

The Taylor County Livestock Show Association

RULES & SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

General Superintendent: Craig Bessent

Show Dates: January 17-19, 2024

Premium Dinner & Sale: January 20, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

All Entries should arrive at that species specified time. See Show Schedule for each Animal Species.

Information on where to go on arrival:

Goats, Lambs, Swine, Heifers and Steers will stall in the Expo Center First Financial Pavilion. Poultry and Rabbits will be kept and shown in the Big Country Hall and should furnish their own cages. All exhibitors should check-in with the Show Superintendent in the area where you are stalled or Show Office located in the First Financial Pavilion.

All participants in this show are requested to carefully read all the General Rules and Regulations of the Taylor County Livestock Show and the Special Rules of the Departments applicable to their entries.

RULE 1. FFA & 4-H MEMBERS:

Youth must be a bonafide member of a Taylor County 4-H or FFA to be eligible to enter an animal under their name and earn prize monies and participate in the premium sale. If exhibitor has two animals in the same weight class, a sibling of at least kindergarten and/or 3rd grade will be allowed to show one of the animals for his/her sibling.

RULE 2. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY:

All applications for entry must be made on via ShoWorks Online Entry System. Entries completed by the County Agents or Ag Science Teachers certifies that each exhibitor is eligible. Exhibitors may show in only one County Stock Show.

Deadline for Goats, Lambs, Swine, Steers & Heifer entries: Entries should be submitted by December 1, 2023.

Poultry and Rabbits should be submitted by December 22, 2023. Entry fees must be turned in shortly after entries are submitted. School or Club checks & cards accepted. A summary of entries will be provided to the Ag Teachers and Extension Agents via ShoWorks. Ag Teachers and Extension Agents are responsible for verifying all entries and reporting any errors prior to January 12, 2024.

Mail checks to:

Taylor County Livestock Association

1700 Hwy 36

Abilene, TX 79602

325-677-4376

Entry Fees

Steers: \$40.00

Swine: \$20.00

Goats: \$20.00

Heifers: \$40.00

Lambs: \$20.00

Rabbits: \$10.00

Poultry: \$10.00

RULE 3. No Refunds or Entry Application will be made after the listed closing date.

RULE 4. WEIGHTS: Scales will be available for weighing all animals where weights are required. Official Scales will be marked for weigh backs.

RULE 5. ERRONEOUS ENTRY: Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class prior to the judging upon application to the Department Superintendent. If classes have been judged; however, they shall not be re-opened.

RULE 6. CARE OF ANIMALS: All owners of livestock or others having the same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve same, as the Expo Center does not undertake to do so, and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or owner thereof.

RULE 7. CARE OF STALLS AND PENS: All stalls, pens and exhibition areas must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each day and refuse matter shall be placed in barrels which shall be provided and located in the aisles (violation of this rule shall cause a forfeiture of all the premiums earned by the exhibitor). Space in sheep, goat and swine areas will be very limited. Alleys and walkways must be kept clear. Tack stalls will be assigned only if space is available and only to Ag Teachers or County Agents. No hay should be fed in the Arena. Care should be taken to keep the swine stalls as dry as possible.

RULE 8. LIMIT ON ENTRIES: Each exhibitor may not place more than two (2) entries in each class. The maximum number of steers and heifers allowed per exhibitor is four (4). An exhibitor may only show the number of animals he or she has entered by the entry deadline.

RULE 9. SIFTING: The sifting committee or sifting judge reserves the right to accept or reject any entry unconditionally and does not guarantee space in the show to any entry since it is intended that only such animals shall be entered in the show that have merit and shall be a credit to both exhibitor and show.

RULE 10. DECISION OF JUDGE FINAL: The single judge system is the policy of the show, and in every case, his decision is final.

RULE 11. CONFLICTING RULES: In all cases where general rules conflict with special rules which are published for each Department, the special rules will govern.

RULE 12. INTERPRETATION OF RULES: The management and the Superintendents reserve the right to interpret, change, or annul these rules whenever, in their judgment, a change is for the best interest of Taylor County Livestock Show.

RULE 13. PRIZE MONEY NOT EARNED: Prize money will be determined by the judge when a class is without competition.

RULE 14. INTERFERENCE: Any exhibitor receiving coaching after the animal enters the show ring may have his/her animal disqualified. Coaching will not be allowed in the ring when the animals are being judged or classified. Interference will provide due cause for disqualifying the exhibitor whose animal or animals are in question.

RULE 15. LIABILITY: All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the General Superintendent, but the management of the Expo Center of Taylor County and Taylor County will be in no case responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Expo Center of Taylor County and Taylor County and any person working with the show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damages or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any other animal exhibited by him or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the animals exhibited.

RULE 16. WEIGHING OF ANIMALS: Superintendent will weigh in sheep, swine and goats. All market animals need to be weighed-in and weight cards turned in by the specified time. See species rules for specific information on weights.

RULE 17. BEDDING: Shavings may be used in all cattle and sheep stalls and must be furnished by the exhibitors. Straw may be used in the Swine Stalls. The Expo Center will have bagged shavings for sale at \$10.00 per bag. No straw or feed will be for sale. You must bring your own straw if you wish to bed swine on straw.

RULE 18. PROTESTS: All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaints or appeal and must be delivered to the Superintendent of the Taylor County Livestock Show within twelve (12) hours after the occasion for such protest occurs. Any protest as to eligibility on account of age or breeding of animals must be filed prior to the day on which entries are to be judged.

RULE 19. CONSOLIDATION OF CLASSES: The Taylor County Livestock Association reserves the right to consolidate classes.

RULE 20. ELIGIBLE TO SHOW: Youth must be a member of a Taylor County 4-H or FFA (9 years old or older, 3rd grade to 12th grade) to be eligible to enter an animal in the show under their name and earn prize monies and participate in the premium sale. If the exhibitor is academically ineligible, then his or her entry(ies) become(s) ineligible to compete. Each animal must be shown by an eligible exhibitor that has validated and entered that animal in his or her name in Taylor County and Taylor County is the only county she that the animal is exhibited. Exceptions would only occur if the eligible exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, champion breed drive, or overall champion drive. Then other eligible exhibitors may be used to show the additional animals. Eligible exhibitors do not have to be family members, or come from the same school, chapter, or club, but must be entered in the show. The eligible exhibitor may be a younger sibling. The only other exception would be if the exhibitor is competing in a U.I.L. or school sanctioned activity, is ill or has a death in the family. Substitution forms will be provided.

RULE 21. CHAMPION DRIVE: If an exhibitor has an animal in the champion drive, he or she must be showing that animal unless he or she has more than one animal in the champion drive.

RULE 22. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED THE DAY OF THE PREMIUM SALE.

RULE 23. The Taylor County Livestock Association request that you abide by the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act:

A. Animals and poultry must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.

B. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.

C. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.

D. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue or carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.

Taylor County Livestock Show Association reserves all rights to test any or all animals. All livestock exhibited shows subject to the Texas Animal Health Rules and Regulations. Due to an exemption from the Animal Health Department you will not be required to have a drug form or a health certificate for this show.

RULE 24. All exhibitors must uphold state validation guidelines and rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the show.

THE FOLLOWING ANIMALS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PREMIUM SALE:

We will sell a minimum of two (2) animals per class in all species or 20 percent, whichever is greater, or 75 per species with the exception of the Heifer Show. Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions, Breed and Reserve Champions are NOT included in this percentage or in the maximum number of head that will be sold in each species. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Wether Does will go through the Sale. County Agents and Ag Teachers will review the sale order. Decoration of market animals for the sale is prohibited; animals must be presented in their natural show state (i.e. no glitter, paint, balloons, signs etc. allowed). An Exhibitor is allowed to sell a maximum of two (2) animals. The exception would be all Overall Grand Champions or Overall Reserve Grand Champions can sell. Exhibitor has the choice of pulling a champion from the sale in order to sell another eligible entry. If an exhibitor exhibited Overall Grand and Reserve Overall Grand Champion, they could both sell at the Auction. The Overall Grand Champion Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer can be sold at the Auction.

PREMIUM AUCTION: Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

The Taylor County Livestock Association welcomes you to an auction of premium animals in the Capital Farm Credit Display Building at the Expo Center of Taylor County with a dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the premium auction immediately following. Premium Payment for Animals Subject to Auction: Checks for payment of animals sold will be mailed to the Agents & Teachers as soon as all buyers checks have cleared the bank. Entries qualifying for the Premium Sale will be auctioned according to their placing. All Overall Grand Champion & Overall Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors are eligible to have their animal at the Premium Auction.

Showmanship Awards & Rules

Belt Buckles will be presented to Junior (3rd – 8th grade) and Senior (9th – 12th grade) Showmanship Winners in Lamb, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, and Beef Cattle Divisions. (Heifer and Steer exhibitors will show for Showmanship after the Heifer Show.) The Swine Showmanship divisions are as follows: Junior (3rd – 5th grade), Intermediate (6th – 8th grade), and Senior (9th – 12th grade).

Rule 1: Previous years' winners are not eligible for competition in the age division of each department of which they have previously won showmanship.

Rule 2: A committee for each division will select finalist in that division to show in the showmanship class which will be held after all classes for that division are completed and Grand and Reserve Champions have been selected. The showmanship winner for each division will then be selected by the judge of that division.

Rule 3: Showmanship finalist must have an entry in the division in order to compete in that division's showmanship class. However, they do not have to own the animal they are selected with during the breed show - just required to have an entry in that division.

Rule 4: Showmanship finalist must bring the animal they own back into the show ring for the showmanship class. Superintendents will check tag number of animal entering the ring to assure it is the exhibitors.
EXHIBITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR EXHIBITOR NUMBER.

General Superintendent has the ability to interpret the general rules with the approval of at least three (3) board members.

Taylor County Livestock Show

STEER SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Justin Holloway

Judge: Jake Franke

Classifier: Clay Cole

Steer Weigh-in: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. First Financial Pavilion

Show Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. First Financial Pavilion

1. Each exhibitor is entitled to place no more than two (2) calves in each class of the show with a total limit of four (4) entries per exhibitor. Only steer calves may be entered. The exhibitor must have owned the calves prior to July 1 of the previous year and all calves must have been validated by July 1 to be eligible to show. The calves must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor from July 1 of the previous year to opening of the show.
2. All calves will be led from their stalls for classifying and weighing in show order. Any exhibitor, parent, or supervisor acting in an unsporting manner regarding a classification will be due cause for the exhibitor to be disqualified.
3. Classes may be divided into three (3) breeds. (See Steer Class Description on next page)
 - A. ENGLISH: Steers must be purebred ANGUS, HEREFORD, SHORTHORN, OR RED ANGUS.
 - B. AMERICAN BREED OR CROSSBRED: Pureblood or Crossbred BEEFMASTER, BRAHMAN, BRANGUS, RED BRANGUS, OR SANTA GERTRUDIS steers. All steers in this class must show predominate breed characteristics of one of these breeds. Please note that predominate breed characteristics will be strictly followed by the Classifier. Animals in question should be entered in the European Crossbred division.
 - C. AOB--ALL OTHER BREEDS: Includes any cross or other breeds not in the other classes.
4. The number of classes in each division will be determined by numbers shown and weights. Weight classes will be divided by weights as equally as possible by the Superintendent.
 - A. Eight (8) or more steers in each breed division can be divided into two (2) weight classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.
 - B. Sixteen (16) or more steers in each division can be divided into three (3) weight classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.
 - C. Twenty-four (24) or more steers in each division can be divided into four (4) weight classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.
 - D. Classes may be broken into smaller numbers if necessary, at the discretion of the superintendent.
5. Steer show is Blow and Go; coat dressings that are non-adhesive are allowed. No glues or dyes are allowed.
6. Violation of the steer/heifer fitting rule will result in that animal being barred from the show.
7. Minimum weight of the steer is 800 pounds. This rule will be enforced.
8. Breed Champions will be named but no prize money will be given.
9. Custom Fitters: These people are allowed to fit and trim animals at the Taylor County Livestock Show: Family members, community members within the realm of the county and school districts, County Extension Agents and Ag teachers.

STEER PREMIUM SCHEDULE

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AMOUNT:	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10

Each Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion will receive a vinyl banner.

Grand Champion Steer will receive \$200, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Reserve Grand Champion Steer will receive \$100.00, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

STEER CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Note: Eligibility for the following classes will be based solely on visible characteristics as determined by classifier appointed by Show management. Steers classified out will be placed in either Other Breeds & Crosses or American Breeds & Crosses, exhibiting obvious visible characteristics and features of Brahman-type (Bos indicus) breeding.

Angus - purebred Angus characteristics and features. No scurs. Black color with no white above underline or tail.

Brahman – ½ blood or more Brahman characteristics and features.

Brangus - purebred Brangus characteristics and features. Black or brownish black, including skin and membranes. No white above underline or in front of sheath. May be polled or scurred, but scurs must be present.

Charolais – ½ blood or more Charolais characteristics and features.

Chianina – 3/8 blood or more Chianina characteristic and features.

Hereford - purebred Hereford characteristics and features.

Limousin – ½ blood or more Limousin characteristics and features.

Maine-Anjou - 3/8 blood or more Maine-Anjou characteristics and features.

Polled Hereford - purebred Polled Hereford characteristic and features. If scurred, scurs must be present.

Red Angus - purebred Red Angus characteristics and features. No scurs. No white in front of navel, above underline, or on legs. No black pigment on nose, around eyes, or around anus.

Santa Gertrudis - ½–blood or more Santa Gertrudis characteristics and features.

Shorthorn - purebred (15/16 or higher) Shorthorn characteristics and features.

Simbrah - a minimum of 1/4 and/or a maximum of 3/4 Simmental and Brahman with no other breed represented.

Simmental - purebred Simmental characteristics and features.

American Breeds and Crosses - consisting of Bos indicus or Bos indicus-containing breeds, either purebred, crosses among these breeds, or crosses with other breeds; and exhibiting visibly obvious predominant characteristic and features of Bos indicus or Bos indicus-containing breeds.

Other Breeds and Crosses - any steers not included above.

Taylor County Livestock Show

HEIFER SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Justin Holloway

Judge: Jake Franke

Registration Papers Checked: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, after Steer Classification, First Financial Pavilion

Show Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, after Steer Show, First Financial Pavilion

1. All Heifers must be registered in the exhibitor's name and photocopies of the registration papers must be presented at the time of check in.
2. All Heifer registration papers or certificates must show ownership by the exhibitor by November 1 of the preceding year. The age cap for Heifers exhibited in the 2023 Taylor County Livestock Show will be September 1, 2021 (27 months at time of Taylor County Livestock Show). Heifers will be looked at and papers checked immediately following Steer Classification, which is Wednesday, January 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the First Financial Pavilion.
3. Each exhibitor will be limited to no more than four (4) heifers.
4. Substitution of heifers can be made by an exhibitor at the time papers are checked provided the heifer being substituted meets all requirements of the show.

5. Heifers will be shown in three divisions:

ENGLISH BREEDS

Hereford
Polled Hereford
Angus
Shorthorn

BRAHMAN INFLUENCE

Brahman
Brangus
Beefmaster
Simbrah
Other Brahman Cross

EXOTICS

Limousin
Simmental
Chianina
Charolais
Maine Anjou
Other Breeds and Crosses

6. The number of classes in each division will be determined by numbers show and their ages. If five (5) or less heifers check-in, the breed may be combined into one division.
 - A. Less than eight (8) heifers in each division could be divided into two (2) age classes at the discretion of the Superintendent (if ages are very considerable)
 - B. Eight (8) or more heifers in each division will be divided into two (2) division will be divided into two age classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.
 - C. Twelve (12) or more heifers in each division will be divided into two (2) age classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.
7. Heifer show is Blow and Go, coat dressings that are non-adhesive are allowed. No glues or dyes are allowed.
8. Violation of the steer/heifer fitting rule will result in that animal being barred from the show.
9. Custom Fitters: These people are allowed to fit and trim animals at the Taylor County Livestock Show: Family members, community members within the realm of the county and school districts, County Extension Agents and Ag teachers.
10. Breed champions will be named, and a vinyl banner will be given. Grand champion heifer and reserve grand champion heifer will be selected from the breed champions.

HEIFER PREMIUM SCHEDULE

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AMOUNT:	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10

Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions will receive a vinyl banner.

Grand Champion Heifer will receive \$50.00, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer will receive \$25.00, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Taylor County Livestock Show

MARKET LAMB SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Marc Burson

Judge: Marty Vahlenkamp

Arrival: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Lamb Weigh In: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. by the Superintendent, First Financial Pavilion

Show Time: Thursday, January 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m. First Financial Pavilion

1. Each contestant may not place more than two lambs in any class. Market Lambs, both wethers and ewes, must have been owned and State or County Validated in Taylor County by November 1. All lambs must be in the possession of the exhibitor and placed on feed by validation time and the feeding period shall continue until opening of the show.

2. Lambs will be weighed by the superintendent and/or show officials. There will be no weigh back.

3. Classifying - Exhibitors must indicate on weight card the breed of each entry. All lambs will be classified at the time of judging. If the animal is classified out, it will be disqualified in that class and moved to the proper class.

BREED DEFINITION:

FINE WOOL – Rambouillet, Delaine or Debouillet Purebred or High Grade - 64's quality fleece or better.

Typical body markings for breed.

FINE WOOL CROSS - First cross of Rambouillet, Delaine or Debouillet ewes with Hampshire, Suffolk, Dorset, Columbia, Cotriedale, Montadale, Romedale, Targhee or Cheviot Rams.

SOUTHDOWN - Purebred

MEDIUM WOOL - Hampshire, Dorset, Suffolk, Columbia, Corriedale, Montadale, Cheviot, Shropshire, Purebred, High Grade or Crosses of the Breeds listed for the Class. All Southdown Crosses with the above listed breeds or other breeds shall show in this class.

HAIR SHEEP

4. Class Weights - After weight cards have been returned to the Show Office all Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, Medium Wool Cross, Southdown and Hair breed lambs will be divided into classes at the discretion of the Department Superintendent. The number of classes in each division will be determined by numbers shown and weights. Weight classes will be divided by weights as equally as possible by the Superintendent.

A. Eight (8) or more lambs in each breed division can be divided into two (2) weight classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.

B. Sixteen (16) or more lambs in each division can be divided into three (3) weight classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.

C. Twenty-four (24) or more lambs in each division can be divided into four (4) weight classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.

5. There is no tooth rule.

6. All lambs must be clearly shorn and must not have more than 3/8 inch of fleece at time of show.

7. All lambs that show any use of coloring and or bleaching of any kind will not be permitted to show. They will automatically be taken out of the show.

8. Any exhibitor, parent, or supervisor's acting in an unsporting manner in regard to a lamb's classification will create due cause for the exhibitor to be disqualified.

SHOW ORDER: FINE WOOL, FINE WOOL CROSS, SOUTHDOWN, MEDIUM WOOL, HAIR SHEEP

LAMB PREMIUM SCHEDULE

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AMOUNT:	\$30	\$26	\$22	\$18	\$14	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

Breed champion Lambs will receive \$50.00 and a vinyl banner.

Reserve Breed Champion Lambs will receive \$30.00 and a vinyl banner.

Grand Champion Lamb will receive \$50, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Reserve Grand Champion Lamb will receive \$25, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Taylor County Livestock Show

MARKET GOAT SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Kerry Fortune

Judge: Marty Vahlenkamp

Arrival Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Goat Weigh In: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. by the Superintendent, First Financial Pavilion

Show Time: Thursday, January 18, 2024, after the Lamb Show, First Financial Pavilion

1. This show is open to any breed or crossbred. Each exhibitor must own their animals by October 31, and throughout the entire feeding and fitting period. Each market goat entered must be State or County Validated by November 1.
2. Weighing – Goats will be weighed by the superintendent and/or show officials. There will be no weigh back. Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds with no maximum weight.
3. Wethers or nannies will be allowed to show. There is no tooth rule.
4. Horns - Exhibitors will be required to have their goats dehorned or have horns tipped. This must be done before arrival at the show grounds. Market Goats must be slick shorn with no indication of blocking to ½ inch of skin above and on the hock joints, excluding the tail switch.
5. Each exhibitor will be allowed to place two goats per class. Classes will be approximately 25 animals per class. Final class size will be at the discretion of the Department Superintendent.
6. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in the showmanship class.

MARKET GOAT PREMIUM SCHEDULE

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AMOUNT:	\$30	\$26	\$22	\$18	\$14	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

Champion Light Weight will receive \$50.00 and a vinyl banner.

Reserve Champion Light Weight will receive \$25.00 and a vinyl banner.

Champion Medium Weight will receive \$50.00 and a vinyl banner.

Reserve Champion Medium Weight will receive \$25.00 and a vinyl banner.

Champion Heavy Weight will receive \$50.00 and a vinyl banner.

Reserve Champion Heavy Weight will receive \$25.00 and a vinyl banner.

Grand Champion Market Goat will receive \$50, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat will receive \$25, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Taylor County Livestock Show

WETHER DOE GOAT SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Kerry Fortune

Judge: Marty Vahlenkamp

Arrival Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Goat Weigh In: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. by the Superintendent, First Financial Pavilion

Show Time: Thursday, January 18, 2024, after the Market Goat Show, First Financial Pavilion

1. This show is open to any breed or crossbred doe and is intended to be an exhibition suited for market goat production. Does are not required to be registered. Each exhibitor must own their animals by October 31, and throughout the entire feeding and fitting period. Each market goat entered must be State or County Validated by November 1.
2. Weighing – Goats will be weighed by the superintendent and/or show officials. There will be no weigh back. Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds with no maximum weight.
3. Only does will be allowed to show. at the time of show, does must not possess more than their first set of yearling teeth.
4. Hair may not exceed 1 ¼ inches above the hocks and knees. The hair will be measured at weigh-in with a ruler. There will be one person measuring each goat at weigh-in, and the Superintendent will verify. The exhibitor will not be allowed to make any changes to the animal.
5. Blow and Show only. Foreign material including, but not limited to, painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.
6. Dehorning of the goats is not suggested. However, horns should be tipped and rounded.
7. Each exhibitor will be allowed to place two goats per class. Classes will be broken according to weight. Final class size will be at the discretion of the Department Superintendent.
8. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in the showmanship class.

MARKET GOAT PREMIUM SCHEDULE

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AMOUNT:	\$30	\$26	\$22	\$18	\$14	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

Champion Light Weight will receive \$50.00 and a vinyl banner.

Reserve Champion Light Weight will receive \$25.00 and a vinyl banner.

Champion Medium Weight will receive \$50.00 and a vinyl banner.

Reserve Champion Medium Weight will receive \$25.00 and a vinyl banner.

Champion Heavy Weight will receive \$50.00 and a vinyl banner.

Reserve Champion Heavy Weight will receive \$25.00 and a vinyl banner.

Grand Champion Market Goat will receive \$50, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat will receive \$25, a vinyl banner, and a buckle.

Taylor County Livestock Show

RABBIT SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Ken Conner

Judge: Dr. Chris Beard

Rabbit Weigh In: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. AEP Texas Big Country Hall

Show Time: Thursday, January 18, 2024, 5:00 p.m. AEP Texas Big Country Hall

1. Exhibitors must furnish their own pen or cage for their rabbits. All rabbits may return home after the show, with the exception of the Champion and Reserve Champion; they will be kept on display until the Sale.
2. All rabbits must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned by the exhibitor at least 30 days prior to show time.
3. All rabbits showing signs of disease, including canker ear or sore feet, must be removed from the show immediately.
4. All rabbits whether single entries or pens of three, must have a legible number tattooed in either the right or left ear.
5. Pen of three (3) rabbits shall have a maximum weight of 16 ½ pounds and a minimum of 10 ½ pounds per pen. The minimum weight is 3 ½ pounds per rabbit and the maximum weight is 5 ½ pounds per rabbit. An exhibitor may enter two (2) pens.
6. All rabbits will show in one class unless more than 20 rabbits are entered, then the class will be broken into heats. The judge will sift the rabbits.
7. Single Rabbits (Rules 1 and 2 apply)
 1. Limit 2 entries per exhibitor. One (1) Rabbit per entry.
 2. Single entries cannot be the same as those show in a pen of three.
 3. Single entries will have a minimum weigh of 3 ½ pounds and a maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds.
 4. These entries will be eligible for the Premium Sale.
8. An exhibitor may enter and show no more than 2 pens of 3 and 2 single entries, (i.e. each exhibitor is eligible to show 2 pens of 3 AND 2 single entries.

RABBIT PREMIUM SCHEDULE

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 - 15
AMOUNT:	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Single Rabbits will receive a buckle, a vinyl banner, and \$50 each.

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Rabbits will receive a buckle, a vinyl banner, and \$25 each.

Taylor County Livestock Show

POULTRY SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Ken Conner

Judge: Dr. David Frazier

Check In: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, - 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (must be in line by 8:30 a.m.) AEP Texas Big Country Hall

Show Time: Wednesday, 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the AEP Texas Big Country Hall

Exhibitors must furnish their own coop or hole for their poultry. All poultry may return home after the show, with the exception of the Champion and Reserve Champion; they will be kept on display until the Sale.

1. Cockerels and pullets may be shown.
2. Birds infested with parasites or disease will not be admitted to the show. All entries will be sifted before being admitted to the show. All coops and sifted birds must be removed from the premises within one hour after the deadline specified for receiving entries. All birds must be well fleshed and suitable for human consumption.
3. Birds must have been purchased as baby chicks from the same hatch. This ensures that they originate from pullorum - typhoid clear flocks or hatcheries.
4. The owner of the bird or his/her representative must be present to show the bird.
5. Identification wing band numbers will be used.
6. No substitution will be allowed in the poultry department.
7. All poultry will show in one class unless more than 20 birds are entered, then the class will be broken into heats. The judge will sift the birds.
8. Single Poultry (Rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 apply.)
 1. Limit 2 entries per exhibitor. One (1) Bird per entry.
 2. Single entries cannot be the same as those show in a pen of 3.
 3. These entries will be eligible for the Premium Sale.
9. An exhibitor may enter and show no more than 2 pens of 3 and 2 single entries, (i.e. each exhibitor is eligible to show 2 pens of 3 AND 2 single entries.

POULTRY PREMIUM SCHEDULE

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 - 15
AMOUNT:	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Single Poultry will receive a buckle, a vinyl banner, and \$50 each.

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Broilers will receive a buckle, a vinyl banner, and \$25 each.

Taylor County Livestock Show

SWINE SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Craig Bessent

Judge: Curt Meuhlstein

Classifier: Brad Bevel

Swine Weigh-In: Thursday, January 19, 2024, Weighing & Classification will begin at 8:00 a.m. Weights must be turned in 30 minutes after the last chapter's scheduled weigh in. First Financial Pavilion

Show Time: Friday, January 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. First Financial Pavilion

1. Swine will be weighed by Superintendents Thursday. Each Chapter or 4-H group will have an assigned time to be at the scales. Superintendents will write down weights at that time and weight cards will be given out. **NO WEIGH BACK.** Advisors will be given back numbers for their exhibitors.

a. All weigh-in must be completed and turned in 30 minutes after the last chapter's scheduled weigh in.

2. There is a maximum of 300 pounds with a 3 lb. allowance and a minimum of 135 pounds with a 3 lb. variance on all swine entered. An exhibitor may place only two swine per class.

3. Barrows and gilts will be eligible to show. All swine entered must be State Validated in Taylor County or County Validated by December 1.

4. All swine will be classified at the time of weigh in. See swine guidelines for classification below.

5. First place animals in each class of each breed will show for breed champion. After the champion is awarded for each breed is placed, the second place animal in the class that furnished the champion will compete with the first place animals in the other classes of this breed for the reserve champion.

6. No artificial coloring allowed.

7. Classes will be approximately twenty-five (25) animals per class at the determination of the superintendent.

8. Swine show order:

DUROC, WHITE OPB, HAMPSHIRE, YORKSHIRE, BLACK OPB, BERKSHIRE, LIGHT CROSS, DARK CROSS

9. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in showmanship that will take place before classes begin. Showmanship divisions are as follows - Junior 3rd-5th grades, Intermediate 6th-8th grades and Senior 9th-12th grades.

SWINE PREMIUM SCHEDULE

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AMOUNT:	\$30	\$26	\$22	\$18	\$14	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

Each Breed Champion will receive \$50 and a vinyl banner.

Each Reserve Breed Champion will receive \$30 and a vinyl banner.

Overall Grand Champion will receive a buckle, a vinyl banner, and \$50.

Overall Reserve Grand Champion will receive a buckle, a vinyl banner, and \$25.

GUIDELINES FOR PUREBRED SWINE

ALL BREEDS - All animals shown in the purebred classes must be properly ear notched within 7 days of birth with a litter notch in the right ear and an individual notch in the left ear. Animals not properly ear notched will be eligible to be assigned to the crossbred class.

BERKSHIRE - The general color of Berkshires shall be black with white points, appearing on nose, feet, and tail (any of these points may be missing or an occasional splash of white may appear on the body)

INELIGIBLE-

1. Any color present on the animal, other than white or black.
2. Rounded and heavy, drooped ears.
3. Formation of a belt encompassing part of the one-third front of the body

CHESTER WHITE - White in color.

INELIGIBLE-

1. Animal with non - white (red, black, sandy, etc.) hair.
2. Animal with non-white skin pigmentation larger than a silver dollar in any one place.
3. Animals that lack breed character (erect ears, etc.)
4. Chester Whites that are cryptorchids are ineligible.

DUROC - Red in color.

INELIGIBLE-

1. White feet or white hair located directly above the feet (commonly referred to as white socks).
2. White spots or white hair located anywhere on the remainder of the animal's body not mentioned in item 1.
3. Black spots larger than two inches in diameter located anywhere on the body.
4. Excessive dark or black pigment located anywhere on the body (i.e. larger dark colored patches of skin or obvious shading of the belt on the fore front of the animal).

LANDRACE - White in color.

INELIGIBLE-

1. Animal with any natural color hair other than white.
2. Animal with more than a total of three spots of skin pigmentation.
3. Animal with any spot of skin pigmentation exceeding the size of a United States minted quarter currency.
4. Animals with upright ears.

POLAND CHINA - Poland Chinas are traditionally black with six white points (face, feet, and switch of the tail) and possess down ears, splashes of white hair on the body is permitted.

INELIGIBLE-

1. Animal that lacks breed character (erect ears, belt formation, etc.)
2. Animal that has red or sandy hair and/or pigment.

SPOTTED SWINE - Black & white in color

INELIGIBLE-

1. Must not have brown or sandy coloration of any kind on the body.
2. Solid black from ears forward.
3. Must not have a combination of a black led and black foot.
4. Very erect ears.
5. A complete belt formation around the front one-third of the body reaching over the upper portion of the shoulder.
6. Animal that lacks breed character.

HAMPSHIRE - Black in color with a white belt starting on a front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body.

INELIGIBLE-

1. Any hair other than white located on any part of the animal's body.
2. Animal with any white streaking in the center of the face.

YORKSHIRE - White in color.

INELIGIBLE-

1. Any hair other than white located on any part of the animal's body.
2. Any non -white pigmentation spot larger than a quarter or total color spots larger than a silver dollar. Also masking around the forehead.
3. Lack of Yorkshire breed type and character (i.e. - floppy ears etc.)

LIGHT CROSS -Any pigs with white and/or blue only.

DARK CROSS - All other colors (i.e. black, red and sandy) Excluding solid white or blue.

TAYLOR COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM – **Poultry Check-In** – AEP Texas Big Country Hall

11:00 am – **Poultry Show** – AEP Texas Big Country Hall

9:00 am – **Steer Weigh-In & Classification, Heifer paper check** after Steer Classification – First Financial Pavilion

1:00 pm – **Steer Show**, followed by **Heifer Show** – First Financial Pavilion

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – **Lamb & Goat Weigh-In** – First Financial Pavilion

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – **Rabbit Weigh-In** – AEP Texas Big Country Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

8:00 am – 30 min after last scheduled weigh-in time – **Swine Weigh-In & Classification** – First Financial Pavilion

8:00 am – **Lamb Show**, followed by **Goat Show and Wether Doe Goat Show** – First Financial Pavilion

5:00 pm – **Rabbit Show** – Big Country Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

8:00 am – **Swine Show** – First Financial Pavilion

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

5:30 pm – **Premium Sale Dinner** – Capital Farm Credit Display Building

6:30 pm – **Taylor County Livestock Show Premium Sale** – Capital Farm Credit Display Building