



Youth Contests Premium Book
September 12-20, 2025



Welcome Everyone!

We're excited to have you with us for another memorable year of celebration and community at the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. For generations, this event has served as a gathering place for friends, families, and neighbors to come together in appreciation of agriculture, entertainment, and the spirit of the region.

From the excitement of the carnival midway to the variety of delicious food, live music, and the heart-pounding rodeo action, there's something for everyone to enjoy. This tradition continues to grow thanks to the enthusiasm and support of people like you.

A special welcome goes out to our dedicated livestock show exhibitors. Your commitment, skill, and enthusiasm are at the heart of what makes this fair so special. The livestock show stands as a proud representation of our agricultural roots, spotlighting the efforts of our youth and community members who work tirelessly year-round. Your involvement honors the legacy of this event and ensures its future for the next generation.

Thank you for being part of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. Your passion and support help keep this tradition alive and thriving. We hope this year brings you great memories and experiences, and we look forward to sharing in the celebration with you.

It's a privilege to serve as President of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition, and I can't wait to welcome you all in person!

Phyllis Nickum Golden
2025 President
Amarillo Tri-State Fair & Exposition
Amarillo Tri-State Fair

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Mission Statement

“The Amarillo Tri-State Exposition is committed to enriching the community by strengthening the local economy, supporting education, and hosting entertaining, family-friendly events”

Amarillo Tri-State Exposition Management

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(This schedule subject to change without notice)

<u>Date / Events</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Thursday, September 11</u>		
Horse Judging Check-In	South Covered Arena	8 a.m.
Horse Judging Contest	South Covered Arena	9 a.m.
Horse Quiz Bowl Check-In	Amarillo National Center	1:30 p.m.
Horse Quiz Bowl Contest	Amarillo National Center	2 p.m.*
<i>*Horse Quiz Bowl will begin 30 minutes after the Horse Judging Contest concludes or at 2 p.m., whichever is later</i>		
<u>Friday, September 12</u>		
Ag Mechanics – Arrival	Rex Baxter	7 a.m.- 5p.m.
Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	4 p.m. – Midnight.
<u>Saturday, September 13</u>		
Ag Mechanics – Judge	Rex Baxter	9 a.m.
Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Range & Pasture ID Contest Check-In	ANC	11:30 p.m.
Range & Pasture ID Contest	ANC	Noon
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	Noon – Midnight
Ag Mechanics – Awards	TBD	3 p.m.
Range & Pasture ID – Awards	ANC	3 p.m.
<u>Sunday, September 14</u>		
Consumer Decision Making Check-In	ANC	10 a.m.
Consumer Decision Making Contest	ANC	11 a.m.
Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	Noon – Midnight
Livestock Quiz Bowl Check-In	ANC	2:30 p.m.
Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest	ANC	3 p.m.
<u>Monday, September 15</u>		
Archery Check-In	Bill Cody Arena	8:30 - 9 a.m.
Archery Orientation	Bill Cody Arena	9 a.m.
Food Challenge Check-In	ANC	9 a.m.
Archery Contest	Bill Cody Arena	9:30 a.m.
Food Challenge Contest	ANC	10 a.m.
Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	4 p.m. – Midnight

Tuesday, September 16

Public Speaking Check-In	ANC	9 a.m.
Vet Science Skillathon Check-In	Potter Co. Extension	9 a.m.
Public Speaking Contest	ANC	10 a.m.
Vet Science Skillathon Check-In	Potter Co. Extension	10 a.m.
Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	4 p.m. – Midnight

Wednesday, September 17

Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	4 p.m. – Midnight

Thursday, September 18

Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	4 p.m. – Midnight
PRCA Rodeo*	ANC	7:30 p.m.

**Mutton Bustin' Finals and Calf Scramble will begin each rodeo performance at 7 p.m.*

Friday, September 19

Livestock Judging Contest Check-In	ANC	8 a.m.
Livestock Judging Contest	ANC	9 a.m.
Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	4 p.m. – Midnight
PRCA Rodeo*	ANC	7:30 p.m.

**Mutton Bustin' Finals and Calf Scramble will begin each rodeo performance at 7 p.m.*

Saturday, September 20

Commercial Exhibits Hall Open	CEH	11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Carnival Midway Open	Midway	Noon - Midnight
PRCA Rodeo*	ANC	7:30 p.m.

**Mutton Bustin' Finals and Calf Scramble will begin each rodeo performance at 7 p.m.*

Sunday, September 21

Ag Mechanics- Release of projects	Rex Baxter	8 a.m.
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Important Definitions

Arrival: The term “Arrival” shall refer to the time at which animal and ag mechanics projects (projects) may arrive at Gate 2 or 3 depending on the event. Exhibitors will be given further directions on stalling and unloading procedures upon arrival.

Arrival Deadline: The term “Arrival Deadline” or “In Place” shall refer to the time at which Projects must have arrived at either Gate 2 or 3 depending on the event. Projects not having arrived by the Arrival Deadline of the respective show/contest are subject to disqualification.

AST/CEA: Agricultural Science Teacher (FFA Supervisor) / County Extension Agent (4-H Supervisor)

Club/Chapter: County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter

Exhibitor Check-In/Process/Paper-Check: These terms shall refer to the time allotted for exhibitors to provide necessary information (ex. Registration Papers, Animal Entry, Weight Cards, etc.) to Show Management for their respective show/contest. Some shows may require exhibitors to input animal information into an online check-in or kiosk system. Exhibitors who fail to complete the check-in requirements for their respective show/contest are subject to disqualification.

Late Arrival: The term “Late Arrival” shall refer to rare exceptions to the Arrival Deadline approved exclusively by Show Management. Exhibitors should contact the respective Show Superintendent prior to the arrival deadline of the respective show to request a Late Arrival. Show Management is in no way required to approve Late Arrival requests.

Project: The term “project” shall be defined as any animal, agricultural mechanics project, creative arts exhibit, or any entries in the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

Release: The term “Release” shall refer to the time at which exhibitors may remove their Projects and tack from the grounds. Projects removed prior to the Release time are subject to disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums and awards.

Show Management: The term “Show Management” shall be defined as any full-time staff member of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, show/contest Superintendent(s), Standing Volunteer Committee Chairman, or Vice-Chairman.

Tack: The term “Tack” shall refer to any vehicle or vehicle/trailer combination associated with animal projects transporting tack/equipment only. Show Management reserves the right to determine what constitutes an acceptable tack truck.

TSF: The term “TSF” means Tri-State Fair & Rodeo produced by the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition

GENERAL RULES

Statement of Liability

Your entry and participation in the TSF is conditioned on your understanding and agreement that none of the Amarillo Tri-State Fair & Exposition Management, Directors, Officers, Volunteers, Partners (General and Limited), or Employees shall have any liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, destruction or personal injury to any exhibitors or patrons or their personal property, merchandise or animals before, during or after such an event. Specifically, the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, injury or property damage which may occur to any exhibitor, owner, or attendee even if such incident is caused by, or alleged to have been caused by, in whole or in part, the negligence or gross negligence of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition. Each exhibitor and/or owner will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by the owner or exhibitor. **THE EXHIBITOR AND/OR OWNER INDEMNIFY THE AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION AGAINST ALL LEGAL OR OTHER PROCEEDINGS IN REGARD THERETO, AS WELL AS DAMAGE OR INJURY TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY, CAUSED BY THE ANIMAL OR ARTICLE EXHIBITED EVEN IF THE INCIDENT IS CAUSED BY, OR ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION.** The Amarillo Tri-State Exposition will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from or caused by strikes, riots, pandemics, lockouts or acts of God.

Civil Authority Evacuation

The TSF, along with all other large venue and public gathering places and events around the country, has been advised by Federal, State, and Local Authorities that an emergency evacuation of the premises may be ordered by any of those authorities at any time. This decision would be driven by information available to those authorities that (1) may not be available to the TSF, or classified by the law enforcement authorities, and therefore the TSF could not share it with our exhibitors; (2) could arise out of an actual or threatened act of terrorism; (3) or arise from any number of other public safety concerns the authorities have for the safety of the public at our event.

If an evacuation order occurs, you will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Your cooperation is not only required by law but for your own safety and the safety of other members of the public at the show. Local law enforcement officers will direct the evacuation. We are further advised that any evacuation will be for persons only and no other property, animals, trailers, or anything but your immediate means of transportation will be allowed off the premises. This is for the purpose of achieving the most timely and efficient clearing of the public from the threatened area. Do not attempt to load personal property, merchandise, animals, or anything but yourself and your family and friends into your vehicle and leave the premises immediately. In the unfortunate event that an evacuation must occur, the TSF will do everything possible to care for personal property, animals, commercial exhibitors' merchandise, etc. until the authorities remove the evacuation order, and you are allowed back onto the fairgrounds. No one will be allowed back on to the fairgrounds until the authorities issue that order. Local law enforcement will enforce the order strictly and in accordance with instructions from the authorities.

WARNING UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.

1. Administration of Rules and Rule Violations: The Amarillo Tri-State Fair & Exposition reserves to its Officer Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to the Fair, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalties as the Officer Committee may order.

2. Special Rules: Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their exhibits must also meet and adhere to the requirements of Special Rules listed under the appropriate department(s).

3. Project Care: Exhibitors/contestants with animal must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. If needed, the exhibitor may have a competent caretaker (must be an immediate family member of the exhibitor, other 4-H/FFA member, or AST/CEA) care for the project(s). However, the exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). Show Management reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable treatment of animal projects. Unacceptable treatment of animal projects will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor along with his or her club/chapter.

4. Project Security: All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the TSF does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. All exhibitors are responsible for the security of their own animal/project(s) for the entire duration they are on the grounds. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The TSF is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

5. Exhibitor/Contestant Behavior: The TSF does not condone and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals or any other persons including Show Management. Any exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor (parent/AST/CEA/fitter/family member, etc.) is not allowed to aggressively pop, slap, hit, or strike any animal at any time during the show or at any place on the grounds. Any aggressive or unwarranted behavior by an exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor towards another individual will not be tolerated. If such behavior is witnessed, it may result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor, and/or forfeiture of all fees, premiums, and awards. In certain cases, the exhibitor or associated persons may be banned from the grounds and/or any future competition. Protests are not permitted.

Entry Information

6. Entry Invitation: This is an invitational event where Show Management reserves the right to extend, conditionally accept, or fully reject an entry from any exhibitor(s). Competition is open to the world, with the exception of certain Youth Shows/Contests as outlined in their Special Rules.

7. Youth Show/Contest Eligibility Requirements: Youth Show/Contests must satisfy all the outlined criteria. Unless defined in the Special Rules, exhibitors must be bona fide members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors may enter as either a 4-H or FFA member, but not as both in the same Department. To be eligible, boys or girls must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private, or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas at time of show; be between the ages of 9 and 18 on August 31, 2024, or be between 8 and in the third grade on August 31, 2024. Exhibitors must be bona fide residents of the State of Texas (unless Special Rules specify otherwise), and in some cases may be restricted to exhibitors who reside in certain counties.

8. Youth Show/Contest Academic Eligibility: All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are considered to be academically eligible by the TSF to participate in the Junior Livestock Show at the time entries are received from the AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who has a member in his/her 4-H or FFA program who becomes ineligible to participate in the Youth Show/Contest according to Texas Education Code must provide written and signed notification to Show Management at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of Check-In/Registration for the respective show/contest. If such notification is not received at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of Check-In/Registration, the TSF will consider the exhibitor as eligible to participate.

9. Entry Process: When applicable in certain shows/contests, entries must be made via TSF online entry system. For questions regarding the entry process, please call the Tri-State Fair office.

10. Entry Fees: Certain shows/contests may include an entry fee. This fee is expected to be submitted in full along with the exhibitor's entry forms. There will be a \$35.00 service fee for all returned checks. The TSF has the right to ban any exhibitor or club/chapter from future participation should there be a continuous problem with entry fees.

11. Exhibitor Signature(s): Each exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian if the exhibitor is a minor) must sign the signature form indicating that he/she have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and liability information outlined in the current year's TSF Catalog.

12. Completed Entry: Entries are not considered complete until all the necessary steps for entry in the respective show/contest have been followed. This shall include on-time online or paper submission (whichever is appropriate), completed signature(s), and fully paid entry fees. Only Completed Entries will be eligible for the respective show/contest.

13. Entry Deadlines: It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure they understand and abide by the entry deadlines for each show/contest they wish to participate in. Entries must be made online (if applicable) **and** postmarked by the entry deadline.

14. Late Entries: All Livestock, Open Cattle Late Entries and Youth Late Entries will be \$100 per entry (except Bantams). Absolutely no open or youth entries accepted after the first business day of September 2024.

15. Erroneous Entries: Exhibitors that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class prior to judging by Show Management. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened. In some cases, the entry may be disqualified for which refunds will not be considered.

16. Objectionable Exhibits: Show Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal or project that may be falsely entered or deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore. All fees will be forfeited.

17. Refunds: There will be no refund or fees for any reason.

18. Limited Entries: The TSF reserves the right to limit the number of entries or restrict entries, in any way it deems necessary. Certain shows and contests may be restricted to exhibitors or entries that meet specified criteria.

Credentials

19. Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Pass: Each exhibitor will receive one (1) free Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Pass valid for the duration of the TSF. Insofar as possible, exhibitors may purchase additional Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Passes via online entry system and/or at the Fair. Each club/chapter will be issued one (1) free Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Pass valid for the duration of the TSF for assistance supervising projects. Insofar as possible, ASTs/CEAs may purchase additional Full Fair Grounds Pass via online entry system and/or at the Fair.

Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Pass = \$25

Daily Exhibitor Grounds Pass = \$5

20. Full Fair Exhibitor Parking Pass: Each exhibitor may purchase up to two (2) Full Fair Exhibitor parking passes. Each club/chapter will receive one (1) free Full Fair Exhibitor Parking pass and have the option to purchase two (2) additional passes.

Full Fair Exhibitor Parking = \$15

21. Parking Pass Stipulations – Full Fair Exhibitor Parking Passes are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis and are not guaranteed to be available at all times. Full Fair Exhibitor Parking Passes must be fully affixed to the windshield. Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or Show Management will have their entries disqualified without a refund and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately.

22. Official Protests: Official Protests must be submitted in writing to a member of Show Management and accompanied by a deposit of \$250 in cash, which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. Such protest must plainly and clearly state the cause for the protest and must be delivered to Show Management immediately after the person(s) protesting are made aware of the alleged infraction. Any protest specific to the eligibility of an exhibitor or animal must be filed at least 12 hours prior to the time that the animal is to be judged. Only exhibitors in the department, parents, legal guardians of the exhibitor in the department, AST or CEA who have members with exhibits in this department, the superintendent of the department and the CEO Amarillo Tri-State Exposition may file a protest. Any protest filed will be referred to the CEO and Officer Committee (as necessary), who will have the full power to act, and from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.

Premiums & Awards

23. Premiums Payout: Insofar as possible, premium monies will be distributed by the TSF at the time of the event. In some cases, premiums may be held until all funds from all sources are received by the TSF. If premiums are to be reissued for any reason, a \$35 fee per check will be subtracted from the total.

24. Premiums & Awards: The TSF will not be responsible or liable for lost premium monies and/or awards. Premiums & awards not claimed during the event will not be mailed. After 60 days, all unclaimed premiums & awards will be forfeited.

Other

25. Photographs: Exhibitors agree to present their project(s) at the request of show officials for official photographs. All photographs taken by the official photographer(s) become the property of the TSF. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Photographer. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the TSF. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any TSF event, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with the TSF, you consent to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to the TSF, and you further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

26. Pets: No pets are allowed on the grounds.

27. Concessions and Sales: Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of by exhibitors which would conflict with, or which is subject matter of, any privilege of the concessionaire or vendors granted by the TSF.

AG MECHANICS

LEADERSHIP

Ag Mechanics Superintendent	Dr. Nate Wolf
Ag Mechanics Assistant Superintendent	Jay Newton
Ag Mechanics Assistant Superintendent	Kirk Montgomery
Ag Mechanics Assistant Superintendent	Alfredo Rodriguez
Ag Mechanics Assistant Superintendent	Bruce Smith
Ag Mechanics Assistant Superintendent	Robbie Bow

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee	\$20 per Project
Entry Deadline	Friday, Aug. 15
Late Entry Fee	\$40 per Project
UPDATED Project Arrival and Check-In	7 a.m.- 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12*
*Projects to enter Gate 2 off 10 th St. by ATSE Offices. Please notify Superintendent of any special unloading needs. Extra-large projects will need to enter through Gate 3 off of 3 rd St.	
Judging Location	Rex Baxter Building
Judging	9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13
Awards	3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13
UPDATED Release of Projects	8 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 21

SPECIAL RULES:

1. All entries and awards in this division shall be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.
2. Articles entered for exhibition must be the work of students enrolled (at the time of construction) in Agri-science classes in high schools that are approved by TEA, or they may be a 4-H project that is constructed under the supervision of their AgriLife Extension County Agent. Organizations that are eligible to compete include schools in Area 1 for FFA and 4-H clubs in District 1 & 2:
District 1 Counties: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler.
District 2 Counties: Bailey, Borden, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Parmer, Scurry, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum.
3. Entries may be individually, or chapter constructed.
4. An article may be shown only once at the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo and must have been constructed during the 2023-2024 school term or the beginning of the 2025-2026 school term.
5. All articles must be clean and in a presentable condition.
6. Photos showing operation of the project may be displayed with the exhibit.

7. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to place signs on each exhibit showing (1) Student's Name; (2) FFA Chapter or 4-H Club; (3) Name of item; (4) The bill of materials (realistic cost) and value of materials; (5) Photos of construction; (6) Student-drawn plans (CAD plans are acceptable). Outside exhibit signs must be waterproof.
8. The following factors will be considered in judging the exhibits: (1) Workmanship; (2) Accuracy; (3) Skills Displayed; (4) Practicability; (5) Safety; (6) Design; (7) Finish; (8) Knowledge.
9. Student or students must be present during the judging in order to answer the judge's questions.
10. Judges will use the following point system to place projects:

A. Workmanship	25 points
B. Design/Materials Used	10 points
C. Practically	10 points
D. Degree of Difficulty	10 points
E. Finish	10 points
F. Plans, Bill of Materials, Photographs.....	10 points
G. Student's Knowledge of Project.....	25 points
Total of points	100
11. Sweepstake awards will be made on the basis of total points accumulated in the various classes. Points awarded for each class are as follows; 1st – 20, 2nd – 16, 3rd – 12, 4th – 8, 5th – 6, 6th – 5, 7th – 4, 8th – 3, 9th – 2, and 10th – 1.
12. Exhibits in the class 'Small Projects' must measure less than 300 cubic feet. If an exhibit is entered in the wrong class, the Superintendent will make the determination and transfer it to the proper class.
13. The judge will not award premiums or points for entries that do not meet acceptable standards of quality.
14. All exhibits must be displayed in a safe manner.
15. Only exhibitors present at the time of judging will be eligible for awards.
16. There will be no more than six exhibitors/students allowed to show per project.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
A.	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$5
B.	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5

CLASSES**PREMIUM SCALE**

1. Livestock & Horse Trailers	A
2. Other Trailers.....	A
3. Truck Beds	A
4. BBQ Grills.....	A
5. Livestock Production Projects	A
6. Pickup Accessories.....	B
7. Shop Improvement	B
8. Recreational/Home Convenience	B
9. Small Metal Projects.....	B
10. Small Wood Projects	B
11. Large Wood Projects	A
12. Farm Equipment	A
13. Restored Tractors Exhibition.....	A
14. Grand Champion Overall	\$200
15. Reserve Grand Champion Overall.....	\$100
16. Sweepstakes Awards:.....	1 st - \$150, 2 nd - \$100

ARCHERY CONTEST

LEADERSHIP

Archery Competition Superintendent..... Mollie Dahl
Archery Competition Asst. Superintendent Kay Rogers

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee \$50 per Contestant
Entry Deadline..... Friday, Aug. 15
Late Entry Deadline 8:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15
Late Entry Fee \$100 per Contestant
Check-In 8:30-9:00 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15
All Bow Classes Orientation 9:00-9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept 15
Contest..... 9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15
Contest Location Bill Cody Arena
Awards Following conclusion of the contest

This show is subject to the Tri-State-Fair General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section, as well as the Texas 4-H rules and United States Olympic Archery governing body rules.

Where the Texas 4-H rules and Olympic Archery rules conflict, Texas 4-H rules prevail. Special Rules conflict with other rules,

Special Rules prevail.

- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>
- <https://worldarchery.org/rulebook/>

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Participation: This competition is limited to the first 40 entries and will be divided into two divisions (Junior and Senior) based on age. All entries in this competition are subject to the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo (TSFR) Archery Competition Rules.

Contestants in the Archery Competition are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.

2. Entry Limits: There is no limit to the number of individuals each club/chapter may enter. The right is reserved, by Management, to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds.

- a. **Entries** are limited to the first **40** individuals.

3. Eligibility:

- a. **State of Texas:** TSFR Archery Competition is limited to entries within the Texas AgriLife Extension Districts 1 and 2.
- b. **School/4-H/FFA:** Contestants must be bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or Texas FFA Chapter and be enrolled in and attending public, private, or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas; between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before August 31, 2024 and be bona fide residents of the State of Texas. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible contestants. **MUST BE PASSING AND UIL ELIIGIBLE TO COMPETE.**
- a. **Junior Participant Classification** – 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2025.
- b. **Senior Participant Classification** – 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2025.
- c. **Contestants** also must have been coached in a bona fide Texas 4-H Shooting Sports archery project OR coached in a NASP program within the 2025 calendar year.
- d. A contestant is not eligible if already graduated from high school.

4. Ineligible Exhibitors: 4-H and FFA members are considered to be eligible by the Tri-State-Fair Rodeo for participation in the Archery Competition at the time completed USPS entries are postmarked. Any AST/CEA who has a member who become ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent of the TSFR at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of any Junior Show activity in which the ineligible exhibitor was to participate. If an exhibitor is determined ineligible, then the entry is ineligible.

- a. **Foreign Exchange Students:** Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in the TSFR Archery Competition.

5. Exhibitor Code of Ethics: The Tri-State-Fair & Rodeo is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from Show grounds.

Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort
- Providing alcohol to underage persons or providing a space for the consumption of alcohol by underage persons.
- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by underage persons
- Possession of an open alcohol container in a public area regardless of the individual's age
- Excessive consumption of alcohol

The consumption, distribution, and service of alcoholic beverages must be in compliance with the TX Alcoholic Beverage Code, which defines the lawful consumption and service of alcohol and prescribes sanctions for violations. The consumption, distribution, and service of alcoholic beverages must comply with TSFR regulations and policies.

The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo is an invitational event. The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

6. Event Format: The 4-H and FFA Archery Competition will be a World Archery “18 Meter(60’) Indoor Round. The contest will consist of 60 arrows shot at the 40 cm 5-color face target. 40 cm 3 spot target will be allowed. Each END consists of 3 arrows shot within 2 minutes. . There will be 10 seconds between the “Call to the line” whistle and the whistle to begin shooting. Extended time may be granted at the discretion of the range management for extraordinary conditions. 20 ENDS will be shot. Upon completion of END 10, contestants will be given a 15 minute break. Contestants will then move their target opposite of their initial target assignment. (I.e. if on top half of bale their target will be moved to bottom half of bale.) Then the next 10 ENDS will begin. Target assignments will be given at check-in. There will be 2 lines of archers (line A and B). Contestants must provide their own quivers. Quivers will not be provided by TSFR. All bows must remain cased on the grounds until equipment inspection. Absolutely no sky drawing is allowed, no exceptions. This will be strictly enforced. Any contestants seen sky drawing will be immediately disqualified.

a. Targets – 40 cm 5-color face or 40 cm 3 spot will be allowed. ONCE A TARGET SELECTION IS MADE BY A CONTESTANT, IT MAY NOT BE CHANGED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE MATCH.

b. Divisions:

i. Senior (14 to 19 years of age as of August 31, 2024)

ii. Junior (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2025)

c. Equipment Classes – Contestants will compete in **one** of the below classes based upon what bow they will be shooting with.

i. Recurve Bows – Bows may be equipped with a single sighting device, single pin, multiple pin, or hunting style sights; may not be equipped with string peeps or string marks for rear sights. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Bare Bow (longbow or recurve) – Bows may not be equipped with sights or sighting marks. Must not have kissers buttons, peep sights or cushion plungers. Mechanical release aids are not permitted. Bows may have weights added, but must be in compliance with USA shooting rules.

ii. Compound Bows – Compound Aided – Bows may be equipped with magnified sights and stabilizers. Mechanical release aids are permitted. 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.

iii. NASP – Original Genesis bows (No Genesis Mini’s or Genesis Pro’s) with no sights or sighting marks and no stabilizers. Mechanical release aides are not permitted. Only Easton 1820 30” ARROWS are allowed.

Arrows – All arrows must have practice points (no broad heads). Arrows must not be any larger in diameter than 23/64” including the point. Arrows must be sound and properly spined for the bow. Illuminated nocks are not allowed.

Electronic Equipment - there will be no electronic equipment allowed on the shooting line including cell phones, smart watches and earbuds.

d. Check-In – 8:30a.m. to 9:00a.m. All contestants must check-in prior to mandatory orientation. Contestants will be assigned a backstop number, above or below and left or right target placement for shooting. Check-in will be open based on the schedule above. All equipment must be inspected before orientation. NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!

e. Orientation – 9:00a.m. to 9:30a.m. Orientation is mandatory for everyone who will participate in the event.

f. Tournament – The tournament will begin promptly at **9:30 a.m. or after the conclusion of orientation.**

g. Finals: There will not be a finals round for 2025. Preliminary scores will be final.
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h. Squadding: Squadding positions will be assigned on a random basis. No special request accommodations will be made. Squadding positions will be posted inside Bill Cody Arena as a visual notice for observers.

8. Range control

Control over the range will be through verbal, whistle or light commands or a combination of those command types. Whistle or light commands are preferred for larger groups, while verbal commands are acceptable for small groups of shooters.

a. Cease fire - Multiple whistle blasts (4 or more, generally almost trilled), the verbal command to cease fire, or a red light requires all shooters to stop immediately and remove any arrow from the string. The command indicates the presence of an unsafe condition downrange or the end of the time period for that end. Any arrow shot after the cease fire command at the end of a firing period will result in the loss of the highest scoring arrow for that end by the shooter.

b. Shooters to the line - Two whistle blasts or a verbal command calls shooters to the firing line.

c. Commence firing - A single whistle blast a green light or a verbal command indicates the beginning of the shooting time period for each flight or relay.

d. Flight completed - Three whistle blasts, a red light or a verbal command indicate the completion of a flight. All archers should make their bows safe and ground them in preparation to score targets and retrieve their arrows.

e. Score your targets and retrieve your arrows - If the whistle or light commands are not used, a clear verbal command may be used to indicate that the range is clear and the flight may score and retrieve their arrows.

f. Resume firing - One whistle blast, a green light or a verbal signals the resumption of firing after any interruption.

9. Safety Requirements:

a. Range Safety: The safety of all involved is of paramount importance. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any contestant failing to conform to safety standards will be warned or disqualified from the event. Minor infractions will be noted and marked on the contestant's scorecard. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event. ***ARCHERS MUST FOLLOW PROPER LINE ETIQUETTE AT ALL TIMES***

b. Range Boundaries: For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around the range is essential. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of the officials.

c. Disruption: Parents, coaches, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviors deemed detrimental to contestants or the operation of the match. Sanctions ranging from warning to ejection from the grounds or disqualification of contestants may be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on a firing line or range.

d. Alcohol Policy: Consumption, use and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited by law and is not permitted. Consumption, use and possession of alcohol is not permitted by parents, coaches, observers, and contestants during the shoot.

e. Drug Policy: Shooting is not allowed while under the influence of any drug or prescription medications that effect judgement and conduct to a degree that a participant is unsafe.

f. Tobacco Policy: Smoking is not permitted by parents, coaches, observers, and contestants inside Bill Cody Arena. Parents, coaches and observers should adhere to all posted no smoking signs and restrict use to designated areas only. Smoking use and possession of tobacco products (including smokeless) by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.

10. Archery Interference: If any contestant in any way, whether in person, or by agent, or servant, interferes with range officials during their adjudication or shows disrespect to them, to the show or competition, they are subject to be penalized. Management may demand a proper apology from the contestant, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the grounds and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.

11. Official Scores: A minimum of 3 archers on a bale. The official score is the record kept by each squad archers will keep an official and unofficial score card. Archers may seek assistance of a line judge to make a final call if necessary. At the completion of End 20, archers will sign and turn in their official scorecard. All reported scores will be checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required in a secluded room by a minimum of 2 match officials.

Shoot officials maintain the objective of producing timely, accurate and complete scoring records for each event. They do not represent any club, county, team, or individual. The superintendent will be responsible for conducting any and all aspects of the event pertaining to “shooting”. Including, but not limited to: squadding, scoring, posting of scores, determination of winners, and rule interpretation.

Parents and or coaches may not score their youth and should never have possession of scorecards.

12. Appeals: Only a contestant may appeal a ruling on the range immediately. The scorer may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the line judge on the range is final and not subject to further appeal. Parent/coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted.

13. Accommodations: Lodging is the responsibility of the contestant’s party and will not be arranged by the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

14. Coaching: A participant may not be coached while on the shooting line. Coaching includes any communication between the coach, parent or other spectator and the contestant; verbal or non-verbal. The contestant may request assistance from Management and Management may assign an assistant, in the event of a malfunction.

15. Dress Code: Participants and spectators are required to dress appropriately. Both young people and adults should wear attire appropriate for the weather while remaining modest and socially acceptable. Contestants must wear a shirt with sleeves. Clothing deemed immodest or distracting to other contestants will not be permitted. Fully enclosed shoes must be worn for safety reasons by both contestants and spectators. All contestants and coaches should consider their dress in that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media.

16. Use of Two-Way Radios: To assist us in range and match operations, only authorized persons are permitted to use two-way radios on the grounds. Any action by either youth or adults interfering with the frequencies in use imposes a safety hazard. Deliberate disruption of range communication by anyone at the event will be considered a safety violation and will be treated as such.

17. Awards:

Recurve- Junior & Senior

Champion- Banner

Reserve Champion- Rosette

3rd Overall- Rosette

Compound- Junior & Senior

Champion- Banner

Reserve Champion- Rosette

3rd Overall- Rosette

NASP- Junior & Senior

Champion- Banner

Reserve Champion- Rosette

3rd Overall- Rosette

Grand Champion Junior- Buckle

Grand Champion Senior- Buckle

Consumer Decision Making

LEADERSHIP

Consumer Decision Making Superintendent..... Cari Snider

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee\$20 per individual or \$80 per team
Entry Deadline..... Friday, Aug. 15
Late Entry Deadline 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 14
Late Entry Fee\$25 per individual or \$100 per team
Check-In 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 14
Contest..... 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 14
Contest Location Amarillo National Center
Awards TBA by Superintendents

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Eligibility:** Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member is eligible and must be enrolled in primary or secondary school. Students that comprise each team must be members of the 4-H or FFA Chapter they represent.
- 2. Divisions:** There will be two separate divisions, Junior & Senior.
 - **Junior Division:** 3rd Grade through 8th Grade on the day of the contest (placing only)
 - **Senior Division:** 9th Grade through 12th Grade on the day of the contest (2 sets of oral reasons)
- 3. Teams:** 4-H and FFA teams will consist of 3 or 4 members and the scores of the 3 highest scoring team members will count as the team's score.
- 4. Individual Judges:** Individuals are also eligible to judge. Scores will count toward individual awards.
- 5. Scantrons:** All judges will use Scantrons for the contest. Scantron sheets will be provided by the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.
- 6. Tie-Breakers:** To be determined by Superintendent/Tabulator
- 7. Awards:**
 - A. Top 3 teams in each division: Junior and Senior
 - B. Top 5 individuals in each division: Junior and Senior
- 8. Tabulation:** A Scantron machine will be provided by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

- 9. Rules and Guidelines:** The Texas 4-H Consumer Education Contest guidelines. https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/consumer_decision_making_categories_2023-2024.pdf
- a. Classes will be created based off the 2023 Consumer Study Guide.
 - i. Professional Dress, Athletic Shoes, Activewear, Headphones/Earbuds, Tablets, Wireless Portable Speakers, Outdoor Equipment, Outdoor Backpacks, Dental Products, Fitness Equipment, Televisions, Grocery Meats
 - b. 6 classes will be developed for each division. Reasons classes will be marked and announced at orientation.

10. Awards:

Champion Team Overall Junior- Banner

Champion Team Overall Senior- Banner

1st Place Individual Junior- Banner

1st Place Individual Senior- Banner

2nd-5th Place Team Junior- Rosette

2nd- 5th Place Team Senior- Rosette

2nd-5th Place Individual Junior- Rosette

2nd-5th Place Individual Senior- Rosette

FOOD CHALLENGE

LEADERSHIP

Food Challenge Superintendent Chelsey Rash

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee \$80 per team
Entry Deadline..... Friday, Aug. 15
Late Entry Deadline 9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15
Late Entry Fee \$100 per team
Check-In 9 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15
Contest..... 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15
Contest Location Amarillo National Center
Awards TBA by Superintendents

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Eligibility:** Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member is eligible and must be enrolled in primary or secondary school. Students that comprise each team must be members of the 4-H or FFA Chapter they represent.
- 2. Divisions:** There will be three separate divisions, Junior, Intermediate & Senior.
 - **Junior Division:** 3rd Grade through 5th Grade on the day of the contest.
 - **Intermediate Division:** 6th Grade through 8th Grade on the day of the contest
 - **Senior Division:** 9th Grade through 12th Grade on the day of the contest.
- 3. Teams:** Each team will have at least three and a maximum of four members. If a team has members from different age divisions, the team must compete in the division of the oldest team member.
- 4. Limited Entries:** Entries may be limited based on space availability. Teams will be accepted on a first come-first serve basis based on the postmarked date of the entry.
- 5. Attire:** Each team will have the option of wearing coordinated clothing or aprons. Each team member is required to wear closed toe shoes and a hair restraint.
- 6. Food Categories:** There will be four food categories in each age division: Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, and Healthy Dessert. Teams will be randomly assigned to a category, which will not be announced until the day of the contest.
- 7. Preparation:** Each team will create an entire dish/recipe (not a full meal) using the provided key ingredient and grocery store items. Dishes/recipes created should include two or more servings. Teams should present the entire dish/ recipe to the judges and communicate during their presentation what an individual serving size should be. Teams will be responsible for determining the number of servings their dish provides. Teams should not create side or multiple dishes with their ingredients/grocery store items.

8. **Supply Box:** Each team must supply their own equipment for the challenge. Teams may bring only the supplies listed in the supply box section. Supply boxes may be checked by the contest officials as teams check in for the contest using a standard or randomized process. Any extra equipment will be removed from the team's supply box. Supply boxes are limited to the following dimensions: 40" x 24" x 40" (including wheels).
9. **Supply Box Equipment:** For a complete list of approved supply box equipment, please see page 6 of the link: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/food_challenge_rules_guidelines_23.pdf
10. **Rules of Play:** For a complete list of rules of play, please see pages 7-8 of the link: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/food_challenge_rules_guidelines_23.pdf
11. **Scorecard:** For example scorecards, please see pages 18-20 of the link: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/food_challenge_rules_guidelines_23.pdf
12. **Additional Resources:** Please visit here: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/>

13. Awards:

- Champion Junior, Intermediate, Senior Team Side Dish- Banner**
- Champion Junior, Intermediate, Senior Team Main Dish- Banner**
- Champion Junior, Intermediate, Senior Team Appetizer- Banner**
- Champion Junior, Intermediate, Senior Team Healthy Dessert- Banner**

- 2nd & 3rd Junior, Intermediate, Senior Team Side Dish- Rosette**
- 2nd & 3rd Junior, Intermediate, Senior Team Main Dish- Rosette**
- 2nd & 3rd Junior, Intermediate, Senior Team Appetizer- Rosette**
- 2nd & 3rd Junior, Intermediate, Senior Team Healthy Dessert- Rosette**

HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

LEADERSHIP

Horse Judging Co-Superintendent.....Dr. Christy Adams
Horse Judging Co-SuperintendentSidney Dunkel
Horse Judging Tabulation WTAMU

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee.....\$20 per Contestant
Entry Deadline.....Friday, Aug 15
Late Entry Deadline8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11
Late Entry Fee..... \$40 per Contestant
Check-In..... 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11
Contest 9 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11
Contest LocationSouth Covered Arena
Officials & Tabulation WTAMU
Officials..... Immediately following Questions/Reason
Awards.....TBA by Superintendents

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Eligibility:** Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member is eligible and must be enrolled in primary or secondary school. Students that comprise each team must be members of the 4-H or FFA Chapter they represent.
- 2. Divisions:** There will be 3 separate divisions: Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, FFA
 - Junior 4-H Division: 3rd Grade through 8th Grade on the day of the contest, will be placing classes only.
 - Senior 4-H Division: 9th Grade through 12th Grade on the day of the contest, will be required to give three sets of oral reasons.
 - FFA Division: FFA members will judge placing classes and answer questions on three classes.
- 3. Teams:** 4-H and FFA teams will consist of 3 or 4 members and the scores of the 3 high scoring team members will count as the team's score. Teams that consist of four members will have their lowest score dropped. Team consisting of three members will have all scores counted. Every contestant will compete for individual awards. **No hats, caps or electronic devices are allowed.**
- 4. Individual Judges:** Individuals are also eligible to judge. Scores will count toward individual awards.
- 5. Scantrons:** All judges will use Scantron for contest. Scantron sheets will be provided by the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.
- 6. Tie-Breakers:** To be determined by Superintendent/Tabulator

- 7. Classes to be Judged:** Classes will be judged in accordance with the current year AQHA Rulebook. Five to Eight classes will be judged, including two to four halter and three to six performance classes. Halter classes will be separated by age group. Depending on the availability of horses, similar age groups may be combined into a single class (i.e. 2 and 3 year old mares). Performance classes will be selected from the following: Trail, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Reining, Ranch Riding, Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Rail Pleasure, and Ranch Trail.
- 8. Contest Procedures:** Timing and conduct of classes will be conducted under the guidelines of the National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association. All horses will be considered sound of mouth, wind, and limb in halter and judged as they go in performance. All tack and attire will be considered legal. Each class will consist of four horses. Handlers/riders will be identified with numbered vests. While the contest is in progress, there will be no talking between contestants or anyone else except as directed by the contest officials. No pagers, cell phones or other forms of communication will be allowed on any contestant. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Coaches will not have contact with their contestants at any time during the judging and reason session. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Placing scantrons will be provided. Contestants must provide their own No. 2 pencil only. Contestants may use clipboards, notebooks, plain paper, official AQHA score sheets, the 2024 AQHA Rulebook so long as these items are clean and free of marks. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. A group leader will be placed in charge of each group of contestants. Contestants are responsible for turning in their cards to the group leader when time is called. Late cards will not be accepted.
- 9. Reasons 4-H Only:** Senior contestants will give two sets reasons and Junior contestants will give one set of reasons.
- 10. Questions FFA Only:** Contestants in the FFA division will answer a total of 10 questions, worth five points each, from 2 classes. Questions may be chosen from any of the classes held at the contest and will be determined by the Contest Officials. Contestants are permitted to use notes while answering questions.

Awards:

High Point Overall Team- Plaque

Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, FFA

High Point Individual 1st-5th- Plaque

Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, FFA

High Point Reasons Junior 4-H- Plaque

Reserve High Point Reasons Junior 4-H- Plaque

High Point Reasons Senior 4-H- Plaque

Reserve High Point Reasons Senior 4-H- Plaque

HORSE QUIZ BOWL

LEADERSHIP

Horse Quiz Bowl Superintendent.....Dr. Christy Adams

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee.....\$50 per team
Entry Deadline.....Friday, Aug 15
Late Entry Deadline 1:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11
Late Entry Fee.....\$100 per team
Check-In.....1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11
Contest 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11
Contest LocationAmarillo National Center
Awards.....TBA by Superintendents

The event will begin 30 minutes after the Horse Judging Contest results are announced or at 2:00 PM, whichever is later

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Eligibility:** Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member is eligible and must be enrolled in primary or secondary school. Students that comprise each team must be members of the 4-H or FFA Chapter they represent.
- 2. Divisions:** There will be two separate divisions, Junior & Senior.
 - **Junior Division:** 3rd Grade through 8th Grade on the day of the contest.
 - **Senior Division:** 9th Grade through 12th Grade on the day of the contest.
- 3. Teams:** A team will consist of four contestants. If a team has 3 members, they will forfeit the right to compete for the fourth individual question in the head-to-head round of play. The team rosters do not have to be final until the time of the contest.
- 4. Individuals:** Individuals are not eligible to compete in this contest.
- 5. Official Rules, Scoring, Procedures:** This contest will follow the same format for rules, scoring, and procedures as set forth by Texas 4-H. [quiz_bowl_rules_2024_2025.pdf](#)
- 6. Resources:** The resources outlined by Texas 4-H. See resource link below.
 - [quiz_bowl_horse_resources_04_2024.pdf](#)
- 7. Awards:** The top two teams in each division will receive awards. There will be no individual awards.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

4-H, FFA & Junior College

LEADERSHIP

Livestock Judging Co-Superintendent	Dr. Kevin Williams
Livestock Judging Co-Superintendent	Michael Semler
Livestock Judging Tabulation	Kristy Slough

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee	\$20 per Contestant
4-H & FFA Entry Deadline	Friday, Aug. 15
4-H & FFA Late Entry Deadline	8:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 19
4-H & FFA Late Entry Fee	\$25 per Contestant
Junior College Late Entry Deadline	8:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 19
Junior College Late Entry Fee	\$25 per Contestant
Check-In	8 a.m., Friday, Sept. 19
Contest	9 a.m., Friday, Sept. 19
Contest Location	Amarillo National Center
Officials & Tabulation	WTAMU, Clarendon College
Officials & Critique	Immediately following judging
Awards	TBA by Superintendents

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Eligibility:** Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member is eligible and must be enrolled in primary or secondary school. Students that comprise each team must be members of the 4-H or FFA Chapter they represent.
- 2. Divisions:** There will be five separate divisions: Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, FFA, Junior College Novice and Junior College Pro.
 - A. Junior 4-H Division:** 3rd Grade through 8th Grade on the day of the contest, will be placing classes only.
 - B. Senior 4-H Division:** 9th Grade through 12th Grade on the day of the contest, will be required to give three sets of oral reasons.
 - C. FFA Division:** FFA members will judge placing classes and answer questions on three classes.
 - D. Junior College Novice Division:** Freshman Junior College students.
 - E. Junior College Pro Division:** Sophomore Junior College students.
All Junior College contestants will place classes and give 4 sets of oral reasons.
- 3. Teams:** 4-H and FFA teams will consist of 3 or 4 members and the scores of the 3 high scoring team members will count as the team's score. Junior College teams (both Novice and Pro divisions) will consist of 5 members. The scores of all 5 team members will count toward the team score.
- 4. Individual Judges:** Individuals are also eligible to judge. Scores will count toward individual awards.

5. **Scantrons:** All judges will use Scantron for contest. Scantron sheets will be provided by the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.
6. **Tie-Breakers:** To be determined by Superintendent/Tabulator
7. **Calculation:** A Scantron machine will be provided by West Texas A&M University.
8. **Awards:**
Top 3 teams in each division: Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, FFA, JUCO Novice, and JUCO Pro- Plaque
Top 10 individuals in each division: Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, FFA, JUCO Novice, and JUCO Pro- Plaque

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

LEADERSHIP

Livestock Quiz Bowl Superintendent Tina Bryant

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee \$50 per team
Entry Deadline..... Friday, Aug. 15
Late Entry Deadline 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14
Late Entry Fee \$100 per team
Check-In..... 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14
Contest..... 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14
Contest Location Amarillo National Center
Awards TBA by Superintendent

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Eligibility:** Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member is eligible and must be enrolled in primary or secondary school. Students that comprise each team must be members of the 4-H or FFA Chapter they represent.
- 2. Divisions:** There will be two separate divisions, Junior & Senior.
 - **Junior Division:** 3rd Grade through 8th Grade on the day of the contest.
 - **Senior Division:** 9th Grade through 12th Grade on the day of the contest.
- 3. Teams:** A team will consist of four contestants. If a team has 3 members, they will forfeit the right to compete for the fourth individual question in the head-to-head round of play. The team rosters do not have to be final until the time of the contest.
- 4. Individuals:** Individuals are not eligible to compete in this contest.
- 5. Official Rules, Scoring, Procedures:** This contest will follow the same format for rules, scoring, and procedures as set forth by Texas 4-H.
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/quiz_bowl_rules_19_20.pdf
- 6. Resources:** There will be two main resources for questions. First, the resources outlined by Texas 4-H. Second, the bank of questions used for the Texas FFA Livestock Judging Contest. See both resource link below.
 - https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/quiz_bowl_livestock_resources_2022.pdf
 - https://www.texasffa.org/docs/Texas%20Livestock%20CDE%20Bank%20-%202022-2026.%20-%20Answer%20Key_33019.pdf
- 7. Awards:**
Champion & Reserve Champion Junior, Senior Team- Buckle
Champion Team Overall Junior, Senior- Banner
Reserve Champion, 3rd Overall Junior, Senior- Rosette

PUBLIC SPEAKING

LEADERSHIP

Public Speaking Superintendent James Graves
Public Speaking Assistant Superintendent..... Trent Houchin

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee \$20 per contestant
Entry Deadline..... Friday, Aug. 15
Late Entry Deadline9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16
Late Entry Fee \$50 per contestant
Check-In.....9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16
Contest.....10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16
Contest Location Amarillo National Center
Awards TBA by Superintendent

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Eligibility:** Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member is eligible and must be enrolled in primary or secondary school.
- 2. Divisions:** There will be two separate divisions, Junior & Senior.
 - **Junior Division:** 3rd Grade through 8th Grade on the day of the contest.
 - **Senior Division:** 9th Grade through 12th Grade on the day of the contest.
- 3. Entry:** Contestants in each division will be divided into groups depending on category. Categories must be indicated upon entry by August 15th. Superintendents reserve the right to break categories as necessary.
- 4. Conduct of Contestants** – See Rules for All 4-H And FFA Judging Contests
 - a. Communication devices (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) are not permitted to be in the possession of the contestant for the duration of the contest, except those devices which are required for medical reasons (i.e. blood sugar monitors/apps). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.
- 5. Dress Attire:** Contestants should wear presentable attire. Business attire or Official 4-H or FFA attire is recommended.
- 6. Time:** Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes in length and a maximum of eight (8) minutes.
- 7. Question/Answer Period:** A three-minute question and answer period will follow each speech. At the end of three minutes, time will be called, and all questioning will end.

Categories:

Agriculture Policy/Agribusiness: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal rights, subsidies, price supports, cooperatives, sales, service, communications, entrepreneurships, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging or advertising.

Animal Science/Livestock Show Ethics: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspects of dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries. Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the ethics practiced in the livestock show industry.

Horticulture/Landscape/Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that addressed any aspect of horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, ect.

Western Heritage/Ag Advocacy: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Western history, culture, or heritage. Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new agri-technology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, computer applications, ect.

8. **Props:** The use of pets, signs, electronics, objects, or props of any kind are prohibited. A violation of this rule will result in contestant disqualification.
9. **Speech Topic Areas:** Contestants will not be separated by speech topic. All contestants will be judged together within their age division.
10. **Contest Viewing:** During the judging of the speaking event, the general public will be allowed to watch, however entrance will not be allowed while a contestant is speaking

11. Awards:

Champion Junior- Buckle

Champion Senior- Buckle

RANGE AND PASTURE

PLANT IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

LEADERSHIP

Superintendent.....Deborah Boxberger
Assistant Superintendent..... Deanna Porter

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee.....\$20 per team/\$5 for individual
Entry Deadline..... Friday, August 15
Check-In..... 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13
Location..... Amarillo National Center
Contest..... Noon, Saturday, Sept. 13
Results and Awards 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13

Contact Deborah Boxberger for questions 806-468-8600, ext. 3

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Divisions:** The contest will be divided into two divisions.
 - A. Division 1** – Junior Division. Contestants must be at least 8 years old by Jan. 1, 2025, and in third grade. Contestants may be no more than 13 years old by Jan. 1, 2025
 - B. Division 2** – Senior Division. Contestants between 14-19 years old on Jan. 1, 2025
- 2. Qualifications:** Any agricultural science teacher, AgriLife Extension agent or 4-H leader may enter as many teams as they wish in each division. Participants must have passed their 8th but not their 19th birthday before Jan. 1, 2025, and must be enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas, New Mexico or Oklahoma to participate.
- 3. Teams:** Competing teams will consist of 3 or 4 members. Scores of the 3 highest scoring team members will comprise a team score. Individual contestants may compete and contend for all individual awards.
- 4. Entry:** Teams may enter in this contest by sending a completed entry form (available from the Canadian River SWCD or Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Office) along with applicable fees to: Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, 3301 SE 10th Ave, Amarillo, TX. 79104. Entries must be in by Sept. 2, 2025. There will be a \$20-per-team fee to enter this contest. Contestants may be entered individually for \$5. Complementary one-day passes will be issued to the competing team members and one coach per team.
- 5. Plant Selection:** Plants will be selected from the Master Plant list prepared by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Department of Vocational Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and show officials. Copies of this plant list may be secured by writing AgriLife Extension Range Specialist, Room 225 AI Building, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. 77845-2126. Primary emphasis will be placed upon plants that grow in the Texas Panhandle area.
- 6. Plant Specimens:** Plants may be mounted or live specimens.

7. **Scoring:** The event will be listed on judgingcard.com. Contestants will have 60 seconds per plant to identify the plant. Tie scores will be broken by providing contestants an opportunity to identify another set of plants. Plant lists will be allowed for use as a reference during the contest. Only the Master Plant Lists provided by the contest officials are permitted. Please bring a clipboard. Scantron will be used this year. Bring scan sheets and pencils. They will not be provided. Magnifying glasses are not permitted for use by contestants. Judges' decisions will be final.

8. Awards:

Champion Team Overall Senior- Banner
Champion Team Overall Junior- Banner

Reserve Champion Senior Team- Rosette
3rd -5th Place Senior Team- Rosette

Reserve Champion Junior Team- Rosette
3rd -5th Place Junior Team- Rosette

High Scoring Individual Junior Division- Plaque & Cash
Reserve High Scoring Individual Junior Division- Plaque
3rd -5th High Scoring Individual Junior Division- Plaque

High Scoring Individual Senior Division- Plaque & Cash
Reserve High Scoring Individual Senior Division- Plaque
3rd -5th High Scoring Individual Senior Division- Plaque

***Cash prizes sponsored by: Canadian River SWCD**

High Scoring Individual- Junior & Senior
Reserve High Scoring Individual- Junior & Senior
3rd Place High Scoring Individual- Junior & Senior

VET SCIENCE SKILLATHON

LEADERSHIP

Vet Science Skillathon Superintendent David Sessum
Vet Science Skillathon Assistant Superintendent Megan Eikner

SCHEDULE

Entry Fee \$20 per individual
Entry Deadline..... Friday, Aug. 15
Late Entry Deadline9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16
Late Entry Fee \$50 per individual
Check-In.....9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16
Contest..... 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16
Contest LocationPotter County Extension Office
Awards TBA by Superintendents

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. Eligibility:** Any bonafide 4-H or FFA member is eligible and must be enrolled in primary or secondary school. Students must be members of the 4-H or FFA Chapter they represent. This contest is open to Districts 1, 2 & 3.
District 1 Counties: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler.
District 2 Counties: Bailey, Borden, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Parmer, Scurry, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum.
District 3 Counties: Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King, Knox, Montague, Motley, Palo Pinto, Parker, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young.
- 2. Divisions:** There will be two separate divisions, Intermediate & Senior.
Intermediate Division: 6th Grade through 8th Grade on the day of the contest.
Senior Division: 9th Grade through 12th Grade on the day of the contest.
- 3. Scoring:** There will be (3) components or “rounds” to the contest. Each component will be weighted in the following manner for scoring purposes.
 - **Written Exam= 300 points**
 - **Id Exam= 150 points**
 - **Skills Exam= 400 points**
 - Total = 850 points**

All participants will complete and earn points in the first three (3) rounds of Written Exam, Identification Exam, and Skills Exam for a maximum of 850 points.

Written Exam

Questions will be written regarding information selected from the Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant. Questions will be derived from the lessons in the reference book, as well as, from the knowledge that can be obtained by participating in activities of the veterinary science project. Questions may be multiple choice, true/false, matching, identification, or short answer. There will be 100 questions, each worth two (3) points, for a total of 300 points.

Identification Exam

The Identification Exam will include Veterinary Instruments, Breeds (cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, dogs, and cats), Parasites, and Internal Organs. This portion will be made up of 75 questions worth 2 points each for a total of 150 points.

Skills Exam

The Skills Exam will be the hands-on component of the contest. Participants will perform the skills individually. The ability to perform these skills will come from working as trainee under the supervision of a veterinarian. At each skills station, instructions and time constraints will be provided. The skills will be judged using a rubric for thoroughness, safety, and overall completion of the skill in the allotted time. The Skills Exam will be worth 400 points total. Each skill may be weighted with different point values depending upon the complexity of the skill. Refer to the link below for skills rubric. <https://vetmed.tamu.edu/ffa-veterinary-science/practicum-rubrics/>

4. Contest Guidelines, Resources: Can be found at: [website](#)

Please note:

There is not an official exam question bank or study guide for the exam portion of this contest. All exams will have original questions that are not directly from a manual such as the Texas A&M AgriLife Veterinary Science Certificate Program Handbook.

2025 Written Exam: Chapters 9, 11, 13, 15, 17

5. Awards:

1st Place Overall Junior- Banner

1st Place Overall Senior- Banner

2nd -5th Overall Junior, Senior- Rosette

1st- 3rd Written Exam Junior, Senior- Rosette
1st- 3rd ID Exam Junior, Senior- Rosette
1st- 3rd Skills Exam Junior, Senior- Rosette