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# 85th Annual Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo

RGVLS Board President

Mike Risica



Howdy!

The 2024 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo will be celebrating its 85th annual event as its “Diamond Anniversary.” We are so very proud of this heritage and wish to invite you to be part of the largest event of its kind in the Rio Grande Valley. This family-friendly event will host one of the largest livestock shows in the state of Texas along with rodeos, a world-class carnival, amazing food from across the country, a portfolio of free entertainment, some of the best musical artists, and much more.

This year’s theme of “A Legacy of Youth and Agriculture” highlights our mission over the last 85 years to provide incomparable learning experiences for youth through agriculture. As a non-profit organization, we are the only of its kind dedicated to creating linkages between RGV youth, families, and agriculture. Through your participation in the RGVLS, you are investing in our mission and becoming a partner with us in providing funding support for the youth in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr & Willacy counties as well as across the state.

A special note of thanks is due to our Board of Directors, our staff, and the more than 600 volunteers that help make this event possible. This is the “Valley’s Event” and we are grateful to all those who are involved in planning and hosting this event annually.

We hope your experience at this year's event is a memorable one that you can reflect on and be as proud as we are to be part of such a great opportunity for our youth and families of the Rio Grande Valley.

Y’all come see us!

Mike Risica  
RGVLS President



## 2024 RGVLS Cover Girl Gabriella Rodriguez

Gabriella Rodriguez  
Willacy Clovers 4-H

Representing Willacy Clovers 4-H is Miss Gabriella Rodriguez. She is a senior at Lyford High School and ranks in the top 2% of her class. She was her Junior Class Representative, is a member of the National Honor Society, advocated for RGV LEAD, is a varsity track, softball and volleyball athlete. For Lyford FFA, she has served as Sentinel and for Tip-O-Tex District FFA she served as Treasurer. As an active 4-H member, Gabriella served as President of her club and as Public Relations Officer for District 12 4-H. She advocates for the agriculture and livestock industries through her activity as a Texas Youth Livestock Ambassador and National Brand Ambassador for the NRS Show Team. This is Gabriella's 10th year competing in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show exhibiting goats, horses, cattle, horticulture projects, photography and western art projects. Gabriella has developed into a philanthropist determined to improve the quality of life in her community. At church, she is an altar server, lector, and choir member. Gabriella voices her patriotism by singing the National Anthem at local events and major livestock shows in Texas. She aspires to intern with Biozyme Incorporated and to attend West Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in International Agriculture Development.



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## **RGVLS 2024 JUDGING & SIFTING SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY – MARCH 2**

- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Drive Through Delivery of Photography & Western Art Projects – Event Center West Entrance
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Check-in Open & Youth Horse Show Speed Event – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena
- 6:00 p.m. Cover Girl Revue – Event Center Upstairs Ballroom – Open to the Public

### **SUNDAY – MARCH 3**

- 7:00 a.m. Check-in Open & Youth Horse Show Performance Event – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena

### **TUESDAY – MARCH 5**

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Delivery of all livestock tack. Stall set up.

### **WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6**

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Arrival of Open Breeding and Jr Breeding Cattle (Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Commercial Cattle, Miniature Hereford, and All Other Breeds (AOB))
- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Breeding Cattle Paperwork Submission
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Commercial Cattle Sift & Weigh – 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 – Event Center Arena

### **THURSDAY – MARCH 7**

- 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Youth Archery Event – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena
- 8:30 a.m. Consumer Decision Making On-Site Registration & Check-In – Event Center Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. Consumer Decision Making Instructions & Orientation – Event Center Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. Judging of Jr Santa Gertrudis Heifers – Event Center Arena
- 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Delivery of Shop Projects – Youth Center West
- 9:30 a.m. Consumer Decision Making Event – Event Center Ballroom
- 12:00 p.m. Judging of Jr Beefmaster Heifers – Event Center Arena
- 3:00 p.m. Judging of Jr Commercial Heifers – Event Center Arena

**THURSDAY – MARCH 7 (Cont.)**

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Early delivery of Jr Breeding Sheep, Jr Breeding Goats, Open Boer Goats & Jr Dairy Goats

**FRIDAY – MARCH 8**

8:00 a.m. Judging of Shop Projects – Youth Center – Closed to the public.

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

11:30 a.m. Judging of Jr Miniature Hereford Heifers – Event Center Arena

1:00 p.m. Judging of Open Breeding Cattle Santa Gertrudis – Event Center Arena

3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Early delivery of Jr Breeding Gilts

3:30 p.m. Judging of Open Breeding Cattle Commercial Heifers – Event Center Arena

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Delivery & Classification of Horticulture Entries – Rabbit Arena

5:00 p.m. Check-in Jr Dairy Goats – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

7:00 p.m. Check-in Jr Breeding Goats, Jr Breeding Sheep & Open Boer Goats– Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

**SATURDAY – MARCH 9**

8:00 a.m. Judging of Shop Projects – Youth Center – Closed to the public.

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Delivery of Jr Breeding Gilts

8:30 a.m. Judging of Jr Dairy Goats – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

9:00 a.m. Judging of Open Breeding Cattle Beefmaster – Event Center Arena

9:00 a.m. Judging of Horticulture Projects – Rabbit Arena

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Delivery of projects for the All Valley Cotton Style Show – Event Center Ballroom

10:30 a.m. Swine Skillathon On-Site Registration – Event Center Ballroom

11:00 a.m. Swine Skillathon Competition – Event Center Ballroom

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Delivery & Sifting of Jr Breeding Rabbits – Rabbit Barn Arena

1:00 p.m. Weight cards turn in for Jr Breeding Gilts – Hog Arena Office

1:00 p.m. Judging of Open Breeding Cattle AOB– Event Center Arena



### **SATURDAY – MARCH 9 (Cont.)**

1:00 p.m.	Judging of Open Boer Goat Show – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena
1:00 p.m.	Preliminary Judging – All Valley Cotton Style Show garments – Closed to exhibitors and the public.
1:30 p.m.	Horticulture Champion Drive – Greenhouse
3:30 p.m.	Judging of Open Breeding Cattle Miniature Hereford – Event Center Arena
4:00 p.m.	Swine Skillathon Award Ceremony – Event Center Hog Arena
5:00 p.m.	Judging of Jr Breeding Cattle Showmanship – Event Center Arena
5:00 p.m.	Jr Breeding Gilt Showmanship – Event Center Hog Arena
5:30 p.m.	Comments & Presentation of Awards for Shop Projects – Youth Center
6:30 p.m.	Good Housekeeping & Herdsman Awards Presentation – Event Center Arena
7:00 p.m.	Beefmaster Futurity – Event Center Arena
8:00 p.m.	Greased Pig Scramble – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

### **SUNDAY – MARCH 10**

8:00 a.m.	Judging of Jr Breeding Sheep followed by Showmanship – Lamb & Goat 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 Barn Arena
12:00 p.m.	All Valley Cotton Style Show Check-in – Event Center Ballroom
1:00 p.m.	Judging of All Valley Cotton Style Show – Event Center Ballroom
1:00 p.m.	Judging of Jr Breeding Goats followed by Showmanship – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena
5:00 p.m.	Release of Jr Breeding Rabbits, Jr Breeding Gilts, Jr Breeding Goats, Jr Breeding Sheep & Jr Dairy Goats
8:00 p.m.	Greased Pig Scramble – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

### **MONDAY – MARCH 11**

8:00 a.m.	Prepared Public Speaking Contest Check-in – Event Center Ballroom
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**MONDAY – MARCH 11 (Cont.)**

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Delivery of Market Goats and Market Lambs and Delivery of all livestock tack (Tack must go through staging)
8:30 a.m.	Ag Product ID Contest with awards at the conclusion of the event – Event Center Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	Prepared Public Speaking Contest with awards at the conclusion of the event – Event Center Ballroom
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Delivery & Sifting of Market Rabbits followed by written exam for Showmanship – Rabbit Barn Arena
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	On Site Registration for Beef Skillathon – Event Center Ballroom
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
8:00 p.m.	Greased Pig Scramble – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

**TUESDAY – MARCH 12**

8:00 a.m.	Judging of Market Rabbits followed by Showmanship – Rabbit Barn 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 Breeding and Jr Breeding Cattle (ARB, Brahman, Red Brangus & Simbrah)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Steer Barn Cattle Scale Open
1:00 p.m.	Beef Skillathon – Event Center Ballroom
1:00 p.m.	Judging of Market Goats – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena
3:00 p.m.	Classifying, Validation Check, and Weight Card Turn-in for Market Steers
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Breeding Cattle Check-in – Event Center Arena
5:00 p.m.	Validation/Weight Card Turn In- Market Hogs – Hog Arena
6:00 p.m.	South Texas Hog Futurity Show – Event Center Hog Arena
6:30 p.m.	RGV Brahman & F1 Association Showmanship Clinic & Show – Event Center Arena
8:00 p.m.	Greased Pig Scramble – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 13**

8:00 a.m.	Judging of Jr Simbrah Heifers – Event Center Arena
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**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 13 (cont.)**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Delivery & Sifting of Market Poultry – Steer Barn Arena
9:00 a.m.	Judging of Market Lambs – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena
10:00 a.m.	Judging of Jr Red Brangus Heifers – Event Center Arena
11:00 a.m.	Judging of Jr ARB Heifers – Event Center Arena
12:00 p.m.	Corrections to Market Hog weight cards due
1:00 p.m.	Judging of Jr Brahman Heifers – Event Center Arena
4:00 p.m.	Jr Breeding Cattle Showmanship – Event Center Arena
4:00 p.m.	Classifying & Judging of Market Hogs (Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire) – Event Center Hog Arena
7:00 p.m.	Judging of Market Poultry – Event Center Arena
8:00 p.m.	Greased Pig Scramble – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

**THURSDAY – MARCH 14**

8:00 a.m.	Classifying & Judging of Market Hogs (Light OPB, Dark OPB, Light Crossbreeds, Dark/Other Crossbreeds, Champion Drive) – Event Center Hog Arena
8:00 a.m.	Judging of Open Breeding Cattle ARB– Event Center Arena
9:00 a.m.	Market Lamb Showmanship – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena
9:30 a.m.	Judging of Open Breeding Cattle Red Brangus – Event Center Arena
11:00 a.m.	Judging of Open Breeding Cattle Simbrah – Event Center Arena
1:00 p.m.	Judging of Open Breeding Cattle Red & Grey Brahman – Event Center Arena
1:00 p.m.	Market Goat Showmanship – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena
8:00 p.m.	Greased Pig Scramble – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

**FRIDAY – MARCH 15**

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.	Livestock Judging Contest Registration – Event Center Hog Office
8:00 p.m.	Greased Pig Scramble – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

### **SATURDAY – MARCH 16**

7:30 a.m.	Livestock Judging Contest Team Packet Pick up – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena Box Office
9:00 a.m.	Livestock Judging Contest – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena
10:00 a.m.	Sale of Champions and Presentation of Scholarship Recipients – Event Center Arena
6:00 p.m.	Load out of Market Hogs
6:00 p.m.	Good Housekeeping, Herdsman, and Livestock Judging Awards Presentation – Event Center Arena
8:00 p.m.	Greased Pig Scramble – Lamb & Goat Barn Arena

### **SUNDAY – MARCH 17**

12:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.	Early Release of all Breeding Cattle
6:00 a.m.	Release of all Breeding Cattle
7:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Release of Shop Projects
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 Sorting Events – Payne Auto Group Rodeo Arena
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Release of Western Art Projects – Event Center



## 2024 RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO 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**.

### Breeding Cattle

- Jr. Breeding Cattle Division Rules: Rule 15 – In the event there are 20 or more entries of the same breed shown in competition, a separate division may be created for them the following year.
- Open Show – substitutions can be completed by exhibitor only.
- Open Show – Commercial Cattle – Rule 12: “At the show, females will be divided into three divisions by weight and breed and judged accordingly.
- Starting times for divisions have changed. Please refer to the judging and sifting schedule for times.
- Refer to individual junior breeding cattle divisions for new classes.

### All Divisions

- Adding: “No drenching, watering, or grooming while in holding area at any time.”
1. For divisions with a showmanship event: All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.

### Market Hog

- Rule 8 – Addition: “Market hog barn will be closed to everyone except market hog committee members on Saturday, March 16, 2024, starting at 4:00 p.m. and will re-open on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. No one is allowed to remove showboxes, feed boxes, water tubes, or tack between these hours.
- Once the market hog arrives on RGVLS property, it will not be permitted to leave the RGVLS grounds without approval of RGVLS Administration.”
- All Other Crosses in the junior market show will now be Light Crosses.

### Rabbits

- There will be a \$5 per breed validation fee.

### Horse Speed Event

- All online entries fees must be paid by the deadline. We will no longer accept payment onsite for online entries.
- All exhibitors registering onsite will only be allowed to compete in the Jackpot. For participants to be eligible for prizes, they must have entered and paid by the deadline through the online registration system.
- There is no late fee to run in the jackpot. The jackpot entry fee will be \$25 per class.

### Horticulture

- Exhibitors will enter ONE project online without a specified class. Classification of the project will take place upon delivery.
- Rule 16: Addition - Record book rules must be met, or the exhibitor will be disqualified.

### Photography

- All photographs submitted will become the property of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

### Western Art

- No framing of artwork will be allowed.



**Greased Pig Scramble**

- There will be a maximum of 20 competitors per event. The competitors will be chosen through a random lottery.

**Market Lamb**

- Minimum weight will be increased from 80lbs to 90lbs.

**Calf Scramble**

- Rule 11 – Addition: Under Purchase Certificates, Rule 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 award to The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Calf Scramble Account within 15 days of the end of the show.

**Shop Division**

- Showmanship has been added to the shop division. See division section for details.

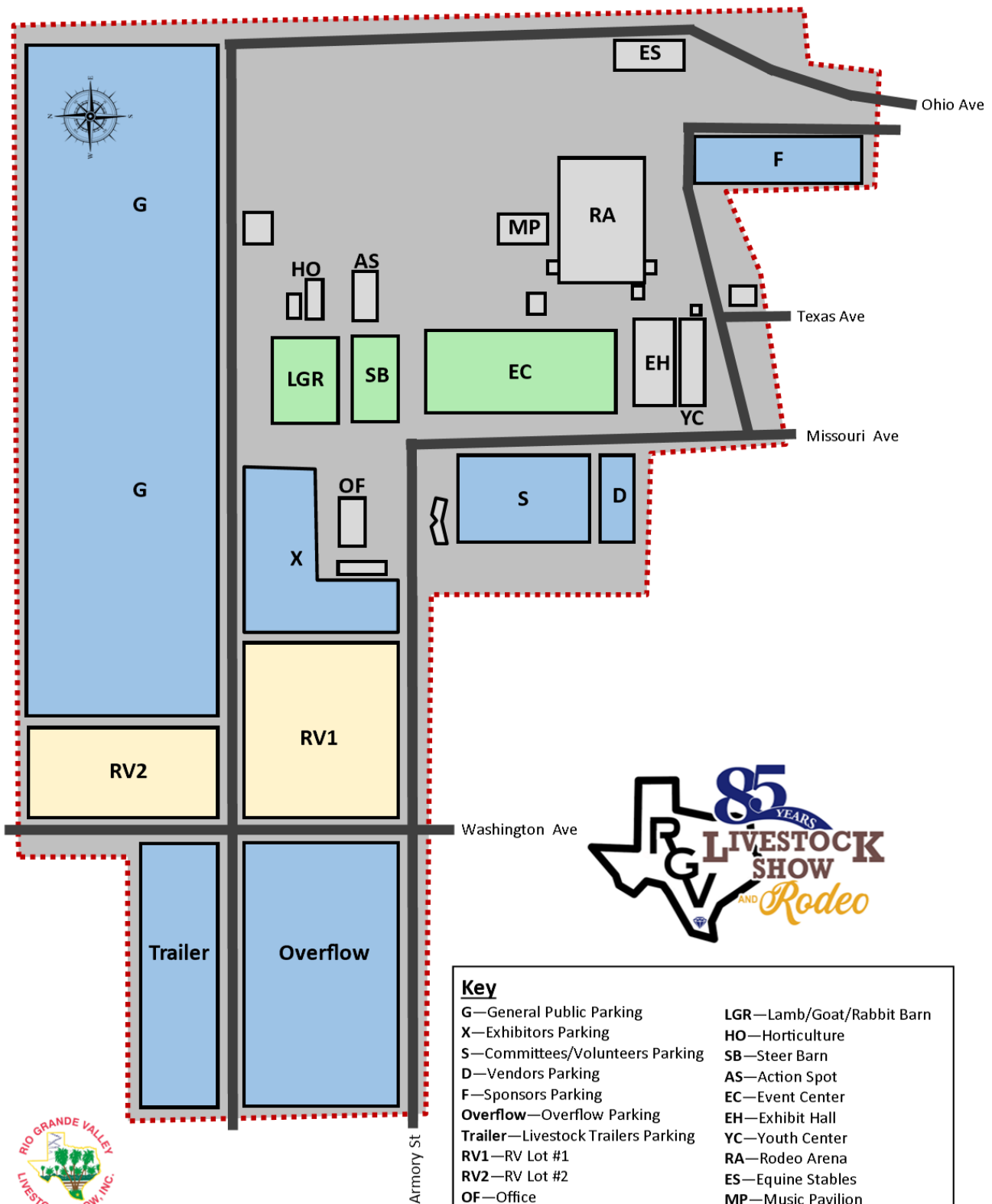
**Livestock Judging**

- There is no longer a separate division for out of county exhibitors. All exhibitors will participate in the same division.

**Miscellaneous**

- "S" parking for AST/CEA/Club Managers must be turned in by the January 15, 2024, deadline.
- We will no longer create separate invoices for items. Invoices will be created for the person/entity paying for an item or service. If you wish to have a separate invoice for an item, a separate payment, aside from that of your club or chapter, must be made. (i.e., "S" Parking Permits)
- A hard copy of a state validation form is no longer required to be submitted with your packet. The state validation committee will be onsite for any validation clarification.
- If clubs/chapters/ranches are requesting joint stalling, there is now a stalling request form that will need to be filed by the January 15, 2024, deadline.
- The official annual entry deadline for RGVLS will now be January 15. In the event the date of the entry deadline falls on a weekend or a federal holiday, then the deadline shall not be due until the next business day thereafter.

**NEW EVENT: Consumer Decision Making – See page 218.**



**2024  
Rio Grande Valley  
Livestock Show & Rodeo  
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## 2024 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Committees

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2024  
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Committees

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Consumer Decision Making

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Tiffani Neu  
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Jonathan Rodriguez  
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Barry Fohn  
Lisa Fohn  
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Rebecca Galvan  
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Robin Humphrey  
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Morgan Thomas  
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Director Liaison - Sherilyn Goad  
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Greased Pig Scramble

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Horse Show - Speed

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Hospitality

Co - Chair - Kay Lackey

Co-Chair - Terry Lackey

Blanca Cruz  
Danette Eschete

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Judges Selection

Chair - Rolando Gonzalez  
Clint Best  
Joe Carter  
Eloy Cruz  
Eddie Garcia  
Benny Garza  
Omar Gonzales  
Rolando Gonzalez  
Jose Luz Gutierrez  
John J. Hinojosa  
Bob Parker  
Tony Risica

Lamb Division

Chair - Judy Milton  
Director Liaison - Luis Saldana  
Jena Adkins  
Ila Billman  
John Billman  
Troy Billman  
Jerin Daye Bryant  
Monty Dale Bryant  
Butch Harding  
Nyla Lerma  
Roberto Salazar

Lil' Miss Cowgirl

Chair - Debbie Garcia  
Leticia Alvarez  
Peggy Chavez-Yanez  
Cecilee Garza  
Victoria Garza  
Hunter Jackson  
Brittany Jones  
Ricky Soto  
Araceli Vega  
Jasmine Lee Zuniga

Livestock Judging

Chair - Eddie Cruz  
Jena Adkins  
Jerin Bryant  
Monty Bryant  
Jessica Canales  
Omar Cavazos  
Derek Correa  
Andres Cruz  
Andres Cruz, Jr.  
Cameron Cruz  
Casey Cruz  
Eddie Cruz  
Lynda Cruz

Livestock Judging Continued

Lance Eschete  
Casie Fernandez  
Martin Limon  
Juan Munoz  
Frank Ruiz  
Neomi Ruiz  
Roberto Salazar  
Eddie Salinas  
Annie Vasquez  
Roel Vasquez  
Timothy Vasquez  
Brad Wood

Market Goat

Chair - Robert Garcia  
Gloria Flores  
Mario Flores  
Alyna Garcia  
Samantha Garcia  
Conrado Gomez  
Yvonne Gomez  
Modesto Gonzalez  
Erica Mancha  
Ramon Moya  
Ana Parker  
Jesus Rodriguez, Jr.  
John Theiss

Market Hog

Chair - Mark Brunnemann  
Bianca Aleman  
Cindy Aleman  
Rene Aleman  
Jesus Coy  
Saul De La O, Jr.  
Lisa Garcia  
Viviana Garza  
Ryan Janssen  
Christian Lackey  
Christopher Lackey  
Naida Lackey  
Ramon Moya  
Jaime Munoz  
Robert Stout

Market Poultry

Chair - Brad Cowan  
Ben Cowan  
Tammie Cowan  
Kelly Macmanus  
Jacob Sosebee

Market Steer

Director Liaison - Mike Risica  
Chair - Billie D. Simpson  
Ruben Canales, Jr.  
Hector Cantu  
Brian Conner  
Mark Conner  
Wanda Echols  
William Jones  
Fred Karle  
Jeff Kibler  
Anna Lee Stanko  
Morgan Waters

Museum

Chair - Judy Guerra  
Daniel Adame  
Sandra Adame  
Melissa Aguero Ramirez  
Adell Dufour  
Adriana Flores  
Daniel Garcia  
Laurie Garcia  
Rose Garcia  
Ruby Garcia  
Karin Isaacs  
Sonia Jimenez  
Veronica Leal  
Joey Martinez  
Janie Medrano  
Yolanda Ozuna  
Wyatt Peche  
Deborah Prukop  
Gloria Salinas  
Monica Salinas  
Lisa Sanchez  
Laura Sandoval  
Samuel Sandoval  
Minerva Santillana  
Ruben Santillana

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Parade

Chair - Hector Martinez

Antonio Anzaldua  
Mark Anzaldua  
Melissa Anzaldua  
Michael Anzaldua  
Rita Badillo  
Cristina Cardenas  
George Cardenas  
Mark Diaz  
Rolando Dominguez  
Lee Garza  
Enrique Guerra  
Emily Martinez  
Gabriel Martinez  
Mariana Martinez  
Perla Martinez  
Susana Martinez  
Rosie Pena  
Julio Trevino  
Monica Trevino

Parking & Traffic

Chair - Sherwood Hamilton

Jorge Jimenez  
Andres Maldonado

Pet Show

Chair - Joe Cerda

Linda Sandoval  
Leopoldo Yzaguirre  
Rebecca Yzaguirre

Photography

Chair - Jessica Parker

Maribel Alaniz  
Aurora Flores  
Oscar Flores  
Sylvia Guerra  
Ninfa Guzman  
Enedelia Ledesma  
Nancy Macmanus

Prepared Public Speaking

Chair - Cody Scogin

Wendy Scogin

Rabbit Division

Director Liaison - Danny Acevedo

Chair - Troy Fitting

Evie Adams  
Marin Arellano  
Brianna Bullion  
Michael Bullion  
Randy Bullion  
Stephanie Bullion  
Arnoldo Garcia, Jr  
Kenneth Landrum  
Carolina Munoz  
Eddie Munoz  
Kenneth Landrum  
Velma L. Rodriguez  
Louis Zimmerer

Ranch Sorting

Chair - Russell Klostermann

Boyd Davis  
Jimmy Guthrie  
Pamela Guthrie  
Christopher O'Loughlin  
Tracy O'Loughlin  
Bobby Sparks

Rodeo

Director Liaison -Glenn Bell

Dusty Cyphers  
Kyle Cyphers  
Earn Neuhaus  
Lance Heuhaus  
Heather Hargrove  
Forrest Hargrove  
John Lairsen  
Eric Reid  
Meghan Reid  
Rebecca Reid  
Bobby Sparks  
Judy Sparks

RODEO HOSPITALITY  
Dawn Marburger Arnew  
Kimberlee Klostermann  
Russell Klostermann  
Ruth Klostermann

Sale of Champions

Andrea Trapp  
Valerie Arizmendi  
Amara Cano  
Cary Cash  
Wanda Echols  
Carlos Flores  
June Flores  
Moises Garcia  
Rita Garcia  
Geovanna Garza  
Nelda Garza  
Yvonne Garza  
Ronda Johnson  
Amanda Kibler  
John Wayne Kibler  
Jo Ann Long  
Loretta Lopez  
Eloy Minjares  
Virginia Miller  
Allyson Morrow  
Delmer Stanko  
Morgan Thomas  
Kevin Trapp

Scholarships

Chair - Edna Martinez

Nelda Barrera  
Lowell Hudsonpillar  
Michael Lamon  
Tammie Risica

Security

Chair - Blake Sutton

JM Gonzalez



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Shop Division

Director Liaison - Felo Martinez  
Chair - Eloy Reyna  
Anissa Canales  
Brian Canales  
Artemio Cantu  
Bertha Cantu  
Elena Gutierrez  
Deanna Guzman  
Jose Guzman  
Willie Langley  
Joe Montemayor  
Gilberto Perez  
Marta Quintero  
Robert Quintero  
Christina Reyna  
Melba Reyna  
Oscar Rodriguez  
Roberto Salazar  
Israel Sanchez

Special Events

Chair -Anna Garza  
Stephen Acosta  
Geovanna Garza  
Nelda Garza  
Marexy Guerra  
Mariel Guerra  
Mirian Guerra  
Eloy Minjares  
Jessica Navarrete-Acosta

Special Kids Rodeo

Chair -Rebecca Galvan  
Sherilyn Goad  
Cynthia Llanas

Staging

Tatiana Betancourt  
Ricardo Flores  
Alexa Gutierrez  
Jose Jaramillo  
Mario Jaramillo  
Mary Jaramillo  
William Jaramillo  
Marivel Rodriguez  
John Theiss  
Taylor Theiss  
Velinda Theiss

Swine Skillathon

Chair - Kendra Rocha

Veterinarian

Chair -Dr. Lucas Hinojosa  
Kelly Macmanus  
Dr. Shelly Mitchell  
Dr. John Montalbano  
Norma Hinojosa  
Dr. Tobin Pennington

Western Art

Chair -Dahlia Saldana  
Olga Avila  
Maricela Castillo  
Dalia Gracia  
Javier Gracia  
Juan Gracia  
Juan R. Gracia  
Jorge Guajardo  
Sandra Guajardo

Youth Archery

Chair -Randy Bullion  
Stephanie Bullion  
Michelle McMillan  
Jessica Torres

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

For information not herein contained, please contact,  
Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo  
1000 N. Texas Ave  
Mercedes, TX 78570  
(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 parked 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, to enter show arenas, and to charge exhibitors and others for their services. News Media, Breed Association Representatives and other people 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.

### **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.

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**

Exhibitors may access the showgrounds through designated exhibitor entries. Exhibitor entries will open daily at 6:00 a.m. and close at 12:00 a.m. (midnight).

### **DOGS/PETS**

**DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUNDS** due to public safety. 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 credentials and proof of current vaccinations. No service dogs will be allowed in any livestock barns.** 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 at 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, sifers, judges, chapters, clubs and/or other persons or entities affected by the violation.
- Removal from the Showgrounds, along with any of his/her exhibits/projects.
- Suspension or disqualification of the exhibitor, their immediate family, or both from the 2024 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 their exhibit(s) as part of any Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from which that exhibitor has been disqualified.
- Suspension or disqualification of their FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from the 2024 and/or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows.
- Suspension or disqualification of other persons with ownership interests in the exhibit(s) exhibited from the 2024 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, 2023; however, they must be received in the Livestock Show Office by deadline, January 15, 2024. Entry Certification Forms (one per exhibitor), 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 any application conditionally.
- Separate entries must be submitted on exhibits, which compete in more than one class.
- **Entries will not be accepted by individual FFA/4-H members. Only entries made by AST/CEA/Club Managers will be accepted.** 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 accepted. Payment must be received in the Livestock Office no later than

10 days after the online entry date deadline. Please make checks payable to RGVLS. Payment must be made in full and no refunds under any circumstances will be made.

#### **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. ***W-9 must represent the exhibitor's information.***

***Incomplete W-9s, W-9s containing information of a parent/guardian, W-9s containing false information will not be accepted and will result in the removal of the exhibitor's entry.***

4-H club managers and ASTs must submit a list of qualifying adult leaders who will be assisting their exhibitors 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 business 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 by 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 15, 2024. Late entries with additional fees will be taken until January 26, 2024. The online portal will close on January 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. A \$250 late fee will apply for club/chapters not submitting payment by deadline.

#### **ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

All entries in any junior breeding or market division are subject to be used in the RGVLS Livestock Judging event.



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 12/8/2023
Horticulture (One judged project per exhibitor)	\$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 (Online Registration)	\$25 per team (3-4 members)
Ag Product ID Individual/Team (Onsite Registration)	\$8 per person/ \$32 per team
Prepared Public Speaking	\$20 per entry
All Valley Cotton Style Show	\$20 per entry
Livestock Judging	\$5 per person
Speed/Performance Horse Events	\$15 per class entered
Youth Archery	\$20 per class entered
Consumer Decision Making	\$5 per exhibitor/ \$20 per team

#### **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 is 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 an exhibitor 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 Executive Board's discretion) from showing next year.

**RULE 11. ARRIVAL & RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK ENTRIES – SEE RULES UNDER EACH DIVISION****RULE 12. 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 division. For example: Breeding Cattle – Event Center; Steers – Steer Barn; Goats and Sheep – Lamb & Goat Barn, etc. Exhibitors will not be permitted to stall animals otherwise. To do so may result in an exhibitor being disqualified.

**RULE 13. 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 Show.

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

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

**RULE 14. GENERATORS**

No generators will be allowed in or around livestock facilities.

**RULE 15. 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.

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 16. 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 17. 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 holding areas and 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 their placing in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited. The Show is under no obligation to award a premium or other award to an unworthy animal based on the recommendation of the judge.

#### **RULE 18. 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 they are competing.

#### **RULE 19. 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.
- Surgery/Procedure 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.
- Any other items/activities deemed unethical by the RGVLS Executive Committee.

#### **RULE 20. 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 an affidavit based upon the person's 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 in 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 evidence at the presentation. 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 of 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 21. 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 22. 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 23. 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 24. GROUND SECURITY**

All exhibitors are always solely responsible for the security and condition of their animals until delivered to the truck or other conveyance of the buyer. The Show is in no way responsible for the 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 25. 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. Exhibitors who participate in FFA and 4-H are not entitled to any additional wristbands. No lost or stolen wristbands will be replaced.
- Agriculture Science Teachers and 4-H club managers: Complimentary season gate passes will be allowed each AST and 4-H club manager based on the following number of exhibitors as shown on their summary sheet. CEAs and Assistant CEAs who have exhibitors from their county will each be allowed one season gate pass. Additional season gate tickets may be purchased at the discounted price of \$35.
  - 1-10 Exhibitors – 2 Season Passes
  - 11-20 Exhibitors – 3 Season Passes
  - 21-30 Exhibitors – 4 Season Passes
  - 31 or more Exhibitors – 5 Season Passes
- 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.
  - 1 head – 1 Season Pass
  - 2-3 head – 2 Season Passes
  - 4-6 head – 3 Season Passes
  - 7-10 head – 4 Season Passes
  - 11 or more head – 5 Season Passes

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.

## **26. 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 or sifting. 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.

## **27. 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. All entries must be in line with all state validation requirements and follow all state validation regulations. 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 the purposes of identification. 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.

## **28. 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 equine, 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 29. 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. All feed additives are prohibited if they are so indicated by the USDA or FDA at the time of the test. There will be zero tolerance for non-approved substances and feed additives. Unethical fitting is any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural confirmation, musculature, body part, or weight in any animal.

## **RULE 30. MEDICATIONS**

Exhibitors who have animals on the grounds requiring the service of a veterinarian, 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 31. 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 32. SALE OF CHAMPIONS**

Details of the Sale of Champions, including but not limited to, date, time, place levels and eligibility of exhibitor are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

#### **RULE 33. SHOW BOXES**

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

#### **RULE 36. 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.

#### **RULE 37. TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

See below.





# Cattle

Interstate Event (Out-of-State & Texas Animals)	Intrastate Event (ONLY Texas Animals)
<p>1. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):</b> Unless noted, all cattle must have a valid CVI. CVIs are valid for 30 days. Veterinarians should contact 512-719-0777 or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 for CVI requirements.</p> <p>a. <u>Note:</u> All cattle coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry and a VSV status for the premises or area should be recorded on the CVI.</p> <p>2. <b>Entry Permit:</b> Certain classes of cattle are required to obtain entry permits, please refer to the sections below for guidance. Permits for cattle may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at <a href="mailto:permits@tahc.texas.gov">permits@tahc.texas.gov</a>.</p> <p>3. <b>Official Identification:</b> All cattle of any age used for rodeo, recreational events, shows, or exhibition must be <a href="#">officially identified</a> for interstate movement regardless of age or breed (<a href="#">9 CFR §86.4(D)(iii)</a>).</p> <p>4. <b>Testing Requirements:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Trichomoniasis (Trich) Test:</b></p> <p>i. <u>Exhibition ONLY:</u> All breeding bulls 12 months of age or older must be tested within 60 days or be accompanied by an entry permit.</p> <p>ii. <u>Sale of Exhibition Animals:</u> All breeding bulls 12 months of age or older must be Trich tested within 60 days prior to sale.</p> <p>b. <b>Tuberculosis (TB) Test:</b></p> <p>i. <b>Beef Cattle:</b> Not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>ii. <b>Dairy Cattle:</b> Texas origin dairy cattle are not required to have a TB test for interstate exhibition or events.</p>	<p>1. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):</b> Not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>2. <b>Entry Permit:</b> Not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>3. <b>Official Identification:</b></p> <p>a. All dairy breed animals, including steers and spayed heifers, must be <a href="#">officially identified</a>.</p> <p>b. All breeding bulls 12 months of age or older must be <a href="#">officially identified</a>.</p> <p>c. Within 7 days of change of ownership cattle parturient, postparturient, or 18 months of age or older must be <a href="#">officially identified</a>.</p> <p>4. <b>Testing Requirements:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Trichomoniasis (Trich) Test:</b></p> <p>i. <u>Exhibition ONLY:</u> Not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>iv. <u>Sale of Exhibition Animals:</u> Unless excepted, non-virgin bulls and virgin bulls 12 months of age or older must be Trich tested within 60 days prior to sale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Exception:</u> Breed registered bulls can be certified as virgin (up to 18 months of age).</li> </ul> <p>b. <b>Tuberculosis (TB) Test:</b></p> <p>i. <b>Beef Cattle:</b> Not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>ii. <b>Dairy Cattle:</b> Not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>iii. <b>"M" Branded Steers:</b> All "M" branded steers, (recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock) must have proof of a negative tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to the event.</p> <p>c. <b>Brucellosis Test:</b> Not required by the TAHC.</p>



<b>Interstate Event</b> <i>(Out-of-State &amp; Texas Animals)</i>	<b>Intrastate Event</b> <i>(ONLY Texas Animals)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unless excepted, out-of-state sexually intact dairy cattle, 2 months of age or older, must have a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry or originate from an accredited free herd. Test results or an accredited herd number must be recorded on the CVI.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Exception:</u> Dairy and beef cattle coming from a state with less than "Free" or "Free Zone" status must contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242 ext. 777, prior to movement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>iii. <b>"M" Branded Steers:</b> All "M" branded steers (recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock) must test negative for TB within 12 months prior to an event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Note:</u> "M" branded steers from out-of-state must also obtain an entry permit prior to entry.</li> </ul> <p>c. <b>Brucellosis Test:</b> Unless excepted, cattle are not required to be tested for interstate exhibition or events.</p> <p>i. <u>Exception:</u> Cattle from designated surveillance areas in Idaho, Montana, or Wyoming are required to meet testing requirements.</p>	<p><i>Cattle intrastate event requirements are listed on page 3.</i></p>



# Equine

Interstate Event (Out-of-State & Texas Animals)	Intrastate Event (ONLY Texas Animals)
<p>1. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):</b> Unless noted, all equine must have a valid CVI. CVIs are valid for 30 days. Veterinarians should contact 512-719-0777 or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 for CVI requirements.</p> <p>a. <u>Note:</u> All equine coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry and a VSV status for the premises or area should be recorded on the CVI.</p> <p>2. <b>Entry Permit:</b> Not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>3. <b>Testing Requirements:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Test:</b> Unless excepted, all equine must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months.</p> <p>i. <u>Exception:</u> If a mare is presented alongside a nursing foal under 8 months of age, a negative test for the mare is sufficient.</p> <p>ii. <u>Exception:</u> An equine passport document allows equine to travel on a 6-month passport (example of documents to follow). <i>An EIA test document issued within the past 6 months must accompany the passport.</i></p> <p>b. <b>Piroplasmiasis (Piro) Test:</b> Unless excepted, equine entering a racetrack facility must have a valid negative Piro test (<i>Theileria equi</i>) within the previous 12 months.</p> <p>i. <u>Exception:</u> A Piro test is not required for thoroughbred horses participating at a parimutuel racetrack facility.</p>	<p>1. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):</b> Unless excepted, CVIs are not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>a. <u>Exception:</u> Equine attending a parimutuel racetrack are required to have a CVI.</p> <p>2. <b>Entry Permit:</b> Not required by the TAHC.</p> <p>3. <b>Testing Requirements:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Test:</b> Unless excepted, all Texas equine must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months.</p> <p>i. <u>Exception:</u> If a mare is presented alongside a nursing foal under 8 months of age, a negative test for the mare is sufficient.</p> <p>b. <b>Piroplasmiasis (Piro) Test:</b> Unless excepted, equine entering a racetrack facility must have a valid negative Piro test (<i>Theileria equi</i>) within the previous 12 months.</p> <p>i. <u>Exception:</u> A Piro test is not required for thoroughbred horses participating at a parimutuel racetrack facility.</p>

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

## 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. SAT or ACT score submissions are strongly recommended, but not required.
3. Applicants must be residents 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.

### 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 Monday, January 15, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.

Applications must be physically in the livestock office by deadline.

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

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



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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.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. The recipient must compete in RGVLS according to the rules in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Premium Book.
2. Recipients 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. Recipients must be a graduate from a Texas public, private or home high school and attend an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.
5. 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. Scholarship funds must be requested within 12 months after graduation from high school. Funds will be forfeited after 12 months.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Recipient must attend an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.
2. Recipient must submit to the RGVLS:
  - a. Completed RGVLS Scholarship Requirements and Criteria Form
  - b. Official high school transcript showing date of graduation and class rank.
  - c. Office Verification of Enrollment (VOE) from their college or university's registrar's office. This must be dated after the final drop date of the college or university.
3. Scholarships will be paid directly to the college, university, vocational or trade school the recipient is attending, unless requested in writing by the recipient.
4. 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 qualifies for additional exhibitor scholarships, in any division, the scholarship will go to the second-place winner unless the second-place winner has reached the \$10,000 limit.
5. 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.
6. 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.

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## SALE OF CHAMPIONS

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

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

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## AG PRODUCT ID



## **AG PRODUCT ID 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 11, 2024 – Event Center Upstairs

**High Point Buckle Sponsor – Lone Star Citrus**

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. Late entries will be taken at the discretion of the committee.

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR AG PRODUCT ID**

#### **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. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
4. 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.
5. Each team must be certified by a 4-H club manager, AST, or school sponsor/official.
6. Contestants must meet academic eligibility rules as identified in the UIL Side by Side document.

#### **ENTRY**

An entry fee of \$5 per person will be made payable to RGVLS online by Monday, January 15, 2024. 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 \$32 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 advance from one exhibit to the next when instructed to do so.
4. Contestants must evaluate each exhibit in sequence and will not be allowed to return to any exhibit after advancing.
5. Contestants should not, in any way, willfully obstruct the work of another contestant.
6. 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.
7. Contestants will not be allowed to bring/use any materials (written/printed) while in the contest.

## CONTEST FORMAT

Thirty (30) 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.

1. 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

1. 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.
2. TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE
  - Individual – 300 points max
  - Team – 900 points max

## 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 tie. 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

- Ag Product ID Study Guide – <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>
- 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 – Team Member Banner
- High Point Individual – **Buckle** & Banner

## Ag Product ID

### Texas Agriculture Product List

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

### RGV Addendum

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



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

# **PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** January 15, 2024

**ENTRY FEE - \$20**

**CHECK-IN:** 8:00 a.m. – March 11, 2024 – Event Center Ballroom

**CONTEST:** 9:00 a.m. – March 11, 2024 – Event Center Ballroom (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.

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING**

### **ENTRY**

1. One copy of the manuscript with bibliography and a statement of originality is due in the RGVLS office on or before March 1, 2024. 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 uniquely produced by the speaker.
2. A bibliography in APA style must accompany each manuscript.

### **ORIGINALITY**

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

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.

### **AGE GROUPS**

1. Juniors – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8th.
2. Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12th.

### **FORMAT**

1. Presentations will be judged by a panel of 2-3 judges.
2. 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.
3. Senior contestants will be divided into their respective divisions, winners face off in finals.

### **TIME LIMIT**

1. Juniors – Each speech shall be a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) minutes.
2. Seniors – Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of eight (8) minutes.
3. 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**

1. 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**

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

## **VISUAL AIDS**

1. The use of visual aids of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.
2. Note cards are not considered visual aids.

## **SCORE SHEET**

1. 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.
2. Judges' comments will be returned to CEA/AST or 4-H club manager following the contest.

## **DIVISIONS**

1. **AGRIBUSINESS** – Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as:
  - Cooperatives
  - Sales
  - Service
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Marketing/Advertising
  - Finance
  - Commodities
  - Hedging
2. **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
3. **ANIMAL SCIENCE** – Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of:
  - Dairy Industry
  - Equine
  - Poultry
  - Sheep
  - Goat
  - Swine
  - Beef
  - Specialty Animal Industries
  - Embryos

- 4. PLANT SCIENCE** – Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of 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
- 5. 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
- 6. 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
  - Journalism
  - Communications

## **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 & RODEO



## COVER GIRL

## **COVER GIRL REVUE**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – Friday, December 15, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

**COVER GIRL ORIENTATION** – Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

**COVER GIRL REHEARSAL** – Friday, March 1, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

**COVER GIRL REVUE CONTEST** – Saturday, March 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

**Cover Girl Buckle Sponsor – Lillie Lairsen**

### **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, 2023.
3. The 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, 2023, 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 2024 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 8, 2024, to be eligible to compete.
10. All contestants must attend Cover Girl Rehearsal on Friday, March 1, 2024, 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 120 words and cannot exceed a maximum of 150 words. The biography will serve as background information while the contestant walks on stage.
14. Deadline for entries and photographs will be Friday, December 15, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. A substitution for a contestant may be entered only by deadline, Friday, December 15, 2023.
15. The contestant selected as Cover Girl will officiate at the 2024 Show and her picture will appear on the cover of the 2025 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 organization, 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 2024 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





# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARD

## **GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARD**

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**

1. First place - \$50 and Banner – First in line at the load out
2. Second place - \$30 and Banner
3. Third place - \$25 and Banner
4. Winners of the Good Housekeeping Award in Junior Beef Divisions will receive prime location for stalling in the Event Center for the 2025 show. “Prime location” will be at the discretion of the stalling committee. Winners in market divisions will receive prime load out position.

### **RULES/REGULATIONS**

1. Each exhibit must consist of at least 5 exhibits.
2. Committee appointed by the Show Management will make inspections during the 10 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 on 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. Specific equipment rules for the rabbit division can be found in their section in the premium book.
  - 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, teachers, or club managers.



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING

## **LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

**JUDGES:** Javier Moreno (Edinburg, TX)  
Art Ponce (Edinburg, TX)

**ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE** – Monday, January 15, 2024

**ON SITE ENTRY DEADLINE** – 2:00 – 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2024

**ENTRY FEE – TEAM** - \$20 per team online entries/ \$32 on-site **INDIVIDUAL** - \$5 per individual online entries

**PACKET PICK UP** – 7:30 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING EVENT** – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in the respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club
3. Team supervisor or team captain may enter their team on Friday, March 15, 2024, with the judging contest committee between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Team packets can be picked up on Saturday, March 16, 2024, 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.
4. 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.
5. 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. 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. Violations can result in disqualification. Contestants should bring a clipboard, a blank sheet of paper and a pencil. This is a closed contest and will not be open to the public during contest time.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. All contestants are eligible for “high point individual”.
9. No video/recording allowed during the contest or reasons discussion by the judge.

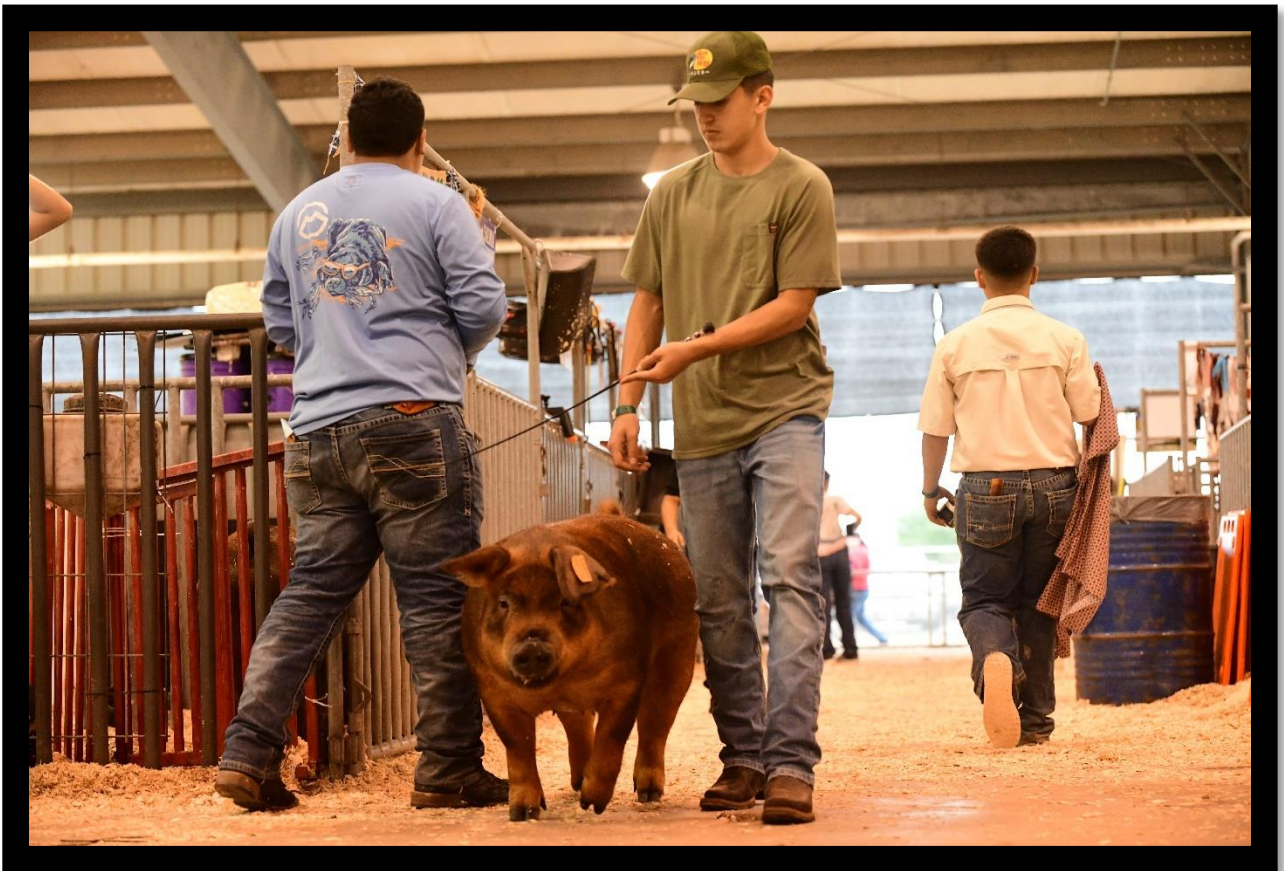
General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

### **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, Team Member Banner and Ribbons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team (in each age group) - \$40, Team Member Banner and Ribbons
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team (in each age group) - \$30, Team Member Banner and Ribbons





# 4-H & FFA SHOP DIVISION



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
SHOP PROJECT  
MERCEDES FFA



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

**CLASSIFIERS** – Sam Lewis (La Feria, TX)  
Ruben Alaniz

**JUDGES** – Jay Newton (Vega, TX)  
Robert Quintero (Mission, TX)  
Scott Butler (Navasota, TX)  
Monty Main (Lindale, TX)

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOW GROUNDS** – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024, and Saturday, March 9, 2024

**AWARDS** – 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**RELEASE OF ITEMS** – 7:00 – 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024

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 public, through exhibits, some of the values of agricultural science training.

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR SHOP DIVISION**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide active member of a Texas 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, 2024.
2. All projects must be constructed in a home or school shop under the supervision of an AST, CEA, or 4-H Club Manager, 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 built 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/2 Classifiers at the time of check-in.
5. Only ASTs, CEAs, 4-H Club Managers, parents/legal guardians, a representative, or a student representative can check-in projects. This person must have a registration sheet for each project he/she is entering. A 4x6 photograph of the project with the exhibitor(s) must be attached to the Shop Project Registration Form.
6. 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.
7. There will be no substitution of projects or exhibitors. The item entered on the entry application must be the item brought to the Show.

8. Team 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.
9. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 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 in 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.
10. All vehicles pulling or hauling entries to the Show must be removed from the area next to the Youth Center after entries are unloaded.
11. 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 Youth Center. Any project with wet paint or finish must remain outside the youth center 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.
12. 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 9, 2024, at which time awards will be announced and presented. No advisors or parents in the Youth Center while shop projects are being judged.
13. 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
14. Immediately after judging, butane bottles on any project must be removed and taken out of the Youth Center.
15. Failure to comply with rules will result in forfeiture of awards.
16. Exhibitors of the overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 16, 2024.
17. 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.
18. Items in larger entry classes, including but not limited to hunting blinds and trailers, may be displayed outside the building along the south wall of the Youth Center.
19. Decorations shall be confined to only the project exhibited. No decorations may be placed near or around the floor area of projects at any time during the Show.
1. PENDING: RGVLS has not finalized an avenue to include certain divisions in either an auction or add-on program. The following may be necessary for this division to be included in those efforts.

After judging, certain projects may be tagged for sale/ add-on program.

### **CLASSES FOR FARM & RANCH DIVISION**

- 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, welding 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 and game hanging devices.
- E. TRAILERS 10' BOX AND UNDER – All trailers must meet TXDOT Regulations. Include description of trailer.
- F. TRAILERS 10' BOX AND OVER – All trailers must meet TXDOT Regulations. Include description of trailer.
- G. BAR-B-QUE PITS – Trailered 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 TXDOT 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 TXDOT Regulations.
- I. SMALL WILDLIFE EQUIPMENT – Filet boards, fishing rods, lures, scabbards and holsters, knives, small gun holders, rod racks.

### **CLASSES FOR HOME & GARDEN DIVISION**

- 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 8, 2024**

#### **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 9, 2024**

#### **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 23 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 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

## **4-H/FFA SHOP DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of the 4-H/FFA Shop Division are eligible to compete. Exhibitors must have entered a project in the 2024 show. Exhibitors will be divided into two groups based on their grade as of the day of the show.

### **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</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

## **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



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
FEBE GRACE SNYMAN  
NEW HORIZONS 4-H

## **ALL VALLEY COTTON STYLE SHOW**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY OF GARMENTS** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**PRELIMINARY JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024 (closed to public)

**STYLE SHOW CHECK-IN** – 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

**JUDGING/STYLE SHOW** – 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ALL VALLEY COTTON STYLE SHOW**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H club 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, 2024. 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 be reclassified.
6. Garments must be checked by the exhibitor's supervisor at time of fitting (before hemming) and at completion of garment. Information forms must be signed and dated by supervisor at both checks and verified to be exhibitor's work. Information forms must accompany garments.
7. A 4x6 photo of the exhibitor in their finished project must be attached to the information sheet. Please include a list of hobbies, activities, etc. in the description of the 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. The exhibitor must be available for an interview on Saturday, March 9, 2024, 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**

1. 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.
2. Violations or complaints should be reported to the Style Show Committee prior to judging. Once preliminary judging has begun, disqualification will not be made.

3. Any legitimate infraction of the previously mentioned 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.
4. 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 at 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, skiwear, 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 16, 2024, 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 23 also apply.

# RGVLS CALF SCRAMBLE



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**SPECIAL RULES FOR THE RGVLS CALF SCRAMBLE**

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 Participant's Release and Indemnity form to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. Contestants will be notified of their acceptance, and the date and time they are to participate.
3. Incomplete Participant Release and Indemnity forms will not be accepted. 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, 2024, 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 2024 Show: one (1) during the Friday evening rodeo, March 15, 2024, and one (1) during the Saturday evening rodeo, March 16, 2024.

**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 no less than eight (8) referees appointed.

#### **PURCHASE CERTIFICATES AND RULES FOR THE 2024 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 CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THE THANK YOU LETTER IS RECEIVED.**
3. The steer/heifer must be purchased no later than September 1, 2024.
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, ARB, Red Brangus, Beefmaster, Miniature Hereford and AOB. The certificate may also be used to purchase a Commercial Heifer.
5. Steers/Heifers must have been calved no later than January 2024.
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 Market Steers, an original Registration Certificate from the seller for a registered heifer, and the scramble certificate are all required and must be returned to the Livestock Show Office by Monday, November 10, 2024.
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 14, 2025. 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 14, 2025, exhibitors 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 **within 15 days of the end of the show.**



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## GREASED PIG SCRAMBLE

## GREASED PIG SCRAMBLE

### SPECIAL RULES FOR THE 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 Texas 4-H club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school. Exhibitors must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties.
  - d. A completed Participant Release and Indemnity Form
3. Applications will be checked for eligibility. All eligible applications will be placed in a random lottery and 20 contestants will be drawn from that lottery.
4. Contestants must be in good health and be physically fit to participate. All participants must be present and checked in prior to orientation.
5. 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.
6. All participants must wear shoes at all times. No steel toed shoes or opened toe shoes will be allowed.
7. Participants must show up to register one hour prior to the event.
8. There will be 8 rounds of the Greased Pig Scramble during the Show, all to be held in the Lamb and Goat Arena.
9. 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.
10. If a contestant has a hold of a pig, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the pig unless it breaks away.
11. If two or more contestants catch the same pig, they will be ordered by the referee to release it.
12. 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.
13. Scrambles will be monitored by a group of no less than four (4) officials.
14. No contestant will be permitted to participate in the scramble more than one time in any one year.
15. Contestants will be permitted to catch a pig no more than once in his/her 4-H or FFA career.
16. Each exhibitor who wishes to participate must submit a Participant's Release and Indemnity Form to the show. Releases will be checked for eligibility.
17. 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.

18. A purchase certificate will be issued to each contestant catching a pig in each round in the amount of \$125.
19. 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 2025 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. If the project is not shown during the 2025 Show, you may be required to reimburse the Show for the cost of the project up to \$125.
20. The entire program, including the selection of the species and breed of livestock, the care and management, etc. will be under the supervision of the AST, CEA, or 4-H Club Manager.
21. Livestock must be purchased prior to February 7, 2025.
22. 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.
23. ASTs, CEAs, and 4-H Club Managers must enter their contestants through the online ShoWorks system.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.



# HORTICULTURE DIVISION



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
RAMON ALVAREZ  
STARLITE 4-H

## **HORTICULTURE DIVISION**

**JUDGE – Jim Allsup (Decatur, TX)**

**ENTRY FEE - \$20**

**ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024**

**CHECK-IN/CLASSIFYING – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024**

**JUDGING – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**CHAMPION DRIVE – 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**RELEASE OF PROJECTS – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024**

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR HORTICULTURE**

2. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H club, FFA chapter, and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school. Exhibitors must be residents of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties.
3. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 9 years old, but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
4. All plants entered in the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 8, 2023, and must not have been rooted and seeded before the previous year's livestock show, with the exception of projects in class 7.
5. The exhibitors will enter ONE entry online and the project will be classified upon delivery.
6. Each entry will consist of the following:
  - a. A total of 2 photos must be submitted along with each entry.
    - i. The first photo must have been taken on or before December 8, 2023.
    - ii. The second photo must be taken within one week of the entry deadline, January 8, 2024.
  - b. All plants should be in the official show pots by the January photo, with the exception of bulb class.
  - c. No student, student name or club name will be allowed in the photo.
  - d. Photos must be attached to the RGVLS Horticulture Worksheet.
    - i. These same photos must be in the exhibitor's record book as well, duplicate copies are recommended.
7. All horticulture projects must be grown in a home or school facility under the supervision of an AST, CEA, or 4-H club leader.
8. Decorations and fillers:
  - No accessories on the outside or inside of the pots or special stands will be allowed in the greenhouse, with the exception of the trellises purchased from the Show.
  - No rocks or aggregates in any pots larger than sand. No decorative bark on top of potting soil except for the succulent division.
  - Exceptions to succulent and terrarium divisions:
    - Aggregates no larger than 2 cm in diameter will be allowed.
    - Gravel larger than 2 cm will be disqualified at the judge's discretion.
    - See show container section of this book for more details.
9. All plants must be living.
10. Plants must be wiped clean, using only soap and water. No shine or wax will be allowed.
11. All plants must be watered prior to entry. Exhibitors must water their own plants during the show.

12. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the show.
13. No entry may be re-potted within 60 days of the Show. Horticulture 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 8, 2024.
14. 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.
15. Check-in time will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. Judging of Horticulture entries will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The Champion Drive will be at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon at the greenhouse.
16. Entries will be classified upon arrival at the Show. The Horticulture Chairperson will resolve any questions regarding classification of entries. Entries that meet all rules and regulations will be placed in one of the ten divisions.
17. 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. Record book requirements must be met, or the exhibitor's entry will be disqualified.
  - a. Horticulture Record Books may be typed, printed, or neatly written by the exhibitor.
  - b. Record book is used for validation and any information needed by the judge to break a class tie.
  - c. At least 3 photos of the plant project must be submitted in the Record Book.
    - i. The first photo should be taken before December 8, 2023.
    - ii. Second photo by January 8, 2024.
    - iii. Third photo to be taken at least 2 weeks prior to the March event.
  - d. The committee will review, validate, or sift entries and corresponding pictures within a week after the January 15, 2024, entry deadline.
18. An entry identification card must be attached to each project at check-in time.
19. 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.
20. Plants will be judged according to the ideal standards for that species, taking these things into consideration:
  - 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. The Record Book, if good, could improve its placing.
21. 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.
22. Exhibitors must be responsible for getting their plants from the greenhouse to judging area and back to the greenhouse if they have a division winner.
23. PENDING: RGVLS has not finalized an avenue to include certain divisions in either an auction or add-on program. The following may be necessary for this division to be included in those efforts.



After judging, certain plants may be tagged for sale/ add-on program. Plants will be released to exhibitors on Sunday, March 17, 2024, 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 8, 2024

10" Hanging Basket – Class 3 - \$2.00

10" Round Pot – Classes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 - \$3.00

14" Round Pots – Class 10 (Edible plants only) - \$7.00

Tomato Cage - \$1.00

Oval Planter – Classes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 - \$4.00

Trellis - \$8.00

Terrarium - \$15.00

### **PLANT CLASSES**

Class 1 – Foliage Plants

Class 2 – Succulents – none older than 3 years – judge's discretion – three or more varieties

Class 3 – Trailers and Vines

Class 4 – Flowering Plants

Class 5 – Ferns

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

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

Class 8 – Collection of Herbs – three or more varieties

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

Class 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 16, 2024, 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 23 also apply.

# PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
JAYLEN GONZALEZ  
VAQUERO 4-H

## **PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY OF PHOTOS** – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024

**AUCTION FOR QUALIFYING PHOTOS** – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION**

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, 2023. All participants must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties.
2. The exhibitor will enter in the division according to his/her grade as of September 1, 2023:
  - 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 photographs must have been taken between March 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024. Photographs must be original to the exhibitor. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for damaged photographs. Entries must be suitable for all groups. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified. The photography committee reserves the right to reject material considered inappropriate. No photos of alcoholic beverages are allowed. Settlements of any disputes or discrepancies that may arise are at the sole discretion of the Photography 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. Exhibitors may enter only one photo for judging. Entries must be submitted through the online entry system. Classification will be completed upon delivery.
5. Photos must be 8"x10" and must be matted with black, white, or black with white. Mats must be 11"x14" with an 8"x10" opening. 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 must have a release waiver attached to the back of the photo.
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 2, 2024, 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 a photography piece is not properly matted with forms in place it will not be accepted.
9. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
  - a. Composition
  - b. Originality
  - c. 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 subject in the photo must be ones which could be moved and rearranged, not part of the landscape or the fixtures of a building. Lighting can be either natural or artificial.
- E. **Landscape & Scenery** – Photos focus on the beauty of nature. Photos in this category would include sunsets, sunrises, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, farms, nature, and other outdoor scenes.
- F. **Action Photography** – Photos of subjects in motion. Subjects can be playing sports, running, etc. as long as the focal point of the photo is in motion.
- G. **Plants & Flora** – Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can take place 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. The 2024 theme is **“A Legacy of Youth and Agriculture”**.
- 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.
- J. **Elements of Design** – Photos showcasing elements of design such as lines, shapes, patterns, forms, textures, perspectives, etc. Photos consist of any subject matter as long as focus is clearly on an element of design.

11. All photographs entered and delivered to RGVLS become the property of the show. RGVLS reserves the right to photograph, record video and utilize submitted photographs for development education, promotion, and/or marketing purposes for the show or its entities. Waiver must be signed.

12. PENDING: RGVLS has not finalized an avenue to include certain divisions in either an auction or add-on program. The following may be necessary for this division to be included in those efforts.

After judging, certain projects may be tagged for sale/ add-on program.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

## **AWARDS**

Overall Grand Champion – Buckle

Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle

Division Champion – Rosette

Reserve Division Champion - Rosette

1<sup>st</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> places – 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 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.



# WESTERN ART DIVISION



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
GABRIELA GARZA  
EDINBURG NORTH ART



## WESTERN ART DIVISION

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY OF ART** – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024

**AUCTION FOR QUALIFYING PIECES** – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024

**RELEASE OF ENTRIES** – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024

### SPECIAL RULES FOR WESTERN ART DIVISION

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. Only one piece of art may be entered per exhibitor and must be the sole work of the exhibitor. Artwork must be in one class only. Example: no pencil and felt tip markers or pencil and watercolors. Each category will be color coded for easier judging. Art pieces will be classified upon delivery. Art may be entered in one of the following categories:
  - a. Class 1 – Oil, Acrylic
  - b. Class 2 – Watercolor, Tempera, Transparent Acrylic
  - c. Class 3 – Mixed Media, Collage, Wall Hangings,
  - d. Class 4 – Pencil
  - e. Class 5 – Pen & Ink
  - f. Class 6 – Colored Pencils, Crayons
  - g. Class 7 – Felt Tip Markers
  - h. Class 8 – Pastel
3. 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.
4. Art may be realistic or abstracts of Texas ranch life, cowboy or rodeo episodes, any imaginative country and western scene or one depicting Cowboys or Native Americans. If wildlife is the subject of the piece, it must be American Wildlife and must be shown in a western setting. No nude or suggestive characters.
5. Size of artwork (mat required/ **NO FRAMES**):
  - a. Minimum 11" x 14" – this includes up to 3" mat.
  - b. Maximum 20" x 24" – this includes up to 3" mat.
  - c. Display Instructions:
    - i. Art must be backed or mounted on rigid medium weight illustration board. Do not use poster board or construction paper. Support must be sturdy enough to prevent sagging and must not be pieced together.
    - ii. Mat must not exceed 3 inches on any side.
    - iii. Paintings on canvas stretcher frames must have wire hanger on the back.
    - iv. Clear acrylic or acetate coverings may be used but are not mandatory, however it is suggested covering be used on charcoal and pastels.
    - v. All work must be dry.

- vi. Each art piece must have a waiver form attached to the back of the piece.
- vii. Any work that does not meet the above rules will be disqualified.

6. **PENDING:** RGVLS has not finalized an avenue to include certain divisions in either an auction or add-on program. The following may be necessary for this division to be included in those efforts.

After judging, certain projects may be tagged for sale/ add-on program. Projects will be released to exhibitors on Sunday, March 17, 2024, between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Any projects not picked up by this time will become property of the Show.

## **JUDGING**

The decision of the judges will be final. 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.

## **AWARDS**

Overall Grand Champion – Buckle

Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle

Division Champion – Rosette

Reserve Division Champion - Rosette

1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> places - 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 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.

# MARKET GOAT



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
ANALIYA FLEMING  
RIO GRANDE CITY FFA

## **MARKET GOAT DIVISION**

**JUDGE – Brent Jennings – Raleigh, NC**

**SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE – Roel Garza (Banquete, TX)**

**ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024**

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024**

**WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024**

**JUDGING – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12 – Lamb & Goat Barn**

**SHOWMANSHIP – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**LOAD OUT – 11:00 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance**

**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – F&T Farm & Cattle Company**

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET GOATS**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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, 2024.
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 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.
4. All goats must be state validated and recorded in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties by October 31, 2023. All market goats entering the showring are required to have legible/visible state validation tattoos and ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
5. Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed, a wether, or unbred doe.
6. 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.
7. An exhibitor may enter only one market goat.
8. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
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 the animal’s 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. The accuracy of information submitted and recorded is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
11. The decision of the sifters will be final. Protests will not be accepted on sifter’s opinion.



12. After sifting, the goats will be divided into five weight divisions as equitably as possible. Each weight division will then be divided into four classes as equitably in number as possible. All goats of the same weight will be put in the same weight group.
13. 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. All Market Goats will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitors being barred from future shows.
14. Goats must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
  - a. Must weigh at least 65 pounds. The 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 to the continued health of goats or marketability of goat carcasses will be sifted.
  - c. All goats must be slick shorn from the knee and hock up with 3/8 inch of hair or less.
  - d. Sharp or pointed horns must be clipped, rounded, or sanded to the diameter 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 the time of sifting.
  - f. Exhibitors must have a collar or halter on their goat at all times during sifting.
  - g. Significant clipping/shearing on the body at the showgrounds is not considered touch up clipping, and the goat is subject to disqualification.
15. Trimming Tables: No Market Goat Trimming Tables or show rails are permitted on the grounds. All market goats must be clipped before arrival to 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.
16. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.
17. Chokers and spikes will not be permitted during sift or during judging.
18. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with a 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.
19. 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.
20. No drenching, watering/feeding, or grooming is allowed while in the "holding area" at any time.
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. The 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 or below its recorded official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.
23. The Show 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 sample compared to the DNA analysis of the samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified.



24. Showmanship will take place Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. All exhibitors must declare showmanship during the sifting process.
25. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
- Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight 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 weight division.
  - 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Division Champions – \$500 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 16, 2024, 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. Exhibitors must show their own market goat for showmanship and exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade as of the day of the 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 & Buckle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon

# MARKET HOG



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
AVERY FOHN  
HIGHLAND HUSTLERS 4-H

## **MARKET HOG DIVISION**

**JUDGE** – Doug Albright (Coldwater, MI)

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**VALIDATION CHECK/WEIGHT CARD TURN IN** – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**CORRECTIONS TO WEIGHT CARDS** – 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**CLASSIFYING/JUDGING** – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024

**SHOWMANSHIP** – 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2024

**LOAD OUT** – 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024 (Times subject to change).

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance

**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – F&T Farms & Cattle Company

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET HOGS**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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 9 years old, but under 20 as of January 1, 2024.
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 state validated through the Texas Swine Validation Program by November 30, 2023. 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 market hog.
6. Exhibitors must remove hogs 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 exhibitors being barred from future shows.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. From Monday, March 11, 2024, 12 p.m. to Saturday, March 16, 2024, 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 hog or people walking down the alley ways. These items may be placed on the exterior perimeter of the hog barn pens. The 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.

10. The market hog barn will be closed to everyone, except for market hog committee members, on Saturday, March 16, 2024, starting at 4:00 p.m. and will re-open on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. No one is allowed to remove showboxes, feed boxes, water tubes or tack between these hours.
11. Animals must stay in assigned pens. Exhibitors cannot build their own pens. You should bring your own dividers.
12. 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 weight cards by the exhibitor or representative will not be changed after Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Committee errors on class and weight posting will NOT be changed after Wednesday, March 15, 2024, at 12:00 noon. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
13. Scales will be allowed in the barn during sifting and judging within club/chapter assigned pens or designated areas, provided they are tagged with the club/chapter name, and they must state "Non-Official Scale". No scales will be allowed in alleyways at any time. Scales must be removed within one hour of the end of the market hog show.
14. No ear notching is permitted on the showgrounds. Any freshly notched ear discovered on the grounds will result in disqualification of the animal. Disqualified hogs are still subject to consignment contract.
15. All market hogs entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. Exhibitors may NOT remove ear tags from their animals. If ear tags fall off, it must be turned in to 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 resale money being held by RGVLS.
16. 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.
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. No drenching, watering/feeding, or grooming is allowed while in the "holding area" at any time.
19. Market hogs will be classified by the judge as they enter the show ring.
20. 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 breed, which in his/her opinion, the animal is eligible to be exhibited.
21. 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 is on RGVLS property, it will not be permitted to leave the RGVLS Grounds without approval of the RGVLS Administration.
22. The Show 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.
23. All market hogs will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid.

24. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

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

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

## **JUDGING**

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

- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Yorkshire
- Light OPB
- Dark OPB
- Light Crossbreeds
- Dark/Other Crossbreeds

In the event there are as many as 75 entries of another Purebred, classes will be added for that breed. If the number of entries of any breed falls below 40, that breed class will be discontinued the following year. Hogs will be put in classes as 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 the class which produced the Breed Champion, will compete with the 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, \$500 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 16, 2024, 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. Exhibitors must show their own hog for showmanship and an exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade as of the day of the 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 & Buckle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon

## Swine Breed Classification Guidelines

Berkshire	Chester White	Hampshire
<p><b>IDEAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predominantly black possessing Berkshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape</li> <li>A Berkshire should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at end of tail (unless tail is docked)</li> <li>Erect ears</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An occasional splash of white skin/hair may appear on the body</li> <li>Three of the four legs/feet must be white</li> <li>Ear can have white on it (not full coverage)</li> <li>Red or fawn hair, if over black or white skin pigmentation</li> <li>Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gray pigmentation on the body (spotting or mottling pattern)</li> <li>Moderate amount of white skin splashes</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid white or solid black face from base of ear forward</li> <li>Solid black nose (white does not break rim of nose)</li> <li>Solid white ear</li> <li>Excessive white on the body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full coverage of white coming up the lower 1/3 of the body (not including legs) that extends from the base of the jaw through sternum and lower body through seam of the ham</li> <li>White splash extends from rear leg to upper hip</li> </ul> </li> <li>White skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.</li> <li>Any evidence of belt formation on the body</li> <li>Lacks breed character with regards to skull and/or ear shape</li> <li>Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character</li> </ul>	<p><b>IDEAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid white in color possessing Chester White breed character</li> <li>Medium sized ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partially erect/level ear</li> <li>Skin pigmentation</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erect ears</li> <li>Colored hair</li> <li>Color on the skin, cumulatively larger than a U.S. minted silver dollar</li> <li>Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character</li> </ul>	<p><b>IDEAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black in color with full white belt over the shoulder encompassing both front legs/feet</li> <li>Possess Hampshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape</li> <li>Erect ears</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black head with a white body, with evidence of pigment and freckling down the top</li> <li>White belt starting on a front foot/leg; belt partially encircles body extending to at least the chest floor (half belt)</li> <li>Freckling in the belt</li> <li>Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large spots within the belt</li> <li>Belt is in front of or behind a solid black front leg</li> <li>If belt v's and progresses towards the poll (base of the ear)</li> <li>White tip on tail, if docked</li> <li>White on rear leg extends to the base of the ham</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streaking or evidence of white on forehead</li> <li>White skin extends over the rim of the nose</li> <li>When mouth is closed, the white under the chin cannot exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover</li> <li>Black head with a white body without freckles or pigmentation</li> <li>Belt extends past the sheath (sheath must be black)</li> <li>Excessive frosting or white hair outside the belt</li> <li>Red hair</li> <li>Droopy or floppy ears</li> <li>Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character</li> </ul>
	Duroc	
	<p><b>IDEAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be red in color, possessing Duroc breed character</li> <li>Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptable colors range from light red to dark brown</li> <li>Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal amounts of black hair</li> <li>Black spots on the skin under two inches in diameter</li> <li>Partially erect/level ears</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excessive amounts of black hair</li> <li>White Hair</li> <li>White skin on the body or legs, or that extends over the rim of the nose</li> <li>Four (4) or more black spots on the skin, any of which are larger than two (2) inches in diameter</li> <li>Evidence of a belt</li> <li>Erect ears</li> <li>Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character</li> </ul>	

## Swine Breed Classification Guidelines

Landrace	Crossbred	Poland China
<p><b>IDEAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be solid white possessing Landrace breed character</li> <li>Large ears that droop and slant forward coming to a sharp point</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ear deformity/ ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short rounded ears</li> <li>Short snout mimicking that of a Chester White</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erect ears</li> <li>Any hair color other than white</li> <li>More than 3 spots of skin pigmentation; each individual spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter</li> <li>Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character</li> </ul>	<p><b>LIGHT CROSS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any pigs with white and/or blue only</li> </ul> <p><b>DARK / OTHER CROSS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other colors (i.e. black, red and sandy)</li> </ul> <p><b>Spotted</b></p> <p><b>IDEAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be black and white, possessing Spotted breed character</li> <li>Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predominantly black with white spots or predominantly white with black spots</li> <li>Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partially erect/ level ears</li> <li>Moderate brown spots</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erect ears</li> <li>Solid black head from base of ears forward</li> <li>Distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder</li> <li>Red hair</li> <li>Excessive brown spots</li> <li>Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character</li> </ul>	<p><b>IDEAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predominantly black possessing Poland China breed character</li> <li>A Poland China should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at the end of the tail (unless tail is docked)</li> <li>Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A slight continuation or white from the legs to the body</li> <li>Ear may have white on it</li> <li>Three of the four legs must be white</li> <li>May have an occasional splash of white on the body</li> <li>Hair and skin texture can vary from coarse to thin, and color can vary from dark black to ashy/pale</li> <li>Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partially erect/level ears</li> <li>A moderate continuation of white from the legs to the body</li> <li>Moderate freestanding white, not attached to a leg</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erect ears</li> <li>Solid white or solid black face</li> <li>More than one solid black leg</li> <li>If the white on a solid white ear goes past the base of the ear</li> <li>An excessive continuation of white from the legs, encompassing the upper hip or shoulder</li> <li>Excessive freestanding white, not attached to a leg</li> <li>Evidence of belt formation</li> <li>Red or sandy hair</li> <li>Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character</li> </ul>
Yorkshire		
<p><b>IDEAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be completely white in color possessing Yorkshire breed character</li> <li>Erect ears</li> </ul> <p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear)</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excessively large or wavy ears</li> <li>Color pigmentation (on body) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two individual pigmentation spots of which neither can be larger than a U.S. minted dime</li> <li>One pigmentation spot cannot be larger than a U. S. minted quarter</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any hair color that is NOT white</li> <li>Broken/ down ears</li> <li>Combined pigmentation spots that exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar</li> <li>Any series of dots that indicate masking</li> <li>Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character</li> </ul>		



# MARKET LAMB



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
KAREN RIVERA  
SHOWLIFE 4-H

## **MARKET LAMB DIVISION**

**CLASSIFIERS** - Russell Duncum (Martindale, TX),  
Ric Hunter (Jourdanton, TX),  
John Lanier (Somerset, TX)

**JUDGE** – Cody Sloan (Cameron, MO)

**SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE** – Russell Duncum (Martindale, TX)

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

**WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**SHOWMANSHIP** – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024

**LOAD OUT** – 11:00 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance  
**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – 4C Cattle Company

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET LAMBS**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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 under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
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. All lambs must be state validated and recorded in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties by October 31, 2023. All market lambs entering the showring are required to have legible/visible state validation tattoos and ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
5. Lambs may be wether or ewe lambs. All lambs must have been validated by the Texas Lamb Validation Program by October 31, 2023.
6. Any exhibitor can enter only one market lamb.
7. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
8. Pens will not be taken apart or altered in any way without the approval of the superintendents. Superintendent reserves the right to pen a minimum of three head per pen.



9. Lambs must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
  - a. All lambs must weigh at least 90 lbs. There will be no maximum 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 the 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 breed.
10. 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 exhibitors being barred from future shows.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Exhibitors must declare the animal's 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. The accuracy of information submitted and recorded is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
14. 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.
15. After sifting, lambs will be divided into weight groups by breeds as equal 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.
16. 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.
17. Fitting: Only water is allowed. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with a 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.
18. 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.

19. Trimming Tables & Trim Chutes: No Market Goat Trimming Tables or show rails are permitted on the 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.
20. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.
21. 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.
22. No drenching, watering/feeding, or grooming is allowed while in the "holding area" at any time.
23. 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.
24. Any lambs may be reweighed during judging at any time determined by the Superintendent. Any lamb weighing more than 5 lbs. above or below its declared show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.
25. The Show 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.
25. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight division of the Market Lamb Division.
  - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each weight division.
  - 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

## **BREEDS**

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

## Lamb Breed Classification Guidelines

### Haired

#### ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS

- Bardo, St. Croix, Dorper, White Dorper, Katahdin or a cross among these breeds.
- No wool below knees and hocks
- No wool forward of poll
- No excessive wool coverings

#### DISCRIMINATORY BREED

#### CHARACTERISTICS

- Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than the five listed above.
- Solid black lambs
- No evidence of hair on britch, belly, or forearm.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.

### Fine Wool

#### ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS

- Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet or a cross between these three breeds.
- Soft pelt
- Silky, white face that is narrow and clean cut
- Silky, medium size ears
- White hooves and legs

#### DISCRIMINATORY BREED

#### CHARACTERISTICS

- Black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body of the lamb.
- Freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin may be permitted on the face and ears if the other breed characteristics are in order.
- Freckles or brown or black spots above the hooves.
- Coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, down the back of the hind legs and above the hooves.
- Black pigmentation in the hooves
- Black lambs should be classified as medium wool.

### Fine Wool Cross

#### ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS

- Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% fine wool breeding
- Soft pelt that is characteristics of 1/2 blood fine wool
- Mottling or some spotting on face and ears
- Mottling and/or spotting of legs below the knees and stifle joint
- Face and ears should be soft and silky

#### DISCRIMINATORY BREED

#### CHARACTERISTICS

- Face, ears and legs should not be extremely dark or solid in color
- Coarse, chalky white hair on face, ears, legs and in the flanks
- Colored fiber (black or brown spots) in the wool.

### Medium Wool

All other breeds not mentioned in other sections listed.

### Southdown

#### ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS

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

#### DISCRIMINATORY BREED

#### CHARACTERISTICS

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

#### ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION

- Speckled face or legs
- Horns or scars
- Solid black lambs
- Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double muscled

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champions – \$500 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 16, 2024, 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. Exhibitors must show their own lamb for showmanship and an exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade as of the day of the 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 & Buckle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 and Ribbon



# MARKET POULTRY



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
THOMAS CRUZ  
BRIGGS COLEMAN 4-H



## **MARKET POULTRY DIVISION**

**JUDGE – Ray Pieniazek (Adkins, TX)**

**ORDER/ENTRY DEADLINE – December 8, 2023**

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS & SIFTING – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

**JUDGING – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET POULTRY**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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, 2024.
3. All orders for chicks must be placed no later than December 8, 2023. 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 cancellations 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 Single Bird Class. The Pen of Broilers entry will consist of three birds. The Best Single Bird class will consist of a single bird and may not come from the pen of broilers class.
8. 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 exhibitors being barred from future shows.
9. 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.
10. Each exhibitor may bring no more than 5 birds to sift: Pen of 3, Best Single Bird and one alternate or pen 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.
11. Birds will be inspected by the judge at sifting to eliminate entries not in proper show condition.
12. Birds found to have bruises, broken wings, or other disqualifying defects during sift may be replaced by an alternate bird or best single 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.

13. Birds losing their wing band for whatever reason are ineligible to show. Birds with wing bands showing signs of intentional tampering are subject to being sifted. Birds bearing a wing band other than one assigned to the exhibitor will be sifted.
14. There is no maximum or minimum weight per bird. Birds will not be weighed at the Show. Visibly underweight birds will be subject to being sifted at the discretion of the judge.
15. 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 the disqualification of the exhibitor from future shows. The Show will provide feed and shavings. Exhibitors may also bring their own feed.
16. 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 handled inside the cage only by the owner of the birds.
17. Exhibitors must be present at the time of sifting and judging to show their birds to the judge. Each exhibitor should arrange for two additional 4-H or FFA members to help them exhibit their birds during judging.
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. 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.
20. All exhibitors are required to display an exhibitor card on their pens at all times.
21. 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 single bird will be allowed to replace the expired bird, but only if an alternate bird and/or best single 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.
22. Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and places 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

#### **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – \$500 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



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
MADISON GUERRA  
PSJA FFA

## **MARKET RABBIT DIVISION**

**JUDGE** – George Krejci (Needville, TX)

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY/WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

**REGISTER FOR RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP** – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024, followed by Showmanship.

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET RABBITS**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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 9 years old but under 20 as of January 1, 2024.
3. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of the RGVLS validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the RGVLS 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 RGVLS Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated rabbits.
4. Validation of market rabbits will take place Saturday, February 24, 2024, 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 through 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.
5. An exhibitor can enter only one pen. A pen consists of three rabbits, all must be the same breed or the pen will be sifted. Choose the 3 rabbits you want to enter before you get to the showgrounds. Rabbits should be brought in a single wire carrying cage with suspended wire floor. Do not use laundry baskets, pet carriers, cardboard boxes, or milk crates.
6. **All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.**
7. Rabbits must be clean, dry, and must be presentable to the judge and rabbit committee at the time of sift or the pen will be sifted.
8. There will be no tattoos, markings, written markers, 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 by the Market Rabbit Committee on validation day. If a different tattoo, marking, written marker or symbol other than the RGVLS tattoo, in either ear, appears on the market rabbit pen during the 2024 show, the entire pen will be disqualified.
9. 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 exhibitors being barred from future shows.
10. Rabbits will be weighed on an official show scale at time of sift.

11. Rabbits will be sifted in accordance with the current American Rabbit Breeders 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.
12. 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.
13. The judge will have final say if the animal is show worthy or will be sifted.
14. 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.
15. After rabbits have been accepted by the Show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor.
16. 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 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.
17. Each exhibitor must identify the breed of their rabbits at the time of check-in/sift.
18. 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 waterer. No crocks or bowls allowed.
19. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits each day until the 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, and forfeit placing and premiums.
20. 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.
21. The livestock show will not be responsible for any rabbits that get sick or expire while on exhibit or in case of fire.



22. 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.
23. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with the American Rabbit Breeders Association's (ARBA) Standard and Guide for Judging Meat Classes. Judges will additionally refer to the appropriate Breed Standards, as they deem necessary.
24. 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%
25. The 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, AST, CEA, 4-H club manager, or parent/legal guardian will be allowed to handle their own individual, club, or chapter's rabbit projects at any time during the week of the Show.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. Delivery of rabbits to the buyer or his agents will be made on Sunday, March 17. Feeders and water bottles may be removed after load-out. Exhibitors are not allowed in the barn during the load out process.
26. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight division of the Market Rabbit Division.
  - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each weight division.
  - 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

## **BREEDS**

- New Zealand
- Californian
- Crossbreeds and Other Purebreds

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 Schedule of Premiums.

The New Zealand classes will now include New Zealand White, New Zealand Black, New Zealand Broken and New Zealand Red and New Zealand Blue. 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 – \$500 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 16, 2024, 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 11**

- Only rabbit exhibitors who are exhibiting their own rabbits will be allowed to enter the Rabbit Showmanship Competition. Exhibitors must enter for showmanship through the online ShoWorks system.
- 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 AgriLife 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.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

- Takes place after completion of all rabbit judging.
- The top five contestants from each of the 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 the 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



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
DAMIAN RANGEL  
SHARYLAND PIONEER FFA

## **MARKET STEER DIVISION**

**CLASSIFIERS** – Billy Best (Riviera, TX)  
John Lanier (Somerset, TX)  
Eduardo Sanchez (Kingsville, TX)

**JUDGE** – Parker Henley (Stillwater, OK)

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**SCALES OPEN** – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2024

**SHOWMANSHIP** – Following judging, Friday, March 15, 2024

**LOAD OUT** – 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024

**Grand Champion Market Steer Buckle** – Wanda Echols in memory of Larry Echols

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/ Texas Farm Bureau Insurance

**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – 4C Cattle Company

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR MARKET STEERS**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H 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 under 20 years of age, as of January 1, 2024.
3. All steers must have been validated on or before June 30, 2023, with an 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. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
4. An exhibitor may enter only one market steer.
5. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
6. 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.



7. Any animal which is found to have entered 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.
8. 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 exhibitors being barred from future shows.
9. Steers must meet the following requirements or be sifted:
  - a. Must weigh at least 1050 pounds. There will be no maximum weight limit.
  - b. Must be creditable from standpoints of types, quality finish and breed characteristics.
  - c. Must be free of grubs 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 uncontrollable or requires handling by more than one person may be sifted.
  - f. All steers must be shorn prior to arrival at the showgrounds. Hair must not exceed ¼ inch "on any location of the body excluding the tail switch. A tail switch is defined as no more than 10" above the end of the cartilage of the tail. No trimming on the grounds with corded clippers will be permitted. All steers must be clean at the time of sifting.
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 Steer Barn.
11. Exhibitors must declare the 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. 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 reclassified. Steers will be moved by the classifiers to the breed which, in their opinion, the animal is eligible to be entered.
13. The act of artificially filling animals internally by stomach pumping is prohibited and will result in disqualification of the animal.
14. Decision of official veterinarian, classifier and/or sifter will be final, and no protests will be considered by the show management.
15. After sifting, steers will be divided by breed and put in classes as 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
16. 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 at the showgrounds 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.

17. No corded blowers will be permitted during the Junior Market Shows.
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. No drenching, watering/feeding, or grooming is allowed while in the "holding area" at any time.
20. 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.
21. Any steer may be designated for reweigh at any time determined by the Steer Superintendent. Any steer weighing more or less than 5% of its 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.
22. 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.
23. The Show 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.
24. 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.
27. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight division of the Market Steer Division.
  - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each weight division.
  - 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

## **MARKET STEER BREEDS**

Eligibility for the following breeds will be based solely on visible characteristics as determined by the state Major Livestock Show Advisory Committee 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

## Texas Show Steer Breed Classification

American Breeds Cross (ABC)	Charolais	Chianina
<p><b>ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any color (or color pattern)</li> <li>Progression of importance to include Bos indicus-influenced head (longer from eye-to-nose than from eye-to-poll), eye (e.g., almond shaped), ear of adequate length (slightly drooping, slightly tapering at the end, and opening down and forward), showing Bos indicus-influenced sheath.</li> <li>Crest (or evidence of hump).</li> <li>With adequate Bos indicus head, eye, and ear characteristics (sheath score is of less importance).</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bos taurus head</li> <li>Bos taurus short ear</li> <li>Bos taurus eye</li> <li>Sheath score of 1</li> <li>Slick neck (lack of crest or evidence of hump)</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A combination of a Bos taurus head, eye, and ear</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Charolais</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White, yellow, gray, or silver</li> <li>Expression of diluter gene</li> <li>Minimal painting or spotting (less than 20%)</li> <li>Skunk tail, line back, or baldy</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painting or spotting (more than 20%)</li> <li>Double muscling</li> <li>Frail bone work and frail general appearance</li> <li>Light red color or orange</li> <li>Short, stubby head</li> <li>Overly refined, narrow head</li> <li>Moderate black pigmentation (e.g., skin around eyes, nose, ears, or anus.)</li> <li>Moderate dappling</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black, red, or dark smuts</li> <li>Showing no diluter gene (unless solid white)</li> <li>Excessive painting or spotting</li> <li>Brindles/brindling, roans</li> <li>Excessive dappling</li> <li>Excessive black pigmentation (e.g., skin around eyes, nose, ears, or anus)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must exhibit Chianina influence in head (ear, eye, and nose) and skeleton</li> <li>Any shade of black, red, gray, or yellow</li> <li>Brindles, baldies, blaze faces, and motleys</li> <li>Head tends to be narrow thru the center part of the skull and exhibits a longer muzzle</li> <li>Muscle conformation tends to be smooth, not coarse or excessively round</li> <li>Skeleton tends to be lighter and smoother jointed</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coarse joins or skeleton</li> <li>Excessive spotting above the underline</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appears to be a purebred of any other breed</li> </ul>

Information provided can be found at <https://agrilife.org/bellcttyouthfair/files/2022/11/2024-2028-texas-show-steer-breed-classification-guidelines.pdf>

## Texas Show Steer Breed Classification

Maine Anjou	Santa Gertrudis	Simbrah
<p><b>ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid red</li> <li>• Solid black</li> <li>• Red and white</li> <li>• Black and white</li> <li>• Heavy skeletal structure</li> <li>• Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck and legs</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slight brindling on topline and down toward the loin edge</li> <li>• Signs of feathering on the neck</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brindle (down past the topline, extending onto the rib and down)</li> <li>• Roans</li> <li>• Diluter color pattern (e.g., yellow, orange, gray)</li> <li>• Appears to be more than 50% of any other breed</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b> - Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Santa Gertrudis with adequate Bos indicus head, eye, and ear characteristics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any color pattern of black, red, yellow, or orange</li> <li>• Moderate crest (no definite hump)</li> <li>• Moderate dewlap development</li> <li>• Moderate length of ear (slightly drooping) and opening forward</li> <li>• Sheath score of 2 to 5</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Straight, pendulous sheath</li> <li>• Sheath score of 1</li> <li>• Brindle coloring</li> <li>• Excessive white</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absence of any visible Santa Gertrudis characteristics</li> <li>• Absence of Bos indicus - influenced head, eye, ear, or sheath</li> <li>• Smokes, silvers, grays</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACCEPTABLE BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sheath score of 2 or greater</li> <li>• With Bos indicus head, eye, and ear characteristics (sheath score is less important)</li> <li>• Stocking legs</li> <li>• Bald, blaze, or streak-face or mottled-face</li> <li>• Solid black, solid red, or solid dun/tan combination with white (or any of the previously listed colors)</li> <li>• Brindle color pattern with white markings</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCRIMINATORY BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sheath score of 1</li> <li>• A Bos taurus head</li> <li>• A Bos taurus ear</li> <li>• A Bos taurus eye</li> <li>• Brindle color pattern with no white</li> </ul> <p><b>ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A combination of a Bos taurus head, ear, eye, and sheath</li> <li>• Roans</li> <li>• Grays</li> <li>• Smut</li> <li>• Silver</li> <li>• Solid yellow</li> </ul>

Information provided can be found at <https://agrilife.org/bellcttyouthfair/files/2022/11/2024-2028-texas-show-steer-breed-classification-guidelines.pdf>

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champions – \$500 Scholarship, Buckle, Banner & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champions – Banner & Rosette

The Breed Champions will compete for the Grand Champion Award. The Reserve Breed Champion in the 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 16, 2024, 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. Exhibitors must show their own steer for showmanship and an exhibitor number is required. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade as of the day of the 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**

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

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



# JR BREEDING GILTS



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
TAYLOR LAWSEN  
EAST CENTRAL SA FFA

## **JR BREEDING GILT DIVISION**

**JUDGE** – Cassidy Hayes (Port Lavaca, TX)

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOW** – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024, and

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**WEIGHT CARD TURN IN** – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024 – Hog Arena Office

**SHOWMANSHIP** – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**CLASSIFYING/JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

**RELEASE** – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/ Texas Farm Bureau Insurance

**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – 4C Cattle Company

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING GILTS**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas FFA chapter or Texas 4-H club, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but less than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
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. All Jr. Breeding Gilts must be from a Texas premises, as defined by the Texas Animal Health Commission. No gilts traveling from out of the state of Texas or considered by TAHC as “interstate” will be permitted on the showgrounds.
5. 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, 2023.
6. All Jr Breeding Gilts entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
7. 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.
8. 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 at show time.
9. 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.
10. Animals shown in this division will be ineligible for the Market Hog Division.

11. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.

12. Pen assignments will be based upon total entries and available pens. All exhibitors should be prepared to share pens. Pen dividers are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
13. Fitting: Water Only: Any other products used prior to or on the day of the show must be thoroughly washed off. Animals entering the ring groomed with any of these products will be ruled ineligible to show.
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. The decision of the judge will be final. Protest will not be accepted on the judge's opinion.
16. Gilts may be reweighed during judging at a time determined by the Superintendent. Any gilt weighing 15 pounds above/below than their declared official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing. There will be a 15 lbs. weigh back on all Breed and Reserve Breed Champions.
17. Any gilt weighing less than 225 lbs. will be in the first class of that breed, or an UNDER 225 lbs. class.
18. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed division 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 weight 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
- Hampshire
- Yorkshire
- White OPB
- Dark OPB
- Dark Cross
- Light Cross

Gilts will be put in classes as 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 23 and Texas Animal Health Commissions Rules and Regulations also apply.

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champion – \$500 Scholarship, Buckle, 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 Gilts are eligible to compete. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade as of the day of the 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**

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

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

## **SWINE SKILLATHON**

**CHECK-IN/LATE REGISTRATION** – 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024 – Event Center Ballroom

**DATE OF EVENT** – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**AWARDS PRESENTATION** – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024 - Event Center Hog Arena

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR SWINE SKILLATHON**

1. Entry: An entry fee of \$20 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 9, 2024, 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. 1 hour will be allowed for the written portion of the exam and 15 minutes will be allowed for the skill stations portion:
  - 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 divisions based on the exhibitor's grade level as of August 31, 2023.

- 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 GOATS



2023 CHAMPION PERCENTAGE & PUREBRED DOES  
MAYA MORENO  
EDINBURG VELA FFA



2023 CHAMPION COMMERCIAL DOE  
NAITSSA RAMIREZ  
RIO GRANDE CITY FFA

## **JR BREEDING GOAT DIVISION**

**JUDGE – Kurt Henry (Rainbow, TX)**

**ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024**

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024**

**CHECK-IN – 7:00 p.m. – Friday, March 8, 2024**

**JUDGING – 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, Showmanship to follow.**

**RELEASE – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance**

**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – 4C Cattle Company**

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING GOAT DIVISION**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but less than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
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. All Jr. Breeding Goats must be from Texas premises, as defined by the Texas Animal Health Commission. No goats traveling from out of the state of Texas or considered by TAHC as “intrastate” will be permitted on the showgrounds.
5. 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.
6. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
7. Identification: Goats must have a legible/visible state validation tattoo, or original registration tattoo corresponding to their registration certification number.
8. 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.
9. All Jr Breeding Goats must have a legible county tattoo. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
10. Original registration papers must accompany animal to Show.

11. Breeding goats validated as registered must have registration paperwork reflecting exhibitor ownership on or before October 1, 2023. If proper registration was not attained a breeding goat validated as registered may enter the commercial show. Registration paperwork is not required for breeding goats validated as “commercial” does.
12. Premise Tags will be enforced. Tags must be in place prior to check-in. This is not the responsibility of the committee. Exhibitors without premise tags will not be allowed to show.
13. Choke collars with spikes may be used during sift or during judging at the discretion of AST/CEA/4-H Club Manager/ parent or guardian, for the safety of the exhibitor.
14. Horns: Full bloods need to be horned, with minor tipping. Percentages may be horned or dehorned.
15. Goats entered in this division cannot be shown in the Market Goat Division.
16. 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 a 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 at the showgrounds is not considered touch up clipping, and the goat is subject to disqualification.
17. 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.
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.
20. Goats in the Jr Breeding Commercial Goat Division will be classified by weight and tooth age. Any commercial goat may be reweighed during judging at any time determined by the Superintendent. Any commercial goat weighing more than 5 lbs. above or below its declared show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.
21. Purebred and Percentage goats will be shown by the age on the Registration Certificate.
22. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight division of the Jr Breeding Goat Division.
  - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each weight 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, 2023
- Class 2 – Percentage females born June 1, 2023, to August 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Percentage females born March 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023
- Class 4 – Percentage females born November 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023
- Class 5 – Percentage females born July 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 6 – Percentage females born March 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
- Class 7 – Born Before March 1, 2022
- Class 8 – Breed Champion Percentage Female – \$500 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, 2023
- Class 11 – Purebred females born June 1, 2023, to August 31, 2023
- Class 12 – Purebred females born March 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023
- Class 13 – Purebred females born November 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023
- Class 14 – Purebred females born July 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 15 – Purebred females born March 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
- Class 16 – Born Before March 1, 2022
- Class 17 – Breed Champion Purebred Female – \$500 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 showring 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. 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.
6. Goats may be reweighed during judging at any time determined by the Superintendent. Any goat weighing more than 5 lbs. above or below its initial show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.

### **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 –\$500 Scholarship, Banner & 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 groups based on their grade as of the day of the show. Exhibitors 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 & Buckle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon



# JR BREEDING RABBITS



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
ALEXANDER MORALES  
AG SCIENCE ACADEMY 4-H

## **JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION**

**JUDGE** – George Krejci (Needville, TX)

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY/WEIGHING/SIFTING/CLASSIFYING** – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**JUDGING** – 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024, followed by Showmanship.

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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 9 years old but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
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 entry must have a legible breeder’s/owner’s tattoo in the rabbit’s left ear only. There will be no tattoos, markings, written markers, 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 is 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 15, 2024, 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 2024 Jr Breeding Rabbit Show.
5. Please bring the rabbits in a wire carrying cage with a suspended floor. Do not bring rabbits in laundry baskets, pet carriers, cardboard boxes, or milk crates. Rabbits must be clean and dry, or the rabbit will be sifted.
6. Rabbits will be weighed on official Show scales at time of entry.
7. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or automatically be sifted:
  - a. Must be of 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
8. The identification card during sift with pen number will be color coded as per breed. The card must follow the exhibitor to the end of the sift table where the judge will place.
  9. The judge will have final say if the animal is show worthy or will be sifted.
  10. 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.
  11. After rabbits have been accepted by the Show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor and the entry.
  12. Rabbits entered in this division are ineligible to be shown in the Market Rabbit Division.
  13. 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 the 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.
  14. Each exhibitor must bring one or two 32-ounce, or larger, bottle type waterer. 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.
  15. Each exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits each day until the rabbits are released at the end of the Show. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor, at the Board's discretion, from showing next year.
  16. The rabbit area will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day. Rabbits must always have water, and they must be fed by 7:00 p.m. each day. This rule will be strictly enforced.
  17. The Show will not be responsible for any rabbits that get sick or expire for any reason while on exhibit.
  18. 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.
  19. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard and Guide. Judges will additionally refer to the appropriate breed standards, as they deem necessary.
  20. The four basic judging factors are:
    - c. 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. The loin is next, and shoulders are third in importance.
    - d. CONDITION – Each rabbit should be in prime condition,
    - e. COLOR
    - f. FUR

21. The 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, AST, CEA, 4-H club manager or 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.
22. 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.
23. 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 the forfeiture of any further placing.
24. 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.
25. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight division of the Jr Breeding Goat Division.
  - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each weight 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 – Weight 6 to 9 lbs.
  - Class 2 – Junior New Zealand Buck – Under 6 months of age – Weight 6 to 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 – Weight 5 ½ to 8 ½ lbs.
  - Class 8 – Junior California Buck – Under 6 months of age – Weight 5 ½ to 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.
26. 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.
  27. Rabbits and all belongings in pen areas must promptly be removed from showgrounds on Sunday, March 10, 2024, by 12:00 p.m. (noon)

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.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Banner

Breed Champion – \$500 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 9, 2024.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024**

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 10, 2024**

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 the 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



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
BIANCA JOY LOPEZ  
JUAREZ-LINCOLN FFA

## **JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION**

**JUDGE – Kurt Henry (Rainbow, TX)**

**ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024**

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024**

**CHECK-IN – 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024**

**JUDGING – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**RELEASE – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance**  
**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – 4C Cattle Company**

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but less than 20 years of age, as of January 1, 2024.
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. All Jr. Breeding Sheep must be from a Texas premises, as defined by the Texas Animal Health Commission. No sheep traveling from out of the state of Texas or considered by TAHC as “intrastate” will be permitted on the showgrounds.
6. Sheep must have a legible/visible state validation tattoo, or original registration tattoo corresponding to its registration certification number.
7. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
8. Identification – State Validation Committee members will verify ear tag, tattoo, and nose prints. 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 showing are required to have a validation ear tag.
9. Sheep entered in this division are ineligible to be shown in the Market Lamb Division.
10. 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.
11. General Equipment – Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment, show boxes, feed pans, feed, chairs, etc. is strictly prohibited.

12. Pens – Pens will NOT be taken apart or altered in any way without the 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.
13. Fitting: Pure water only. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with a 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 at the showgrounds 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.
14. 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.
15. Trimming Tables – Trimming tables will not be allowed in the barn and must be placed in locations designated by the superintendents. All trim tables are required to be labeled with the name of the 4-H club or FFA chapter.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Sheep Age – Sheep will be shown according to tooth development. If there are less than 5 entries in a class, classes may be combined in the respective breed. Combining classes in a respective breed will be at the discretion of the division superintendent. There will be no appeal in this determination.
19. 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.
  - c. 4-6 TOOTH 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.
20. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight division of the Jr Breeding Sheep Division.
  - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each weight division.
  - 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

## **JR BREEDING SHEEP BREEDS**

### **SOUTHDOWN**

- Class 1 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 2 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 3 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 4 – Breed Champion Ewe – \$500 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 – \$500 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 – \$500 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 – \$500 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 three groups based on their grade as of the day of the show. Exhibitors must show their own animal.

### **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 & Buckle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon



# JR DAIRY GOAT



2023 GRAND CHAMPION  
RYLEIGH GREER  
ARROYO 4-H



## **JR DAIRY GOAT DIVISION**

**JUDGE** – Kristopher Fraley – Bryan, TX

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS** – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024

**CHECK-IN** – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024

**JUDGING** – 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**RELEASE** – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR DAIRY GOAT DIVISION**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
2. Exhibitors must be in third grade or 9 years old but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
3. The order of the show is not subject to change.
4. The Junior and Senior shows are separately sanctioned.
5. ADGA Rules shall govern. <https://adga.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/adga-show-rules.pdf>
6. 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, 2023. 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, 2023.
7. Exhibitors will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter.
8. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
9. Dairy goats will not be allowed to leave the 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 appropriate methods to prevent kids from getting out of pens.
10. At the 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 Dam's (mother's) 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, 2023.
11. Goats entered in this division cannot be shown in the Market Goat Division.
12. Fitting guidelines: Goats may be fully haired or trimmed to the owner's discretion.
13. 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.

14. 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.

15. Goats will be shown by the age on the Registration Certificate.

16. Any goat that is older than 24 months and has not freshened (given birth) shall not be shown.

17. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check for class accuracy. Goats found to not be in their proper classes at the time of the show will be disqualified and unable to show. If errors are found, the exhibitor must notify the Jr Dairy Goat Committee no later than Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **NIGERIAN DWARFS SENIOR DOES**

- Class 1 – Under 2, born on or after 3/10/2022
- Class 2 – 2 to 3 years born 3/9/2022 – 3/10/2021
- Class 3 – 3 to 5 years born 3/9/2021 – 3/10/2019
- Class 4 – 5 years plus born 3/9/2019 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 3/10/2022
- Class 8 – 2 to 3 years born 3/9/2022 – 3/10/2021
- Class 9 – 3 to 5 years born 3/9/2021 – 3/10/2019
- Class 10 – 5 years plus born 3/9/2019 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 3/10/2022
- Class 14 – 2 to 3 years born 3/9/2022 – 3/10/2021
- Class 15 – 3 to 5 years born 3/9/2021 – 3/10/2019
- Class 16 – 5 years plus born 3/9/2019 and before
- Class 17 – CHAMPION GRADE SENIOR DOE –Rosette
- Class 18 – RESERVE CHAMPION GRADE SENIOR DOE – Rosette
- Class 19 – CHAMPION SENIOR DOE – Buckle, Banner & \$500 Scholarship
- Class 20 – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR DOE – Banner

### **NIGERIAN DWARF JUNIOR DOES**

- Class 21 – Under 4 months born on or after 11/10/2023.
- Class 22 – 4 to 8 months 11/9/2023 – 7/10/2023
- Class 23 – 8 to 12 months 7/9/2023 – 3/10/2023

- Class 24 – 12 to 24 months 3/9/2023 – 3/10/2022
- 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 11/10/2023.
- Class 28 – 4 to 8 months 11/9/2023 – 7/10/2023
- Class 29 – 8 to 12 months 7/9/2023 – 3/10/2023
- Class 30 – 12 to 24 months 3/9/2023 – 3/10/2022
- 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 11/10/2023.
- Class 34 – 4 to 8 months 11/9/2023 – 7/10/2023
- Class 35 – 8 to 12 months 7/9/2023 – 3/10/2023
- Class 36 – 12 to 24 months 3/9/2023 – 3/10/2022
- Class 37 – CHAMPION GRADE JUNIOR DOE – Rosette
- Class 38 – RESERVE CHAMPION GRADE JUNIOR DOE – Rosette
- Class 39 – CHAMPION JUNIOR DOE – Buckle, Banner & \$500 Scholarship
- Class 40 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR DOE – 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. Exhibitors must show his/her own goat. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade as of the day of the 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**

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

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION

## **JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION**

**ALL BREEDS ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance  
**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor** – F&T Farms & Cattle Company

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

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**CHECK-IN** – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (Except Commercial Cattle)

**COMMERCIAL CATTLE SIFTING** – Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

### **JUDGING SCHEDULE**

- Jr All Other Breeds (AOB) – 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024
- Jr Beefmaster – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Jr Commercial Cattle – 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Jr Santa Gertrudis – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Jr Miniature Herefords – 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024
- Jr Showmanship – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024
- Release of all cattle – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

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

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**CHECK-IN** – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

### **JUDGING SCHEDULE**

- Jr American Registered Breeds (ARB) – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Jr Brahman – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Jr Simbrah – 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Jr Red Brangus – 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Jr Showmanship – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Early Release of all entries – 12:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. - Sunday, March 17, 2024
- Release of breeding cattle – 7:00 a.m. – Sunday, March 17, 2024



## SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 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 Texas 4-H club or FFA chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
3. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but under 20, as of January 1, 2024.
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 15, 2024. 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 exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
8. 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.
9. All Jr Breeding Commercial Cattle entering the showring are required to have an RGVLS validation ear tag and tattoo. RGVLS will adhere to all validation guidelines and decisions.
10. A destination specific (RGVLS) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within 30 days is required for all cattle. The health certificate must specify Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Mercedes, TX.
11. 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.
12. Entries will be judged and placed 1, 2, 3, etc. in each class. Animals are to be presented in descending order according to age.
13. Breeding Cattle pregnancy rules will be based on the individual breed association rules.
14. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 220 days of age on day of show.
15. Pure water only. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with a foreign substance on their heifer, there will be an immediate disqualification. No adhesives, oil or any foreign substance of any type will be allowed as this is a "Blow and Go" Show.

16. 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.
17. In the event there are 20 or more entries of the same breed **shown** in competition, a separate breed division may be created for them the following year.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. All entries from the same FFA chapter or 4-H club will be required to stall together.
23. 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.
24. Late entry fees for the Open Show will be \$50 per head, in addition to the standard \$30 per head entry fee. A separate entry application must be filed for the animal to be shown in an Open Show division.
25. Heifers must have competed in a class to be eligible to compete in showmanship. The heifer must have competed in the junior show and been 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 DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION AOB  
JOSE JIMENEZ  
EAGLE PASS FFA

## **JR ALL OTHER BREEDS**

**JUDGE** – Dr. Clint Rusk (Kansas City, KS)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR ALL OTHER BREEDS**

1. 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**

#### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved April 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved February 1, 2023, to February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023
- Class 5 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$100
- Class 6 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$50
- Class 7 – Heifers calved November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved September 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved July 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
- Class 11 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 12 – Reserve Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 13 – Heifers calved March 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 17 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 18 – Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION ARB  
BROOKE SALAZAR  
LA SARA FFA



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

**JUDGE** – Keaton Dodd (Wharton, TX)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**JUDGING** – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR AMERICAN REGISTERED BREED (ARB)**

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 documented 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 be shown together in this division.

### **DIVISION CLASSES**

#### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved April 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved February 1, 2023, to February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023
- Class 5 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$100
- Class 6 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$50
- Class 7 – Heifers calved November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022
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- Class 9 – Heifers calved July 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
- Class 11 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 12 – Reserve Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 13 – Heifers calved March 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 17 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 18 – Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner

# JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION BEEFMASTER  
VICENTE GARZA  
CACTUS COUNTRY 4-H

## **JR BEEFMASTER**

**JUDGE** – Dr. Clint Rusk (Kansas City, KS)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BEEFMASTER**

1. 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 the registration certificate will be considered as born on the first day of the month.

### **DIVISION CLASSES**

#### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved April 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved February 1, 2023, to February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023
- Class 5 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$100
- Class 6 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$50
- Class 7 – Heifers calved November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved September 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved July 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
- Class 11 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 12 – Reserve Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 13 – Heifers calved March 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 17 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 18 – Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION BRAHMAN - GREY  
MONTANNA TRAPP  
LYFORD FFA



2023 CHAMPION BRAHMAN - RED  
ROEL GARZA  
EDINBURG VELA FFA

## **JR BRAHMAN**

**JUDGE** – Keaton Dodd (Wharton, TX)

**DELIVERY** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BRAHMAN DIVISION**

1. There will be two Jr Brahman Shows: Red and Grey. Each will include a scholarship.
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**

#### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved April 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved February 1, 2023, to February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023
- Class 5 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$100
- Class 6 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$50
- Class 7 – Heifers calved November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved September 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved July 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
- Class 11 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 12 – Reserve Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 13 – Heifers calved March 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 17 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 18 – Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION COMMERCIAL ABC  
JENNIFER BADILLO  
PSJA SOUTHWEST FFA



2023 CHAMPION COMMERCIAL AOB  
JACOB SAENZ  
PSJA FFA

## **JR COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW**

**CLASSIFIERS** – Jay Jimmerson (George West, TX)  
Dr. Tobin Pennington (Corpus Christi, TX)  
Justin Taylor (Somerset, TX)

**JUDGE** – Dr. Clint Rusk (Kansas City, KS)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**CHECK-IN/CLASSIFICATION** – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 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 9 years old, but under 20 years of age, as of January 1, 2024.
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 RGVLS validated commercial cattle.
4. There will be no limit to the number of heifers an exhibitor can validate or show.
5. All Commercial Cattle entering the showring are required to have a validation ear tag.
6. Deadline for entries will be January 15, 2024. 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 4, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds. A \$10 validation fee per head will be charged and collected at validation.
8. 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.
9. Commercial cattle more than 30 months old at the time of the 2024 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 may be sifted.

11. All AOB exhibitors must turn in weight cards prior to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. All ABC exhibitors will be required to have weight cards filled out prior to going through classification. Heifers will be age verified when shown.
12. All cattle must be halter broken and dehorned.
13. Heifers 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.
14. The top four in each class will be held back and the top two will be reweighed.
15. Any heifer may be designated for reweigh at any time determined by the Breeding Cattle Superintendent. Any heifer weighing more or less than 5% of his initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing. All weight division winners will be reweighed before the AOB and ABC Champion selection.
16. Show veterinarian will have full authority to determine age (Rule 9).

## **AWARDS**

ABC Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner

ABC Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner

AOB Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner

AOB Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION RED BRANGUS  
ROEL MERCADO  
PROGRESO FFA

## **JR RED BRANGUS**

**JUDGE** – Keaton Dodd (Wharton, TX)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**JUDGING** – 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR RED BRANGUS DIVISION**

1. 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.
2. 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. 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.
3. Judging of Red Brangus will be based on "desirable" characteristics as entered into the ARBA and/or IBBA Bylaws.

### **DIVISION CLASSES**

#### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved April 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved February 1, 2023, to February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023
- Class 5 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$100
- Class 6 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$50
- Class 7 – Heifers calved November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved September 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved July 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
- Class 11 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 12 – Reserve Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 13 – Heifers calved March 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 17 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 18 – Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION SANTA GERTRUDIS  
CALEB BRAM  
LOUISE FFA

# **JR SANTA GERTRUDIS**

**JUDGE** – Dr. Clint Rusk (Kansas City, KS)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR SANTA GERTRUDIS DIVISION**

1. All animals must be individually identified by tattoos, numerical firebrand or freeze brand.
2. All animals must be exhibited with hair brushed down on the entire body, legs, and tail. No foreign object is attached to the animals in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or change its appearance.

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved April 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved February 1, 2023, to February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023
- Class 5 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$100
- Class 6 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$50
- Class 7 – Heifers calved November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved September 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved July 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
- Class 11 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 12 – Reserve Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 13 – Heifers calved March 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 17 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 18 – Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner
- Class 20 – Star 5 Heifers calved after September 1, 2023
- Class 21 – Star 5 Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2023
- Class 22 – Star 5 Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 23 – Star 5 Heifers calved September 1 – December 30, 2022

- Class 24 – Star 5 Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 25 – Star 5 Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 26 – Star 5 Heifers calved September 1 – December 2021
- Class 27 – Champion Star 5 Heifer - Banner
- Class 28 – Reserve Champion Star 5 Heifer – Banner

### **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 DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION SIMBRAH  
CARLOS GUERRA  
LINN SAN-MANUEL 4-H

## **JR SIMBRAH**

**JUDGE** – Keaton Dodd (Wharton, TX)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR SIMBRAH DIVISION**

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**

#### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved April 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved February 1, 2023, to February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023
- Class 5 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$100
- Class 6 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$50
- Class 7 – Heifers calved November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved September 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved July 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved May 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022
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- Class 13 – Heifers calved March 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 17 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 18 – Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner



# JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION MINI HEREFORD  
MONTANNA TRAPP  
WILLACY COUNTY 4-H

## **JR MINIATURE HEREFORD**

MHBA Sanctioned Show

**JUDGE** – Dr. Clint Rusk (Kansas City, KS)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR MINIATURE HEREFORDS**

1. All animals must be purebred Miniature 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 animals will be ineligible and barred from showing.
5. Junior exhibitors must adhere to all Open Show Rules.

### **DIVISION CLASSES**

#### **FEMALES**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved April 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved February 1, 2023, to February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved January 1, 2023, to January 31, 2023
- Class 5 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$100
- Class 6 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette & \$50
- Class 7 – Heifers calved November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022
- Class 8 – Heifers calved September 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved July 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022
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- Class 11 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
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- Class 13 – Heifers calved March 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$100
- Class 17 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette & \$50
- Class 18 – Champion Heifer – Scholarship & Banner
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Banner

## **4-H & FFA BREEDING CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

### **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

1. Exhibitors may participate in showmanship if they show their own heifer, and that heifer was shown in a junior breeding cattle class.
2. There will be one showmanship contest per show week:
  - a. The first week of Jr Showmanship will be Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
  - b. The second week of Jr Showmanship will be Wednesday March 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
3. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade on the day of showmanship.

### **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 & Buckle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon

# **BEEF SKILLATHON**

**ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

**ON SITE REGISTRATION** – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

**LOCATION** – RGVLS Event Center Ballroom

**CONTEST DATE** – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**Grand Champion Buckle Sponsor – Kocur Farms**

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

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR BEEF SKILLATHON**

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 Exhibitor 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 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://agrilifesciences.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



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



OPEN SHOW  
BREEDING CATTLE  
DIVISION



## **OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION**

### **ALL BREEDS**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

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

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

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**CHECK-IN** – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

### **JUDGING SCHEDULE**

- All Other Breeds – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024
- Beefmaster – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024
- Commercial Heifers – 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024
- Santa Gertrudis – 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024
- Miniature Hereford – 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024
- Release of all cattle – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

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

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**CHECK-IN** – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

### **JUDGING SCHEDULE**

- Simbrah – 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024
- ARB – 8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024
- Red Brangus – 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024
- Brahman, Red & Grey – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024
- Release of all cattle – 12:00 a.m.(midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024

## 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 destination specific (RGVLS) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within 30 days is required for all cattle. The health certificate must specify Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Mercedes, TX.
4. Exhibitors can enter the 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 paid to RGVLS.
5. Substitutions can be made by the exhibitor ONLY.
6. 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, without compensation. 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
7. 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.
8. Nose leads are required on bulls exhibited in the show ring, with the exception of calves shown at side of dam.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. It is the intent of the show management that no premium be given to any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one 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. RGVLS is not obligated to award a premium to an unworthy animal.
12. Entries will be listed numerically according to age, oldest first, in catalogs and judging schedules.
13. Only first place winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors.
14. In the event there are 20 or more entries of the same breed shown in competition, a separate breed division may be created for them the following year.
15. 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.
16. Open Breeding Cattle pregnancy rules will be based on the individual breed association rules.
17. Bulls 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.

18. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 220 days of age on day of show.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 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 BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION AOB FEMALE  
MONTANNA TRAPP  
WILLACY COUNTY 4-H



2023 CHAMPION AOB BULL  
MIRANDA SUHEY FAJARDO  
LOS FRESNOS FFA

## **ALL OTHER BREEDS**

**JUDGE** – Danny Kempen – San Antonio, TX

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR ALL OTHER BREEDS DIVISION**

1. 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**

#### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2023 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 6 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 7 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved March 1- April 31, 2022
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- Class 14 – Heifers calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 15 – Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 17 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 18 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 19 – Champion Heifer – Plaque
- Class 20 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Plaque



## **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved on or after May 1, 2023
- Class 22 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 23 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 29, 2023
- Class 24 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 25 – Bulls calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 26 – Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
- Class 27 – Reserve Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
- Class 28 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 30 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 31 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 32 – Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
- Class 33 – Reserve Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
- Class 34 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 35 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 36 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- 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 the exhibitor
- Class 42 – Get of Sire – 3 animals, either or both sexes represented, no ownership requirements.

# OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION ARB FEMALE  
ALEXA GUEL  
EDCOUCH ELSA FFA



2023 CHAMPION ARB BULL  
MADISON HANSON  
PECOS COUNTY 4-H

## **AMERICAN REGISTERED BREEDS (ARB)**

**JUDGE** – PJ Budler, Aledo, TX

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**JUDGING** – 8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR AMERICAN REGISTERED BREEDS (ARB)**

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 be shown together in this division.

### **DIVISION CLASSES**

#### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2023 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 6 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 7 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
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- Class 17 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 18 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 19 – Champion Heifer – Plaque
- Class 20 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved on or after May 1, 2023
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- Class 31 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 32 – Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
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- Class 34 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 35 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 36 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- 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 the exhibitor
- Class 42 – Get of Sire – 3 animals, either or both sexes represented, no ownership requirements.



# OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION BEEFMASTER FEMALE  
RYAN PENA  
3R CATTLE COMPANY



2023 CHAMPION BEEFMASTER BULL  
AMBER ROBLES  
SOMERSET FFA



# **BEEFMASTER**

**JUDGE** – Danny Kempen (San Antonio, TX)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 2023 and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
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- Class 17 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 18 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 19 – Champion Heifer – Plaque
- Class 20 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Plaque

### **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved on May 1, 2023, and after
- Class 22 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 23 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
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- Class 36 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- 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 the exhibitor.
- Class 42 – Get of Sire – 3 animals; either or both sexes represented no ownership requirement.

# OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION BRAHMAN FEMALE - GREY  
WALTERS LIVESTOCK



2023 CHAMPION BRAHMAN BULL - GREY  
WALTERS LIVESTOCK



# OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION BRAHMAN FEMALE - RED  
SIMPSON BRAHMAN



2023 CHAMPION BRAHMAN BULL - RED  
WALTERS LIVESTOCK

**BRAHMAN  
RED & GREY  
ABBA SANCTIONED SHOW**

**JUDGE – PJ Budler, Aledo, TX**

**ARRIVAL – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**JUDGING – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**RELEASE – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**SPECIAL RULES FOR BRAHMAN DIVISION**

1. All animals exhibited must be registered with the American Brahman Breeders Association (“ABBA”) and be appropriately fire branded as provided by ABBA requirements for registration in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook.
2. All animals exhibited are subject to the ABBA Color Classification Rules as established from time to time. A copy of the most current ABBA Color Classification Rules may be obtained from the ABBA.
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. All animals exhibited are subject to the ABBA DNA Verification Rules as established from time to time. A copy of the most current ABBA DNA Verification Rules may be obtained from the ABBA.
5. For females being shown in the three oldest classes must either (1) be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy issued by a licensed veterinarian (within 90 days prior to the date of the Show) certifying the animal is pregnant and such certificate shall be made available for inspection and verification upon request, (2) be in a lactating stage and have her natural, nursing calf at side, which calf has not exceeded 240 days old as of the date of the Show, or (3) have weaned her natural calf which calf is registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook and the calf’s registration certificate is available for inspection and verification upon request.
6. All females exhibited in the Aged Senior Division must either (1) be in a lactating stage and have her natural, nursing calf at side which calf has not exceeded 240 days old as of the date of the Show, or (2) have weaned her natural calf which calf is registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook and the calf’s registration certificate is available for inspection and verification upon request. ***For the spring 2024 show season only, females exhibited in class 34 late aged senior cows shall be allowed to be exhibited without a natural, nursing calf at side provided the female meets the pregnancy status requirements of the senior division of females.***
7. All bulls must be exhibited with a permanent or temporary nose ring with an appropriate lead attached.
8. All bulls exhibited in the Senior divisions must be accompanied by a valid, satisfactory Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE) certification issued by a licensed veterinarian (within one year prior to the date of the Show) and such certification shall be made available for inspection and verification upon request.
9. All animals in the calf and junior yearling divisions which have been previously disqualified from being exhibited at an ABBA Approved Show based on not meeting weights and measures parameters may not be exhibited at another ABBA Approved Show until such time as (1) the animal re-qualifies by meeting weights and measures parameters at a subsequent ABBA Approved Show where weights and measures are taken, or (2) the animal is no longer being exhibited in the calf or junior yearling divisions at ABBA Approved Shows.



10. All group classes will be exhibited at the beginning of the ABBA Approved Show prior to any individual classes being exhibited in such Show. All individual animals exhibited in group classes must be presented by an individual showman for each participating animal for the group to be placed by the judge(s).
11. All animals exhibited in the Get of Sire, Natural Produce of Dam and Embryo Produce of Dam Group Classes at an ABBA Approved Show must be exhibited under the registered color of the represented Sire or Dam; NOT the color of the progeny comprising the Group. The Breeders Genetic Group and Breeder's Herd shall be exhibited under the registered color of the individual animals (which all must be registered as the same color) comprising the Group.
12. All classes which exceed more than fifteen (15) animals MAY be broken into smaller classes each no larger than 15 animals, at the sole discretion of Show Management, by dividing the classes as evenly as possible without splitting animals with the same birth date. Additional classes resulting from splitting classes shall be treated as new individual classes (and not as heats of a single class) for purposes of class placings, competition within divisions, and ABBA Register of Renown Points awarded.
13. 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.
14. 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 or take other steps deemed desirable.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one produce or embryo produce of dam entry per dam.
18. 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.

19. Cattle will not be allowed to show if their switches have been balled or glitter applied to their skin.
20. All grey cattle and solid black cattle will show grey. 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 in 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 no 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.

21. 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.
22. For shows to remain approved point shows by ABBA, they must maintain a twenty head average for the previous two years. Shows must also follow the requirements of ABBA approved shows.
23. All animals MUST have a birth weight submitted to be eligible to show in ABBA approved shows.
24. The official ABBA rules and procedures governing showing and exhibiting or registered Brahman cattle supersede any rules printed in any show catalog.
25. 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 protests 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**

### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved July 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved June 1 – June 30, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved May 1 – May 31, 2023
- Class 4 – Calf Champion – Rosette
- Class 5 – Reserve Calf Champion – Rosette
- Class 6 – Heifers calved April 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 7 – Heifers calved March 1 – March 31, 2023
- Class 8 – Heifers calved February 1 – February 28, 2023

- Class 9 – Heifers calved January 1 – January 31, 2023
- Class 10 – Junior Yearling Champion
- Class 11 – Reserve Junior Yearling Champion
- Class 12 – Heifers calved December 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 13 – Heifers calved November 1 – November 30, 2022
- Class 14 – Heifers calved October 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 15 – Heifers calved September 1 – September 30, 2022
- Class 16 – Senior Yearling Champion – Rosette
- Class 17 – Reserve Senior Yearling Champion – Rosette
- Class 18 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 19 – Heifers calved June 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 20 – Heifers calved May 1 – May 31, 2022
- Class 21 – Intermediate Champion – Rosette
- Class 22 – Reserve Intermediate Champion – Rosette
- Class 23 – Heifers calved April 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 24 – Heifers calved March 1 – March 31, 2022
- Class 25 – Heifers calved February 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 26 – Heifers calved January 1 – January 31, 2022
- Class 27 – Junior Champion – Rosette
- Class 28 – Reserve Junior Champion – Rosette
- Class 29 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 30 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 31 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 32 – Senior Champion - Rosette
- Class 33 – Reserve Senior Champion – Rosette
- Class 34 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 35 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 36 – Heifers calved January 1- February 28, 2021
- Class 37 – Aged Senior Champion
- Class 38 - Reserved Aged Senior Champion
- Class 39 – Grand Champion
- Class 40 – Reserve Grand Champion

## **BULLS**

- Class 41 – Bulls calved July 1, 2023, and after (provided no calf may be shown prior to reaching 150 days old on the date of the Show)
- Class 42 – Bulls calved June 1 – June 30, 2023
- Class 43 – Bulls calved May 1 – May 31, 2023
- Class 44 – Calf Champion
- Class 45 – Reserve Calf Champion
- Class 46 – Bulls calved April 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 47 – Bulls calved March 1 – March 31, 2023
- Class 48 – Bulls calved February 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 49 – Junior Yearling Champion
- Class 50 – Reserve Junior Yearling Champion
- Class 51 – Bulls calved December 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 52 – Bulls calved November 1 – November 30, 2022
- Class 53 – Bulls calved October 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 54 – Bulls calved September 1 – September 30, 2022
- Class 55 – Senior Yearling Champion
- Class 56 – Reserve Senior Yearling Champion
- Class 57 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 58 – Bulls calved June 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 59 – Bulls calved May 1 – May 31, 2022
- Class 60 – Intermediate Champion
- Class 61 – Reserve Intermediate Champion
- Class 62 – Bulls calved April 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 63 - Bulls calved March 1- March 31, 2022
- Class 64 – Bulls calved February 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 65 – Bulls calved January 1 – January 31, 2022
- Class 66 – Junior Champion
- Class 67 – Reserve Junior Champion
- Class 68 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 69 – Bulls calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 70 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 71 – Senior Champion
- Class 72 – Reserve Senior Champion

- Class 73 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 31, 2021
- Class 74 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 75 – Bulls calved January – February 28, 2021
- Class 76 – Aged Senior Champion
- Class 77 – Reserve Aged Senior Champion
- Class 78- Grand Champion Bull
- Class 79 – Reserve Grand Champion Bull
- Class 80 – Produce of Dam – Two(2) natural born Animals both produced by the same Dam, either or both sexes may be represented. Each animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal. No ownership requirement for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No single Exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one entry per Dam. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judge(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of this Group Class.
- Class 81 – Embryo Produce of Dam – Two (2) Animals both produced by the same Dam via embryo transfer, either or both sexes may be represented. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No ownership requirement for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No single Exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one entry per Dam. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judge(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of the Group Class.
- Class 82 – Get of Sire – Four (4) Animals all by the same Sire from at least two different Dams, both sexes must be represented. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal. No ownership requirement for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No single Exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one entry per Sire. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judge(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of this Group Class.
- Class 83 – Breeder's Genetic Group – Three (3) genetically similar animals all by the same Sire and same Dam, either or both sexes may be represented. All individual animals comprising this group shall be registered with the ABBA as the same color and shall be exhibited based on the color of the individual animals comprising the Group registered with the ABBA. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal. No ownership requirement for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No single Exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one entry per Sire and dam mating combination. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judge(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of this Group Class.
- Class 84 – Breeder's Herd – Four (4) Animals, both sexes must be represented. All individual Animals comprising this Group must have the same (Breeder's) holding brand. All individual Animals comprising this Group shall be registered with the ABBA as the same color and shall be exhibited based on the color of the individual Animals comprising the Group as registered with the ABBA. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judge(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion for this Group Class. NO REGISTER OF RENOWN POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR THIS GROUP CLASS.



# OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION COMMERCIAL AOB FEMALE  
EILEEN MARTINEZ  
WESLACO EAST FFA



2023 CHAMPION COMMERCIAL ABC FEMALE  
KRISTINE A. GONZALEZ  
LA JOYA PALMVIEW FFA

## **COMMERCIAL HEIFER**

**JUDGE** – Danny Kempen (San Antonio, TX)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**CHECK-IN** – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**WEIGHT CARD TURN IN DEADLINE** – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

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

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION**

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, 2023, 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 15, 2024.
6. Commercial cattle will be validated or re-validated, ear tagged and tattooed on Saturday, November 4, 2023, 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 ¼ Brahman blood) or All Other Breeds. All AOB exhibitors must turn in weight cards prior to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. 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 2024 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 may be sifted.
11. All cattle must be halter broken and naturally polled or dehorned.
12. Heifers 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.
13. The top four in each class will be held back and the top two will be reweighed.

14. Any heifer may be designated for reweigh at any time determined by the Breeding Cattle Superintendent. Any heifer weighing more or less than 5% of his initial official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing. All weight division winners will be reweighed before the AOB and ABC Champion selection.
15. Show veterinarian will have full authority to determine age. (Rule 9)

## **AWARDS**

ABC Champion Heifer – Plaque

ABC Reserve Champion Heifer – Plaque

AOB Champion Heifer – Plaque

AOB Reserve Champion Heifer – Plaque



# OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION RED BRANGUS FEMALE  
ALESSANDRA GONZALEZ  
SAN BENITO FFA



2023 CHAMPION RED BRANGUS BULL  
RAMIRO VILLARREAL

# **RED BRANGUS**

**JUDGE – PJ Budler, Aledo, TX**

**ARRIVAL – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**JUDGING – 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**RELEASE – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024**

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR RED BRANGUS DIVISION**

1. Animals must be registered in the American Red Brangus Association (ARBA) and/or International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) Herd Book and meet the breed's "Standards of Excellence".
2. 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. 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.
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 in ARBA and/or IBBA Bylaws.

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 6 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 7 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 11 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 12 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette



- Class 13 – Reserve Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 15 – Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 17 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 18 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 19 – Champion Heifer – Plaque
- Class 20 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 21 – Bulls calved May 1, 2023, and after
- Class 22 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 23 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 24 – Bulls calved November – December 31, 2022
- Class 25 – Bulls calved September – October 31, 2022
- Class 26 – Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
- Class 27 – Reserve Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
- Class 28 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 30 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 31 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 32 – Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
- Class 33 – Reserve Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
- Class 34 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 35 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 36 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- 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 BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION SANTA GERTRUDIS FEMALE  
CALEB BRAM  
LOUISE FFA



2023 CHAMPION SANTA GERTRUDIS BULL  
CADE BRAM  
LOUISE FFA

# **SANTA GERTRUDIS**

**JUDGE** – Danny Kempen (San Antonio, TX)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR SANTA GERTRUDIS DIVISION**

1. Animals entered in this division must be registered in the herd book of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International and have an official SGBI Registration Certificate to be eligible to show.
2. All animals must be individually identified by tattoos, 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 needed, 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 for entry in this class. 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**

### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifers calved May 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 6 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 7 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 11 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 12 – Champion Junior Calf – Rosette
- Class 13 – Reserve Champion Junior Calf – Rosette
- Class 14 – Heifers calved October 1 – December 2021
- Class 15 – Heifers calved July 1 – September 2021

- Class 16 – Heifers calved April 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 17 – Heifers calved January 1 – March 30, 2021
- Class 18 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 19 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 20 – Champion Heifer – Plaque
- Class 21 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Plaque
- Class 22 – Best of Polled Heifer – Plaque
- Class 23 – Star 5 Heifer calved after September 1, 2023
- Class 24 – Star 5 Heifer calved May 1 – August 31, 2023
- Class 25 – Star 5 Heifer calved January 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 26 – Star 5 Heifer calved September – December 31, 2022
- Class 27 – Star 5 Heifer calved May – August 31, 2022
- Class 28 – Star 5 Heifer calved January 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 29 – Star 5 Heifer calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 30 – Star 5 Heifer calved April 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 31 – Champion 5 Star Heifer – Plaque
- Class 32 – Reserve Champion 5 Star Heifer – Plaque

## **BULLS**

- Class 33 – Bulls calved March 1, 2023, and after
- Class 34 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 35 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 36 – Bulls calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 37 – Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
- Class 38 – Reserve Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
- Class 39 – Bulls calved July 1- August 31, 2022
- Class 40 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 41 – Bulls calved March – April 30, 2022
- Class 42 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 43 – Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
- Class 44 – Reserve Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
- Class 45 – Bulls calved October 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 46 – Bulls calved July 1 – September 30, 2021
- Class 47 – Bulls calved April 1 – June 30, 2021
- Class 48 – Bulls calved January 1 – March 31, 2021

- 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 Bull – 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 BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION SIMBRAH FEMALE  
CARLOS GUERRA  
LINN SAN-MANUEL 4-H



2023 CHAMPION SIMBRAH BULL  
POOL FARMS

# **SIMBRAH**

**JUDGE** – PJ Budler, Aledo, TX

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**JUDGING** – 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024

**RELEASE** – 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Sunday, March 17, 2024

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR SIMBRAH DIVISION**

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**

### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1- Heifers calved May 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 5 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 6 – Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 7 – Reserve Champion Heifer Calf – Rosette
- Class 8 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 9 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved March 1 – April 31, 2022
- Class 11 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 12 – Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 13 – Reserve Champion Junior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 14 – Heifers calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 15 – Heifers calved May 1– August 31, 2021
- Class 16 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 17 – Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 18 – Reserve Champion Senior Heifer – Rosette
- Class 19 – Champion Heifer – Plaque
- Class 20 – Reserve Champion Heifer – Plaque
- Class 21 – Pairs – Dams calved prior to January 1, 2021 (calves – 220 day or less on Show Day)

## **BULLS**

- Class 22 – Bulls calved May 1, 2023
- Class 23 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 24 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 25 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 26 – Bulls calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 27 – Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
- Class 28 – Reserve Champion Bull Calf – Rosette
- Class 29 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 30 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 31 – Bulls calved March 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 32 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 33- Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
- Class 34 – Reserve Champion Junior Bull – Rosette
- Class 35 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 36 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 37 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- Class 38 – Champion Senior Bull – Rosette
- Class 39 – Reserve Champion Senior Bull – Rosette
- Class 40 – Champion Bull – Plaque
- Class 41 – Reserve Champion Bull – Plaque
- Class 42 – Produce of Dam – 2 animals by one dam from above classes, either or both sexes may be represented, no ownership requirements.
- Class 43 – Get of Sire – 3 animals by one sire from the above individual classes, either or both sexes may be represented, no ownership requirements.
- Class 44 – Best of Three Head – Owned or Co-owned by exhibitor and show in the above individual classes, either or both sexes may be represented.

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# OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION MINI HEREFORD FEMALE  
MONTANNA TRAPP  
WILLACY COUNTY 4-H



2023 CHAMPION MINI HEREFORD BULL  
KAITLYN HENDRICKS  
4 WINDS 4-H

## **MINIATURE HEREFORD**

MHBA Sanctioned

**JUDGE** – Danny Kempen (San Antonio, TX)

**ARRIVAL** – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**JUDGING** – 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024

**RELEASE** – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR MINIATURE HEREFORD DIVISION**

1. All exhibitors must be currently paid members 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 at the hip. 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. 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 age for cows.
3. Calf must be a natural calf, no more than 270 days of age as of the day of the show.
4. Polled and horned pairs will be combined in one cow/calf show.
5. Calf on the side of cow/calf pairs **MUST** be the cow's natural calf.
6. Calf at the side of a cow/calf pair must be shown in a separate heifer, bull, or steer class if classes are offered by the venue.
7. All calves on the side of cow/calf pairs must be registered and tattooed.
8. All general rules will apply to the cow/calf show (i.e., ownership, participant age, etc.).
9. Cow is not eligible to compete in the Champion Drive.



## **BULL RULES**

1. A bull over one year of age is required to have a nose ring (permanent or removable bug).
2. Bulls must be measured for height and not exceed 48" at the hip.

## **DIVISION CLASSES**

### **HEIFERS**

- Class 1 – Heifer calved July 1, 2023, and after
- Class 2 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2023
- Class 3 – Heifers calved April 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 4 – Heifers calved March 1 – March 30, 2023
- Class 5 – Heifers calved February 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 6 – Heifers calved January 1 – January 31, 2023
- Class 7 – CHAMPION HEIFER CALF – Rosette
- Class 8 – RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF - Rosette
- Class 9 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 10 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2022
- Class 11 – Heifers calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 12 – Heifers calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 13 – CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 14 – RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 15 – Heifers calved April 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 16 – Heifers calved March 1 – March 30, 2022
- Class 17 – Heifers calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 18 – CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 19 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – Rosette
- Class 20 – Heifers calved November 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 21 – Heifers calved September 1 – October 31, 2021
- Class 22 – Heifers calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 23 – Heifers calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- 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, 2023 – August 31, 2023
- Class 29 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2023

- Class 30 – Bulls calved April 1 – April 30, 2023
- Class 31 – Bulls calved March 1 – March 31, 2023
- Class 32 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2023
- Class 33 – CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 34 – RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF – Rosette
- Class 35 – Bulls calved November 1 – December 31, 2022
- Class 36 – Bulls calved September 1– October 31, 2022
- Class 37 – Bulls calved July 1 – August 31, 2022
- Class 38 – Bulls calved May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Class 39 – CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL – Rosette
- Class 40 – RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL – Rosette
- Class 41 – Bulls calved April 1 – April 30, 2022
- Class 42 – Bulls calved March 1 – March 30, 2022
- Class 43 – Bulls calved January 1 – February 28, 2022
- Class 44 – CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 45 – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – Rosette
- Class 46 – Bulls calved September 1 – December 31, 2021
- Class 47 – Bulls calved May 1 – August 31, 2021
- Class 48 – Bulls calved January 1 – April 30, 2021
- 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 be taken into consideration.

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR BREEDING CATTLE HERDSMEN AWARD**

1. A group appointed by the superintendent will make inspections daily to determine those who, in their judgement, do the best job of housekeeping.
2. If, in the opinion of the judges, an exhibitor is not worthy, no prize money will be awarded.

### **JUDGING STANDARDS**

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of the stalls, animals, tack alleys and public walkways.
2. Personal appearance of herdsmen and caretakers.
3. 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.
4. Observance of all rules and regulations of the Show.
5. Availability of personnel to furnish information about their exhibits.
6. Number of animals and caretakers per exhibit with a minimum of 5 animals per exhibit.
7. 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 preferred location for stalling in the Event Center for the 2025 show. “Preferred location” will be at the discretion of the stalling committee.

# OPEN BOER GOAT DIVISION



2023 CHAMPION PUREBRED DOE  
MAYA MORENO  
EDINBURG VELA FFA

2023 CHAMPION PERCENTAGE DOE  
NAITSSA RAMIREZ  
RIO GRANDE CITY FFA



2023 CHAMPION COMMERCIAL DOE  
ROCKIN' ROBBINS SHOW GOATS



# **OPEN BOER GOAT SHOW**

**JUDGE – Ron Dilley (Stillwater, OK)**

**ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024**

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

**EARLIEST ARRIVAL – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024**

**CHECK-IN – 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024**

**JUDGING – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**RELEASE OF OPEN BREEDING GOATS – 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024**

## **SPECIAL RULES OPEN BOER GOAT DIVISION**

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 15, 2024, and all late entry rules apply. If stall space is unavailable, then management reserves the right to return late entry.
4. Exhibitors can 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 paid to RGVLS.
5. Open Show animal 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 the time of check-in. Recognized associations include American Boer Goat Association.
7. Stalls will be assigned based on the number of entries made by an exhibitor, two animals per stall. If at the Show, an exhibitor arrives with fewer animals than entered, the management reserves the right to assign any extra stalls to another exhibitor, without compensation. No refund of entry or stall fees will be made.
8. Grooming and trimming tables will be allowed in designated areas at the Show. All must be removed by Sunday, March 10, 2024.
9. Goats must have a legible ear identification number, tattoo, or other means of permanent identification that matches the 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 trimmed to the owner's discretion. Pure water only. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with a 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 at the showgrounds 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. Commercial goats will be classified by weight and tooth age. Goats may be reweighed during judging at any time determined by the Superintendent. Any goat weighing more than 5 lbs. above or below its declared show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.
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, 2023 - A
- Class 2 – Percentage females born June 1, 2023, to August 31, 2023 - A
- Class 3 – Percentage females born March 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023 - A
- Class 4 – Percentage females born November 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023 - A
- Class 5 – Percentage females born July 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022 - A
- Class 6 – Percentage females born March 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022 - A
- Class 7 – Percentage Females born before March 1, 2022 - 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, 2023 - A
- Class 11 – Purebred females born June 1, 2023, to August 31, 2023 - A
- Class 12 – Purebred females born March 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023 - A
- Class 13 – Purebred females born November 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023 - A
- Class 14 – Purebred females born July 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022 - A
- Class 15 – Purebred females born March 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022 - A
- Class 16 – Purebred females born before March 1, 2022 - A
- Class 17 – Breed Champion Purebred Female – Banner
- Class 18 – Reserve Breed Champion Purebred Female – Banner

## **SPECIAL RULES 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 8, 2024, 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 23 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 Grand 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

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## YOUTH ARCHERY DIVISION

## **YOUTH ARCHERY DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – February 14, 2024

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

**EVENT DATE** – 7:30 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024

### **SPECIAL RULES YOUTH ARCHERY DIVISION**

1. This match will be governed by the following rules and administered by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo.
  - a. 2024 RGVLS Youth Archery Match Rules
  - b. 2024 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 referenced 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 2024 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 Grade 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
7. **Note:** There will not be a “First Year” division offered at this event.
8. **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 complete each end.
  - d. There will be a break between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ends.

9. 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).

10. Equipment Classes:

- a. Barebow (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 using NASP equipment only.

11. 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.

12. Coaching: No coaching is allowed while archers are on the line.

13. 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.

14. Dress Code: All shooters must wear closed toe shoes, and shirts must have sleeves. All other standard 4-H Dress Code rules apply.

15. All bows must remain cased until on the range.



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



OPEN/ YOUTH  
HORSE EVENTS  
PERFORMANCE/SPEED

## **OPEN & YOUTH HORSE SHOW PERFORMANCE EVENT**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – February 15, 2024

**THERE WILL BE A \$50 LATE FEE IN ADDITION TO THE \$15 ENTRY FEE PAID TO RGVLS.**

**ENTRY FEE** - \$15 per class entered.

**STALL FEE** - \$25 per day

**RV HOOK UP** - \$25 per day

**PERFORMANCE & VERSATILITY CHECK-IN** – 7:00 a.m., Sunday, March 3, 2024

**EVENT START TIME** – Show begins promptly at 8:00 a.m.

### **SPECIAL RULES OPEN & YOUTH HORSE PERFORMANCE DIVISION**

1. Stallions are allowed in Ranch classes only.
2. Entry fees are non- refundable.
3. All online entries fees must be paid by the deadline. We will no longer accept payment onsite for online entries.
4. 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 expires, 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.
5. 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.
6. Any protests must be accompanied by \$250, to be refunded if protest is validated by Show committee.
7. Walk/Trot Horse/Rider combo may not participate in lope divisions, including Ranch Horse division. The Lope Division Horse/Rider combo may not participate in Walk/Trot division.
8. Lead-Line riders may not compete in Walk/Trot, Lope or Ranch Horse divisions. Lead-Line is for ages 3-8 or children under 18 with disabilities.
9. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated by horses or humans.
10. An original negative Coggins is required for any horse entering on to the showgrounds and must be shown at time of registration/check-in.

General Rules, Regulations, and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

### **HIGH POINT AWARDS**

#### **SAME HORSE/SAME RIDER RULE APPLIES**

1. 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. Halter and Color classes will NOT count towards High Point.
2. Horses need not be owned by participants. Borrowed or leased horses are allowable.

3. Performance exhibitors must compete in a minimum of 5 classes to qualify for high point. Ranch exhibitors must compete in a minimum of 4 classes to qualify for high point. You must compete in one working cow class to qualify for high point. Only one working cow horse class will count toward high point.

#### 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 are encouraged 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 (\*W/T) 10 & Under

Youth Walk/Trot (\*W/T) 11-18

Youth 18 & Under (Lope)

##### Adult Division

Adult Walk/Trot (\*W/T)

19 years of age and over (\*Lope)

Ranch Horse (All Ages) No W/T or Lead-Line Riders

Age division determined by your age as of January 1, 2024

**BOOK OPENS** – 7 a.m., Sunday, March 3, 2024

**COMPETITION BEGINS** – Promptly at 8 a.m.

#### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

##### Ranch Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

- Class 1 – Working Cow Horse – Novice
- Class 2 – Working Cow Horse – Junior
- Class 3 – Working Cow Horse – Open
- Class 4 Ranch Horse Reining
- Class 5 – Ranch Horse Pleasure
- Class 6 – Ranch Horse Trail
- Class 7 – Ranch Horse Halter

**Performance classes will not start before 10:00 a.m.**

## **CLASSES**

- Class 8 – Geldings 2 and under
- Class 9 – Geldings 3 and over
- Class 10 – Grand Champion Gelding
- Class 11 – Reserve Grand Champion Gelding
- Class 12 – Mares 2 and under
- Class 13 – Mares 3 and over
- Class 14 – Grand Champion Mare
- Class 15 – Reserve Grand Champion Mare
- Class 16 – Color – Non-Solid (Paints, Apps, Etc. )
- Class 17 – Color Solid (Palomino, Buckskin, Etc.)
- Class 18 – Showmanship 10 and Under (W/T)
- Class 19 – Showmanship 11 – 18 (W/T)
- Class 20 – Showmanship 18 & Under (Lope)
- Class 21 – Showmanship Adult 19 and Over (Lope)
- Class 22 – Hunter Under Saddle 10 & Under (W/T)
- Class 23 - Hunter Under Saddle 11 – 18 (W/T)
- Class 24 - Hunter Under Saddle 19 & Over (W/T)
- Class 25 - Hunter Under Saddle 18 & Under (Lope)
- Class 26 - Hunter Under Saddle 19 & Over (Lope)
- Class 27 – English Equitation – 10 & Under (W/T)
- Class 28 – English Equitation – 11 -18 (W/T)
- Class 29 – English Equitation – 19 & Over (W/T)
- Class 30 – English Equitation – 18 & Under (Lope)
- Class 31 – English Equitation – 19 & Over (Lope)
- Class 32 – Lead Line Halter
- Class 33 – Lead Line Western Pleasure
- Class 34 – Lead Line Horsemanship
- Class 35 – Western Pleasure 10 & Under (W/T)
- Class 36 – Western Pleasure 11 – 18 (W/T)
- Class 37 – Western Pleasure 19 & Over (W/T)
- Class 38 – Western Pleasure 18 & Under ( Lope)
- Class 39 – Western Pleasure 19 & Over (Lope)

- Class 40 – Western Horsemanship – 10 & Under (W/T)
- Class 41 – Western Horsemanship – 11 -18 (W/T)
- Class 42 – Western Horsemanship – 19 & Over (W/T)
- Class 43 - Western Horsemanship – 18 & Under (Lope)
- Class 44 - Western Horsemanship – 19 & Over (Lope)
- Class 45 – Trail 10 & Under (W/T)
- Class 46 – Trail 11 – 18 (W/T)
- Class 47 – Trail 19 & Over (W/T)
- Class 48 – Trail 18 & Under (Lope)
- Class 49 – Trail 19 & Over (Lope)

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champions – Buckle

Reserve Grand Champions – Buckle

Class Winners – Rosette

High Point (6 divisions) - \$500 Certificate & Scholarship \*Certificate details to be announced in March

Reserve High Point (6 division) - \$250 Certificate \*Certificate details to be announced in March

Lead-Line Class – Trophy & Rosette

## **OPEN & YOUTH HORSE SHOW SPEED DIVISION**

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – February 15, 2024

**ENTRY FEE** - \$15 per class entered **ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY**

**STALL FEE** - \$25 per day

**RV HOOK UP** - \$25 per day

**SPEED EVENTS CHECK-IN** – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024

**EXHIBITION** – 10 a.m. to 12 noon

**EVENT START TIME** – Promptly at 12:15 p.m.

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR OPEN & YOUTH HORSE SPEED DIVISION**

1. Stallions are allowed at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show ridden by an adult rider (18+ only).
2. Entry fees are non-refundable
3. All online entries fees must be paid by the deadline. We will no longer accept payment onsite for online entries.
4. All exhibitors registering onsite will only be allowed to compete in the Jackpot. For participants to be eligible for prizes, they must have entered and paid by the deadline through the online registration system.



5. There is no late fee to run in the jackpot. The jackpot entry fee will be \$25 per class. Late entries without a completed W-9 will result in forfeiture of any monetary awards.
6. 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.
7. 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)
8. Any protests must be accompanied by \$250, to be refunded if protest is validated by show committee
9. 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
10. Points will be tabulated at the end of the show after careful analysis and confirmation. You must be present to get your awards.
11. An original negative Coggins is required for any horse entering the show grounds and must be shown at time of check-in.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

#### **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

- Class 01 – Poles Lead Line
- Class 02 – Poles (0-9yrs)
- Class 03 – Poles (10-14 yrs)
- Class 04 – Poles (15-19 yrs as long as rider is in high school)
- Class 05 – Poles (19+ yrs)
- Class 06 – Barrels Lead Line
- Class 07 – Barrels (0-9 yrs)
- Class 08 – Barrels (10-14 yrs)
- Class 09 – Barrels (15-19 yrs as long as rider is in high school)
- Class 10 – Barrels (19+ yrs)

## HIGH POINT AWARDS

### SAME HORSE/SAME RIDER RULE APPLIES

1. 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.
2. 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>
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 are encouraged to keep track of their own points. The Show Committee will post points at the end of the horse show.

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO



## CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

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**ENTRY DEADLINE:** January 15, 2024

**ENTRY FEE** - \$5 per exhibitor online/ \$8 per exhibitor on-site

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION/ CHECK - IN** – Thursday, March 7, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

**ORIENTATION/INSTRUCTION** – Thursday, March 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**EVENT** – Thursday, March 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

**AWARDS** – Ceremony immediately following event

Consumer Decision Making is an event designed for exhibitors to gain skills in making decisions based on facts. Gain knowledge

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR CONSUMER DECISION MAKING**

1. Entries must be submitted online by January 15, 2024 through the RGVLS ShoWorks system. Any necessary official RGVLS forms must be completed and submitted by deadline.
2. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, or FCCLA and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
3. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but less than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
4. Three to four members may constitute a team. The three high scores will determine the teams' score. Team members are eligible for individual awards. All team members must be from the same FFA chapter, 4-H Club, or FCCLA chapter.
5. Divisions – The contest and teams will be divided into three divisions. The divisions will be based on the exhibitor's grade at the time of the event.
  - a. Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Senior – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
6. Classes – Contestants will judge eight classes selected from consumer products. This includes a mystery class in each grade division. (Ex: blue jeans, snack foods, shampoos, etc.). Contestants will be allowed 8 minutes for judging each class.  
Junior teams and individuals are not required to give reasons. One class of reasons will be required for Intermediates and two classes of reasons will be required for Senior participants.
7. Materials – An official Scantron will be provided. Each contestant is required to bring two #2 pencils and a one clipboard.
8. Scores – Scores will be based on placing only for Junior teams and individuals. Scores are based on placing plus one reasons class for Intermediates and two reasons classes for Seniors. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken via designated tie-breakers.
9. Study materials – Study guides will be available after December 2023 at each county extension office and on the website listed below.:  
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/>

10. While a contest is in progress, there will be no use of electronic devices (smart watches, cell phones, etc.), talking or unethical communication between contestants or audience. Violating this rule may cause the contestant and their team to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards. Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted in the judging area during the contest. Contestants may not have any materials that would give any perception of an unfair advantage in the contest.
11. Four- function calculators will be allowed.
12. Results will be announced immediately following the event. Results are final and re-examination of scores will not be permitted. Results will be available at [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com).
13. Team designation forms are online and will be available on-site prior to the event.

## **AWARDS**

- Teams – 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Team Member Banner
- Teams – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> place - Rosette
- High Point Individual – **Buckle** & Banner
- Individuals – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place - Rosette