. If a tattoo is found in the left ear by an RGVLS Rabbit Committee member during the Jr Breeding Rabbit sift that is different from that entered in the online system, the rabbit will be disqualified from showing and sifted from the 2023 Jr Breeding Rabbit Show. If there are more than one entry by an exhibitor, each individual Jr Breeding Rabbit entered must have a different tattoo in their left ear. If there are more than one exhibitor from the same family entering the Jr Breeding Rabbits to show, every rabbit must have a different tattoo in their left ear.
5. Each rabbit entered in the Jr Breeding Rabbit division show must have its own different or distinctive breeder’s tattoo in the left ear per exhibitor. Exhibitors who enter a rabbit or rabbits for Jr Breeding Rabbit show from separate FFA Chapter or 4-H Clubs must have different breeder tattoos for each individual rabbit entered

6. Please bring the rabbits in a wire carrying cage with a lifted bottom. No laundry baskets, pet carriers, cardboard boxes or milk crates. Rabbits must be clean and dry or the rabbit will be sifted
7. Rabbits will be weighed on official Show scales at time of entry
8. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or automatically be sifted
  - a. Must be marketable meat and pelt (fur) quality
  - b. Must be free of the following defects
    - i. Cysts, ruptures or tumors
    - ii. Cold or snuffles
    - iii. Abscesses (hocks or elsewhere)
    - iv. Matted eyelids
    - v. Blindness in either or both eyes
    - vi. Mange
    - vii. Mites (ear or body)
    - viii. Fleas
    - ix. Malocclusion
    - x. Vent Disease
    - xi. Missing toe or toenails
    - xii. Bobtail or broken tail
9. Identification card during sift with pen number will be color coded as per breed, color and must follow exhibitor to the end of the sift table where the judge will place
10. Judge will have final say if the animal is show worthy or will be sifted
11. A rabbit, which in the opinion of the sifter does not meet ARBA Breed Standards of the breed in which it is entered, will be moved to proper breed by the sifter
12. After rabbits have been accepted by the Show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor
- 13. Rabbits entered in this division are ineligible to be shown in the Market Rabbit Division.**
14. Weighing/Sifting/Classifying of Jr Breeding Rabbits – Only one parent or Ag Teacher/4-H Club Manager will be allowed in the rabbit area during the sift for a 15-minute time frame to help the exhibitor with unloading of rabbits. Each exhibitor must identify the breed of their rabbits at the time of check in and sift. Each exhibitor must bring one hand flip top metal rabbit feeder, through the cage type and big enough to hold enough feed for the rabbit each day. Feeding can be done after the sift is over

Each exhibitor must bring one or two 32 ounces, or larger, bottle type waterier so rabbits will have enough water during warm weather. These must be displayed to the Sifting Committee at

time of check in. Signage, show supplies and show boxes can be delivered after the sift is complete. No crocks or bowls allowed. Rabbits will not be admitted unless properly functioning spill proof containers accompany the pen

Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits each day until rabbits are loaded out at the end of the Show. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor, at the Board's discretion, from showing next year. The rabbit area will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day. Rabbits must have water at all times, and they must be fed by 7:00 p.m. each day. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

15. The Show will not be responsible for any rabbits that get sick or die for any reason while on exhibit
16. No oils, polishes, powders, wipes, or other products may be used which would cosmetically alter the rabbit's naturally groomed appearance at the show table or at sifting
17. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with American Rabbit Breeder's Association (ARBA) Standard and Guide. Judges will additionally refer to the appropriate Breed Standards, as they deem necessary
18. The four basic judging factors are:
  - a. GENERAL TYPE – Look for rabbits that are compact, short, and well filled out with rounded solid flesh. Protruding hips, pin bones, back bones (spines), etc. are faults. Look for wide, deep loins, thickness of the hindquarters and well-developed shoulders. Hindquarters are most important. Loin is next and shoulders are third in importance.
  - b. CONDITION – Each rabbit should be in prime condition
  - c. COLOR
  - d. FUR
19. General public and spectators will not be allowed to handle any exhibitor's rabbit at any time during the week of the show. Only the exhibitor, FFA leader, 4-H project leader or parent/guardian will be allowed to handle their own individual, club or chapter's rabbit projects at any time during the week of the show
20. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging
21. Exhibitors will be required to display their rabbits at the show tables as directed by the judge. Any exhibitor who places in their class must remain in the rabbit barn until advised to leave. Failure to remain in the area will result forfeiture of any further placing
22. Each exhibitor will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter in this division, but may enter no more than one (1) entry per class. Class may be combined if necessary.
23. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Jr Breeding Rabbit Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full

scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

## **JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION CLASSES**

- Class 1 – Junior New Zealand Doe – Under 6 months of age – Minimum of 6 lbs. not over 9 lbs.
- Class 2 – Junior New Zealand Buck – Under 6 months of age – Minimum of 6 lbs. not over 9 lbs
- Class 3 – Intermediate New Zealand Doe – 6 to 8 months of age – Not over 11 lbs.
- Class 4 – Intermediate New Zealand Buck – 6 to 8 months of age – Not over 10 lbs.
- Class 5 – Senior New Zealand Doe – 8 months of age and over – Weight 10 to 12 lbs.
- Class 6 – Senior New Zealand Buck – 8 months of age and over – Weight 9 to 11 lbs.
- Class 7 – Junior Californian Doe – Under 6 months of age – Minimum of 5 ½ lbs. not over 8 ½ lbs.
- Class 8 – Junior California Buck – Under 6 months of age – Minimum of 5 ½ lbs. not over 8 ½ lbs.
- Class 9 – Intermediate Californian Doe – Under 8 months of age – Not over 9 ½ lbs.
- Class 10 – Intermediate Californian Buck – Under 8 months of age – Not over 9 lbs.
- Class 11 – Senior Californian Doe – 8 months of age and over – Weight 8 ½ to 10 ½ lbs.
- Class 12 – Senior Californian Buck – 8 months of age and over – Weight 8 to 10 lbs.

After classes 1 through 6 are judged, there will be judging for New Zealand Breed and Reserve Breed Champion. Classes 7 through 12 will be judged, then there will be judging for Californian Breed and Reserve Breed Champion.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the Show will be picked from the Breed Champions and the Reserve Breed Champion of the breed that produced the Grand Champion.

Rabbits and all belongings in pen areas must promptly be removed from showgrounds on Sunday, March 12, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Banner

Breed Champion – Scholarship & Banner

Reserve Breed Champion – Banner & Rosette

## **SCHEDULE FOR PREMIUM AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$24

## **JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP**

Only exhibitors who are exhibiting their own rabbits will be allowed to enter the Jr Breeding Rabbit Showmanship Competition. They must register for showmanship at check in on Saturday, March 11, 2023

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

Exhibitors must report, in person, to the rabbit area at which time a multiple choice exam will be given at a determined location. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service Rabbit Literature that is available through [www.shop4-H.org](http://www.shop4-H.org), the county extension agents, and from the 2021-2015 edition of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection Book.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

After completion of all rabbit judging, the five contestants from each of the age groups who scored highest on the multiple choice exam will go to the show table, each with one of their previously show RGVLS rabbits. They will be individually called for final competition.

Physical “showing” of their rabbits will constitute 100% of their score.

## **JR BREEDING RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100 & Buckle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon



# JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION



**Samantha Ramirez**  
**2022 Grand Champion Jr Breeding Sheep**  
**La Joya Palmview FFA**

# JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per entry

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

**CHECK IN** – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

**RELEASE** – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

## JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION RULES

Sexually intact sheep brought to the showgrounds must have a Premise ID Tag issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If an exhibitor has purchased a project from a breeder, the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old, but less than twenty years of age, as of January 1, 2023
3. Exhibitors will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter in this division, but may enter no more than two entries per class
4. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising county extension agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
5. A copy of the state validation papers must be presented at the time of check in to verify entry
6. Identification – Committee members will verify ear tag, tattoo and nose prints at time of check in. All entries must have a legible ear tag corresponding to the required validation records at time of check in. All Jr Breeding Sheep entering the showring are required to have a validation ear tag
7. All Jr Breeding Sheep must have a legible county tattoo
8. Sheep entered in this division are ineligible to be shown in the Market Lamb Division.
9. General Equipment – Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment, show boxes, feed pans, feed, chairs, etc. is strictly prohibited

10. Pens – Pens will NOT be taken apart or altered in any way without approval of the superintendents. No lights are to be strung on the pens. Superintendents reserve the right to pen a minimum of three head per pen

11. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a lamb, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the lamb is subject to disqualification. Shearing: Lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints before arrival to the grounds. This will be strictly enforced. Refer to rule 15 Fitting.

12. Abnormalities – Sheep showing any pronounced defect, abnormality or open wounds will be barred from showing. Any evidence of cosmetic surgical alteration to enhance the physical conformation of an animal or dying of hair will disqualify the entry

13. Trimming Tables – Trimming tables will not be allowed in the barn and must be placed in locations designated by the superintendents. All trimming tables will require an identification tag of the 4-H club or FFA chapter

14. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging

15. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing.

16. Sheep Age – Sheep will be shown according to tooth development. If there are less than 5 entries in class, classes may be combined in the respective breed. Combining of classes in a respective breed will be at the discretion of the division superintendent. There will be no appeal from this determination

#### 17. Classes

- a. LAMB CLASSES – All lambs must be carrying all milk teeth at time of check in. Lambs which show either or both of their first pair of permanent incisors will not be eligible to be shown in the lamb class. Lambs under 6 months of age will not be eligible.
- b. 2 TOOTH CLASS – All sheep must show one or both teeth or first pair of permanent incisors. Sheep which show one or both teeth of the first pair of permanent incisors are eligible to show only in 2-tooth class
- c. AGED CLASS – All sheep must show more than the first pair of permanent incisors. Sheep which show more than the first pair of permanent incisors are eligible to show only in the aged class



18. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Jr Breeding Sheep Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

## **BREEDS**

- Southdown
- Haired Sheep
- Suffolk
- Hampshire

## **JR BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES**

### **SOUTHDOWN**

- Class 1 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 2 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 3 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 4 – Breed Champion Ewe – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 5 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Banner & Rosette

### **HAIRED SHEEP**

- Class 6 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 7 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 8 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 9 – Breed Champion Ewe – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 10 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Banner & Rosette

### **SUFFOLK**

- Class 11 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 12 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 13 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 14 – Breed Champion Ewe – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 15 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Banner & Rosette

### **HAMPSHIRE**

- Class 16 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 17 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 18 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 19 – Breed Champion Ewe – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 20 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Banner & Rosette

## **CLASS 21 – SUPREME CHAMPION EWE – BUCKLE & BANNER**

## **SCHEDULE FOR PREMIUM AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$24

## **JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of Jr Breeding Sheep are eligible to compete. Exhibitors will be divided into age groups

### **DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon





# JR DAIRY GOAT DIVISION



Overall Grand Champion Junior Dairy Goat  
Ryleigh Greer  
Arroyo 4-H



Overall Grand Champion Senior Dairy Goat  
Aiden Lorberau  
Jim Wells County 4-H

# **DAIRY GOAT DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per entry

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

**CHECK IN** – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

**JUDGING** – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**RELEASE** – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school
2. Exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2023
3. The order of the show is NOT subject to change
4. The Junior and Senior shows ARE separately sanctioned
5. All goats must be bona fide property of the exhibitor, continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from November 30 through the show dates and under the supervision of an AST, CEA or adult 4-H leader. The animal must be registered in the exhibitor's name, a sibling that is showing at RGVLS (if applicable) or family herd name on their official ADGA or AGS papers by November 30, 2022. Kids shown must have the dam registered in the exhibitor's name, a sibling that is showing at RGVLS (if applicable) or family herd name on their official ADGA or AGS papers by November 30, 2022
6. Exhibitors will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter
7. Dairy goats will not be allowed to leave grounds for nursing purposes. Such milk goats, if entered in the show, will be allowed to have kid accompany it. Exhibitors are welcome to use netting, wire, or methods to prevent kids from getting out of pens
8. At time of submitting entries any unborn babies expected between deadline and show may be registered to be shown at RGVLS by submitting an entry marked as unborn. Upon RGVLS arrival babies must be disbudded and an ADGA copy of registration receipt (printed duplicate) if the papers have not arrived in order to be eligible. Also needed is a copy of the Dams (mothers) registration papers proving the dam was registered in the exhibitor's name, a sibling that is showing at RGVLS (if applicable) or family herd name on their official ADGA or AGS papers by November 30, 2022
9. Goats entered in this division cannot be shown in the Market Goat Division

10. Fitting guidelines: Goats may be fully haired or trimmed to the owner's discretion
11. Abnormalities: Goats showing any pronounced defect, abnormality or open wounds will be barred from showing. Any evidence of cosmetic surgical alteration to enhance the physical conformation of an animal or dying of hair will disqualify the entry
12. Training collars may be permitted during sift or during judging at the discretion of the exhibitor's parent, 4-H leader or FFA advisor for the safety of the exhibitor
13. Goats will be shown by the age on the Registration Certificate

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **NIGERIAN DWARFS SENIOR DOES**

- Class 1 – Under 2, born on or after 3/12/2021
- Class 2 – 2 to 3 years born 3/11/2021 – 3/12/2020
- Class 3 – 3 to 5 years born 3/11/2020 – 3/12/2018
- Class 4 – 5 years plus born 3/11/2018 and before
- Class 5 – CHAMPION NIGERIAN DWARF SENIOR DOE –Rosette
- Class 6 – RESERVE CHAMPION NIGERIAN DWARF SENIOR DOE – Rosette

### **AOP SENIOR DOES**

- Class 7 – Under 2, born on or after 3/12/2021
- Class 8 – 2 to 3 years born 3/11/2021 – 3/12/2020
- Class 9 – 3 to 5 years born 3/11/2020 – 3/12/2018
- Class 10 – 5 years plus born 3/11/2018 and before
- Class 11 – CHAMPION AOP SENIOR DOE –Rosette
- Class 12 – RESERVE CHAMPION AOP SENIOR DOE - Rosette

### **GRADE SENIOR DOES**

- Class 13 – Under 2 born on or after 3/12/2021
- Class 14 – 2 to 3 years born 3/11/2021 – 3/12/2020
- Class 15 – 3 to 5 years born 3/11/2020 – 3/12/2018
- Class 16 – 5 years plus born 3/11/2018 and before

- Class 17 – CHAMPION GRADE SENIOR DOE –Rosette
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION GRADE SENIOR DOE – Rosette
- Class 19 – CHAMPION SENIOR DOE – Banner
- Class 20 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR DOE - Banner

### **NIGERIAN DWARF JUNIOR DOES**

- Class 21 – Under 4 months born on or after 11/12/2022
- Class 22 – 4 to 8 months 11/11/2022 – 7/12/2022
- Class 23 – 8 to 12 months 7/11/2022 – 3/12/2022
- Class 24 – 12 to 24 months 3/11/2022 – 3/12/2021
- Class 25 – CHAMPION NIGERIAN DWARF JUNIOR DOE – Rosette
- Class 26 – RESERVE CHAMPION NIGERIAN DWARF JUNIOR DOE – Rosette

### **AOP JUNIOR DOES**

- Class 27 – Under 4 months born on or after 11/12/2022
- Class 28 – 4 to 8 months 11/11/2022 – 7/12/2022
- Class 29 – 8 to 12 months 7/11/2022 – 3/12/2022
- Class 30 – 12 to 24 months 3/11/2022 – 3/12/2021
- Class 31 – CHAMPION AOP JUNIOR DOE – Rosette
- Class 32 – RESERVE CHAMPION AOP JUNIOR DOE – Rosette

### **GRADE JUNIOR DOES**

- Class 33 – Under 4 months born on or after 11/12/2022
- Class 34 – 4 to 8 months 11/11/2022 – 7/12/2022
- Class 35 – 8 to 12 months 7/11/2022 – 3/12/2022
- Class 36 – 12 to 24 months 3/11/2022 – 3/12/2021
- Class 37 – CHAMPION GRADE JUNIOR DOE – Rosette
- Class 38 – RESERVE CHAMPION GRADE JUNIOR DOE – Rosette

- Class 39 – CHAMPION JUNIOR DOE – Banner
- Class 40 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR DOE - Banner
- Class 41 – OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY GOAT – Scholarship, Buckle & Banner
- Class 42 – OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY GOAT – Scholarship & Banner

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion from these classes can compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

#### **AWARDS**

Overall Grand Champion – Scholarship, Buckle & Banner

Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Scholarship & Banner

#### **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$24

#### **JR DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of Jr Dairy Goats are eligible to compete. Exhibitor must show his/her own goat

#### **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100 & Buckle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon



# THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW



## JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION

# **JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION**

**ALL BREEDS ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$30 per head

The following applies to All Other Breeds, Beefmaster, Commercial Cattle, Mini Herefords and  
Santa Gertrudis

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**CHECK IN** – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

## **JUDGING SCHEDULE**

- Jr All Other Breeds (AOB) – 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 10
- Jr Beefmaster – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9
- Jr Commercial Cattle – 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9
- Jr Santa Gertrudis – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 9
- Jr Mini Herefords – 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 10
- Jr Showmanship – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11
- Release of all cattle – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

The following applies to ARB, Brahman, Red Brangus and Simbrah

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**CHECK IN** – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

## **JUDGING SCHEDULE**

- Jr American Registered Breeds (ARB) – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15
- Jr Brahman – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15
- Jr Simbrah – 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15
- Jr Red Brangus – 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15
- Jr Showmanship – 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15
- Release of all entries – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 19

## JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION RULES

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply

1. All entries in this division are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and in addition to the following special rules and regulations
2. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school
3. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old, but under twenty, as of January 1, 2023
4. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” and/or “RGVLS Commercial Heifer Validation Committee”. In the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising county extension agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee and/or RGVLS Commercial Heifer Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
5. Deadlines for entries will be January 13, 2023. An entry fee of \$30 per animal and a photocopy of registration papers must accompany entry certification form and exhibitors must have original paperwork at check in. Late entries will be considered on an individual basis
6. Exhibitors will not be limited to the number of entries; however, an animal may not be entered into more than one breed division in the Jr Breeding Cattle Division
7. All animals entered in the Jr Breeding Cattle Division must be registered or recorded with an established breed association in the sole name of the Jr exhibitor and must be state validated. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
8. All Jr Breeding Commercial Cattle entering the showring are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all validation guidelines and decisions
9. Animals entered in the Jr Breeding Cattle Division are eligible to be entered in the Open Breeding Cattle Division provided they were not sifted from the Jr Show and there are classes for them. A separate entry application must be filed and an additional entry fee of \$30 paid for the animal to be show in the Open Division
10. Entries will be judged and placed 1, 2, 3, etc. in each class. Animals are to be presented in descending order according to age
11. Breeding Cattle pregnancy rules will be based on the individual breed association rules
12. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 220 days of age on day of show

13. Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on heifer, there will be immediate disqualification. No adhesives, oil or any foreign substance of any type will be allowed as this is a “Blow and Go” Show
14. Animals must remain in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day except during judging or being prepared for judging
15. In the event there are 15 or more entries of the same breed shown in competition, a separate division may be created for them the following year
16. In the event there are less than 10 entries shown in competition in a breed division for two consecutive years, the division may be discontinued the following year
17. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director’s stand during sifting and judging
18. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing.
19. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 females shown in competition in any breed of the Jr Breeding Cattle Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. There needs to be at least 15 head shown in each breed to receive money for calf, junior and senior champions
20. All entries from the same FFA chapter or 4-H club will be required to stall together
21. Limit extra stalls – 2 stalls for 1 to 5 head, 3 stalls for 6 or more head. If more stalls are used for display, a fine will be charged
22. The late entry fee will be \$50 per head, in addition to the \$30 per head entry fee
23. Heifers must have competed in a class to be eligible to compete in showmanship. The heifer must have competed in the junior show and shown by the owner to be eligible to compete in showmanship

## **PREMIUM SCHEDULE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$40
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$30
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25



# JR BREEDING CATTLE ALL OTHER BREEDS (AOB)



Brianna Chavez  
2022 Champion Jr AOB  
Travis County 4-H



## **JR ALL OTHER BREEDS**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 10

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

Registered British Breed and Exotic Breeds not shown in any other breeding cattle divisions are eligible to be shown in this division. All animals must be registered in their respective breed associations in the exhibitor's name.

### **DIVISION CLASSES**

#### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2022
- Class 4 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$100
- Class 5 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$50
- Class 6 – Heifers calved February 2022
- Class 7 – Heifers calved January 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved November – December 2021
- Class 9 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 10 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 11 – Heifers calved September – October 2021
- Class 12 – Heifers calved May – August 2021
- Class 13 – Heifers calved January – April 2021
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September – December 2020
- Class 15 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 16 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 17 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Banner

# JR BREEDING CATTLE AMERICAN REGISTERED BREEDS (ARB)



Alma-Mia Silva  
2022 Champion Jr ARB  
Edinburg Vela FFA

# **JR AMERICAN REGISTERED BREED (ARB)**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 19

## **JR AMERICAN REGISTERED BREED RULES**

1. Open to heifers of Bos Indicus type that have been registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association. Breeds recognized in this division must be a minimum of 3/16 Brahman influence and be listed on registration papers from the association. Heifers with less than 3/16 Brahman influence will show as Registered AOB
2. Tattoos and/or brands must be legible and match with the certificate of recordation
3. All recognized breeds noted above will show together in this department

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALE**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2022
- Class 4 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$100
- Class 5 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$50
- Class 6 – Heifers calved February 2022
- Class 7 – Heifers calved January 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved November – December 2021
- Class 9 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 10 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 11 – Heifers calved September – October 2021
- Class 12 – Heifers calved May- August 2021
- Class 13 – Heifers calved January – April 2021
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September – December 2020
- Class 15 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 16 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 17 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE BEEFMASTER



Kolton Brady  
2022 Champion Jr Beefmaster  
Carrizo Springs FFA

# **JR BEEFMASTER**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## **JR BEEFMASTER RULES**

Tattoos and/or brands must be legible and match with certificate of breeding. Animals that do not show the day of the month of birth on registration certificate will be considered as born on the first day of the month.

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2022
- Class 4 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$100
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- Class 9 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 10 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 11 – Heifer calved September – October 2021
- Class 12 – Heifer calved May – August 2021
- Class 13 – Heifer calved January – April 2021
- Class 14 – Heifer calved September – December 2020
- Class 15 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 16 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 17 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Scholarship & Benner
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE BRAHMAN



Hannah Wright  
2022 Champion Jr Red Brahman  
Banquete FFA



Kase Baca  
2022 Champion Jr Gray Brahman  
Boling FFA

# **JR BRAHMAN**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**DELIVERY** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 19

## **JR BRAHMAN DIVISION RULES**

1. There will be two Jr Brahman Shows, red and gray, which will include 2 showmanship and scholarships
2. Only animals registered in the books of the American Brahman Breeders Association and/or the International Zebu Breeders Association are eligible to be shown in this division

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2021
- Class 4 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$100
- Class 5 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$50
- Class 6 – Heifers calved February 2022
- Class 7 – Heifers calved January 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved November – December 2021
- Class 9 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 10 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 11 – Heifers calved September – October 2021
- Class 12 – Heifers calved May – August 2021
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- Class 14 – Heifers calved September – December 2020
- Class 15 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
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- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE COMMERCIAL FEMALES



Joel Cash Martinez

2022 Champion Jr Commercial Female ABC

San Isidro FFA



Brooke Salazar

2022 Champion Jr Commercial Female AOB

Willacy County 4-H

# **JR COMMERCIAL FEMALE SHOW**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**CHECK IN/CLASSIFICATION** – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## **JR COMMERCIAL FEMALE RULES**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or at least nine years old, but under twenty years of age, as of January 1, 2023
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “RGVLS Commercial Heifer Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising county extension agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from a supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the RGVLS Commercial Heifer Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
4. There will be no limit to the number of females and exhibitor can validate of show. A \$10 validation fee per head will be charged and collected at validation
5. All Commercial Cattle entering the showring are required to have a validation ear tag
6. Deadline for entries will be January 13, 2023. An entry fee of \$30 per head must accompany each entry application
7. Commercial cattle will be validated or re-validated, ear tagged and tattooed on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds
8. Absolutely no tattooing is allowed on the showgrounds.
9. Crossbred females are desired, but purebred females will be permitted. Any female exhibited in the Jr Commercial Cattle Show will not be eligible to compete in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Jr or Open Registered Breeding Cattle Shows. Any female entered in the Jr or Open Registered Breeding Cattle Show will not be eligible to compete in the Jr Commercial Cattle Show
10. Commercial cattle more than 30 months old at the time of the 2023 Show will not be eligible to compete. They will be sifted and must be removed from the showgrounds
11. Commercial cattle that do not meet show quality or condition and those exhibitors that are unable to handle may be sifted

12. All AOB exhibitors must turn in weight cards prior to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. All ABC exhibitors will be required to have weight cards filled out prior to going through classification. Heifers will be age verified when shown.
13. All cattle must be halter broken and dehorned
14. At the Show, females will be divided into three divisions by weight and breed and judged accordingly. The number of classes will be dependent on the number of entries. Entries will be placed 1, 2,3, etc. in each class
15. Turn in weight cards. Hold back top four per class and reweigh the top two
16. Show veterinarian will have full authority to determine age (Rule 9)

## **AWARDS**

ABC Champion Female – Scholarship & Banner

ABC Reserve Champion Female – Banner

AOB Champion Female – Scholarship & Banner

AOB Reserve Champion Female – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE RED BRANGUS



Roel Mercado  
2022 Champion Jr Red Brangus  
Progreso FFA

# JR RED BRANGUS

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 19

## DIVISION RULES

1. The animals must be registered in the ARBA and/or **IBBA** in the exhibitor's name and have legible brand including a private her number which shall correspond with the registration papers
2. No false tails or tail heads may be used. No animal will be shown that has any foreign objects glued to or otherwise attached in a manner so as to alter its conformation or change its appearance. The dying or artificial changing of the overall natural color of an animal is prohibited. Animals may not be brindled, black or have excessive white or white in front of the navel. Animal must be solid red with pink nose.
3. Any animal found to have scars or evidence of incision, surgical or otherwise, in the following areas will be disqualified from showing: head, navel, testicles, sheath or dewlap. All animals must be polled. Surgical removal of scurs is a disqualification
4. Judging of Red Brangus will be based on "desirable" characteristics as entered into the ARBA and/or **IBBA** Bylaws.

## DIVISION CLASSES

### FEMALES

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2022
- Class 4 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$100
- Class 5 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$50
- Class 6 – Heifers calved February 2022
- Class 7 – Heifers calved January 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved November – December 2021
- Class 9 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 10 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 11 – Heifers calved September – October 2021

- Class 12 – Heifers calved May – August 2021
- Class 13 – Heifers calved January – April 2021
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September – December 2020
- Class 15 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
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- Class 17 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE - Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE SANTA GERTRUDIS



Arden Ellen Strait  
2022 Champion Jr Santa Gertrudis  
Prosper FFA

# **JR SANTA GERTRUDIS**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 9

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. All animals must be individually identified by tattoo, numerical firebrand or freeze brand
2. All animals must be exhibited with the hair brushed down on the entire body, legs and tail. No foreign object attached to the animals in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or change its appearance
3. Best of Polled Class – all animals that are eligible to be shown as Polled will automatically be eligible to be entered. A separate entry application will not be required, however, animals must have been shown in a regular class to be eligible to compete for Best of Polled

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2022
- Class 4 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$100
- Class 5 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$50
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- Class 15 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100



- Class 16 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 17 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Banner
- Class 19 – Star 5 Heifers calved after September 1, 2022
- Class 20 – Star 5 Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 21 – Star 5 Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 22 – Star 5 Heifers calved September 1 – December 30, 2021
- Class 23 – Star 5 Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 24 – Star 5 Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 25 – Star 5 Heifers calved September 1 – December 2020
- Class 26 – CHAMPION STAR 5 FEMALE
- Class 27 – RESERVE CHAMPION STAR 5 FEMALE

**TEXAS STATE SUPREME SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW**

To follow immediately after Open Santa Gertrudis Show

San Jose Ranch, Kingsville, TX will present a belt buckle to the exhibitor of the Texas State Supreme Champion Female. The Grand Champion Female from Open and Jr Shows will compete.

San Jose Ranch, Kingsville, TX will present a belt buckle to the exhibitor of the Texas State Supreme Champion Star Five Female. The Grand Champion from Open and Jr Shows will compete.

# JR BREEDING CATTLE SIMBRAH



Gabriela Ramirez  
2022 Champion Jr Simbrah  
Linn-San Manuel 4-H

# **JR SIMBRAH**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 19

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. Only animals registered with the American Simmental Association are eligible to be shown in this division
2. All animals entered in this division must be Purebred Simbrah (5/8 Simmental – 3/8 Brahman)
3. No foreign objects can be attached in any manner to alter an animal's conformation of appearance

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2022
- Class 4 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette & \$100
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- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE - Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE MINIATURE HEREFORDS



Montanna Trapp  
2022 Champion Jr Miniature Hereford  
Willacy County 4-H



# **JR MINI HEREFORD**

MHBA Sanctioned Show

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 10

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. All animals must be purebred Mini Hereford and registered with the American Hereford Association (AHA)
2. All entries will be measured, no exceptions. Maximum height allowed to be shown in these classes is 45” at the hip on females. Any animal exceeding the height limit will not be eligible to show
3. All horned and polled Miniature Hereford cattle will be shown together
4. Animals must have a legible tattoo or such animal will be ineligible and barred from showing
5. Junior exhibitors must adhere to all Open Show Rules

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2022
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- Class 6 – Heifers calved February 2022
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- Class 9 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 10 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 11 – Heifers calved September – October 2021

- Class 12 – Heifers calved May – August 2021
- Class 13 – Heifers calved January – April 2021
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September – December 2020
- Class 15 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$100
- Class 16 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette & \$50
- Class 17 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Banner

# 4-H & FFA BREEDING CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

1. Heifers must have competed in a class to be eligible to compete in showmanship
2. There will be one showmanship contest per show week
  - a. First week of Jr Showmanship will be Saturday, March 11 at 3:00 p.m.
  - b. Second week of Jr Showmanship will be Wednesday March 15 at 3:00 p.m.
3. Awards will be made based on showmanship, neatness of exhibitors and attractiveness, show condition and ring behavior of animals. Exhibitors will be divided into divisions by age

## SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon

# **BEEF SKILLATHON**

**ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ON SITE REGISTRATION** – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 13

**LOCATION** – RGVLS Event Center Upstairs

**CONTEST DATE** – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

This individual contest is subject to the RGVLS General Rules, Junior Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

## **SPECIAL RULES**

1. A \$20 entry fee made to RGVLS is required per individual. This fee must be submitted with all other entries. Entries must be submitted online, and official RGVLS entry forms must be completed by the RGVLS deadline
2. Contestants must meet all Junior Show Rule Requirements

## **DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Senior – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **CONTEST STRUCTURE**

- Preliminary Round – consists of written questions and skill stations
- Finals – the top 5 contestants from each age division will advance to the finals. The finals for juniors will consist of an additional stage of skill stations. Finals for intermediate and seniors will include an additional stage of skill stations and an interview on issues facing the beef cattle industry

## **STUDY MATERIALS**

- Beef Cattle Skillathon Study Guide: <http://agrifesciences.tamu.edu/skillathon>
- <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/beef/publications/>
- <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/youth-projects/beef-skillathon-resource/>

## **AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Buckle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Banner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Banner



# OPEN SHOW



**BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION**

# **OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION**

## **ALL BREEDS**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$30 per head

The following applies to All Other Breeds, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Commercial Cattle, and Mini Herefords

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**CHECK IN** – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

### **JUDGING SCHEDULE**

- All Other Breeds – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11
- Beefmaster – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11
- Commercial Heifers – 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 10
- Santa Gertrudis – 12:00 p.m., Friday, March 10
- Mini Hereford – 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11
- Release of all cattle – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

The following applies to ARB, Brahman, Red Brangus, and Simbrah

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**CHECK IN** – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

### **JUDGING SCHEDULE**

- Simbrah – 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16
- ARB – 8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16
- Red Brangus – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16
- Brahman, Red & Gray – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 16
- Release of all cattle – 12:00 a.m.(midnight), Sunday, March 19

## **BREEDING CATTLE OPEN SHOW GENERAL RULES**

1. All entries in this division shall be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Show
2. Entry fee of \$30 per animal must accompany entries. Extra stalls for tack will be \$30 each, however, due to limited space, stalling of animals will be given preference over tack stalls
3. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within 30 days is required for all INTERSTATE cattle. (Out of the state of Texas)
4. Exhibitors can enter Open Show at check in if the heifer is entered in the Jr Breeding Cattle Show. There will be a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$30 entry fee made payable to RGVLS
5. Stalls will be assigned based on the number of entries made by an exhibitor, one stall per animal. If at the Show, an exhibitor has fewer animals than entered, the management reserves the right to assign any extra stalls to another exhibitor. No refund of entry or stall fees will be made. If more stalls are used for display, a fine will be charged
  - a. 2 stalls for 1-5 head
  - b. 3 stalls for 6 or more head
6. Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on heifer or bull, there will be immediate disqualification. No adhesives, oil or any foreign substance of any type will be allowed as this is a “Blow and Go” Show
7. Nose leads are required on bulls exhibited in the show ring, with the exception of calves shown at side of dam
8. Open Show exhibitors ages 5 years old to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade must have a parent or legal guardian accompany them in the show ring. The parent/legal guardian will have an extra lead on the show halter.
9. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing.
10. It is the intent of the show management that no premium be given any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only animal is being exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his award in accordance with the merits of the animals being exhibited which may be either first, second, third, etc. The judge must now award a premium to an unworthy animal
11. Entries will be listed numerically according to age, oldest first within the class, in catalog and judging schedules
12. Only first place winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors
13. In the event there are less than twenty entries in a breed division, the division, at the option of the show management, may be canceled for the following year

14. Open Breeding Cattle pregnancy rules will be based on the individual breed association rules
15. Bull 18 months of age or older must have produced viable semen. If a protest is filed or at the request of Show Officials, exhibitors must furnish a certificate stating the bull has produced viable semen
16. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 220 days of age on day of show
17. Show packets, including but not limited to, parking passes, wristbands, season passes, etc., shall be picked up on arrival at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in the Breeding Cattle Barn. Packets will be mailed to exhibitors living outside of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply

### **PREMIUM SCHEDULE**

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will offer premiums in each breed division as follows based upon the number of entries shown in competition.

Premium money will be paid in all classes except Champion classes and Best of Polled classes in the Santa Gertrudis Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$40
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$30
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25



# OPEN SHOW ALL OTHER BREEDS (AOB)



Champion AOB Female  
Robert Surles  
Frio County 4-H



Champion AOB Bull  
Zabrina Villasano  
Edinburg North FFA

# **ALL OTHER BREEDS**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## **DIVISION RULES**

Registered British and Exotic Breeds not shown in any other breeding cattle division are eligible to be shown in this division. All animals must be registered in their respective breed associations in the exhibitor's name

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 6 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 7 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 9 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 10 – Heifers calved March 1- April 31, 2021
- Class 11 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 2021
- Class 12 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 13 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 15 – Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 16 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 17 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette

- Class 19 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 20 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved on or after May 1, 2022
- Class 22 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 23 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 29, 2022
- Class 24 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 25 – Bulls calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 26 – CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 27 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 28 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 30 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 31 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 32 – CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 33 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 34 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 35 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 36 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 37 – CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 38 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 39 – CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 40 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 41 – Produce of Dam – 2 animals. Any sex, embryo or natural, owned or co-owned by exhibitor
- Class 42 – Get of Sire – 3 animals, either or both sexes represented, no ownership requirements



# OPEN SHOW

## AMERICAN REGISTERED BREEDS (ARB)



Champion ARB Female  
Joel Cash Martinez  
San Isidro FFA



Champion ARB Bull  
Marshall Curl  
Triple C Cattle



# **AMERICAN REGISTERED BREEDS (ARB)**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 19

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. Open to heifers of Bos Indicus type that have been registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association. Breeds recognized in this division must be a minimum of 3/16 Brahman influence and be listed on registration papers from the association. Heifers with less than 3/16 Brahman influence will show as Registered AOB
2. Tattoos and/or brands must be legible and match with the certificate of recordation
3. All recognized breeds noted above will show together in this department

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 6 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 7 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 9 – Heifers calved may 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 10 – Heifers calved March 1- April 31, 2021
- Class 11 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 2021
- Class 12 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 13 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 15 – Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2020

- Class 16 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 17 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 19 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 20 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved on or after May 1, 2022
- Class 22 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 23 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 29, 2022
- Class 24 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 25 – Bulls calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 26 – CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 27 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 28 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 30 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 31 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 32 – CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 33 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 34 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 35 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 36 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 37 – CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 38 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 39 – CHAMPION BULL – Plaque

- Class 40 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 41 – Produce of Dam – 2 animals. Any sex, embryo or natural, owned or co-owned by exhibitor
- Class 42 – Get of Sire – 3 animals, either or both sexes represented, no ownership requirements



# OPEN SHOW BEEFMASTERS



Champion Beefmaster Female  
Ryan Pena  
Edinburg Vela FFA



Champion Beefmaster Bull  
Vicente Garza, III  
4 de Julio Beefmasters



# **BEEFMASTER**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March – April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January – February 2022
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November – December 2021
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September – October 2021
- Class 6 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 7 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 9 – Heifers calved July – August 2021
- Class 10 – Heifers calved March – April 2021
- Class 11 – Heifers calved January – February 2021
- Class 12 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 13 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September – December 2020
- Class 15 – Heifers calved May – August 2020
- Class 16 – Heifers calved January – April 2020
- Class 17 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 19 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 20 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved on May 1, 2022, and after
- Class 22 – Bulls calved March – April 2022
- Class 23 – Bulls calved January – February 2022
- Class 24 – Bulls calved November – December 2021
- Class 25 – Bulls calved September – October 2021
- Class 26 – CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 27 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 28 – Bulls calved July – August 2021
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May – June 2021
- Class 30 – Bulls calved March – April 2021
- Class 31 – Bulls calved January – February 2021
- Class 32 – CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 33 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 34 – Bulls calved September – December 2020
- Class 35 – Bulls calved May – August 2020
- Class 36 – Bulls calved January – April 2020
- Class 37 – CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 38 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 39 – CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 40 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 41 – Produce of Dam – 2 animals: any sex, embryo or natural, owned, or co-owned by exhibitor
- Class 42 – Get of Sire – 3 animals; either or both sexes represented no ownership requirement

# OPEN SHOW

## BRAHMAN - GRAY & RED



Champion Brahman Female  
B.R. Cutrer, Inc.



Champion Brahman Bull  
Heritage Cattle Company



# OPEN SHOW

## BRAHMAN - GRAY & RED



Champion Brahman Female  
Watts Ranch



Champion Brahman Bull  
Carriere Cattle



# **BRAHMAN**

## **RED & GRAY**

### **ABBA SANCTIONED SHOW**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 16

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 19

#### **DIVISION SPECIAL RULES**

1. Animals must be registered in the American Brahman Breeder's Association to be eligible to compete in Association sponsored shows. The registration certificate, or copy, for each entry must be available for presentation to the superintendent or manager of the Show at the time entries are verified prior to judging.
2. The registration number and animal identification number, number branded on animal, of each animal must be entered in an individual class, the sire of each set of sire entry and the dam of each produce of dam entry must be listed on the entry card of each animal entered
3. Entries that have not complied with rules one and two will not be eligible to show, receive premium monies or earn points in the Association's Register of Renown
4. Animals to be eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered and shown in individual classes
5. Entries will be listed numerically according to age, oldest first, in catalogs and judging schedules. Include animal identification number (number brand) as a part of identification. When entering the arena for judging, the handlers will line up cattle numerically in the same order
6. Judges will be allowed to comment on placing in selected classes when conditions permit
7. Each animal will be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical or circulatory construction including banding or other appearance change, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Injections of foreign substance internally for cosmetic purposes, steroids, growth hormones or stimulants shall be prohibited. If to the satisfaction of the ABBA's staff, officers, executive committee or board of directors, an animal that has had its natural conformation and structure altered or been administered steroids, growth hormones or stimulants, then said animal shall be ruled ineligible to compete until such time the executive committee and owner/owners have reviewed the case. Any violators, both owner and fitter will be ineligible to exhibit cattle at ABBA approved shows for 5 years

8. If any exhibitor/owner interferes in any way with the judge or shows disrespect to him/her or to the Show in the ring, the exhibitor/owner may be dismissed by the judge or Show management from the ring. The management may withhold from each exhibitor/owner any premium monies that may have been awarded to take other steps deemed desirable
9. In cases where families, companies, corporations, etc. are operated as a unit under the same management, but have cattle also registered in the name of individual partners, said cattle, even though bearing a different ownership brand, are eligible to be shown in competition under firm name provided they have not been and will not be shown in the name of the individuals
10. For females being shown in the three oldest classes, exhibitor must have a certificate of pregnancy issued by a licensed veterinarian to be presented to show officials at time of check in or registration paper check. The Show reserves the right to perform pregnancy determination by palpation for females in the above classes at any given ABBA approved show if an official protest has been filed. Females exhibited in the last class MUST have her nursing calf at side. The only exception from this rule will be cows that have already weaned a calf and a registration certificate of the calf MUST be presented to the judge.
11. All bulls will be shown with a nose ring or nose restrain with lead attached. For bulls being shown in the oldest class the exhibitor must have a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian stating the bull has produced viable semen. This certificate must be available for inspection by the judge on request
12. This deals with the produce of dam classes and the get of sire classes. All group classes must be held by a handler in the show arena to be placed
  - Embryo Produce of Dam – two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement
  - Natural Produce of Dam – two natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirements
  - Get of Sire – four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the above individual classes, both sexes represented. No ownership requirements
13. No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one produce or embryo produce of dam entry per dam
14. Cows that are exhibited with calves at side must be in lactating stage. Calves must be shown and exhibited with their dams and said calves must not exceed 240 days of age on day of judging. The judge will be made aware by the ring steward of those cows whose calves are ineligible to show by this rule
15. Cattle will not be allowed to show if their switches have been balled or glitter applied to their skin

16. All gray cattle and solid black cattle with show gray. Red, black, and white speckled or red and white speckled cattle will show red. Cattle with questionable colored pigmentation may be entered in other color division the breeder selects, however, said cattle are subject to inspection by a three member ABBA Color Committee. If the Color Committee disagrees with the breeder, the pedigree, features, and color of said animal will then be considered on an equally weighed basis to aid in the final determination. The decision of the committee is final.

Once animals have been classified, they will remain that classification unless they were young at time of classification, and it is apparent that they have changed their color. Any animals that is color classified and is shown at an ABBA approved show in another color classification will be ineligible to show their remaining career. Both the exhibitor and owner of the animal that is shown in the wrong color division will be ineligible to show animal for 13 months following the infraction

In the get of sire and produce of dam classes, breeders will not be allowed to show cattle of mixed color in split shows. They will be entered as to the color division they are assigned by the color committee for the Show. In shows that are not split there is not color requirement for the group classes.

At split shows where the Color Committee is not present, a staff member with two ABBA Directors will clarify questionable colored cattle for that particular show. The final classification will be done by the Color Committee.

17. The owner of record of any registered animal entered in an ABBA approved shows and/or his/her agent, exhibitor, fitter, handler and/or representative releases ABBA and its representatives from any and all liability that seller/owner might claim as a result of injury of any kind that seller/owner might claim as a result of injury of any kind sustained before, during or after handling cattle for any ABBA board approved activity
18. For shows to remain approved point shows by ABBA, they must maintain a twenty head average for the previous two years. Show must also follow the requirements of ABBA approved shows
19. All animals MUST have a birth weight submitted to be eligible to show in ABBA approved shows
20. The official ABBA rules and procedures governing showing and exhibiting or registered Brahman cattle supersede any rules printed in any show catalog
21. ABBA members may remit a protest to the ABBA if they find other participant's conduct to be in violation of the ABBA show rules. All protest must be in writing and must be signed by a member of the ABBA. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to an ABBA staff person, ABBA officer, ABBA show committee chairman or show official within 72 hours of the infraction. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is done

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved July 1 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved April 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 4 – Heifers calved March 1 – March 30, 2022
- Class 5 – Heifers calved February 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 6 – Heifers calved January 1 – January 31, 2022
- Class 7 – CALF CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 8 – RESERVE CALF CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 9 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 10 – Heifers calved September – October 31, 2021
- Class 11 – Heifers calved July – August 31, 2021
- Class 12 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 13 – INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 14 – RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 15 – Heifers calved April 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 16 – Heifers calved March 1 – March 31, 2021
- Class 17 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 18 – JUNIOR CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 19 – RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 20 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 21 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2020
- Class 22 – Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 23 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 24 – SENIOR CHAMPION – Rosette



- Class 25 - RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 26 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 27 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 28 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 30 – Bulls calved April 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 31 – Bulls calved March 1 – March 31, 2022
- Class 32 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 33 – CALF CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 34 – RESERVE CALF CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 35 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 36 – Bulls calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 37 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 38 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 39 – INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 40 – RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 41 – Bulls calved April 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 42 – bulls calved March 1 – March 31, 2021
- Class 43 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 44 – JUNIOR CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 45 – RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 46 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 47 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 48 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2020

- Class 49 – SENIOR CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 50 – RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION – Rosette
- Class 51 – CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 52 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 53 – Produce of Dam – Two natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes represented. No ownership requirement
- Class 54 – Embryo Produce of Dam – Two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement
- Class 55 – Get of Sire – Four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the above individual classes, both sexes represented. No ownership requirements

# OPEN SHOW

## COMMERCIAL FEMALES



Champion Commercial ABC Female  
Joel Cash Martinez  
San Isidro FFA



Champion Commercial AOB Female  
Kenzie Martinez  
San Isidro FFA

## **COMMERCIAL FEMALE**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**CHECK IN** – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**WEIGHT CARD TURN IN DEADLINE** – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

This is an all-breed cattle show featuring commercial cattle from cattle ranchers and Jr Breeding Exhibitors

### **COMMERCIAL FEMALE RULES:**

1. All entries in this division shall be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Show
2. Entry fee of \$30 per animal must accompany entries. Extra stalls for tack will be \$30 each, however, due to limited space, stalling of animals will be given preference over tack stalls
3. All females must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from October 30, 2022, through the show dates
4. There will be no limit to the number of females an exhibitor can validate or show. A \$10 validation fee, per head, will be charged and collected at time of validation.
5. Deadline for entries will be January 13, 2023
6. Commercial cattle will be validated or re-validated, ear tagged and tattooed on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. on the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds
7. At check in, females will be classified as either American Breed Cross (must have at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  Brahman blood) or All Other Breeds

All AOB exhibitors must turn in weight cards prior to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. All ABC exhibitors will be required to have weight cards filled out prior to going through classification. Heifers will be age verified when shown.

8. Crossbred females are desired but purebred females will be permitted. Any female exhibited in the Open Commercial Cattle Show will not be eligible to compete in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Jr or Open Registered Breeding Cattle Show; and any female entered in the Jr or Open Registered Breeding Cattle Show will not be eligible to compete in the Open Commercial Cattle Show
9. Commercial cattle more than 30 months old at the time of the 2023 Show will not be eligible to compete. They will be sifted and must be removed from the showgrounds



10. Commercial cattle that do not meet show quality or condition and those that exhibitors are unable to handle may be sifted
11. All cattle must be halter broken and dehorned
12. At the show, females will be divided into two division by weight and breed and judged accordingly. The number of classes will be dependent on the number of entries. Entries will be placed 1, 2, 3, etc. in each class
13. Turn in weight cards. Hold back top 4 per class, reweigh the top two
14. Show veterinarian will have full authority to determine age. (Rule 10)

## **AWARDS**

ABC Champion Female – Plaque

ABC Reserve Champion Female – Plaque

AOB Champion Female – Plaque

AOB Reserve Champion Female – Plaque

# OPEN SHOW

## RED BRANGUS



Champion Red Brangus Female  
Arianna Gonzalez  
San Benito FFA



Champion Red Brangus Bull  
Justin Villarreal  
Villarreal Ranch

# RED BRANGUS

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 19

## SPECIAL RULES

1. Animals must be registered in the ARBA and/or **IBBA** Herd Book and meet the breed's Standards of Excellence
2. No false tails or tail heads may be used. No animal can be shown that has any foreign objects glued to or otherwise attached in a manner so as to alter its conformation or change its appearance. The dying or artificial changing of the overall natural color of an animal is prohibited. Animals may not be brindled, black or have excessive white or white in front of the navel. Animals will be solid red with pink nose
3. All animals must be polled. Surgical removal of scars is a disqualification. Any animal found to have scars or evidence of incision, surgical or otherwise, in the following areas will be disqualified
  - a. Head
  - b. Navel
  - c. Testicles
  - d. Sheath
  - e. Dewlap
4. Animals eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered in individual classes
5. Judging of Red Brangus will be based on “desirable” characteristics as entered into ARBA and/or **IBBA** Bylaws

## DIVISION CLASSES

### FEMALES

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 6 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette

- Class 7 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 9 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 10 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 11 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 12 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 13 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 15 – Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 16 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 17 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 19 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 20 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved May 1, 2022, and after
- Class 22 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 23 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 24 – Bulls calved November – December 31, 2021
- Class 25 – Bulls calved September – October 31, 2021
- Class 26 – CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 27 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 28 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 30 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2021



- Class 31 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 32 – CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 33 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 34 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 35 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 36 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 37 – CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 38 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 39 – CHAMPION BULL - Plaque
- Class 40 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 41 – Produce of Dam – 2 animals: any sex, embryo or natural, owner or co-owned by exhibitor
- Class 42 – Get of Sire – 3 animals: both sexes represented, no ownership requirements
- Class 43 – Premier Breeder – 2 animals: any sex, bred and owned or co-owned by exhibitor or immediate family member

# OPEN SHOW SANTA GERTRUDIS



Champion Santa Gertrudis Female  
Buena Vida Cattle Company



Champion Santa Gertrudis Bull  
Buena Vida Cattle Company

# **SANTA GERTRUDIS**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 12:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## **SPECIAL RULES**

1. Animals entered in this division must be registered in the herd book of Santa Gertrudis Breeder's International and have an official SGBI Registration Certificate to be eligible to show
2. All animals must be individually identified by tattoo, numerical firebrand or freeze brand
3. All animals must be exhibited with hair brushed down on the entire body, legs, and tail, and with no foreign objects attached to the animals in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or change its appearance
4. To be eligible to show in Best of Polled, animals need to be slick polled with no scars, no dehorning and with no evidence of horny tissue. Animals will be inspected by Field Service Representative, if present, assisted by one member of Shows and Exhibits Committee or Breed Standards Committee if need to settle disputes. If no field Service Representative is present, it will be done by committee members not involved in that class
5. Best of Polled Class – All animals that are eligible to be shown as polled will automatically be eligible to be entered. A separate entry application will not be required; however, animals must have been shown in a regular class to be eligible to compete for Best Polled

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 6 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 7 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 9 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2021

- Class 10 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 11 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 12 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 13 – RESERVE CHAMPOIN JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 14 – Heifers calved October 1 – December 2020
- Class 15 – Heifers calved July 1 – September 2020
- Class 16 – Heifers calved April 1 – June 30, 2020
- Class 17 – Heifers calved January 1 – March 30, 2020
- Class 18 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 19 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 20 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 21 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 22 – BEST OF POLLED FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 23 – Star 5 Heifer calved after September 1, 2022
- Class 24 – Star 5 Heifer calved May 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 25 – Star 5 Heifer calved January 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 26 – Star 5 Heifer calved September – December 31, 2021
- Class 27 – Star 5 Heifer calved May – August 31, 2021
- Class 28 – Star 5 Heifer calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 29 – Star 5 Heifer calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 30 – Star 5 Heifer calved April 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 31 – CHAMPION STAR 5 FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 32 – RESERVE CHAMPION STAR 5 FEMALE – Plaque



## **BULLS**

- Class 33 – Bulls calved March 1, 2022, and after
- Class 34 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 35 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 36 – Bulls calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 37 – CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 38 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 39 – Bulls calved July 1- August 31, 2021
- Class 40 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 41 – Bulls calved March – April 30, 2021
- Class 42 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 43 – CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 44 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 45 – Bulls calved October 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 46 – Bulls calved July 1 – September 30, 2020
- Class 47 – Bulls calved April 1 – June 30, 2020
- Class 48 – Bulls calved January 1 – March 31, 2020
- Class 49 – CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 50 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 51 – CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 52 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 53 – BEST OF POLLED MALE – Plaque
- Class 54 – Produce of Dam – 2 offspring, the produce of one cow within the age limits of individual classes and must have been exhibited in their respective classes
- Class 55 – Get of Sire – 3 animals all by one sire and from at least two dams, both sexes represented within the age limits of individual classes and must have been exhibited in their respective classes

# OPEN SHOW

## SIMBRAH



Champion Simbrah Female  
Gabriela Ramirez  
Linn-San Manuel 4-H



Champion Simbrah Bull  
Bar P Bar Cattle Company

# **SIMBRAH**

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

**JUDGING** – 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 20

## **SPECIAL RULES**

1. Entries in this division must be Purebred Simbrah, 5/8 Simmental – 3/8 Brahman
2. Animals eligible to be shown must be registered with American Simmental Association
3. No foreign objects can be attached in a manner to alter an animal's conformation or appearance

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1- Heifers calved May 2022 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved April 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved March 2022
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January – February 2022
- Class 5 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 6 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 7 – Heifers calved October – December 2021
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July – September 2021
- Class 9 – Heifers calved April – June 2021
- Class 10 – Heifers calved January – March 2021
- Class 11 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 12 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 13 – Heifers calved September – December 2020
- Class 14 – Heifers calved May – August 2020
- Class 15 – Heifers calved January – April 2020
- Class 16 – Pairs – Dams calved prior to January 1, 2020 (calves – 22- day or less on Show Day)

- Class 17 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 19 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 20 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved May 2022
- Class 22 – Bulls calved April 2022
- Class 23 – Bulls calved March 2022
- Class 24 – Bulls calved January – February 2022
- Class 25 – CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 26 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 27 – Bulls calved October – December 2021
- Class 28 – Bulls calved July – September 2021
- Class 29 – Bulls calved April – June 2021
- Class 30 – Bulls calved January – March 2021
- Class 31- CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 32 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 33 – Bulls calved September – December 2020
- Class 34 – Bulls calved May – August 2020
- Class 35 – Bulls calved January – April 2020
- Class 36 – CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 37 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 38 – CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 39 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL – Plaque



- Class 40 – Produce of Dam – 2 animals by one dam from above classes, either or both sexes may be represented, no ownership requirements
- Class 41 – Get of Sire – 3 animals by one sire from the above individual classes, either or both sexes may be represented, no ownership requirements
- Class 42 – Best of Three Head – Owned or Co-owned by exhibitor and show in the above individual classes, either or both sexes may be represented



# OPEN SHOW

## MINIATURE HEREFORDS



Champion Miniature Hereford Female  
Jason Suarez



Champion Miniature Hereford Bull  
Montanna Trapp  
Willacy County 4-H

# **MINIATURE HEREFORD**

MHBA Sanctioned

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

**JUDGING** – 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## **SPECIAL RULES**

1. All exhibitors must be a current paid member of the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association (MHBA)
2. All entries must be registered with the American Hereford Association (AHA)
3. Animals must be under the ownership of the entrant's name with the AHA for a minimum of 30 days prior to the show date
4. All entries, including cow/calf, will be measured with no exceptions. Maximum height allowed to be shown in these classes is 45" on females and 48" on bulls. Any animal exceeding the height limit will not be eligible to show
5. All horned and polled Miniature Hereford cattle will show together
6. Any animal without the correct legible tattoo will not be eligible to show

## **HEIFER SHOW RULES**

1. Heifers must be registered with the American Hereford Association
2. Heifers must be measured for height and not exceed 45" at the hip
3. All general rules will apply to the heifer show (i.e., ownership, participant age, etc.)

## **COW/CALF PAIR RULES**

1. Cow/Calf pairs must be registered with The American Hereford Association
2. There is no maximum for cows
3. Cow must be measured for height and not exceed 45" at the hip
4. Calf must be natural calf, no more 270 days in age as of the day of the show
5. Polled and horned pairs will be combined in one cow/calf show
6. Calves on the side of cow/calf pairs **MUST** be the cow's natural calf
7. Calves at the side of cow/calf pair must be shown in separate heifer, bull, or steer classes if classes are offered by the venue
8. All calves on the side of cow/calf pairs must be registered and tattooed
9. All general rules will apply to the cow/calf show (i.e., ownership, participant age, etc.)

## **BULL RULES**

1. Bulls must be registered with the American Hereford Association
2. A bull over one year of age is required to have a nose ring (permanent or removable bug)
3. Bulls must be measured for height and not exceed 48” at the hip

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifer calved July 1, 2022, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 3 – Heifers calved April 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 4 – Heifers calved March 1 – March 30, 2022
- Class 5 – Heifers calved February 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 6 – Heifers calved January 1 – January 31, 2022
- Class 7 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 8 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF - Rosette
- Class 9 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 10 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 11 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 12 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 13 – CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 14 – RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 15 – Heifers calved April 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 16 – Heifers calved March 1 – March 30, 2021
- Class 17 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 18 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 19 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 20 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 21 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2020



- Class 22 – Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 23 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 24 – CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER - Rosette
- Class 25 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER - Rosette
- Class 26 – CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque
- Class 27 – RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 28 – Bulls calved July 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 30 – Bulls calved April 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 31 – Bulls calved March 1 – March 31, 2022
- Class 32 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 33 – CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 34 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 35 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 36 – Bulls calved September 1– October 31, 2021
- Class 37 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 38 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 39 – CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL – Rosette
- Class 40 – RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL – Rosette
- Class 41 – Bulls calved April 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 42 – Bulls calved March 1 – March 30, 2021
- Class 43 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2021
- Class 44 – CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 45 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette

- Class 46 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2020
- Class 47 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2020
- Class 48 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2020
- Class 49 – CHAMPION SENIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 50 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL - Rosette
- Class 51 – CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 52 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL – Plaque
- Class 53 – Produce of Dam
- Class 54 – Embryo Produce of Dam
- Class 55 – Get of Sire
- Class 56 – Cow/Calf Division

# **BREEDING CATTLE HERDSMEN AWARD**

Prizes will be awarded to herdsmen and caretakers in charge of breeding cattle exhibits as a reward for their good housekeeping. The breed of cattle being shown will not enter into placing.

## **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

A committee appointed by show management will make inspections daily to determine those who, in their judgement, do the best job of housekeeping. If, in the opinion of the judges, an exhibitor is not worthy, no prize money will be awarded.

## **JUDGING STANDARDS**

- Orderliness and cleanliness of the stalls, animals, tack alleys and public walkways
- Personal appearance of herdsmen and helpers
- Promptness in having stalls or pens cleaned by 9:00 a.m. each day. All cattle must be in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except during judging and preparing animals for judging.
- Observance of all rules and regulations of the Show
- Availability of personnel to furnish information about their exhibits
- Number of animals and caretakers per exhibit with a minimum of 5 animals per exhibit
- Cooperation with other exhibitors and Show Officials

## **AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Plaque & \$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Rosette & \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Rosette & \$50
- **Winners of the Herdsman Award will receive prime location for stalling in the Event Center for the 2024 show. “Prime location” will be at the discretion of the stalling committee.**

# OPEN BOER GOAT SHOW



Champion Percentage Doe  
Dante Rodriguez  
Sharyland Pioneer FFA



Champion Commercial Doe  
Wyatt Robbins  
Sharyland Pioneer FFA



Champion Purebred Doe  
Thalia Ochoa  
Sharyland Pioneer FFA



# OPEN BOER GOAT SHOW

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 13, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per entry

**EARLIEST ARRIVAL** – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

**CHECK IN** – 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

**JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

**RELEASE OF OPEN BREEDING GOATS** – 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

## OPEN SHOW BREEDING GOATS GENERAL RULES

1. All entries in this division shall be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Show. Please refer to [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com) for all rules and entry information.
2. Entry fee of \$20 per animal must accompany Entry Certification Form and ShoWorks receipt. Extra stalls for tack will be \$20 each, however due to limited space, stalling of animals will be given preference over tack stalls
3. Entry deadline is January 13, 2023, and all late entry rules apply. If stall space is unavailable, then management reserves the right to return late entry.
4. Exhibitors can enter Open Show at check in if the goat is entered in the Jr Breeding Goat Show. There will be a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$30 entry fee made payable to RGVLS
5. Open Show substitution deadline is March 1. All open show substitutions received after this date will be charged a \$10 substitution fee per entry
6. Entries must be in the name of the registered owner. Animals must be registered in the Herdbook of their Association in the name of the owner(s) by January 31. Superintendents will check original registration certificates at time of check in. Recognized associations include American Boer Goat Association
7. Stalls will be assigned on the basis of number of entries made by an exhibitor, two animals per stall. If at Show, an exhibitor has fewer animals than entered, the management reserves the right to assign any extra stalls to another exhibitor. No refund of entry or stall fees will be made.
8. Grooming and trimming tables will be allowed in designated areas at the Show
9. Goats must have a legible ear identification number, tattoo or other means of permanent identification that matches the ones on its registration certificate. If the animal has a microchip as its permanent identification, the exhibitor is responsible for providing a microchip reader
10. Fitting guidelines: Goats may be fully haired or timed to the owner's discretion. **Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a goat, there will be**

immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the goat is subject to disqualification.

11. Any female over 24 months of age, that has not kidded, may be cause for that entry to be disqualified

12. Goats will be classified by weight and tooth age (Commercial only)

13. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing. Regardless of any disqualifications, any market animal will remain under consignment contract and will be sold at the end of the event.

## **PERCENTAGE DOES DIVISION CLASSES**

- Class 1 – Percentage females born on or after September 1, 2022 - A
- Class 2 – Percentage females born June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 - A
- Class 3 – Percentage females born March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022 - A
- Class 4 – Percentage females born November 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 - A
- Class 5 – Percentage females born July 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 - A
- Class 6 – Percentage females born March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 - A
- Class 7 – Percentage Females born before March 1, 2021 - A
- Class 8 – Breed Champion Percentage Female – Banner
- Class 9 – Reserve Breed Champion Percentage Female - Banner

## **FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED DOES DIVISION CLASSES**

- Class 10 – Purebred females born on or after September 1, 2022 - A
- Class 11 – Purebred females born June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 - A
- Class 12 – Purebred females born March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022 - A
- Class 13 – Purebred females born November 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 - A
- Class 14 – Purebred females born July 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 - A
- Class 15 – Purebred females born March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 - A
- Class 16 – Purebred females born before March 1, 2021 - A
- Class 17 – Breed Champion Purebred Female – Banner

- Class 18 – Reserve Breed Champion Purebred Female – Banner

## **OPEN COMMERCIAL BOER DOES DIVISION RULES**

1. If there are any questions by classifiers, then the doe will be moved to the next older class. All classifier decisions are final for the Show
2. Commercial does entered in the Jr Commercial Boer Doe Show are eligible to be shown in the Jr and Open Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Breeding Goat Show, however, Commercial Does are not eligible to be shown in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Market Goat Show
3. Classifying of Commercial Boer Does will start at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2022, in the designated area by the Goat Committee for Jr and Open Breeding Goat exhibits
4. All Open Commercial Does that enter the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds will be examined and sifted by the Open Boer Goat Show Committee. Any sifted entry will be asked to be removed from the showgrounds immediately
5. If greater than 10 entries are in the class, the class will be divided to its own separate class and will be divided by the show committee. This class will have its own premium and will be brought out to show in the Grand Drive

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

- Class 19 - Does with milk teeth - A
- Class 20 – Champion Does with Milk Teeth - Rosette
- Class 21 – Reserve Champion Doe with Milk Teeth - Rosette
- Class 22 – Two Tooth Does – A
- Class 23 – Champion Two Tooth Doe – Rosette
- Class 24 – Reserve Champion Two Tooth Doe - Rosette
- Class 25 – Four Tooth & Older Does – A
- Class 26 – Champion Four Tooth & Older Doe - Rosette
- Class 27 – Reserve Champion Four Tooth & Older - Rosette
- Class 28 – OVERALL CHAMPION OPEN COMMERCIAL DOE – Banner
- Class 29 – OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OPEN COMMERCIAL DOE – Banner

## **AWARDS SCHEDULE**

### **AWARD A**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$35
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$20

### **AWARD B**

- Division Champion – Rosette
- Reserve Division Champion – Rosette

### **AWARD C**

- Grand Champion – Banner
- Reserve Grand Champion – Banner



# RGVLS



# YOUTH ARCHERY

# YOUTH ARCHERY DIVISION

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – February 15, 2023

**ENTRY FEE** - \$20 per class

**EVENT DATE** – 7:30 a.m., Thursday, March 9

## DIVISION RULES

1. This match will be governed by the following rules and administered by The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo
  - a. 2023 RGVLS Youth Archery Match Rules
  - b. 2023 Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match Rules
  - c. Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Rules (Rev. June 2020)
  - d. Texas 4-H Shooting Sports General Rules (Rev. October 2021)
2. Any conflicting rules or policies in the sets of rules reference above will be superseded by the RGVLS Youth Archery Match Rules and by the contest superintendent, under the authority of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show
3. All contestants must register through The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show to participate in this event. NOTE: This match is recognized by Texas 4-H Shooting Sports and serves one of the official locations/sites for its 2023 Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match. 4-H members interested in competing in the RGVLS event and Texas 4-H event concurrently, must register for both events respectively
4. Eligibility: Any youth that is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate in this event
5. Youth must be participating in a youth archery program under the direct supervision of a qualified archery coach/instructor. Verification of coach WILL be required in advance of participation of any contestant. Coaches MUST provide the official name of their program and a contact phone number for verification. If a participant cannot be verified, they will not be allowed to compete
6. Contest Age Divisions
  - a. Junior 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - b. Intermediate – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - c. Senior – 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - d. Note: There will not be a “First Year” division offered at this event
7. Course of Fire:
  - a. Distance from the shooting line to the targets will be 18 meters
  - b. 20 ends of 3 arrows each (60 arrows total with maximum score of 600 points)
  - c. Timed ends: Each archer will have two (2) minutes starting at the single whistle notice to compete each end
  - d. There will be a break between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ends

8. Targets:
  - a. Targets – standard FITA targets will be used for this match
  - b. Recurve, Barebow & NASP archers will use 60 cm FITA face
  - c. Compound archers will use the 40 cm FITA face. Archers must notify the contest superintendent before the beginning of the match of their intent to use the 3-spot targets in lieu of the 40 cm FITA face (use in optional)
9. Equipment Classes:
  - a. Bare Bow (longbow or recurve) – Bows may not be equipped with sights or sighting marks. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Kisser buttons are not permitted; cushion plungers are not permitted
  - b. Recurve – Bows may be equipped with a single sighting device, single pin, multiple in or hunting style sights; may not be equipped with string peeps or string marks for rear sights. Mechanical release aids are not permitted
  - c. Compound Aided – Bows may be equipped with magnified sights and stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are permitted. Bows MAY NOT be equipped with any electronic devices
  - d. Compound Unaided – Bows may not be equipped with magnified sights or stabilizers. Bows may be equipped with single pin or multiple pin sights. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Kisser buttons and string peeps are not permitted
  - e. NASP – Genesis bows with no sights or sighting marks and no stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Shooters must follow 4-H age divisions and match rules. Original Genesis bows only. No “Genesis Minis” or “Genesis Pros”. Only Easton 1820 30” arrows are allowed in this class. This class is utilizing NASP equipment only
10. Scoring: Targets are to be scored by the shooters only, with assistance from the range officials if necessary. Scores and totals should be verified by each shooter before arrows are touched or removed from the target. Any question of scoring should be resolved before any arrow is touched or removed from the target
11. Coaching: No coaching is allowed while archers are on the line
12. Adult Representation: All shooters at this event must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for the shooter. The responsible adult must be present during the time the shooter is actively shooting
13. Dress Code: All shooters must wear closed toed shoes and shirts must have sleeves. All other standard 4-H Dress Code rules apply
14. All bows must remain cased until on the range



# OPEN/YOUTH HORSE EVENTS



# PERFORMANCE DIVISION



# **OPEN/YOUTH HORSE SHOW PERFORMANCE EVENT**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – February 15, 2023

**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED DAY OF THE SHOW WITH A \$50 LATE FEE  
ADDED TO THE ENTRY FEE**

**ENTRY FEE** - \$10 per class entered

**STALL FEE** - \$25 per day

**RV HOOK UP** - \$25 per day

**PERFORMANCE & VERSATILITY CHECK IN** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 5

**EVENT START TIME** – Show begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. Stallions are allowed in Ranch classes only. Any unruly behavior will not be tolerated
2. Entry fees are non- refundable
3. Class changes/deletions will be accepted at least two classes prior to the class you wish to add/delete. No refunds will be given for deleted classes. If a horse becomes unexpectedly ill or dies, with approval by the Show committee, a new horse may be substituted. All paperwork for the new horse must be completed prior to the start of the first class
4. AQHA rules will apply where applicable. No tie downs, martingales, roping reins or mechanical hackamores will be allowed except in speed classes. Ranch Horse classes will follow AQHA rules. Working Cow Horse will follow SHOT rules if cattle are available
5. Any protests must be accompanied by \$250, to be refunded if protest is validated by Show committee
6. Walk/Trot Classes – Individuals may participate in the walk/trot division if a horse/rider PAIR has not loped or cantered in any RGVLS show in the past 2 show seasons
7. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated by horse or human
8. An original negative Coggins is required for entry to the showgrounds and must be shown at time of registration/check in

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply

## **HIGH POINT AWARDS**

### **SAME HORSE/SAME RIDER RULE APPLIES**

You need not designate your high point horse. Points will be calculated for the horse/rider combo on all classes with the exception of non-high point classes.

Horses need not be owned by participant. Borrowed or leased horses are allowable.

### **POINT SYSTEM**

| In Class | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6        | 6               | 5               | 4               | 3               | 2               | 1               |
| 5        | 5               | 4               | 3               | 2               | 1               |                 |
| 4        | 4               | 3               | 2               | 1               |                 |                 |
| 3        | 3               | 2               | 1               |                 |                 |                 |
| 2        | 2               | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 1        | 1               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |

Participants need to keep track of their own points. The Show committee will post points at the end of the horse show.

## **PERFORMANCE DIVISIONS BY AGE**

### **Youth Division**

#### **Youth Walk/Trot 10 & Under**

#### **Youth Walk/Trot 11-18**

#### **Youth 18 & Under**

### **Adult Division**

#### **Adult Walk/Trot**

#### **19 years of age and over**

#### **Ranch Horse (All Ages) No W/T Riders**

Age division determined by your age as of January 1, 2022

**BOOK OPENS** – 8 a.m., Sunday, March 6

**COMPETITION BEGINS** – Promptly at 9 a.m.

## **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

- Class 1 – Geldings 2 and Under
- Class 2 – Geldings 3 and Over
- Grand Champion Halter Geldings
- Reserve Grand Champion Halter Geldings
- Class 3 – Mares 2 and Under
- Class 4 - Mares 3 and Over
- Grand Champion Halter Mares
- Reserve Grand Champion Halter Mares
- Class 5 – Color Non Solid (Paints, Apps, Etc.)
- Class 6 – Color Solid (Palomino, Buckskin, Etc.)
- Class 7 – Showmanship Youth W/T 10 & Under
- Class 8 – Showmanship Adult W/T 11-18
- Class 9 – Showmanship Adult W/T
- Class 10 – Showmanship Youth 18 & Under
- Class 11 – Showmanship 19 & Over
- Class 12 – Hunter Under Saddle Youth W/T 10 & Under
- Class 13 – Hunter Under Saddle Youth W/T 11-18
- Class 14 – Hunter Under Saddle Adult W/T
- Class 15 – Hunter Under Saddle Youth 18 & Under
- Class 16 – Hunter Under Saddle 19 & Over
- Class 17 – English Discipline Rail Youth W/T All Ages
- Class 18 – English Discipline Raith – All Ages (Canter Class)
- Class 19 – English Equitation Youth W/T 10 & Under
- Class 20 – English Equitation Youth W/T 11-18
- Class 21 – English Equitation Adult W/T
- Class 22 – English Equitation Youth 18 & Under
- Class 23 – English Equitation 19 & Over
- Class 24 – Lead Line (3-8 year olds)
- Class 25 – Western Pleasure Youth W/T 10 & Under

- Class 26 – Western Pleasure Adult W/T 11-18
- Class 27 – Western Pleasure Adult W/T
- Class 28 – Western Pleasure 18 & Under
- Class 29 – Western Pleasure 19 & Over
- Class 30 – Western Discipline Rail W/T All Ages
- Class 31 – Western Discipline Rail All Ages (Lope Class)
- Class 32 – Western Horsemanship Youth W/T 10 & Under
- Class 33 – Western Horsemanship Youth W/T 11-18
- Class 34 – Western Horsemanship Adult W/T
- Class 35 – Western Horsemanship 18 & Under
- Class 36 – Western Horsemanship 19 & Over
- Class 37 – Trail Youth W/T 10 & Under
- Class 38 – Trail Youth W/T 11-18
- Class 39 – Trail Adult W/T
- Class 40 – Trail 18 & Under
- Class 41 – Trail 19 & Over
- Class 42 – Ranch Horse Trail (Ranch Horse HP only)
- Class 43 – Ranch Horse Pleasure (Ranch Horse HP only)
- Class 44 – Ranch Horse Reining Open All Ages (Ranch Horse HP only)
- Class 45 – Working Cow Horse – Novice
- Class 46 – Working Cow Horse – Junior
- Class 47 – Working Cow Horse – Open
- Class 48 – Ranch Horse Halter (Ranch Horse HP only)

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champions – Buckle

Reserve Grand Champions – Buckle

Class Winners – Award & Rosette

High Point (6 divisions) - \$500 Certificate & Scholarship \*Certificate details to be announced in March

Reserve High Point (6 point division) - \$250 Certificate \*Certificate details to be announced in March

Lead-Line Class – Trophy



# **OPEN/YOUTH HORSE SHOW SPEED DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – February 15, 2023

**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE SHOW WITH A \$50 LATE FEE  
ADDED TO THE ENTRY FEE**

**ENTRY FEE** - \$10 per class entered

**STALL FEE** - \$25 per day

**RV HOOK UP** - \$25 per day

**SPEED EVENTS CHECK-IN** – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 4

**EXHIBITION** – 10 a.m. to 12 noon

**EVENT START TIME** – Promptly at 12:15 p.m.

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. Stallions are allowed at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show ridden by an adult rider (18+ only). NOTE: Unruly behavior is not permitted under any circumstance and is subject to ejection by Committee Chair
2. Entry fees are non-refundable
3. Class changes/deletions will be accepted at least two classes prior to the class you wish to add/delete. No refunds will be given for deleted classes. If a horse becomes unexpectedly ill or dies, with approval by the Show committee, a new horse may be substituted. All paperwork for the new horse must be completed prior to the start of the first class.
4. AQHA rules will apply where applicable. No tie downs, martingales, roping reins or mechanical hackamores will be allowed except in speed classes. Ranch Horse Classes will follow a combination of AQHA and SHOT rules. Working Cow Horse will follow SHOT rules (if cattle are available)
5. Any protests must be accompanied by \$250, to be refunded if protest is validated by show committee
6. The two minute gate rule will be strictly adhered to, except for tack changes, which MUST be approved prior to the start of the Show. The participant is responsible for being at the gate ready one class prior. Rider will be lined up ready to ride during their drag. After 3<sup>rd</sup> call, rider will be scratched. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated by horse or humans
7. Points will be tabulated at the end of the show after careful analysis and confirmation. You must be present to get your awards.

8. An original negative Coggins is required for entry to the show grounds and must be shown at time of registration.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

**SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

- Class 01 – Poles (0-8)
- Class 02 – Poles (9-12)
- Class 03 – Poles (13-18)
- Class 04 – Poles (19-34)
- Class 05 – Poles (35+)
- Class 06 – Barrels (0-8)
- Class 07 – Barrels (9-12)
- Class 08 – Barrels (13-18)
- Class 09 – Barrels (19-34)
- Class 10 – Barrels (35+)

**HIGH POINT AWARDS**

**SAME HORSE/SAME RIDER RULE APPLIES**

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Horses need not be owned by participant. Borrowed or leased horses are allowed.

**POINT SYSTEM**

| In Class | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
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Participants need to keep track of their own points. The Show Committee will post points at the end of the horse show.