



EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK



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Significant Rule Changes for 2024



Below is a list of significant rule changes for the 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™. Please note, these are not the only changes. Please review the individual rules for your specific division of entry for detailed information and additional changes.

General Show Rules:

- **Entry Deadlines:** Entry deadlines have been edited for some shows and contests. Please see page 31.
- **Open Show Admission Passes:** Grounds admission pricing has increased. Please see pricing on page 33.
- **Open Show Parking Permits:** New guidelines have been implemented regarding parking permits. Please see page 34.
- **Unethical Fitting:** Updating guidelines. See page 36.
- **Aisles/Passageways & Fire Marshall Regulation:** updated rules. See page 37.
- **Open Show Entertainment:** New rules regarding entertainment in stalling areas. See page 37.
- **Music:** New rule regarding music being played in stalling areas. See page 37.

Open Show:

- **Open Show Cattle Check-in Percentages:** Rule reinstated regarding the percentage of cattle that have to arrive and show in the open show. See page 44.
- **Open Cattle Display Space:** Amount of display space updated for exhibitors entering 1-4 head of cattle. See page 44.
- **Open Breeding Sheep Show:** Discontinued Delaine Merino breed, further defined breeds allowed in Registered Wool Breeds. Please see rules starting on page 99.
- **Alpaca Shows:** Working on sanctions. Full rules will be posted soon.
- **Open Rabbit Show:** Show A & B on same day. See page 119.
- **Youth Breeding Rabbit Show:** Show will take place over 3 waves; each breed will have different move-in and move-out dates. Please see rules starting on page 123.

Junior Show:

- **Unethical Fitting:** Updating guidelines. See page 134.
- **Withold Guaranteed Premiums:** Updated guideline. See page 136.
- **Auction Explanation & Guaranteed Premiums:** The way junior auctions work has changed and the guaranteed premiums for auctions have been adjusted. Please see page 137.
- **Junior Market Steer Show Guaranteed Premiums:** Premiums have been adjusted. Please see page 140.
- **Junior Market Steer Placing Steer Holdover:** updated information. Please see page 142.
- **Junior Market Steer Classification Guidelines:** update guidelines for 2024 show. Please guidelines starting on page 145.
- **Junior Market Lamb & Market Goat Show Premiums:** Premiums have been adjusted. Please see page 158 & 165.
- **Junior Market Lamb Classification Guidelines:** updated guidelines. Please see rules starting on page 161.
- **Junior Market Barrow Show:** Schedule updated. Other Crossbred judges won't be appointed until the start of Wave 1 show. Please see rules starting on page 169.
- **Junior Market Barrow Show Guaranteed Premiums:** Premiums have been adjusted. Please see page 170.
- **Junior Market Broiler & Market Turkey Shows:** New location, arrivals guidelines, and show dates. Please see pages 179 & 181.
- **Junior Market Broiler & Market Turkey Show Premiums:** Premiums have been adjusted. Please see page 179 & 181.
- **Junior Breeding Sheep Show:** Discontinued Delaine Merino breed, further defined breeds allowed in Registered Wool Breeds. Please see rules starting on page 185.
- **Junior Breeding Gilt Showmanship:** Added Showmanship classes. Please see page 188.
- **Junior Breeding Gilt Age:** Updated age requirements. Please see page 189.
- **Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show:** New validation requirements. Please see page 191.
- **Junior Commercial Steer:** Added DNA verification program. Please see page 217.
- **Archery Competition:** New Contest dates October 28 -29. New entry process and expanded the number of slots available for entry. Please see rules starting on page 222.
- **Wildlife Poster Board & Video Contest Entry Fees:** Increase to \$10 per entry. Please see pages 227 & 230.
- **Young Guns Shooting Sports:** Adding Modified 5-Stand as a component of every entry. Increasing the registration fee to \$225. Please see rules starting on page 234.
- **Ag Mechanics:** New class listings. Please see rules starting on page 243.

- **Judging Contest Communication Devices:** Update rule regarding use of communication devices. Please see page 264.
- **Agricultural Science Fair & Ag Public Speaking:** New required document files. Please see page 266 & 270.
- **4-H & FFA Food Challenge:** Updated rules and format regarding check-in times and supplies. Please see rules starting on page 285.
- **4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest:** New contest location and date. Please see page 293.
- **4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest:** New contest location and date. Please see page 306.
- **4-H & FFA Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest:** New contest location and date. Please see page 308.
- **Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest:** New contest location and date. Please see page 318.

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 Superintendent, Livestock Show Operations ----- Gerry Don Oldham – Fort Worth, TX
 Assistant Superintendent, Livestock Move-Ins ----- Hunter Cox – Houston, TX
 Assistant Superintendent, Exhibitor Crowd Control ----- Richard Mixx – New Caney, TX
 Open Breeding Beef and Youth Cattle ----- Wes Allison – Waco, TX
 Open Dairy Cattle ----- Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX
 Open Breeding Sheep ----- Walter Gerhart – Winters, TX
 Open Boer Goat ----- Glen Avriett – New Braunfels, TX
 Open Dairy Goat ----- Scott Horner – College Station, TX
 Open and Youth Rabbit and Cavy ----- Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN
 Open and Youth Llama Show ----- Nancy Burwell – Crosby, TX
 Open and Youth Alpaca Show ----- DJ Riedel – Conifer, CO
 Junior Market Steer ----- Dr. Chris Skaggs – College Station, TX
 Junior Market Lamb ----- Scott Durham – San Angelo, TX
 Junior Market Goat ----- Todd Swift, Johnson City, TX
 Junior Market Broiler ----- William Kulow – Needville, TX
 Junior Market Turkey ----- Micah Osburn – Somerville, TX
 Junior Market Turkey ----- Micah Osburn – Somerville, TX
 Junior Commercial Steer ----- Al Mahalitic – Eagle Lake, TX
 Junior Breeding Beef Heifer ----- Dr. Steve Frazee – Wolfforth, TX
 Calf Scramble Show Steer ----- Dr. Kyle Stutts – Huntsville, TX
 Calf Scramble Show Heifer ----- Gerald Young – Katy, TX
 Junior Dairy Cattle ----- Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX
 Junior Breeding Sheep ----- Walter Gerhardt – Winters, TX
 Junior Breeding Gilt ----- David Frazier – Stephenville, TX
 Judging Contests
 Agricultural Science Fair ----- Lance Waggoner – Corsicana, TX
 Agricultural Public Speaking Contest ----- David Waggoner – Hillsboro, TX
 Agriculture Product ID ----- Dr. Amy Mehaffey – Nacogdoches, TX
 Ag Robotics Contest ----- Dr. Toby Lepley – Baton Rouge, LA
 4-H/FFA Dairy ----- Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX
 4-H/FFA Floriculture ----- Dr. Michael Maurer – Nacogdoches, TX

4-H/FFA Food Challenge -----	Dr. Julie Gardner – Gatesville, TX
4-H/FFA Horse -----	Mike Heimer – Conroe, TX
4-H/FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl -----	Dr. Stanley Kelley – College Station, TX
4-H/FFA Livestock Judging -----	Dr. Larry Boleman – College Station, TX
4-H/FFA Meat -----	Dr. Davey Griffin – College Station, TX
4-H/FFA Nursery Landscape -----	Dr. Jared Barnes – Nacogdoches, TX
4-H/FFA Poultry -----	Dale Hyatt – College Station, TX
4-H/FFA Range and Pasture Plant ID -----	Dr. Barron Rector – College Station, TX
4-H/FFA Veterinary Science Contest -----	Dr. Joe Mask – College Station, TX
4-H Wildlife Contest -----	Larry Hysmith – College Station, TX
FFA Wildlife Contest -----	Terry Blankenship – Sinton, TX
4-H/FFA Wool -----	Dr. Shawn Ramsey – Navasota, TX
Intercollegiate Meat -----	Dr. Joe Harris - Bryan, TX
Intercollegiate Livestock -----	Dr. Chris Skaggs - College Station, TX
Intercollegiate Wool -----	Dr. Shawn Ramsey – Navasota, TX
Young Guns Shooting Sports -----	Bailey Glenewinkel – San Antonio, TX
Archery Competition -----	Rick Stonebraker – Houston, TX
Agricultural Mechanics -----	Dr. Curtis Langley – Winona, TX
State FFA Tractor Technician Contest -----	Dr. Curtis Langley – Winona, TX
Trailer Build-Off Contest -----	Dr. Curtis Langley – Winona, TX

LIVESTOCK SHOW JUDGES

Open Cattle

Angus-----	TBD
Beefmaster-----	TBD
Braford -----	TBD
Brahman -----	TBD
International Brangus/Red Brangus/Ultra -----	TBD
Braunvieh/Braunvieh Beefbuilder-----	TBD
Charolais-----	TBD
Hereford/Polled Hereford -----	TBD
Red Angus -----	TBD
Santa Gertrudis -----	TBD
Simbrah -----	TBD
Simmental -----	TBD
TX Longhorn -----	TBD
Youth TX Longhorn -----	TBD
Miniature Zebu -----	TBD

Open Dairy Cattle ----- **Tanner Schmaling** – Elkhorn, WI

Open Breeding Sheep ----- **TBD**

Boer Goat

Open -----	TBD
Youth-----	TBD

Dairy Goat

Open -----	Danielle Carolei – Stanfordville, NY
Youth-----	Jay Rudolf – Renwick, IA

Open & Youth Alpaca Halter & Performance----- **TBD**

Open & Youth Llama Halter & Performance----- **TBD**

Open & Youth Llama & Alpaca Fleece----- **TBD**

Open Cavy----- **TBD**

Youth Cavy ----- **TBD**

Open Breeding Rabbits ----- **TBD**

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Youth Breeding Rabbits ----- **TBD**

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Youth Meat Pen Rabbits----- **TBD**

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	TBD
Junior Market Steer	Chris Mullinix – Manhattan, KS
Junior Market Lamb	Jeff Ripley – College Station, TX
Junior Market Goat	Jess Yeaman – Uvalde, TX
Junior Market Barrow	Justin Rodibaugh – Rensselaer, IN
	Clay Zwilling – St. Joseph, MO
Junior Market Broiler (Pullets)	Jason Mooney – St. Hedwig, TX
Junior Market Broiler (Cockerels)	Keith Scott – Floresville, TX
Junior Market Turkey (Hens)	Jacob Leopold – College Station, TX
Junior Market Turkey (Toms)	Bryce Leopold – College Station, TX
Junior Breeding Beef Heifers	
Angus	Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL
Beefmaster	P. J. Budler – Fort Worth, TX
Brangus	Dave Allan – Nocona, TX
Charolais	Chris Sankey – Council Grove, KS
Chianina	Chris Sankey – Council Grove, KS
Grey Brahman	Dave Allan – Nocona, TX
Hereford	Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL
Limousin	Chris Sankey – Council Grove, KS
Maine-Anjou	Chris Sankey – Council Grove, KS
Polled Hereford	Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL
Red Angus	Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL
Red Brahman	P. J. Budler – Fort Worth, TX
Red Brangus	P. J. Budler – Fort Worth, TX
Santa Gertrudis	Dave Allan – Nocona, TX
Shorthorn	Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL
Simbrah	Dave Allan – Nocona, TX
Simmental	Chris Sankey – Council Grove, KS
Other Registered Breeds	Chris Sankey – Council Grove, KS
American Registered Breeds	Dave Allan – Nocona, TX
Beef Scramble Heifer	
American	TBD
British	TBD
Continental	TBD
Scramble Steer – Wave 1	TBD
Scramble Steer – Wave 2	TBD
Junior Breeding Sheep	Chad Coburn – Sterling City, TX
Junior Breeding Gilt	David Ammann – Highland, IL
Junior Breeding Gilt Showmanship	TBD
Junior Dairy Cattle	Tanner Schmaling – Elkhorn, WI

LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRY DEADLINES

- Oct. 24:** Archery Competition Deadline, entries via <https://eyesonscore.com> (NO LATE ENTRIES)
- Dec. 1:** Junior Market Steer, Junior Market Lamb, Junior Market Goat, Junior Market Barrow, Junior Market Broilers, Junior Market Turkey, Junior Commercial Steer, Junior Breeding Beef Heifer, Junior Beef Scramble Heifer/Steer, Junior Dairy Cattle, Junior Breeding Sheep, Junior Breeding Gilt, Agricultural Mechanics Project Show, Poster Board Contest, Video Contest, Ag Public Speaking, and Ag Science Fair.
- Dec. 2 - 5:** Junior Show Late Entry – \$250 fee per chapter or county
- Dec. 6 until closing of check-in for the individual species** Junior Show Extra Late Entry – \$500 fee per entry (Payment in the form of cash, check, or credit card **must** be received prior to the close of check-in for the respective show or contest).
- Dec. 15:** Open Youth Meat Pen Rabbits (NO LATE ENTRY)
- Jan. 15:** Open/Youth Breeding Beef, Open Dairy Cattle, Open Breeding Sheep, Open and Youth Boer and Dairy Goats, and Group Classes Entry Deadline – No entries will be accepted after this date.
- Feb. 1:** 4-H and FFA Team Judging Contest Deadline, entries via <https://www.judgingcard.com/>
- Feb. 1:** Young Guns Clay and Skeet Shoot, entries via <https://iclays.com/>
- Feb. 1:** Youth and Open Breeding Rabbits and Cavies (NO LATE ENTRY), Junior Breeding Show substitution deadline – All Junior Breeding Show substitutions received after this date will be charged a substitution fee per entry.
- Feb. 1:** Open/Youth Show Substitution Deadline – All Open/Youth Show substitutions received after this date will be charged a \$10 substitution fee per entry.
- Feb. 1:** Llama/Alpacas Entry Deadline (NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FEB. 1).
- Feb. 1:** Intercollegiate Judging Contest Entry Deadline (NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FEB. 1).
- Feb. 1:** Sheep Dog Trials
- Feb 2 – Mar 1:** Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Substitutions charged a \$50 fee.
- March 2:** Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Substitutions charged \$250 fee per substitution, substitutions can be made until the end of check-in for Junior Breeding Beef Heifers.

JUNIOR SHOW

ENTRIES: Entries must be submitted online before **midnight, Dec. 1**. Entries submitted between **Dec. 2 - 5** will automatically be charged a \$250 late fee per chapter or county. Junior Show entries must have an official postmark of Dec.5 or earlier. Entries are to be mailed to the following address:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Livestock Entries
NRG Center
3 NRG Park
Houston, TX 77054

A Completed and Mailed Junior Show entry consists of the following - all of which must be received at the same time:

1. One check for all entries made payable to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (no personal checks please)
2. A completed Junior Show Entry Worksheet for each exhibitor
3. W-9 Form completed for each exhibitor
4. Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement completed for each exhibitor
5. Any additional entry forms required for entry for participants (if applicable). Please make sure to read specific contest rules.
6. Summary Sheet from the online entry process.

Quality Counts Verification: Exhibitors are required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the 2024 Show. Junior market and breeding show entries will not be accepted without the verification code for each exhibitor. Verification codes are not required for Calf Scramble entrants, Agricultural Mechanics exhibitors, Poster Board contest, Video Competition, and Judging Contest contestants. A link to the test can be found at <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

Junior Breeding Beef Heifers: CEA/ASTs must adhere to the deadlines and requirements outlined in the TX 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program for all junior breeding beef heifers and substitutes to exhibit at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Registration papers must be recorded in the name of the exhibitor on or before November 1 for all entered and possible substitute junior breeding beef heifers and uploaded to the TX 4-H/FFA Heifer Validation site. See TX 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program site for more details.

All Junior Show entries must be made together and at one time by the CEA/AST.

Group classes for Junior Breeding Sheep must be specified on the entry forms and the fee of \$10 per entry must be paid.

Entries submitted on **Dec. 6 until the end of check-in for each individual species** will automatically be charged a \$500 late fee.

- REQUIRED -

Each Junior Exhibitor and Open Show Exhibitor must complete an IRS W-9 form and return it with entry.

SALES AND AUCTIONS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 28

9 a.m. 57th Annual All Breeds Commercial SaleNRG Arena Sales Pavilion

Wednesday, February 28

7:30 p.m. International Brahman Cattle Sale.....NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

Friday, March 1

10 a.m. South Texas Beefmaster Breeders Magic XXIII Sale.....NRG Arena Sales Pavilion

1 p.m. South Texas Beefmaster Breeders Classic SaleNRG Arena Sales Pavilion

1 p.m. Ranching & Wildlife AuctionNRG Center – Corral Club, Main Club

6 p.m. Santa Gertrudis SaleNRG Center – East Arena

Saturday, March 2

6 p.m. Genetic Edge Brangus SaleNRG Center – East Arena

Monday, March 4

2 p.m. Junior Commercial Steer Sale.....NRG Arena Sales Pavilion

Friday, March 8

11 a.m. Junior Market Lamb & Goat Auction.....NRG Arena Sales Pavilion

Saturday, March 9

11 a.m. Junior Market Poultry Auction.....NRG Arena Sales Pavilion

Sunday, March 10

11 a.m. School Art Auction.....NRG Arena Sales Pavilion

Friday, March 15

11 a.m. Junior Market Barrow AuctionNRG Arena Sales Pavilion

Saturday, March 16

11 a.m. Junior Market Steer AuctionNRG Arena Sales Pavilion

2024 DAILY SCHEDULE



Release hours listed are strictly enforced with no exceptions.

Releases are issued by department superintendents.

Note: Trailer parking will remain locked from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Trailers will NOT be accessible between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Unless otherwise stated in the rules for a specific department.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

5:30 a.m.	Ag Mechanics Trailer Build-Off Contest Check-in Begins	288 Pavilion
7 a.m.	Ag Mechanics Trailer Build-Off Contest Safety Meeting	288 Pavilion
8 a.m.	Ag Mechanics Trailer Build-Off Contest Starts	288 Pavilion
4 p.m.	Ag Mechanics Trailer Build-Off Contest Ends & Awards	288 Pavilion

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

7 a.m.	Archery Competition Check-in Opens	NRG Center – Hall A
7:45 a.m.	Archery Competition Orientation for 8 a.m. Shoot	NRG Center – Hall A
8 a.m.	Archery Competition Starts	NRG Center – Hall A
12:45 a.m.	Archery Competition Orientation for 1 p.m. Shoot	NRG Center – Hall A

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

7 a.m.	Archery Competition Check-in Opens	NRG Center – Hall A
7:45 a.m.	Archery Competition Orientation for 8 a.m. Shoot	NRG Center – Hall A
8 a.m.	Archery Competition Starts	NRG Center – Hall A
1 p.m.	Archery Competition Finals begins	NRG Center – Hall A
5 p.m.	Archery Competition Awards	NRG Center – Hall A

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30 a.m.	Young Guns Shooting Sports Check-in (Check in is from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)	Greater Houston Sports Club
7 a.m.	Young Guns Shooting Sports Practice Rounds (Practice Rounds are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Exception: not during Orientation)	Greater Houston Sports Club
8 a.m.	Young Guns Shooting Sports (Tournament Begins)	Greater Houston Sports Club

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 6:30 a.m.** Young Guns Shooting Sports Check-in
(Check in is from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Greater Houston Sports Club
- 7 a.m.** Young Guns Shooting Sports Practice Rounds
(Practice Rounds are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Exception: not during Orientation) Greater Houston Sports Club
- 8 a.m.** Young Guns Shooting Sports (Tournament Continues) Greater Houston Sports Club

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 9:00 a.m.** Young Guns Skeet Shoot-Offs
(Check in is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.) Greater Houston Sports Club
- 10 a.m.** Young Guns Skeet Shoot Finals Greater Houston Sports Club
- Noon** Young Guns Sporting Clays Championship Round Greater Houston Sports Club
- 3:00 p.m.** Young Guns Shooting Sports Awards Presentation Greater Houston Sports Club

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 7 a.m.** **Move-In:** Angus, Braford/Braford F-1, Brahman, Charolais, Dairy Cattle, Hereford, Red Angus, Simbrah, & Simmental (must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 3 p.m. & checked in by 6 p.m.)
- Move-In:** Breeding Sheep (must be in place at Airport Blvd by Noon & checked in by 3 p.m.)
- Move-In:** All Breed Range Bulls & Commercial Females
(Must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 3 p.m.; NRG Arena Sales Pavilion)
- 7 p.m.** Breeding Sheep Exhibitor Reception NRG Center – 2nd Floor Room TBD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 7 a.m.** **Move-In:** International Brangus
(must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 10 a.m. & checked in by 2 p.m.)
- 7:30 a.m.** Registration: 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest NRG Center – Main Arena
- 8 a.m.** Open Breeding Sheep Show NRG Center – East Arena
Release: Open Breeding Sheep are released upon completion of breed show (must be out by 8 p.m. on March 1st)
- Grade All Breeds Range Bulls & Commercial Females NRG Arena Sales Pavilion
- 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest Exam NRG Center – Main Arena
- 8:30 a.m.** 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest (Live animal evaluation) NRG Center – Main Arena
- 10 a.m.** Ranching & Wildlife Expo (open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) NRG Center – East End, 2nd Floor
- Weigh & Measure of International Brahman Cattle NRG Center – Main Arena
- 10:30 a.m.** 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest Awards NRG Center – Rooms 201 - 203

Noon	4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest Calf Scramble Reception	NRG Center – Café on the Park (2 nd Floor)
2 p.m.	Charolais Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (East Side)
	Braford F-1 Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (West side)
	Braford Show (immediately following Braford F-1 Show)	NRG Center – Main Arena (West side)
4:30 p.m.	Angus Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (East side)
	Hereford/Polled Hereford Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (West side)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7 a.m.	Release: Angus, Braford/Braford F-1, Charolais, Dairy Cattle, Hereford, Red Angus, Simbrah and Simmental (must be out by 8 p.m.)	
	Registration: 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest	Gerald D. Young Ag Science Center
8 a.m.	Junior Breeding Sheep Show	NRG Center – East Arena
	Release: Junior Breeding Sheep are released upon completion of breed show (must be out by 8 p.m.)	
	Simmental Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (East Side)
	4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest	Gerald D. Young Ag Science Center
	Open/Junior Dairy Cattle Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (West Side)
9:00 a.m.	57th All Breeds Commercial sale	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
10 a.m.	Ranching & Wildlife Expo (open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	NRG Center – East End, 2 nd Floor
11 a.m.	Simbrah Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (East side)
12:30 p.m.	Red Angus Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (West side)
1:00 p.m.	4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest Results & Awards	Gerald D. Young Ag Science Center
2 p.m.	Brahman Show (Groups) followed by Div. I & II Females	NRG Center – Main Arena
7:30 p.m.	International Brahman Sale	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7 a.m.	Move-In: Beefmaster, Braunvieh/Beefbuilder and Santa Gertrudis (must be in place by noon & checked in by 3 p.m.)	
	Move-In: Junior Breeding Gilts (Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire) (must be in place by 10 a.m. & check in by 1 p.m.)	
	Move-In: Beefmaster Cattle for South TX Beefmaster Futurity & Classic Sale (must be in place at NRG Arena by Noon)	
8 a.m.	Brahman Show (Females) – Continued from Wednesday	NRG Center – Main Arena

Agri-Summit

NRG Arena – Hall B

10 a.m. Ranching & Wildlife Expo (*open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.*)

NRG Center – East End, 2nd Floor

Weigh and Measure Brangus

NRG Center – Back Dock

3 p.m. Gilt Showmanship

NRG Center – East Arena

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl Registration

NRG Center – Outside Room 603

8 a.m. International Brangus & Red Brangus Bull Show
(Ultra Bull Show to immediately follow Brangus Bull Show)

NRG Center – Main Arena (East side)

Junior Breeding Gilt Show

NRG Center – East Arena

Released upon completion of breed show (must be out by 8 p.m.)

4-H/FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl Orientation

NRG Center – Room 602 - 603

8:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl Preliminary Rounds
(*Finals Round upon completion of Prelims; Awards immediately following Finals*)

NRG Center – Rooms 600-601, 606-609

9 a.m. South Texas Beefmaster Breeders Magic XXIII Sale

NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

10 a.m. Brahman Show (Bulls)

NRG Center – Main Arena (West)

Ranching & Wildlife Expo (*open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.*)

NRG Center – East End, 2nd Floor

Noon Ranching & Wildlife Wild Game Auction Buyer Luncheon

NRG Center – Main Club

1 p.m. Ranching & Wildlife Auction

South Texas Beefmaster Breeders Futurity and Classic Sale

NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

6 p.m. Hard Dog, Fast Dog Competition – K9's4Cops

NRG Center – Main Arena

Santa Gertrudis Sale

NRG Center – East Arena

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

6 a.m. Registration: Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest (Senior College) Martin Foods

7 a.m. *Move-In:* Youth Breeding Rabbits - Wave 1, Youth & Open Cavies (*must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 7 p.m., NRG Arena – Hall B*)

Move-In: Youth Meat Pen Rabbits (*must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 10 a.m., NRG Arena – Hall B*)

Move-In: Boer & Dairy Goats

(*must be in place at Airport Blvd by noon & checked in by 3 p.m.; NRG Center – East Arena*)

Release: Brahman Open Cattle (*must be out by 6 p.m.*)

Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest (Senior College)

Martin Foods

Registration: 4-H/FFA Floriculture Judging Contest	NRG Center – TBD
Registration: 4-H/FFA Nursery Landscape Judging Contest	NRG Center – TBD
8 a.m. International Brangus & Red Brangus Female Show (Ultra Female Show immediately following the Brangus Female Show)	NRG Center – Main Arena (East side)
Beefmaster Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (West Side)
Registration: Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest (Junior College)	Martin Foods
4-H/FFA Floriculture Judging Contest	NRG Center –TBD
4-H/FFA Nursery Landscape Judging Contest	NRG Center – TBD
9 a.m. Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest (Junior College)	Martin Foods
Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board Competition Presentations	NRG Center – Room 207
10 a.m. Youth Meat Pen Show	NRG Arena – Hall B
Open and Youth Cavy Show	NRG Arena – Hall B
Ranching & Wildlife Expo (<i>open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.</i>)	NRG Center – East End, 2 nd Floor
Noon 4-H/FFA Floriculture & Nursery Landscape Judging Contest Awards	NRG Center – Rooms 600 Series
1 p.m. Ranching & Wildlife Video and Poster Awards	NRG Center – Room 207
2:30 p.m. Santa Gertrudis Show	NRG Center – Main Arena (East Side)
Braunvieh Show (Followed by Braunvieh Beef Builder Show)	NRG Center – Main Arena (West Side)
4 p.m. Celebrity Goat Milking	NRG Center – East Arena
5 p.m. Youth Meat Pen Awards	NRG Arena – Hall B
6 p.m. Release: Youth Meat Pen Rabbits and Open/Youth Cavies (<i>must be out by 6 p.m.</i>)	
7 p.m. Brangus Sale	NRG Center – East Arena
Boer/Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception	NRG Center – Rooms 201 - 203

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

4 a.m. Move-In: Junior Commercial Steers (<i>Arrive directly to Gate 5; must be in place at NRG Arena by 10 a.m.</i>)	
7 a.m. Release: Beefmaster, Brangus, Braunvieh/Beefbuilder, Santa Gertrudis (<i>Must be out by 2 p.m.</i>)	
7:30 a.m. Registration: 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest	Martin Foods
8 a.m. Open Dairy Goat Show Released upon completion of breed show (<i>must be out by 5 p.m. on March 4th</i>)	NRG Center – East Arena

Open Boer Goat Show NRG Center – East Arena
Released upon completion of breed division show (must be out by 5 p.m. on March 4th)

Youth Breeding Rabbit Show Wave 1 NRG Arena – Hall B

Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest Awards Breakfast NRG Arena – Rooms 2 & 3

Registration: Agriculture Science Fair NRG Center – TBD

Move-in: Sheep Dog Trials NRG Center – Main Arena

8:30a.m. 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest Martin Foods

9 a.m. Agriculture Science Fair Contest NRG Center – TBD
(Awards following conclusion of judging)

Registration: State FFA Tractor Technician Contest Bayou City Event Center

9 a.m. Sheep Dog Trails NRG Center – Main Arena

State FFA Tractor Technician Contest (Parts I & II) Bayou City Event Center

10:30 a.m. Weigh and Grade Junior Commercial Steers NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

11 a.m. Junior Commercial Steer Orientation NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

Noon Move-In: Youth Breeding Rabbits Wave 2 (Noon to 4 p.m.)

2 p.m. 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest Awards Martin Foods

4:30 p.m. Youth Dairy Goat Showmanship NRG Center – East Arena

Youth Boer Goat Showmanship NRG Center – East Arena

MONDAY, MARCH 4

1 a.m. Move-In: Wave 1 Junior Breeding Heifers – American Division (ARB, Beefmaster, Brangus, Grey Brahman, Red Brahman, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, and Simbrah); begin move-in at 1 a.m. and must be in place by 6 a.m.)

6:30 a.m. Junior Commercial Steer Meat ID & Interview NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

8 a.m. Youth Boer Goat Show NRG Center – East Arena
Released starting @ 10 a.m. upon completion of breed division show (must be out by 5 p.m.)

Youth Dairy Goat Show NRG Center – East Arena
Released starting @ 10 a.m. upon completion of breed division show (must be out by 5 p.m.)

Youth Breeding Rabbit Show Wave 2 NRG Arena – Hall B

Registration: 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest Great Southwest Equestrian Center

9:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest Great Southwest Equestrian Center
(Awards following conclusion contest)

10:00 a.m. State FFA Tractor Technician Contestant Check-in NRG Center – TBD

12 p.m. *Move-In: Youth Breeding Rabbits – Wave 3*

Junior Commercial Steer Buyer Reception

NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

1 p.m. State FFA Tractor Technician Contest (Part III)

NRG Center – Main Arena

2 p.m. Junior Commercial Steer Sale

NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

4 p.m. Rabbit Judging Contest

NRG Arena – Hall B

3:15 p.m. State FFA Tractor Technician Contest Results & Awards

NRG Center – Main Arena

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

3 a.m. *Move-In: Junior Market Lambs & Goats (Must be in place by 10 a.m.)*

7 a.m. Junior Commercial Steer Final Interviews

NRG Arena

8 a.m. American Scramble Heifer Show (Awards Presentation to follow show)

NRG Center – Main Arena

Junior Market Goats & Lambs Mobile Check-in
(Must be checked in by 2:30 p.m.)

NRG Center – East Arena

Youth Breeding Rabbit Show

NRG Arena – Hall B

11:30 a.m. Junior Breeding Heifers Show (Wave 1)

NRG Center – Main Arena

(East – ARB, Brangus, Simbrah) (West – Beefmaster, Red Brangus, Red Brahman)

NO RELEASES PRIOR TO 1 P.M. for Jr. Breeding Beef Heifers (must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/6)

Noon Junior Commercial Steer Awards Luncheon

NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7 a.m. *Release: Wave 1 Heifers (must be out by 5 p.m.)*

8 a.m. Junior Heifer Show (Wave 1) Continued

NRG Center – Main Arena

(East- Santa Gertrudis) (West – Grey Brahman)

Champion American Heifer Drive *(30 minutes after last Breed Champion is selected)*

8 a.m. Junior Market Lamb and Goat Opening Ceremonies

8:30 a.m. Junior Market Lamb Show

NRG Center – East Arena (East Side)

(Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Dorper)

Junior Market Goat Show

NRG Center – East Arena (West Side)

(Division I & II)

Noon Release: Junior Market Lamb – TACK ONLY

5 p.m. Lil' Rustlers

NRG Center – Main Arena

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

1 a.m. *Move-In:* Wave 2 Junior Breeding Heifers – British & Continental Division (Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, & Simmental); begin move-in at 1 a.m. and must be in place by 6 a.m.)

4 a.m. *Move-In:* Junior Market Broilers
(Sift at 6 a.m., must be in place by 6 a.m.) NRG Arena – Hall B

8 a.m. Junior Market Lamb Show
(Medium Wool) NRG Center – East Arena (East Side)

Junior Market Goat Show
(Divisions III & IV) NRG Center – East Arena (West Side)

10 a.m. Junior Market Broiler Judging (or at completion of sift) NRG Arena – Hall B

Noon Release: Junior Market Goat – TACK ONLY

7:30 p.m. Junior Market Lamb & Goat Champion Selection NRG Center – East Arena

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

4 a.m. *Move-In:* Junior Market Turkeys
(Sift at 6 a.m., must be in place by 6 a.m.) NRG Arena – Hall B

8 a.m. British & Continental Scramble Heifer Show
(Awards Presentation to follow show) NRG Center – Main Arena

10 a.m. Junior Breeding Heifer Show (Wave 2)
(East – Hereford, Angus, Polled Hereford, Red Angus) (West – Charolais, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Simmental) NRG Center – Main Arena

Junior Market Turkey Judging (or at completion of sift) NRG Arena – Hall B

Noon Junior Market Lamb & Goat Auction NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

Release: Junior Breeding Heifers upon completion of breed show (must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/9)

4 p.m. Junior Market Poultry Champion Selection NRG Center – East Arena

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

1 a.m. *Move-In:* Junior Market Barrows (must be in place at Airport Blvd by 10 a.m. and checked in by 1 p.m.)
(Wave 1 – Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted, Other Cross I)

6 a.m. *Move-In:* Open Breeding Rabbits (Must be in place and checked in by 8 a.m.)

7 a.m. Registration: 4-H/FFA Wildlife Habitat Contest Long Acres Ranch; Richmond, TX

8 a.m. Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show (Wave 2)
(East – Shorthorn) (West – Limousin, Chianina)
Champion British & Continental Heifer Drive (30 minutes after the last Breed Champion is selected) NRG Center – Main Arena

Public Speaking Contest Contestant Check-In Houston Community College –
Alief Hayes Campus

8:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Wildlife Habitat Judging Contest <i>(Results & Awards upon conclusion of contest)</i>	Long Acres Ranch; Richmond, TX
9 a.m. Public Speaking Contest Orientation	Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus
9:30 a.m. Open Breeding Rabbit Show A&B Release: <i>Open Breeding Rabbits upon completion of awards (Must be out by 8 p.m.)</i>	NRG Arena – Hall B
Public Speaking Contest Preliminary Round <i>Finalist Parking Pass Pick Up (upon the competition of finalist announcements)</i>	Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus
11 a.m. Poultry Auction	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
Noon: Release: <i>Junior Breeding Heifers (must be out by 5 p.m.)</i>	

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

1 a.m. Move-In: <i>Junior Market Steers Wave 1 (Must be in place by 6 a.m. and checked in by 11:30 a.m.) (Breeds: ABC, Brahman, Brangus, Charolais, Main-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn, Simbrah, and Simmental)</i>	
8 a.m. Classify & Show Junior Market Barrow Show (Show A: Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted)	NRG Center – East Arena
4-H/FFA Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest Registration	NRG Arena – Rooms 2 & 3
9 a.m. Public Speaking Contest Finalist Check-In	NRG Center – Rooms 600 Series
4-H/FFA Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest Begins	NRG Arena – Rooms 2 & 3
10 a.m. Public Speaking Contest Finals <i>(Results & Awards upon conclusion of contest)</i>	NRG Center – Rooms 600 Series
11: 00 a.m. School Art Auction	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
4-H/FFA Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest Awards	NRG Arena – Rooms 2 & 3
Noon Release: <i>Junior Market Barrows – TACK ONLY</i>	
1 p.m. Steer Classification	NRG Center – Main Arena
6:30 p.m. Fiesta Charra	NRG Center – Main Arena

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7 a.m. Registration: Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
7:30 a.m. Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest Begins	NRG Arena – Halls A & B
8 a.m. Classify & Show Junior Market Barrows (Show B: <i>Other Crossbred I</i>)	NRG Center – East Arena
Scramble Steer Show – Wave 1 <i>(Awards Presentation to follow)</i>	NRG Center – Main Arena
Registration: Intercollegiate Wool Judging	NRG Center – TBD

8:30 a.m.	Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest Begins	NRG Center – TBD
11 a.m.	Registration: 4-H/FFA Wool Judging Contest	NRG Center – TBD
	Registration: 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
	Junior Market Steer Show – Wave I (Show A: Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Shorthorn, ABC)	NRG Center – Main Arena
Noon	Release: Junior Market Barrows – TACK ONLY	
	Release: <i>Non-Placing Steers; must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/12 (Exception: Grand/Reserve Breed Champions, 1st, & 2nd place steers, steers classified as Red, Black or Other Cross)</i>	
	Orientation: 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contestants & Coaches ONLY	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
12:30 p.m.	4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest Begins Results & awards no earlier than 4:30 p.m.	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
1 p.m.	4-H & FFA Wool Judging Contest	NRG Center – TBD
	Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest Reasons	Crown Plaza Hotel Med Ctr & Galleria Area
4 p.m.	4-H & FFA Wool Judging Contest Results & Awards	NRG Center – TBD
5 p.m.	4-H/FFA Livestock Calf Scramble Reception	NRG Arena – Rooms 2 & 3
6 p.m.	Intercollegiate Wool Judging Awards Dinner	NRG Center – TBD

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

1 a.m.	Move-In: Junior Market Barrows (must be in place at Airport Blvd by 10 a.m. and checked in by 1 p.m.) (Wave II - Berkshire, Chester White/Landrace, Duroc, Yorkshire, Other Crossbred II)	
7:30 a.m.	Food Challenge Contest Round 1 Check-in	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
8 a.m.	Junior Market Steer Show (Wave 1 continued) (Show B: Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah)	NRG Center – Main Arena
	Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Awards Breakfast	NRG Center – 600 Series
2:30 p.m.	4-H & FFA Food Challenge Preliminary Awards	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
3 p.m.	4-H/FFA Food Challenge Finals Challenge	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
5 p.m.	Lil' Rustlers	NRG Center – Main Arena
5:30 p.m.	4-H & FFA Food Challenge Finals Awards	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 1 a.m. *Move-In:*** Junior Market Steers Wave 2 (Must be in place by 6 a.m. and checked in by 11:30 a.m.)
(Breeds: Angus, Black Cross, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Limousin, Other Cross, Red Angus, and Red Cross)
- 8 a.m.** Junior Market Barrow Show – Wave II
(**Show C:** Duroc, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Chester White/Landrace)
NRG Center – East Arena
Ag Robotics Contest Registration
NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
- 8:30 a.m.** Registration: Agriculture Product Identification Contest
NRG Center – Rooms 201 – 203
- 9 a.m.** Ag Robotics Contest Orientation
NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
Agriculture Product Identification Contest
(Awards upon conclusion of contest)
NRG Center – Rooms 201 - 203
- 9:45 a.m.** Ag Robotics Contest Programming & Practice
NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
- 11:15 a.m.** Ag Robotics Contest Competition
NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
- Noon Release:** Barrows – TACK ONLY
- 1 p.m.** Junior Market Steer (Classify)
NRG Center – Main Arena
- 3 p.m.** Ag Robotics Contest Awards
NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 7 a.m. Release:** Barrow TACK ONLY
- 7:30 a.m.** Veterinary Science Contest Registration
NRG Center – Rooms 201 - 203
- 8 a.m.** Junior Market Scramble Steer Show – Wave 2
(Awards Presentation to follow show)
Junior Market Barrow Show
(**Show D:** Other Crossbred II)
NRG Center – East Arena
- 8:30 a.m.** Veterinary Science Contest
NRG Center – Rooms 201-203
- 10:00 a.m.** Junior Market Steer Show – Wave II
(**Show C:** Limousin, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Angus, Red Angus, Black Cross, Red Cross)
NRG Center – Main Arena
Move-In: Llama/Alpaca
(Must be in place by 4 p.m. and checked in by 5 p.m.)
NRG Arena – Hall B
- 11 a.m. Release:** Non-placing Junior Market Steers upon completion of breed show
- 1 p.m.** Veterinary Science Contest Finals
NRG Center – Rooms 201-203
- 2 p.m.** Llama Walking Fleece
(Walking Fleece is done at will before the judge & not in the arena as a regular halter class)
NRG Arena – Hall B

9 a.m.	Lloan-A-Llama	NRG Arena – Hall A
	Ag Mechanics Career Fair	NRG Center – East Arena
10:30 a.m.	Llama & Alpaca Halter Show	NRG Arena – Hall A
	Open Alpaca Costume Show (30 minutes following conclusion of Halter Show)	NRG Arena – Hall A
	Youth Alpaca Costume Show (following Open Costume)	NRG Arena – Hall A
11 a.m.	Junior Market Steer Auction	NRG Arena - Sales Pavilion
	Release: <i>Non-placing Junior Market Steers</i> (must be out by 2 p.m)	
2 p.m.	Youth Texas Longhorn Show	NRG Center – Main Arena
4 p.m.	Llama & Alpaca Group Classes	NRG Arena – Hall A
	Llama & Alpaca Lympics Exhibition	NRG Arena – Hall A

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7 a.m.	Release: <i>Longhorn, & Miniature Zebu Cattle (Must be out by 5 p.m.)</i>	
8 a.m.	Youth Llama & Alpaca Showmanship & Performance (Performance starting at the conclusion of Showmanship)	NRG Arena – Hall B
	Miniature Zebu Show	NRG Center – Main Arena
	Ag Mechanics Awards	NRG Center – East Arena
	Release: <i>Ag Mechanics Projects upon completion of awards (must be out by 4 p.m.)</i>	
9 a.m.	Release: <i>Llama & Alpaca upon completion of the show (must be out by 6 p.m.)</i>	
10:30 a.m.	Open Texas Longhorn Show	NRG Center – Main Arena
4 p.m.	Disc Dogs	NRG Center – Main Arena
6 p.m.	Disc Dogs	NRG Center – Main Arena

STAGING AND TRAILER PARKING MAP

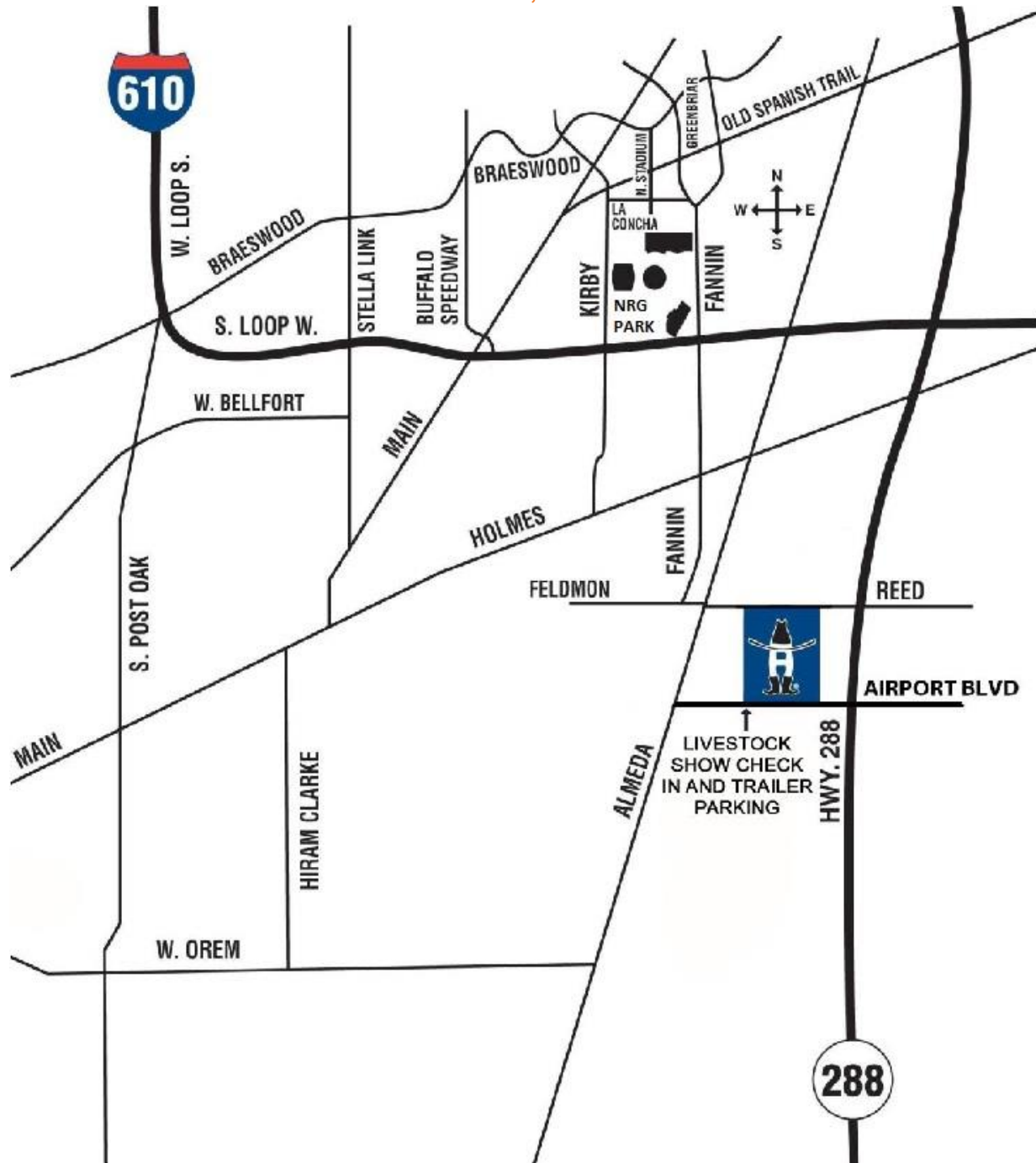
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Trailer Parking will also be at:

AIRPORT BOULEVARD

1901 Airport Blvd.

Houston, TX 77051



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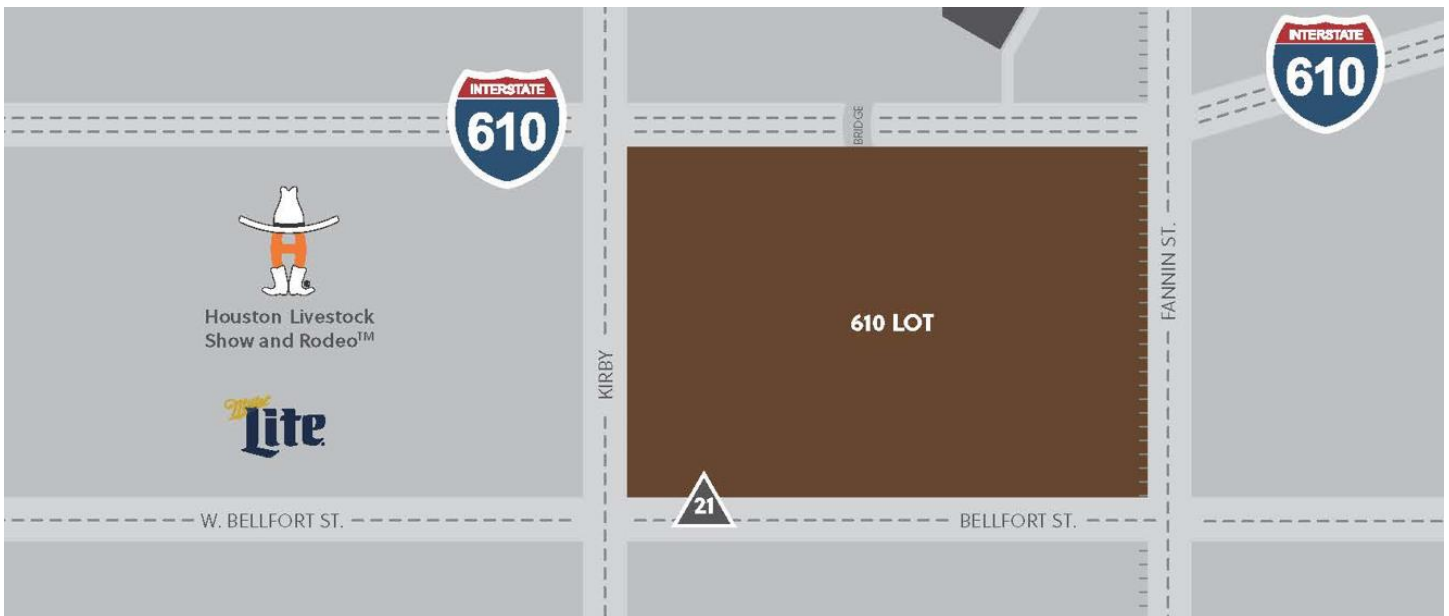
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NRG CENTER EXHIBITOR PARKING MAP

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NRG ARENA EXHIBITOR PARKING MAP

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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. If any of the rules, or any provision of any single rule, is later held to be legally invalid or otherwise unenforceable, all other rules, and all other provisions and terms of any rule containing a provision or term later held to be legally invalid or unenforceable, shall remain in full force and effect.

Disclaimer of Warranties

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or by others (such as drug testing). The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo does NOT provide security or guard services.

Definitions Pertaining to Rules and Regulations

Breeder: The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the time of service. Prior to the close of entries, when a breeder disposes of his herd to a corporation wherein, he is a stockholder or manager, such animals may be exhibited as bred by said corporation.

Grade: Grade is defined to mean an animal having one purebred parent and showing predominantly the characteristic of the breed of that parent.

Attention: Use of Drugs

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

*** Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.**

Statement of Liability

All exhibits are under the control and direction of the Show Management, but the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

Entry Requirements and Procedures

1. **Liability Statement:** Exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) must sign a statement acknowledging that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. If the exhibitor does not sign this statement (attached to the entry application), his/her application for entry will not be accepted.
2. **Eligible to Enter:**
 - a. **Invitational Show:** The HLSR is an invitational Livestock Show. HLSR reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.
 - b. **Exhibitor Age Limit:** To be eligible to show an animal, an exhibitor must have reached the age of 5 years old on or before March 1, 2024. The show reserves the right to set a higher minimum age in each breed show.
 - c. **Special Rules:** To be eligible to enter, exhibitors and their livestock must meet the special requirements of the animal or breed of animal to be exhibited. These requirements are listed in the Special Rules section in the Open Show division or Junior Show division of this handbook.
 - d. **Certificates of Registry:** Animals in the breeding classes must be recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce original certificates of registry at the request of the Superintendent in charge. Tattoos, ear tags or other identification marks must match registration certificates.
 - e. **Possession of Livestock:** Animals, whether entered singular or in groups, must be the legal property of the exhibitor. Breeding livestock or poultry entries, except where otherwise specified, must be entered in the name of the owner or exhibitor must have permission of owner to enter and/or exhibit animals.
 - f. **Firms and Partnerships:** Firms and partnerships entering animals for competition must exist when entry applications are submitted. Firm and partnership arrangements must be bona fide. Partnerships are not allowed in the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show, Junior Breeding Gilt Show, Junior Breeding Sheep Show, and Junior Market Shows.
3. **Ineligible to Enter:**
 - a. **Disqualified Exhibitors:** The Show, cooperating with the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and using the Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor. An exhibitor found in violation of any Show rules is subject to have his/her name and the result of the rule violation submitted to the Rule Infraction Database administered by the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association.
 - b. **Diseased Animals:** Diseased animals cannot enter the Livestock Show area or grounds. Superintendents will refuse unloading privileges to animals showing signs and symptoms of disease.
 - c. **Barren Animals:** Barren animals are not eligible for breeding classes. An affidavit verifying the animal is a breeder must be furnished on request.
4. **Entry Procedure:**
 - a. **Entry Submission:** Entry applications must be submitted on current, official Houston Livestock Show entry applications and must include all requested information. Incomplete entries will be returned to applicants. Complete entries, including signature of the applicant/exhibitor, parent or guardian are to be filed in the Livestock Show office.
 - b. **Group Classes:** Entries for group classes also must be shown in their respective single classes. Exhibitors must indicate the Breed and Group Class in which they expect to compete. Group Class entries must be made by the appropriate entry deadline and must include the appropriate entry fees.
 - c. **Entering Both Junior Show and Open Show:** If the exhibitor chooses to show in both the Junior Show and the Open Show, separate entry applications and fees are required. Only animals entered in the Junior Dairy Show, Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show and the Junior Breeding Sheep Show may also enter the Open Show.
 - d. **Acceptance of Entry:** Show Management reserves the right to reject, accept or accept conditionally an application for entry. Entry does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings. Entries received after all pens, stalls or coops have been reserved will be returned to the exhibitor.

5. **Erroneous Entries:** At the discretion of Show Management, exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Show Management will decide the disposition of each case of erroneous entry upon its merits.

6. **Entry Deadline Dates:** Entry deadlines are strictly enforced.

- a. **Junior Show Individual Entries:** Entries must be submitted **ONLINE** before midnight, Dec. 1. Junior Show entries submitted after Dec. 1 and on or before Dec. 5 will be accepted with a \$250 late fee. Entries submitted on **Dec. 6 until the end of check in for each individual species** will automatically be charged a \$500 late fee per entry.

Quality Counts Verification: Exhibitors are required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the current year Show. Junior market, breeding show entries, and Calf Scramble entrants will not be accepted without the verification code for each exhibitor. Verification codes are not required for Agricultural Mechanics exhibitors, Young Guns Clay Shoot, Young Guns Skeet Shoot, Archery, Poster Board contest, Video Competition, and Judging Contest contestants. A link to the test can be found at <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

The following items must also be postmarked Dec. 5 or before:

1. One check for all entries made payable to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (no personal checks please).
2. A completed Junior Show Entry Worksheet for each exhibitor.
3. W-9 Form completed for each exhibitor.
4. Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement completed for each exhibitor.
5. Any additional entry forms required for entry for participants (if applicable). Please make sure to read specific contest rules.
6. Summary Sheet from the online entry process.

b. **Junior Judging Contest Team Entries:**

1. Entries MUST be submitted online at www.judgingcard.com by the supervising AST/CEA for the County 4-H Club/FFA Chapter. Entries open on October 17, 2023, must be submitted prior to midnight, February 1, 2024.
2. Contests include Agriculture Product ID, Ag Robotics Contest, 4-H/FFA Dairy Judging, 4-H/FFA Floriculture, 4-H/FFA Food Challenge, 4-H/FFA Horse Judging, 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging, 4-H/FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl, 4-H/FFA Meats Judging, 4-H/FFA Nursery Landscape, 4-H/FFA Poultry Judging, 4-H/FFA Range and Pasture Plant ID, 4-H/FFA Veterinary Science Contest, 4-H Wildlife Contest, FFA Wildlife Contest, 4-H/FFA Wool Judging
3. Forms: Completed indemnities must be brought on the day of the contest to complete entry. Forms with missing information will be considered incomplete entries and will not be accepted.



c. **Archery**

1. Entries must be submitted online at <https://www.eyesonscore.com/>

d. **Young Guns Shooting Sports**

1. Entries must be submitted online at <https://iclays.com> by Feb. 1st.

e. **Open/Youth Cattle, & Sheep/Goat Entries:** Entries are due on Jan. 15th. **Group Classes:** Must be entered by Jan. 15.

f. **Llama& Alpaca Show:** Entries are due on Feb. 1st. No entries will be accepted after Feb. 1st.

g. **Intercollegiate Judging Contests & Sheep Dog Entries:** Entries are due on Feb. 1st. No entries will be accepted after Feb. 1st.

h. **Open/Youth Breeding Rabbit & Cavy Entries:**

1. Youth Meat Pen: entries are due **ONLINE ONLY** on Dec. 15th. **NO LATE ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED.**
2. Open/Youth Breeding Rabbit & Cavies: Entries are due Feb. 1st **ONLINE ONLY. NO LATE ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED.**

Deadline dates for entries are as follows:



Oct. 24, 2023 Archery, via <https://www.eyesonscore.com/>

Dec. 1: Junior Market Steer, Junior Market Lamb, Junior Market Goat, Junior Market Barrow, Junior Market Broilers, Junior Market Turkey, Junior Commercial Steer, Junior Breeding Beef Heifer, Junior Beef Scramble Heifer/Steer, Junior Dairy Cattle, Junior Breeding Sheep, Junior Breeding Gilt, Agricultural Mechanics Project Show, Poster Board Contest, Video Contest, Ag Public Speaking Contest, Ag Science Fair Contest.

Dec. 2 - 5: Junior Show Late Entry – \$250 fee per chapter or county

Dec. 15: Open Youth Meat Pen Rabbits (NO LATE ENTRY)

Dec. 6 until closing of check-in for the individual species Junior Show Extra Late Entry – \$500 fee per entry (Payment in the form of cash, check, or credit card **must** be received prior to the close of check-in for the respective specie).

- Jan. 15:** Open/Youth Breeding Beef and Open Dairy Cattle, Open Breeding Sheep, Open and Youth Boer and Dairy Goats, and Group Classes. Entry Deadline – No entries will be accepted after this date.
- Feb. 1:** 4-H and FFA Team Judging Contests Deadline via www.judgingcard.com
- Feb. 1:** Young Guns Shooting Sports, via <https://iclays.com>
- Feb. 1:** Youth and Open Breeding Rabbits and Cavies (NO LATE ENTRY), Junior Breeding Show substitution deadline – All Junior Breeding Show and Agricultural Mechanics Project Show substitutions received after this date will be charged a substitution fee per entry.
- Feb. 1:** Open/Youth Show Substitution Deadline – All Open/Youth Show substitutions received after this date will be charged a \$10 substitution fee per entry.
- Feb 1:** Llamas/Alpacas Show Entry Deadline (NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FEB 1).
- Feb 1:** Intercollegiate Judging Contest & Sheep Dog Trials Entry Deadline (NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FEB 1).
- Feb 2 – Mar 1:** Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Substitutions charged a \$50 fee.
- March 2:** Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Substitutions charged \$250 fee per substitution; substitutions can be made until the end of check-in for Junior Breeding Beef Heifers.

7. Entry Fees: Correct entry and miscellaneous fees must accompany entry applications. Note: Paid entry fees do not guarantee stall space for cattle. "Stall with" requests for the Open Show must be made upon entry and are not guaranteed. Requests not received upon entry (online or paper submittal) may not be considered.

Junior Show (all must be submitted online by CEA/AST's):

Junior Market Steer	\$ 35
Junior Market Lamb	\$ 37
Junior Market Goat	\$ 37
Junior Market Barrow	\$ 37
Junior Market Turkey	\$ 30
Junior Market Broilers, per pen of three	\$ 30
Junior Breeding Sheep, per head	\$ 30
Junior Breeding Sheep, group classes, per class	\$ 10
Junior Breeding Gilts, per head	\$ 30
Junior Breeding Beef Heifer	\$ 35
Junior Dairy Cattle	\$ 30

Open Show:

Open Beef Cattle, per head, individual class (submitted online).....	\$ 35
Open Beef Cattle, per head, individual class (submitted on paper)	\$ 40
Open Dairy Cattle, per head	\$ 30
Open Breeding Sheep, per head, individual class (submitted online).....	\$ 30
Open Breeding Sheep, per head, individual class (submitted on paper)	\$ 35
Open Breeding Sheep, group classes, per class	\$ 10
Open and Youth Dairy Goats, per head (submitted online)	\$ 30
Open and Youth Dairy Goats, per head (submitted on paper)	\$ 35
Open and Youth Boer Goats, per head (submitted online)	\$ 30
Open and Youth Boer Goats, per head (submitted on paper)	\$ 35

Llama/Alpaca Show:

Halter Fee/per entry	\$ 25
Shorn Fleece Fee/per entry	\$ 15
Walking Fleece Fee/per entry	\$ 10
Group Class Entry/per class	\$ 10
Performance Fee/per entry	\$ 10
Showmanship Class Fee	\$ 10
Costume Contest Fee	\$ 10
ALSA Fee, per animal entered	\$ 5

Non-ALSA Farm Fee (per farm)	\$ 60
Non-ALSA per Youth Members Fee (showing in youth classes)	\$15

Rabbit Show:

Open & Youth Breeding Rabbits, per rabbit	\$ 8
Open & Youth Breeding Rabbits, per fur class	\$ 5
Open Youth Rabbits - Meat Pen	\$10
Open & Youth Cavies, per cavy	\$ 8
Open Breeding Rabbits Show B	\$8 entry per rabbit

Contests:

Junior Commercial Steers, per pen of three	\$ 75
Open Sheep Dog Trials, per entry	\$ 40
Agricultural Mechanics Project Show, per entry/project	\$ 40
Tractor Technician Contest, per team	\$ 40
Trailer Build-Off Contest, per team	\$ 400

Ranching and Wildlife Contests:

Young Guns Shooting Sports	\$200 per individual
(Includes Sporting Clays and Skeet)	
Archery Competition	\$60 per individual
Poster Board Contest	\$0 per individual
Video Contest	\$0 per individual


Judging Contests:

All 4-H & FFA Contests	\$40 per team/\$20 per individual
Agricultural Science Fair	\$ 20 per individual
Public Speaking Contest	\$ 20 per individual
All Intercollegiate Contests	\$100 per team/\$30 per individual

8. Miscellaneous Fees:

Junior Show Processing Fee, per club/chapter	\$ 10
Open Show Processing Fee, per application	\$ 10
Open Show Cattle Tie-out Permits, per head	\$ 10
Junior Show Late Entry Fee, per county or chapter (Dec. 2 – Dec. 5)	\$ 250
Junior Show Extra Late Entry Fee (Dec. 6 - closing of check in for individual species), per entry	\$ 500
Open Show Substitution Fee, after Feb. 1, per entry	\$ 10
Ag Mechanics Substitution Fee, after Feb. 1, per entry	\$ 50
Junior Dairy Heifer Substitution Fee, after Feb. 1, per entry	\$ 50
Junior Beef Heifer Substitution Fee, between Feb. 1 & March 1, per entry	\$ 50
Junior Beef Heifer Substitution Fee, after March 1, per entry	\$ 250

9. Livestock Exhibitor Passes

 **Open Show** – one per the first animal entered and one for every additional 2 head beyond the first animal entered.

Junior Show – one per exhibitor and 2 additional per club/chapter. Off-site judging contest participants will be issued grounds passes upon completion of contest per request of participant.

10. Parking Permits



Open Show – one per the first animal entered and one for every additional 4 head beyond the first animal entered. One parking pass will be assigned to Gate 11 Parking (onsite parking), all additional parking passes will be assigned to Gate 21 Parking (lot located South of 610 at the corner of West Belfort and Kirby).

Junior Show – Parking will be distributed as follows:

- **Gate 11 Parking** (onsite parking): Each club/chapter will receive 1 parking pass for this lot for each time period that the club/chapter has entries for teacher/agents. If the lot meets capacity, vehicles with a pass to this lot will be sent to Gate 21.
- **Gate 21** (lot located South of 610 at the corner of West Belfort and Kirby): Parking will be distributed for each time period as follows based on total entries per time period:

Number of exhibitors	Permits Allowed
1	1
2-3	2
4-10	4
11-15	6
16-20	8
21-25	10
26-30	12
31-50	20
51 & more	30

The parking permit must be displayed from rear view mirror and is transferable to other vehicles. Permits do not guarantee a parking space. Parking permits cannot be purchased and are not distributed during the Show; they must be obtained in advance.

*In addition to grounds passes, 2 parking passes per team will be issued to on-site judging contest participants. Judging contest participants will not be allowed on the grounds without a parking pass.

**Permit must be displayed from rear view mirror and is transferable to other vehicles. Permits do not guarantee a parking space. Vehicle permits cannot be purchased and are not distributed during the Show; they must be obtained in advance.

- 11. Admission Passes:** Livestock Exhibitor Season Passes are available in advance or upon arrival. NRG Park Admission tickets are available only upon arrival.

Daily – Adults	\$ 20
Daily – Children (3 - 12)	\$ 10
Daily – Children (2 and younger)	Free
Livestock Exhibitor Season Pass	\$ 50

- 12. Refunds:** There are no entry fee refunds after the entry deadline (Junior Show: Dec. 1, Open Show: Jan. 5).

Competition

13. Judges:

- Selection of Judges:** Show Management is solely responsible for selecting judges and determining judging systems. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations and procedures of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- Judges' Decision:** The judges' decisions are final. If fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the Show Management or appointed referee will make a decision regarding final placement. Such decisions may be appealed to the Executive Committee from whose decision there will be no appeal. Protests alleging that the judges overlooked exhibits will not be considered.
- Interfering with Judges:** An exhibitor or his representative who interferes with or displays disrespect to a judge or the Show could forfeit any monies earned or be subject to other penalties assessed by the Show.

- 14. Sifting Committees:** The Show may appoint sifting committees to determine the eligibility of animals to compete prior to judging. Animals must be un-blanketed and ready for inspection by the sifting committee at the announced time of sifting. The sifting committee will eliminate any animal which, in its judgment, is not qualified to compete. At the committee's recommendation, the Show may require these animals to be removed from the grounds. The sifting committee's decisions are final and protests will not be considered by the Show.

- 15. Security Personnel:** Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or Show officials in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately.

16. Protests:

- a. **Protest Filing:** All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$300 deposit which will not be returned if protest is not sustained by Show Management. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Show Management immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests will be accepted prior to, during and within 2 hours immediately following the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests concerning ages of animals must be filed with the Show Management prior to the day on which the animal(s) is/are to be judged.
- b. **Protest Investigation:** Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation has been conducted.

17. Show Ring Competition:

- a. **Entry Numbers:** Each entry will be assigned a number. Exhibitors will receive corresponding cards with numbers which must be displayed by exhibitors during judging.
- b. **Requirement to Show:** Animals properly entered in a show class and passed on by the sifting committee as eligible for competition must be brought into the show ring for competition. Exhibitors who refuse, without Show approval, to lead their animals for parade or for competition in the show ring will forfeit any prizes previously won. Also, refusing exhibitor may be barred from further participation in the Show and be required to remove their stock from the Show grounds immediately.
- c. **Arena Promptness:** Promptness to the show ring is required. In order to keep the show moving, neither classes (this includes division, breed and overall drives) nor show order will wait on a participant to bring their animal to the ring. The Superintendent has the authority to disqualify an animal if they do not enter the ring in a timely manner.
- d. **Judging Contests:** When an exhibitor is called upon to furnish one or more animals for the students' judging contests, he or she will cooperate with the Show. Refusing to allow an animal to be used in this manner, without Show approval, will result in the forfeit of any prizes or such other action as the Show deems necessary. Selection will be made under the direction of the department superintendent.
- e. **Disqualification:** If an animal is disqualified after having won awards or premiums, the animals placing below may be moved up to fill the vacated position.

18. Photographs: Exhibitors must present themselves and their animals, at the Show's request, for official photographs. Those photographs are the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Unofficial (i.e., personal) photographs may not be published without written approval of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Livestock Photographer.

19. Animal Handling: Only experienced handlers may lead livestock within the premises of NRG Park. Show Management reserves the right to release any animal with less than desirable disposition. In any such case, the owner will have up to twelve hours to remove the excused animal from show grounds. The decision of Show Management is final, and exhibitor or purchaser has no recourse.

20. Removal of Animals: The Show can remove any exhibit, animal, booth or show they deem unsuitable or objectionable, without furnishing reasons for the action. Fees already paid for space or stalls may be returned to the exhibitor at the discretion of Show Management. The decision of Show Management is final, and exhibitor or purchaser has no recourse.

21. Animal Welfare: It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. Show Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry.


In accordance with Section 42.09 as defined in the TX Health and Safety code, any exhibitor found in violation of the following actions is subject to disqualification and a \$10,000 fine.

Section 42.09 "Cruelty to Livestock Animals" of the The TX Health and Safety code prohibits a person from intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cruelly treating an animal. The following actions define cruel punishment.

1. Torturing an animal or in a cruel manner kills or causes serious bodily injury to an animal;
2. Without the owner's effective consent, kills, administers poison to, or causes serious bodily injury to an animal;
3. Fails unreasonably to provide necessary food, water, care, or shelter for an animal in the person's custody;
4. Abandons unreasonably an animal in the person's custody;
5. Transports or confines animal in the person's custody;
6. Without the owner's effective consent, causes bodily injury to an animal;
7. Causes one animal to fight with another animal, if either animal is not a dog;
8. Uses a live animal as a lure in dog race training or in in dog coursing on a racetrack; or
9. Seriously overworks an animal.

22. Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification: To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug upon arrival at NRG Park. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on Show grounds.

Any exhibitor found in violation of the HLSR unethical fitting and/or residue avoidance policy is subject to disqualification, revocation of payment and suspension from any future participation in any HLSR sanctioned youth competition. Further, any infraction resulting in disqualification may affect scholarship eligibility.

-  a. **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any alteration of the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Such alterations do not include common and accepted animal husbandry practices. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be subject to disqualification.



HLSR will appoint a designee at the time of sifting or classification to promptly inspect any suspected instances of unethical fitting. If surgical alterations are suspected, exhibitors MUST produce a veterinarian note at the time of inspection, that must include the following: the identification of the exhibit by its state validation number, the reason for the alteration, and when the alteration was performed. HLSR, in its sole discretion, will determine whether an exhibit has been unethically fitted and may, in its sole discretion, disqualify the exhibit. Such determinations are final and binding on the exhibitor and not subject to appeal.

Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:

- application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species; injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited
 - use of injections
 - draining of fluids
 - bruising
 - feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass
 - surgical alterations
 - artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections
 - Alternative treatments including but not limited to: Acupuncture, Massage Therapy, Therapeutic Laser
- b. **Drenching:** Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
- c. **Therapeutic Practices:** The practice or use of any therapeutic application including, but not limited to animal chiropractic services, acupuncture or electrical massage stimulation on show grounds is prohibited.
- d. **Over Age Animals:** Over age animals will be disqualified.
- e. **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
- f. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at NRG Park. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
- g. **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. Further, the Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood, urine, hair, feather, and/or fecal laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, over age, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
- h. **Unmanageable Animals:** The Show may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.
- i. **Non-adherence to Rules:** Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the Show rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- j. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on Show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the official Show veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, The Official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with Show Management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, the animal will be determined ineligible for competition.
- k. **Treatment Cost:** All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

- 23. Animal Handling Devices:** Show Management or Livestock Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters are prohibited for all species.
- 24. Release Times:** Exhibitors and their animals must remain at the Show until animals are released by Show Management. An animal on exhibition may not be removed from the grounds prior to its release time without a special order given by the Agricultural Exhibits Division. Release times are listed in the daily schedule. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by exhibitor.
- 25. Exhibitor Grounds Pass:** Anyone abusing the use of or transferring passes will forfeit the pass.

Exhibitor Conduct and Exhibit Area Rules

- 26. Care of Property:** Owners and those in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.
-  **27. Aisles/Passageways:** No tables, chairs, coolers, carts, buckets, feed bags, bales of hay, tack boxes or anything that might pose a tripping hazard are allowed on the rubber mats. (The rubber mats are designated for animals and people to walk on, and for emergency evacuation.)
-  **28. Fire Marshal Regulations:** No hot plates, fryers, electric or gas burners are allowed. All crock pots, coffee pots, oven roasters when deemed safe to use, must be powered by a UL Listed Surge protector.

109.3 General penalty; continuing violations – *When in this code an act is prohibited; is made or declared to be unlawful, or an offense or misdemeanor; wherever in this code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful and no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of any such provision of code shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500.00, nor more than \$2,000.00; provide, however, that no penalty shall be greater or lesser than the penalty provided for the same offense under the laws of the state. Each day any violation of this code shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. In prosecutions under this code, the various provisions hereof that are designated as exceptions shall not be treated as exceptions within the meaning of Section 2.02 of the TX Penal Code, and instead, they shall constitute defenses to prosecution within the meaning of Section 2.03 of the TX Penal Code.*

109.2.2 Compliance with orders and notices – *A notice of violation issued or served as provided by this code shall be complied with by the owner, operator, occupant or other person responsible for the condition or violation to which the notice of violation pertains.*


- 29. Exhibitor Camping:** Lawn chairs that are reclining, zero gravity, or can be extended past the knee while sitting in the chair are prohibited from being used. Hammocks and round chairs (including bungee, soft web, and moon chairs) are prohibited. Tables, of any size or shape, are prohibited in the camping area.
- 30. Grounds Conduct:** The use of bikes, trikes, skateboards, and any other wheeled mode of transportation is prohibited on the show grounds. Pedestrians always have the right of way.
- 31. Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** The Houston Livestock Show and 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
- 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 HLSR regulations and policies.

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo™ is an invitational Livestock Show. HLSR reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

-  **32. Open Show Entertainment:** Open show exhibitors must have prior approval for entertainment to be allowed in the stall areas. Only acoustic performers will be allowed unless HLSR gives approval otherwise.

-  **33. Music:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a family-friendly event. Exhibitors should keep noise and music to a minimum level as to not impact the exhibitors surrounding them, the general public, or the Retail Vendors. In addition, HLSR has the right to deem what music is appropriate for our event. All gatherings and music shall end no later than 10 p.m. daily. Violators will be subject to the Rule 30, Grounds Conduct and Rule 31, Exhibitor Code of Ethics.

- 34. Signs:** Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign over their exhibit to advertise their own herd. This sign shall be of a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other exhibitors' signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs not larger than 22 x 28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals within an individual exhibit. The Show can remove any sign. "For Sale" signs are not allowed.
- 35. Stall Availability:** Stall pen space is not guaranteed for each entry fee paid in the show. Show Management will make every effort to stall each entry in the NRG Center and NRG Arena. However, space availability is subject to change depending on arrival numbers.
- 36. Stall Cleanliness:** All stalls, pens and exhibition places must be cleaned before 7 a.m. each day and refuse disposed of as directed by the Show Management. For those exhibitors refusing to keep their stalls, pens and/or exhibits clean and neat, the Management reserves the right to have animals removed from grounds or have said stalls or pens properly cleaned with the cost to be charged to the exhibitor. Cleaning costs will be collected from the exhibitor before release is issued.
- 37. Equipment:** Any equipment brought in to be used in the exhibit stall or space must comply with and be used in compliance with all Federal, State, and Municipal Occupational Safety and Health Regulations. The Show will determine what equipment is allowed on Show grounds.
- a. **Scales:** The Show will provide scales for the use of junior market exhibitors. Exhibitors are allowed to bring portable scales into the building if they are pad type scales with no sides and they are kept in the stall area. Any violation of this rule will cause scales to be confiscated.
 - b. **Fans:** Freestanding fans are not allowed outside the feed aisle between the tie rails. Hanging fans can only be attached to the tie rails.
 - c. **Generators:** Generators are not allowed.
 - d. **Trim Chutes:** No trim chutes are allowed on grounds for Open Cattle Shows OR Junior Show. Trim chutes are not provided. Trim chutes are considered to be free standing or have any of the following components: head gate, floor or wheels. Show Management reserves the right to determine what constitutes a trim chute.
 - e. **Fitter Guards:** Fitter guards can be used as an alternative to trim chutes and are eligible to be used in the open and junior cattle show. Fitter guards must be set in the stall space allocated for the exhibitor. There is no fee for fitter guards.
- 38. Hay/Feed:** Hay and feed may be purchased through the HLSR Feed Store Committee. Exhibitors who wish to bring their own hay, grain, mixtures or supplements will be permitted to do so. Exhibitors are requested to store no more than two days' supply of feed or hay in the barn at any time. Paid feed bills must be presented at the time releases are requested.
- 39. Bedding:** Livestock will be bedded on material provided by the Show unless otherwise stated in the rules of a particular department. No straw is allowed (exception: dairy cattle & tie outs). Bedding must not be removed from stalls. **Junior Market Barrow, Lamb, & Goat exhibitors are NOT allowed to bring in outside shavings.** Only straw can be used in tie-outs.
- 40. Livestock Display:** Livestock must be in designated stall or pen between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day of the Show.
- 41. Dogs:** Dogs are not allowed on Show grounds because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees as well as Show visitors. Exceptions are granted for service dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability. Exceptions are also granted for dogs under contract with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for demonstration, competition and entertainment purposes, and dogs entered in the Sheepdog Trials.
- a. The service animal must remain on a leash or otherwise be under the handler's control while on the Show grounds.
 - b. To protect the health and well-being of all animals on Show grounds, the exhibitor may be asked to provide current health records, including vaccination records to the Show's veterinarian.
- 42. Nurse Cows:** Nurse cows are not allowed on Show grounds.
- 43. Companion Animals:** Only animals entered in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ are allowed on show grounds. All other animals, excluding entered cow-calf pairs, will be removed per Show Management.
- 44. Good Herdsman Awards:** Rules, criteria and prizes for this competition are listed separately in this handbook.
- 45. Commercial Exhibitor/Retail Vendor Area Access:** Livestock exhibitors should not be in commercial exhibit/retail vendor areas when booths are closed. Commercial exhibit/retail vendor booths close at 9 p.m. each night, and livestock exhibitors who are not inside the halls at closing will need to go to the blue doors of Hall B or Hall E lobby to show their Livestock Exhibitor Grounds Pass to be admitted back into the livestock area. Cooperation with exhibit hall security and staff is required. Livestock exhibitors should then walk directly back to the barn at Hall B or Hall E to avoid the commercial exhibit/retail vendor booths to reach other areas of the barn. Livestock Exhibitor Grounds Passes will only allow re-entry at Hall B or Hall E doors. Livestock exhibitors found in commercial exhibits/retail vendor areas when booths are closed are subject to disqualification of entries and forfeiture of all fees paid.

ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials are allowed to impose animal health regulations that are more restrictive than those imposed by the TX Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Specific TAHC regulations will supersede the Show requirements if there is a dispute between the two in which the Show rules are less restrictive than TAHC regulations. In accordance with the TAHC, **THESE REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**

The Show considers itself an interstate (accepting entries of livestock and poultry from within TX and from other states) show for livestock entries. Exhibitors with livestock originating outside the state of TX are encouraged to contact their state Animal Health officials to confirm specific requirements, if any, their state may impose on animals returning from a TX show.

Routine Inspection Procedures (What the Exhibitor Should Expect)

1. Representatives of the Show should meet the incoming livestock vehicle at the entry gate to the livestock staging area.
2. All documents are to be examined and a visual inspection of the shipment is to be made. Be certain that certificates of veterinary inspection, EIA test information, permits, etc. are still valid. A visual exam of the animals is to be made to ensure that the animals described on the documents are the same as those in the shipment.
3. If shipments meet all entry requirements, allow the driver to proceed without delay. Return the certificates and other documents to the owner or driver.
4. If a shipment does not meet the requirements, the driver should pull the truck or trailer out of traffic's way. Contact Show security if problems occur. If animals must be unloaded, they must remain in a separate pen (holding area) away from other livestock. Individuals should be allowed to contact the Show Veterinarian or their own veterinarian to obtain the proper documents and/or tests. Documentation must be in writing – no corrections will be allowed by phone. Fax documents are permissible.
5. Consult the Show Veterinarian if animals do not appear to be in good health when inspections are made.

Definitions

Interstate Event: The TAHC considers shows, fairs, rodeos, events or exhibitions to be interstate if they permit livestock and poultry from other states to enter for show or exhibition and be held or exhibited in common facilities with Texas origin livestock and poultry of the same species.

Intrastate Show: The TAHC considers shows, fairs, rodeos, events or exhibitions to be intrastate if they **ONLY** allow Texas animals to enter or if they require Texas livestock and poultry of the same species to be housed and exhibited separately from livestock and poultry from out of state.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI): CVIs are commonly referred to as "health certificates". This document indicates that an accredited veterinarian inspected, tested or immunized the animals in question as required by the TAHC.

- Cattle, sheep, goats, equine, swine, exotic livestock and ratites coming into the state or entered in an interstate show must be accompanied by a CVI.
- Poultry may enter into the state or into livestock shows with a CVI inspection or with other documents as described on the "Poultry" page.
- The certificate is valid for 30 days for all species being exhibited or exhibited and sold.

Entry Permit: This permit is issued by the TAHC and is needed for certain livestock, poultry, exotic livestock and ratites to enter Texas. The permit is valid for 15 days. The entry permit number must be recorded on the CVI. To obtain an entry permit call the TAHC at 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or email permits@tahc.texas.gov.

Permits and General Requirements

CATTLE

TX Origin Breeding Cattle (Intrastate)

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** CVI current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. **Entry Permit:** Not required by the TAHC.
3. Official Identification:
 - a. All dairy breed animals, including steers and spayed heifers, must be [officially identified](#).
 - b. All breeding bulls 12 months of age or older must be [officially identified](#).
 - c. Within 7 days of change of ownership cattle parturient, postparturient, or 18 months of age or older must be [officially identified](#).
4. Testing Requirements:
 - a. Trichomoniasis (Trich) Test:
 - i. Exhibition ONLY: Not required by the TAHC.
 - ii. Sale of Exhibition Animals: Unless excepted, non-virgin bulls and virgin bulls 12 months of age or older must be Trich tested within 60 days prior to sale.
 - Exception: Breed registered bulls can be certified as virgin (up to 18 months of age).

- b. Tuberculosis (TB) Test:
 - i. Beef Cattle: Not required by the TAHC.
 - ii. Dairy Cattle: Not required by the TAHC.
 - iii. "M" Branded Steers: All "M" branded steers, (recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock) must have proof of a negative tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to the event.
- c. Brucellosis Test: Not required by the TAHC.

Out-of-State Origin Cattle (Interstate)

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI): Unless noted, all cattle must have a valid CVI. CVIs are valid for 30 days. Veterinarians should contact 512-719-0777 or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 for CVI requirements.
 - a. Note: All cattle coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry and a VSV status for the premises or area should be recorded on the CVI.
2. Entry Permit: Certain classes of cattle are required to obtain entry permits, please refer to the sections below for guidance. Permits for cattle may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at permits@tahc.texas.gov.
3. Official Identification: All cattle of any age used for rodeo, recreational events, shows, or exhibition must be [officially identified](#) for interstate movement regardless of age or breed ([9 CFR §86.4\(D\)\(iii\)](#)).
4. Testing Requirements:
 - a. Trichomoniasis (Trich) Test:
 - i. Exhibition ONLY: All breeding bulls 12 months of age or older must be tested within 60 days or be accompanied by an entry permit.
 - ii. Sale of Exhibition Animals: All breeding bulls 12 months of age or older must be Trich tested within 60 days prior to sale.
 - b. Tuberculosis (TB) Test:
 - i. Beef Cattle: Not required by the TAHC.
 - ii. Dairy Cattle: Texas origin dairy cattle are not required to have a TB test for interstate exhibition or events.
 - Unless excepted, out-of-state sexually intact dairy cattle, 2 months of age or older, must have a negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry or originate from an accredited free herd. Test results or an accredited herd number must be recorded on the CVI.
 - Exception: Dairy and beef cattle coming from a state with less than "Free" or "Free Zone" status must contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242 ext. 777, prior to movement. Dairy Cattle: Texas origin dairy cattle are not required to have a TB test for interstate exhibition or events.
 - iii. "M" Branded Steers: All "M" branded steers (recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock) must test negative for TB within 12 months prior to an event.
 - Note: "M" branded steers from out event requirements are listed on of-state must also obtain an entry permit prior to entry.
 - c. Brucellosis Test: Unless excepted, cattle are not required to be tested for interstate exhibition or events.
 - i. Exception: Cattle from designated surveillance areas in Idaho, Montana, or Wyoming are required to meet testing requirements.

Junior Market Steers

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

Junior Commercial Steers

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

Junior Breeding Beef/Scramble Heifers

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: CVI current, within 30 (thirty) days.

SHEEP

TX Origin Sheep (Intrastate)

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: CVI current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Entry Permit: Not required by the TAHC.
3. Official Identification: Unless excepted, the following classes of sheep must be [officially identified](#) before movement from the farm for intrastate or interstate commerce, exhibition, or to be commingled with animals from other farms.
 - a. All sheep 18 months of age or older,
 - b. All breeding sheep regardless of age,
 - c. Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep.
 - i. Exception: Sheep that have a [premises identification number](#), a registration tattoo, and accompanied by registration papers.
4. Testing Requirements:
 - a. **Brucella ovis Test**: Not required by the TAHC.

Out-of-State Origin Sheep

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:** CVI current, within 30 (thirty) days. Veterinarians should contact 512-719-0777 or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 for CVI requirements
 - a. **Note:** All sheep coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry and a VSV status for the premises or area should be recorded on the CVI.
2. **Entry Permit:** Not required by the TAHC.
3. **Official Identification:** All sheep are required to be [officially identified](#).
4. **Testing Requirements:**
 - a. **Brucella ovis Test:** Unless excepted, breeding rams 6 months of age or over are required to have a negative ELISA test for Brucella ovis within 30 days of the event or from a brucella ovis free flock. The test results or herd number must be written on the CVI.
 - i. **Exception:** Breeding rams originating in Texas are exempt from the Brucella ovis Test requirement if they are held separate from out-of-state sheep.

Junior Market Lambs

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection not required.

GOATS

TX Origin Goats (Intrastate)

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:** CVI current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. **Entry Permit:** Not required by the TAHC.
3. **Official Identification:** Unless excepted, the following classes of goats must be [officially identified](#) before they are moved from the farm for intrastate or interstate commerce, exhibition, or to be commingled with animals from other farms.
 - a. All breeding goats that have not commingled with sheep, or
 - b. Sexually intact show or exhibition goats
 - c. Exceptions:
 - i. Wethers or commercial goats that have not had contact with sheep; or
 - ii. Goats that have a registration tattoo and are accompanied by registration papers.
4. **Testing Requirements:** Not required by the TAHC.

Out-of-State Origin Goats (Interstate)

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:** CVI current, within 30 (thirty) days. Veterinarians should contact 512-719-0777 or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 for CVI requirements.
 - a. **Note:** All goats coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry and a VSV status for the premises or area should be recorded on the CVI.
2. **Entry Permit:** Not required by the TAHC.
3. **Official Identification:** Unless excepted, the all goats are required to be [officially identified](#).
 - a. **Exception:** Registered goats that have a [premises identification number](#), a registration tattoo, and accompanied by registration papers.
4. **Testing Requirements:** Not required by the TAHC.

Junior Market Goats

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection not required.

SWINE

TX Origin Swine (Intrastate)

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:** CVI current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. **Entry Permit:** Not required by the TAHC.
3. **Official Identification:** Unless excepted, swine are not required to be [officially identified](#).
 - a. **Exception:** Breeding swine (sexually intact swine, 6 months of age or older) changing ownership must be [officially identified](#).
4. **Testing Requirements:**
 - a. **Brucellosis Test:** Unless excepted, swine are not required to be tested.
 - b. **Pseudorabies Tests:** Unless excepted, swine are not required to be tested.
 - c. **Exception:** All breeding swine must be tested negative for pseudorabies and swine brucellosis 30 days prior to change of ownership in Texas.
5. **Vaccination Requirements:** Not required by the TAHC.

Junior Market Barrows

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

POULTRY

Junior Market Poultry

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection not required.
2. **Entry Permit:** Not required by the TAHC.
3. **Official Identification:** Not required by the TAHC.
4. **Testing Requirements:**
 - a. **Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) Test:** Poultry must originate from flocks or hatcheries free of pullorum disease and fowl typhoid or have a negative PT test within 30 days before exhibition.
 - b. **Laryngotracheitis (LT) Test:** Poultry must originate from areas where LT has not been active in the past 30 days, and poultry must not have been vaccinated with the modified live chick-embryo origin LT vaccine or the modified live MGattenuated vaccine.
 - c. **Avian Influenza (AI) Test:** Not required by the TAHC.

EXOTICS

Camelidae: includes camels, llamas and alpacas.

TX Origin Camelidae (Intrastate)

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** All exotics must have a valid CVI. CVIs issued within 30 days of the last day of the show.
2. **Entry Permit:** Not required by the TAHC.
3. **Official Identification:** Not required by the TAHC.
4. **Test Requirements:** Not required by the TAHC.

Out-of-State Origin Camelidae (Interstate)

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** All exotics must have a valid CVI. CVIs are valid for 30 days. Veterinarians should contact 512-719- 0777 or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 for CVI requirements. CVIs issued within 30 days of the last day of the show.
2. **Entry Permit:** All exotics entering Texas must have an entry permit issued by the TAHC within 15 days of entry. Entry permits for exotics coming may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at permits@tahc.texas.gov.
3. **Official Identification:** Not required by the TAHC.
4. **Testing Requirements:** As of November 18, 2020, there are no testing requirements for Camelidae. Please contact the TAHC at 512-719-0777 or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 to confirm testing requirements.

DOGS

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees as well as Show visitors. Exceptions are granted for dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability, dogs under contract with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for demonstration and entertainment purposes, and dogs entered in the Sheepdog Trials. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current within 30 days is required to accompany all dogs eligible to enter NRG Park. Certificate must state that rabies vaccination is current.

OPEN AND YOUTH CATTLE

Department A

Superintendent – Wes Allison – Waco, TX

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Dr. Chase Runyan – San Angelo, TX

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Special Rules for All Open & Youth Cattle Shows

1. Entries and awards in this department are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and to the Special Rules of respective breeds as published in this book.
2. Animals must have permanent identification (brand or tattoo), and their identification must match the original registration papers. Any animal which does not have a legible tattoo corresponding to its registration certificate at check-in is ineligible to show. Once disqualified, animals cannot be re-identified and re-checked at the Show. Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate on each animal available for inspection by the Show Superintendent.
3. Cattle must be entered for the purpose of exhibiting in a breed classification show.
4. Exhibitors who have non-approved cattle in the building will be asked to remove such cattle from the premises and will forfeit all prizes.
5. This classification is being established to help the purebred cattle breeders better market their animals; however, it must be noted that "For Sale" signs will not be allowed on exhibit stalls.
6. Official photographs of champions of each breed will be made at the end of each sex division. Exhibitors will cooperate with superintendents and photographers.
7. All bulls, 12 months of age or older, must be shown with a nose ring lead. Nose rings may be permanent or snap type unless breed association rules state otherwise.

Special Rules for All Open & Youth Cattle Display Space

1. Display space will be sold to exhibitors at the time of entry (online or paper form) **and will be strictly limited to what is purchased in advance**. Space will not be available for purchase once entries close on January 15th.
2. There will be a limit to the amount of display space that can be purchased based upon the number of animal entries (group classes are not included in the count). You may purchase less space at a lower level than you are eligible to purchase if you so choose. (Please see table below for display quantities and pricing.)
3. The maximum display space that can be purchased is 24 feet. In order to receive 24 feet, forty-one or more animal entries must be entered. Multiple entry orders cannot be combined per owner/exhibitor to gain additional display space.
 - a. For example, if a ranch, exhibitor, owner, or fitter places an entry with 41 animals to purchase 24' of display space, they or another person with animals tied to the same ranch, owner, exhibitor, or fitter cannot place entries to gain more space over and above the maximum display space allowed.
4. Exhibitors/owners are prohibited from setting up displays outside of the purchased display space area.
5. Signage in the display space area can include backdrops, curtains, tables, seating, video monitors and promotional items.
6. Pedigree signs and front stall panels covered with a canvas type material or skirting material are allowed in cattle stalling areas. This material can include the logo/brand of the ranch and/or cattle fitting company as well as web addresses and contact information.
7. Signage can hang on stall dividers in this area. This signage may include the logo/brand of the ranch and/or cattle fitting company as well as web addresses and contact information.

Special Rules for All Open & Youth Cattle Display Space

8. Any wording used to promote an event or sale will not be allowed in the cattle stalling area but **is allowed in the display space area**.
9. Tack must fit within the feed alley, or the stall space assigned to the exhibitor.
 - a. Appropriate items for tack space include feed, hay, tack boxes (show box)/show equipment, and lawn chairs.
 - b. Any items resembling a display will be prohibited from being used in this area. This includes signage such as backdrops and banners.
10. Stall, tack and display space are not guaranteed. HLSR reserves the right to limit space as needed. If space is limited, there will be no refund on animal entry fees. HLSR will refund fees paid for the area of display space that cannot be fulfilled. If a reduction in display space is required in order to stall all cattle, preference will be given to exhibitors with the greatest number of entries.
11. Only those cattle that are entered in the show will be allowed in the barn. Exhibitors who enter 4 or more head and purchase display space must check-in and show at least 75% of the animals entered in the show. Exhibitors who check-in and show less than 75% of the animals entered in the show will lose the ability to purchase display space the following year. This includes all parties included on the entry order (owners and exhibitors).
12. Stall space is not guaranteed based on entries, if the number of entries exceeds the stall space available, arrival rates from the previous year will be used to determine the amount of space each exhibitor will be allocated.



Display Space Table

Animal Entries	Display Space Available for Purchase in feet	Display Space Cost
1 – 4	4'	\$100
5 – 10	8'	\$200
11 – 25	16'	\$400
26 – 40	20'	\$500
41+	24'	\$600

Angus Show

Department A

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Show	Tuesday	February 27	4:30 p.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	February 28	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	February 28	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Angus Show

1. Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate issued by the American Angus Association available for inspection at the show for each animal or another current proof of ownership issued by the American Angus Association pedigree look up. Any animal, upon check-in, which does not have a legible permanent identification mark (ear tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks or hot-branded marks) corresponding to the permanent identification mark on the registration certificate, is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible permanent identification mark, animals cannot be re-identified (tattooed/branded) and rechecked at the show.
2. Any female shown with a calf at side: the calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf, and the calf must be registered by show day and have the original registration certificate at check in.
3. Only one person at a time shall lead an animal into the show ring.
4. Exhibitors who participate in shows that accept premium monies contributed by the American Angus Association are subject to the Association Rules as found in the Breeders Reference Guide of the Association. These rules are found in Part 2; Association Rules. The rules relating directly with the exhibition of Angus cattle are Part 2: Association Rules; Rule 800 Series; including Rule 800 - 810. These rules can be found at: www.angus.org.
5. Altering the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the covering of white skin, false tail heads (or use of any false hair), with the exception of false tail switches. The use of graphite, powders, hemp or other similar substances used externally are also prohibited. Other prohibited products include those used internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals or artificial filling. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing.
6. At any show for which the American Angus Association appropriates funds toward the payment of premiums, no exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners at such show shall be allowed to use any coloring agents, on any animal exhibited. The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a "white towel" or "white glove" test. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.
7. All animals exhibited are subject to DNA marker or blood type test to verify accuracy of parentage as covered under the Association Rules and for other testing as required by the individual show.
8. Authorized representatives of the Association have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein as well as in the Association Rules, including the barring of a registered animal from a livestock show at which it is to be shown, if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.

Special Rules for Open Angus Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 6/1/23 and after	
2. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/23 - 5/31/23	
3. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	
4. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	
5. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/22 - 2/28/23	
6. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23	
7. JUNIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
8. RESERVE JUNIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
9. Late Senior Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	
10. Early Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	
11. SENIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
12. RESERVE SENIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
13. Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22	
14. Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22	
15. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
16. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
17. April Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22	
18. March Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22	
19. Early Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 2/1/22 - 2/28/22	
20. Early Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/22 - 1/31/22	
21. JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
22. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
23. Late Senior Yearling Females	calved 11/1/21 - 12/31/21	
24. Early Senior Yearling Females	calved 9/1/21 - 10/31/21	
25. SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
26. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
27. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
28. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

Any female that qualifies for female classes in the Associations standard classifications are not eligible to show in the cow/calf classes. However, the calf at the side of the female is eligible to show in its representative class.

COW/CALF CLASSES

29. Cow/Calf Class: (3 year old and younger)	calved 1/1/21 - 8/31/21	
Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on day of Show.		
30. Cow/Calf Class (4 year old and older)	calved 12/31/20 or earlier	
Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on day of Show.		
31. GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR		(Banner & Trophy)
32. RESERVE CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR		(Banner & Trophy)

* Added classes will receive no premiums.

Grand and Reserve Champion cow/calf pairs do not show for Grand Champion Female and are ineligible to compete in the get-of-sire, junior get-of-sire, and breeder's six head class.

BULL CLASSES

33. Junior Bull Calves	calved 6/1/23 and after	
34. Junior Bull Calves	calved 5/1/23 - 5/31/23	
35. Junior Bull Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	
36. Junior Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	
37. Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23	
38. JUNIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
39. RESERVE JUNIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
40. Late Senior Bull Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	
41. Early Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	
42. SENIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
43. RESERVE SENIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
44. Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22	
45. Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22	
46. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
47. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
48. April Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22	
49. March Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22	
50. Early Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	

Special Rules for Open Angus Show

51. JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
52. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
53. Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	
54. Summer Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/21 - 8/31/21	
55. Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 - 4/30/21	
56. SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
57. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
58. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
59. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

60. Junior Get-of-Sire: Three animals by one sire, both sexes represented, shown in classes:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 44, 45 (Banner)
61. Get-of-sire: Four animals by one sire shown in the above classes, both sexes represented. (Banner)
62. Breeders Best Six Head: The exhibitor of the breeders' six head must be the breeder and (Banner)
first owner identified by the same member code for the animals exhibited. Cattle owned by other exhibitors may be included
provided the exhibitor of the breeders' six head is the breeder and first owner of the included animal(s). Animals must be exhibited
in individual classes. Cattle bred and owned by a junior member(s) may be included if the exhibitor of the breeders six head is an
individual or married couple and is the parent or legal guardian of the junior member(s).

Beefmaster Promotion Group Open International Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$TBD
Beefmaster Promotion Group	\$TBD
Total Premiums Available	\$TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Thursday	February 29	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Thursday	February 29	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	February 29	Noon
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Thursday	February 29	3 p.m.
Show	Saturday	March 2	8 a.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 3	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 3	2 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Beefmaster Promotion Group Open International Show

1. Beefmaster Promotion Group, 514 State Hwy. 75 N, Fairfield, TX 75840.
 2. Any individual who has an entry in a BPG approved show must be a member of the Beefmaster Promotion Group and must be at least 6 years of age as of the day of the show.
 3. Beefmaster Promotion Group, 541 State Hwy. 75N, Fairfield, TX 75840 pays some percent of premiums awarded for this show.
 4. All cattle must be registered with BBU.
 5. Only one (1) person per animal is permitted in the show arena during the exhibition of individual classes, with exceptions made by one of the following:
 - a. A physical or mental disability that prevents the proper handling of the animal without assistance or,
 - b. A handler has a physical injury (sprained ankle, broken arm, etc.) that requires assistance.
- Any request for an assistant shall be presented to an attending BPG Director or Officer before the beginning of the show for a ruling. In the event that an assistant is required and approved, the assistant shall provide the least amount of interference as possible for the handler to properly display the animal and shall not interfere with any other entrant or otherwise block the path or view of the Judge.
6. All animal tattoos may be checked for legibility and must match the registration papers for that animal. Animals with illegible tattoos or incorrect papers will not be allowed to show.
 7. Heifers exhibited at 24 months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy or be nursing their natural calf-at side. If calf is over 6 months old, cow must be palpated safe in calf and so stated on health paper.
 8. All bulls 12 months and older must be led with a nose lead at all times.
 9. Animals entered in group classes, must have been shown in an individual class.
 10. All BBU registered animals must be shown with their hair coats lying downward and flat against their entire body. Hair trimming is permissible and must be done in those few areas such as the neck and portions of the topline of the animal which may not lay flat against the body. Hair may not be trained upwards or forwards and/or pulled upwards or forwards on any part of the animal's body. No animals may have any foreign object(s) attached to it in any manner or have its natural color altered in a manner so as to change the conformation or appearance. An exhibitor who fails to abide by this rule will be dismissed from the arena and/or forfeit premiums, awards and points from the show.
 11. Each animal must be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical, or other appearance change for cosmetic purposes (such as silicon injections or other injections for cosmetic purposes), save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning.

Special Rules for Beefmaster Promotion Group Open International Show

12. All bulls 20 months of age or older that are exhibited must have passed a fertility examination given by a licensed veterinarian to be eligible to show and the results must be presented at check in. Once a bull has a positive exam, retesting is not required.
13. Determinations regarding classes and the splitting of classes shall be made in the sole discretion of the show official or coordinator and are not subject to review or protest.
14. Any and all protests must be written and be filed with a BPG officer or Director no later than 1 hour after the conclusion of the show, accompanied by a \$150 nonrefundable protest fee. Exhibitors must also file a protest with HLSR.
15. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in a BPG approved show, each exhibitor hereby releases Beefmaster Promotion Group and their respective officials, sponsors, agents, officers, directors, employees and representatives, from any and all claims, liabilities, suits and judgments, arising from or connected with the administration or use of any animal test, rule enforcement and the resulting decision or action based thereon.
16. The BPG Code of Conduct will be enforced.

Beefmaster Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

GROUP CLASSES

1. Get-of-Sire: Three (3) animals, all by one (1) sire, both sexes represented.
No ownership required. (Banner & Trophy)
2. Produce-of-Dam: Two (2) animals, either or both sexes, produced by one (1) dam.
No ownership required. (Banner & Trophy)

FEMALE CLASSES

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| 3. Late Summer Heifer Calves | calved 7/1/23 and after | (Premium A) |
| 4. Late Summer Heifer Calves | calved 6/1/23 - 6/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 5. Summer Heifer Calves | calved 5/1/23 - 5/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 6. CHAMPION HEIFER CALF | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 7. RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 8. Late Spring Heifer Calves | calved 4/1/23 – 4/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 9. Early Spring Heifer Calves | calved 3/1/23 – 3/31/23 | (Premium A) |
| 10. Junior Heifer Calves | calved 2/1/23 – 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 11. Early Junior Heifer Calves | calved 1/1/23 – 1/31/23 | (Premium A) |
| 12. CHAMPION SPRING HEIFER CALF | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 13. RESERVE CHAMPION SPRING HEIFER CALF | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 14. Late Senior Heifer Calves | calved 12/1/22 – 12/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 15. Late Senior Heifer Calves | calved 11/1/22 - 11/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 16. Early Senior Heifer Calves | calved 10/1/22 – 10/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 17. Early Senior Heifer Calves | calved 9/1/22 – 9/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 18. CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 19. RESERVE CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 20. Late Summer Yearling Heifers | calved 8/1/22 – 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 21. Early Summer Yearling Heifers | calved 7/1/22 – 7/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 22. Spring Junior Yearling Heifers* | calved 6/1/22 – 6/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 23. Late Junior Yearling Heifers | calved 5/1/22 – 5/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 24. CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 25. RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 26. Early Junior Yearling Heifers | calved 4/1/22 – 4/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 27. Early Junior Yearling Heifers | calved 3/1/22 – 3/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 28. Early Junior Yearling Heifers | calved 2/1/22 – 2/28/22 | (Premium A) |
| 29. Early Junior Yearling Heifers | calved 1/1/22 – 1/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 30. CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 31. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 32. Junior Yearling Females * | calved 12/1/21 – 12/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 33. Late Senior Yearling Females * | calved 11/1/21 – 11/30/21 | (Premium A) |
| 34. Early Senior Yearling Females * | calved 10/1/21 – 10/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 35. Early Senior Yearling Females * | calved 9/1/21 – 9/30/21 | (Premium A) |

Special Rules for Beefmaster Promotion Group Open International Show

36. CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
37. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
38. Summer Pairs **	calved 8/1/21 – 8/31/21	(Premium A)
39. Summer Pairs **	calved 7/1/21 – 7/31/21	(Premium A)
40. Summer Pairs **	calved 6/1/21 – 6/30/21	(Premium A)
41. Summer Pairs **	calved 5/1/21 – 5/31/21	(Premium A)
42. CHAMPION SUMMER PAIR		(Banner & Trophy)
43. RESERVE CHAMPION SUMMER PAIR		(Banner & Trophy)
44. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Buckle, Banner & Trophy)
45. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Buckle, Banner & Trophy)

*Must be palpated safe in calf and so stated on health papers or have natural calf at side.

**Must have natural calf at side.

BULL CLASSES

46. Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/23 and after	(Premium A)
47. Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
48. Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 – 3/31/23	(Premium A)
49. Junior Bull Calves	calved 2/1/23 – 2/29/23	(Premium A)
50. Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 – 1/31/23	(Premium A)
51. CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner & Trophy)
52. RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner & Trophy)
53. Late Senior Bull Calves	calved 11/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
54. Early Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	(Premium A)
55. Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
56. Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A)
57. CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
58. RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
59. Spring Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 4/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
60. Late Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 – 3/31/22	(Premium A)
61. Early Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 – 2/29/22	(Premium A)
62. CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
63. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
64. Late Senior Bulls	calved 9/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
65. Summer Senior Bulls	calved 5/1/21 – 8/31/21	(Premium A)
66. Early Senior Bulls	calved 1/1/21 – 4/30/21	(Premium A)
67. Senior Bulls	calved 9/1/20 – 12/31/20	(Premium A)
68. Late Senior Bulls	calved 5/1/20 – 8/31/20	(Premium A)
69. CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
70. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
71. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Buckle, Banner & Trophy)
72. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Buckle, Banner & Trophy)

National Braford Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$TBD
United Braford Breeders	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available	\$TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Braford F-1 Female Show	Tuesday	Feb. 27	2 p.m.
Braford Show	Tuesday	Feb. 27	Upon completion of Braford F-1 Female Show
Begin Release	Wednesday	Feb. 28	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for National Braford Show

1. All rules, regulations, premium offers, etc., appearing in this catalog are subject to correction in the event of any printing errors that would tend to change the meaning or intent.
2. All bulls must be secured with a neck strap in addition to their halter while stalled.
3. Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate on each animal for inspection at the show.
4. Animals must be registered by the United Braford Breeders (UBB) to compete in this association-sponsored show. Owners must be members of the UBB in good standing. Cattle must be classified as 3/8 Brahman, 5/8 Hereford to be eligible to show in the Braford show. All other registered Braford cattle shown must be F1s (50% Brahman, 50% Hereford only).
5. The registration number and animal identification number (brand or tattoo) of each animal entered in an individual class, and the sire of each entry must be listed on the entry.
6. Animals eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered and shown in individual classes.
7. This is one of 7 UBB-sanctioned Open Braford Point Shows that constitute the Braford Show Animals of the Year recognition program.
8. Animals found to have evidence of incisions, surgical or otherwise, in the follow areas: testicles, sheath, navel, or dewlap will be disqualified from showing in all UBB shows, or indefinitely. This is subject to review by the UBB Board of Directors.
9. No animal may be shown that has had any foreign objects glued to or otherwise attached in a manner so as to alter its conformation or change its appearance. Tail ties and hair nets used on the tail will be the only exception.
10. Calves shown at the side of Braford cows must be registered as purebred Brafords. If bred, F1s must be bred to Brahman or Hereford bulls or bulls that will produce purebred Brafords. If F-1 is show with a calf at the side, the calf must be registered with the UBB and must be either a purebred Braford, ¾ Brahman and ¼ Hereford, or a 1/3 Brahman and ¾ Hereford. Bred F-1 Females shown must have available the registration number of the service sire. Calves shown at the side of any Braford – influenced cows must be registered within 2 weeks of age; extenuating circumstances will be considered via show committee decision. All calves must be the biological progeny of the female they are being shown by.
11. No nurse cows will be allowed. A nurse cow is defined as a cow that has a calf nursing, in which the cow is not the biological mother of the calf.

Special Rules for National Braford Show

12. All protests must be made in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the UBB show committee within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the show. Exhibitors must also file a protest with HLSR.
13. Any person violating these rules shall be subject to be suspended from all UBB-sanctioned shows pending the UBB Board of Directors investigation.
14. Any and all members caught in physical violence and/or verbal harassment of other members or show facilities personnel will be subject to expulsion from UBB for life, pending UBB Board of Directors investigation.
15. Any and all non-UBB members caught in physical violence or verbal harassment of UBB members or at any UBB-sanctioned event will be referred to local law enforcement and possible charges shall/can be filed.
16. All Braford entries are subject to the provision of a rule of the United Braford Breeders entitled "Inspection of Exhibits".
 - a. The association and its representative have the authority to require such tests as they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the classification and pedigree of exhibited animals. "Said authority shall extend to and cover the enforcement of all Show rules as adopted by the UBB."
 - b. Each exhibitor shall submit his registered Braford cattle to such tests and examinations as requested and/or required by the association, its authorized representatives, or the authorized representatives of the relevant show. These tests and examinations shall include but are not limited to any weighing, measuring, or ultrasound evaluation of these animals as required by the UBB's Show Committee.
 - c. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any Braford function, exhibitor hereby releases the Association, its officers, directors, and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits and judgements past, present or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such test or examination and the resulting decisions therefrom.
 - d. Dental inspection: All entries may be classified for judging on an age basis and should be entered in class according to age. Teeth may be inspected by a veterinarian designated by the UBB in order to determine whether dental development is within allowable limits for the class so entered. If the veterinarian determines that in his opinion dental development exceeds maximum allowable limits, the animal shall be moved to an older class as determined by the veterinarian and shall remain in that class until determined otherwise by subsequent mouthing or favorable appeal to the Show Committee. If it is not possible to move an animal, the animal may not be exhibited in such Show.
 - e. Any exhibitor desiring to dispute or challenge the results of any such test, exam or show rule enforcement, as applied to his animal, shall do so in accordance with procedures established by the rules of the association.
 - f. Appeal: An appeal from the decision of the veterinarian or association representatives designated by the UBB under sections 1 and 4 of the Inspections of Exhibits may be made to the Show Committee of the UBB if the following written appeal with the UBB Show Committee as soon as possible after the veterinarian's or designated association representative's decision was made. If an appeal satisfying the foregoing requirements is filed with the UBB Show Committee, the Committee shall hold a hearing at which the appealing party and the veterinarian or designated association representatives whose decision is being appealed shall present statements and other evidence that are relevant to the matter, following which the Show Committee shall render a decision which shall be final and conclusive.
17. All members of the UBB (regular or junior) will abide by the show rules as adopted. In addition, any show, fair event or display in which Braford Cattle participate should comply with these rules as adopted by the UBB.
18. Entries that have not complied with all the above rules will not be eligible to show, receive premium monies, and are subject to being suspended, pending UBB Board decision.

National Braford Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

Special Rules for National Braford Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/23 and after	(Premium A)
2. Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/23- 4/30/23	(Premium A)
3. Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	(Premium A)
4. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
5. Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23	(Premium A)
6. CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
7. RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
8. Winter Heifer Calves	calved 10/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
9. Senior Heifer Calves	calved 8/1/22 - 9/30/22	(Premium A)
10. CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
11. RESERVE CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
12. Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/22 - 7/31/22	(Premium A)
13. Late Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
14. Early Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22	(Premium A)
15. Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
16. CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
17. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
18. Late Senior Yearling Females	calved 10/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
19. Early Senior Yearling Females	calved 8/1/21 - 9/30/21	(Premium A)
20. CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING FEMALE		(Banner)
21. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING FEMALE		(Banner)
22. GRAND CHAMPION BRAFORD FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
23. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BRAFORD FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

Special Rules for National Braford Show

BULL CLASSES

24. Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/23 and after	(Premium A)
25. Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
26. Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	(Premium A)
27. Junior Bull Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
28. Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23	(Premium A)
29. CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner)
30. RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner)
31. Winter Bull Calves	calved 10/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
32. Senior Bull Calves	calved 8/1/22 - 9/30/22	(Premium A)
33. CHAMPION FALL BULL CALF		(Banner)
34. RESERVE CHAMPION FALL BULL CALF		(Banner)
35. Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/22 - 7/31/22	(Premium A)
36. Late Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
37. Early Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22	(Premium A)
38. Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
39. CHAMPION YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
40. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
41. Late Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 10/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
42. Early Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 8/1/21 - 9/30/21	(Premium A)
43. Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 - 7/31/21	(Premium A)
44. CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner)
45. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner)
46. GRAND CHAMPION BRAFORD BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
47. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BRAFORD BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

48. Produce-of-dam: Two animals shown in single entry classes, either sex, from one dam, may be owned by more than one exhibitor. (Premium A & Banner)
49. Get-of-sire: Four animals shown in single entry classes, both sexes represented, may be owned by more than one exhibitor. (Premium A & Banner)
50. Best-six-head: All animals must have been shown in their respective single entry classes and they must be owned by the exhibitor or by an immediate family member. (Premium A & Banner)

Special Rules for Braford F-1 Female Show

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....	\$425
United Braford Breeders.....	\$425
Total Premiums Available.....	\$850

1. Entries are subject to subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth in the Open National Braford Show.
2. The UBB pays half of the premium money for this show. Total premium is paid directly from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
3. Braford F-1 females must be registered by the United Braford Breeders to compete in this association-sponsored show. Owners must be members of United Braford Breeders in good standing.
4. Cattle must be classified as Braford F-1 on the UBB registration papers.
5. Calves shown at the side of Braford F-1 cows must be registered with the UBB.
6. Any bred Braford F-1 female shown must have available the registration number of the service sire to verify and validate pregnancy.

Braford F-1 Female Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/23 and after	(Premium A)
2. Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
3. Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	(Premium A)
4. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
5. Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23	(Premium A)
6. CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
7. RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
8. Winter Heifer Calves	calved 10/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
9. Senior Heifer Calves	calved 8/1/22 - 9/30/22	(Premium A)
10. CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
11. RESERVE CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
12. Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/22 - 7/31/22	(Premium A)
13. Late Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
14. Early Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22	(Premium A)
15. Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
16. CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
17. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
18. Late Senior Yearling Females	calved 10/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
19. Early Senior Yearling Females	calved 8/1/21 - 9/30/21	(Premium A)
20. CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING FEMALE		(Banner)
21. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING BRAFORD F-1 FEMALE		(Banner)
22. GRAND CHAMPION BRAFORD F-1 FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
23. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BRAFORD F-1 FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

International Brahman Show

Department A

No Premiums Awarded – Trophies Only

Trophies donated by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and American Brahman Breeders Association

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Weigh & Measure	Tuesday	Feb. 27	10 a.m. – Main Cattle Arena
Show (Groups) followed by Classes 1 - 11 Females	Wednesday	Feb. 28	2 p.m.
International Brahman Sale	Wednesday	Feb. 28	7:30 p.m. – NRG Arena, Sales Pavilion
Show (Females) - continued	Thursday	Feb. 29	8 a.m.
Show (Bulls)	Friday	March 1	8 a.m.
Begin Release	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Saturday	March 2	6 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for International Brahman Show

1. The ABBA requires that everyone who exhibits cattle in an ABBA Show must be a member in good standing as either a Junior, Active or Show Member. Please review the ABBA Constitution and Rules to familiarize yourself with the membership levels along with their requirements.
2. Animals must be registered in the American Brahman Breeders Association to be eligible to compete in association sponsored shows. The registration certificate for each entry must be available for presentation to the superintendent or manager of the show at the time entries are verified prior to judging.
3. The registration number and animal identification number (number branded on animal) of (1) each animal must be entered in an individual class, (2) the sire of each get-of-sire entry and (3) the dam of each produce-of-dam entry must be listed on the entry card of each animal entered.
4. Entries that have not complied with rules one (1) and two (2) will not be eligible to show, receive premium monies or earn points in the association's Register of Renown.
5. Animals to be eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered and shown in individual classes.
6. Entries will be listed numerically according to age (oldest first) in catalogs and judging schedules. Include animal identification number (number brand) as a part of identification. When entering the arena for judging, the handlers will line cattle up numerically in the same order.
7. Judges will be allowed to comment on placings in selected classes when conditions permit.
8. Each animal will be presented in the showing in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical or circulatory constriction including banding or other appearance change, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Injections of foreign substances internally for cosmetic purposes, steroids, growth hormones or stimulants shall be prohibited. If to the satisfaction of the ABBA staff, officers, executive committee or board of directors an animal has had its natural conformation or structure altered or been administered steroids, growth hormones or stimulants; then the said animal shall be ruled ineligible to compete until such time the Show Committee and owner/owners have reviewed the case. Any violators, both owner & fitter will be in-eligible to exhibit cattle at ABBA Approved Shows for 5 years.
9. If any exhibitor/owner/showman interferes in any way with the judge or shows disrespect to him, or to the show in the ring, the exhibitor/owner/showman may be dismissed by the judge or Show Management from the ring. The management may withhold from each exhibitor/owner/showman any premium monies that may have been awarded or take other steps deemed desirable.

Special Rules for International Brahman Show

10. In cases where families, companies, corporations, etc., are operated as a unit under the same management but have cattle also registered in the name of the individual partners, said cattle, even though bearing a different ownership brand, are eligible to be shown in competition under the firm name provided they have not been and will not be shown in the name of the individuals.
11. For females being shown in the four oldest classes (females calved Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020 for Spring Shows), exhibitor must have a certificate of pregnancy no older than 30 days issued by a licensed veterinarian or certified technician to be presented to show officials at time of check-in or registration paper check. The show reserves the right to perform pregnancy determination by palpation for females in the above classes at any given ABBA approved show if an official protest has been filed. Females exhibited in the last class **MUST** have her nursing natural calf at side. The only exemption from this rule will be cows that have already weaned a calf and a registration certificate of the calf **MUST** be presented to the judge. The pregnancy certificate will be checked at the ABBA National, International & any other participating show.
12. *All bulls will be shown with a nose ring or nose restraint with lead attached. A satisfactory Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE) will be required for bulls 2 years of age and older for National, International, and Kick-Off Classic. Exhibitors will be required to obtain a satisfactory BSE one in the fall and one in the spring to comply.
13. All **Group Classes** will be exhibited at the beginning of the ABBA Approved Show prior to any individual classes being exhibited in such show. All individual animals exhibited in Group Classes must be presented by an individual Showman for each participating Animal for the Group to be placed by the Judge(s).
14. This deals with the produce of dam classes and the get-of-sire class. All group classes must be held by a handler in the show arena to be placed. At the International, National and any other participating show, the Original Registration Certificate or Original Copy (Blue with COPY across it) of each animal entering the ring for the group classes must be presented to the Show Official for parent verification. In an attempt to accommodate the exhibitors, the registration certificates of animals being exhibited in the group classes will be checked in advance at a specified time. Two animals for Natural Produce, four head for Embryo Produce and six head for the Get of Sire classes can be checked allowing the exhibitor to make the final selections prior to the show. If an exhibitor does not want to check papers early they would then have to bring papers on each animal that will enter the ring, at class check-in.

Embryo Produce of Dam - Two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.

Natural Produce of Dam - Two natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.

Get-of-Sire - Four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the

15. No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one produce or embryo-produce of dam per dam.
16. Cows that are exhibited with calves at side must be in a lactating stage. Calves must be the natural calf of the cow being exhibited and must not exceed 240 days of age on day of judging. The judge will be made aware by the ring steward for those cows whose calves are ineligible to show by this rule.
17. Cattle will not be allowed to show if their switches have been balled or glitter applied to their skin.
18. Color Classification Rule effective with the 2018 ABBA International Show-Houston. For animals exhibited in ABBA approved shows, the following rules will apply:
 - a. The ABBA Color Chart will serve as the official breed resource for identify the proper hair coat of registered Brahman cattle (see charts at ABBA official website).
 - b. In order to show in the Red Show, an animal must have a minimum of 3 Red ancestors in their 3-generation pedigree. An animal with less than 7 out of 14 Red ancestors in the 3-generation pedigree may not show until color is classified.
 - c. Animals will be color classified by the ABBA Color Committee in order to compete at the International, National, Kick-Off Class and All-American Shows. The Show Committee also has the right to color classify at any ABBA Approved Show unannounced.
 - d. The ABBA Color Committee shall consist of 3 primary members and 2 alternates, all with experience in the beef industry and with at least 2 of the members being ABBA Directors who are non-showing members. The Color Committee will be appointed by the ABBA President and will serve for the full show year.
 - e. Animals will be color classified by their predominant hair color based on the ABBA Color Chart.
 - f. Only if an animal is unable to be classified based upon the ABBA Color Chart, the animal's pedigree may be used to aid in color classification.
 - g. Once classified, the animal's paper will be stamped with the color classification and remain in that classification throughout its show career. Appeals can be sent to the Executive Committee within 30 days.
 - h. If any animal is reclassified by the Color Committee, the ABBA must provide corrected papers to the current owner of that animal within 30 days of the reclassification at the owner's expense.
 - i. Animals shown in group classes must show in the group class of the registered color of their sir for the Get-of-Sire and the registered color of their dam for the Produce-of-Dam (ET & Natural).

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- j. Both the exhibitor and owner of an animal that is shown in the wrong color division after being color classified will be ineligible to show any animals for 13 months following the infraction. The animal in violation will be disqualified for its entire show career and will forfeit all Register of Renown points.
 - k. Any ABBA member or exhibitor has the right to protest the color classification of any animal at any ABBA Approved Show to the Show Committee in writing within 30 days. Any animals already stamped with color classification will not be reclassified.
19. The owner of record of any registered animal entered in an ABBA approved shows and/or his/her agent, exhibitor, fitter, handler and/or representative releases ABBA and its representatives from any and all liability that seller/owner might claim as a result of injury of any kind sustained before, during, or after handling cattle for any ABBA board approved activity.
 20. Beginning January 21, 2019 for shows to remain approved point shows by ABBA they must maintain a forty (40) head average for the previous two (2) years. Shows must also follow the Requirements of ABBA Approved Shows.
 21. All bulls two (2) years of age and older will be required to obtain a Satisfactory Breeding Soundness Exam once in the fall and once in the spring to show at the National, International, and Kick-Off Classic.
 22. The official ABBA rules & procedures governing showing & exhibiting of registered Brahman cattle supersede any rules printed in any show catalog.
 23. In an attempt to ensure that all animals receive an equal evaluation at the National and International Shows, classes with more than 30 entries may at the discretion of the Show Management and/ or ABBA Officials be split by age as evenly as possible.
 24. Any animal that exceeds the weight & measurement requirements at the International Brahman Show, National Brahman Show, All American National Junior Show or any other designated show where weights & measurements are taken will be in-eligible to show at that show and any future ABBA Approved Shows until the next show that weights & measures are taken when they can requalify. Any animal that exceeds the parameters and is shown at an ABBA Approved Show before requalifying will be in-eligible to show their remaining career. Both the exhibitor and owner of the previously disqualified animal that is shown before requalifying will be in-eligible to show animals forever.

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Late Summer Heifer Calves	calved 7/1/23 and after	
2. Summer Heifer Calves	calved 6/1/23 – 6/30/23	
3. Early Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/23 – 5/31/23	
4. CALF CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
5. RESERVE CALF CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
6. Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/23 – 4/30/23	
7. Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 – 3/31/23	
8. Late Winter Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/23 – 2/28/23	
9. Winter Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/23 – 1/31/23	
10. JUNIOR YEARLING CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
11. RESERVE JUNIOR YEARLING CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
12. Early Winter Heifer Calves	calved 12/1/22 – 12/31/22	
13. Late Fall Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/22 – 11/30/22	
14. Fall Heifer Calves	calved 10/1/22 – 10/31/22	
15. Early Fall Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/22 – 9/30/22	
16. SENIOR YEARLING CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
17. RESERVE SENIOR YEARLING CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
18. Late Summer Heifers	calved 7/1/22 – 8/31/22	
19. Summer Heifers	calved 6/1/22 – 6/30/22	
20. Early Summer Heifers	calved 5/1/22 – 5/31/22	
21. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
22. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
23. Late Spring Heifers	calved 4/1/22 – 4/30/22	
24. Spring Heifers	calved 3/1/22 – 3/31/22	
25. Late Winter Heifers	calved 2/1/22 – 2/28/22	
26. Early Winter Heifers	calved 1/1/22 – 1/31/22	
27. JUNIOR CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
28. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
29. Late Senior Heifers	calved 11/1/21 – 12/31/21	
30. Senior Heifers	calved 9/1/21 – 10/31/21	
31. Early Senior Heifers	calved 7/1/21 – 8/31/21	
32. SENIOR CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
33. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
34. Late Aged Senior Cows	calved 5/1/21 – 6/30/21	

Special Rules for International Brahman Show

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| 35. Aged Senior Cows | calved 3/1/21 – 4/30/21 | |
| 36. Early Aged Senior Cows | calved 1/1/21 – 2/28/21 | |
| 37. AGED SENIOR CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 38. RESERVE AGED SENIOR CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 39. GRAND CHAMPION – Calf, Intermediate, Junior, and Senior Champion competing. | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 40. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION – Reserve to Grand Champion eligible to compete. | | (Banner & Trophy) |
- *Must be examined safe in calf ** Must have calf at side

BULL CLASSES

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| 41. Late Summer Bull Calves | calved 7/1/23 and after | |
| 42. Summer Bull Calves | calved 6/1/23 – 6/30/23 | |
| 43. Early Summer Bull Calves | calved 5/1/23 – 5/31/23 | |
| 44. CALF CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 45. RESERVE CALF CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 46. Late Spring Bull Calves | calved 4/1/23 – 4/30/23 | |
| 47. Spring Bull Calves | calved 3/1/23 – 3/31/23 | |
| 48. Late Winter Bull Calves | calved 2/1/23 – 2/28/23 | |
| 49. Winter Bull Calves | calved 1/1/23 – 1/31/23 | |
| 50. JUNIOR YEARLING CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 51. RESERVE JUNIOR YEARLING CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 52. Early Winter Bull Calves | calved 12/1/22 – 12/31/22 | |
| 53. Late Fall Bull Calves | calved 11/1/22 – 11/30/22 | |
| 54. Fall Bull Calves | calved 10/1/22 – 10/31/22 | |
| 55. Early Fall Bull Calves | calved 9/1/22 – 9/30/22 | |
| 56. SENIOR YEARLING CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 57. RESERVE SENIOR YEARLING CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 58. Late Summer Bulls | calved 7/1/22 – 7/31/22 | |
| 59. Summer Bulls | calved 6/1/22 – 6/30/22 | |
| 60. Early Summer Bulls | calved 5/1/22 – 5/31/22 | |
| 61. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 62. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 63. Late Spring Bulls | calved 4/1/22 – 4/30/22 | |
| 64. Spring Bulls | calved 3/1/22 – 3/31/22 | |
| 65. Late Winter Bulls | calved 2/1/22 – 2/28/22 | |
| 66. Early Winter Bulls | calved 1/1/22 – 1/31/22 | |
| 67. JUNIOR CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 68. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 69. Late Senior Bulls | calved 11/1/21 – 12/31/21 | |
| 70. Senior Bulls | calved 9/1/21 – 10/31/21 | |
| 71. Early Senior Bulls | calved 7/1/21 – 8/31/21 | |
| 72. SENIOR CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 73. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 74. Late Aged Senior Bulls | calved 5/1/21 – 6/31/21 | |
| 75. Aged Senior Bulls | calved 3/1/21 – 4/30/21 | |
| 76. Early Aged Senior Bulls | calved 1/1/21 – 2/28/21 | |
| 77. AGED SENIOR CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 78. RESERVE AGED SENIOR CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 79. GRAND CHAMPION | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 80. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION – Reserve to Grand Champion eligible to compete. | | (Banner & Trophy) |

***Must produce seasonal fertility certificate that bull is fertile and can settle cows.

GROUP CLASSES

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| 81. Produce-of-Dam: Two natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement. | (Banner) |
| 82. Embryo Produce-of-Dam: Two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement. | (Banner) |
| 83. Get-of-Sire: Four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the above individual classes, both sexes represented. No ownership requirement. | (Banner) |
| 84. Breeder's Genetic Group: | (Banner) |
| 85. Breeder's Herd: | (Banner) |

NO EXHIBITOR SHALL BE PERMITTED TO SHOW MORE THAN ONE PRODUCE OR EMBYRO-PRODUCE-OF-DAM PER DAM.

ALL GROUP CLASSES WILL BE SHOWN AT THE FRONT OF THE SHOW BEFORE ANY INDIVIDUAL CLASSES.

International Brangus Shows

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....	\$ TBD
International Brangus Breeders Association.....	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available.....	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Tuesday	Feb. 27	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Tuesday	Feb. 27	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Tuesday	Feb. 27	10 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Tuesday	Feb. 27	2 p.m.
Weigh & Measure Bulls	Thursday	Feb. 29	10 a.m. – Back Dock
Brangus Show (Bulls)	Friday	March 1	8 a.m.
Ultra Show (Bulls)	Immediately following Brangus Show		
Brangus Show (Females)	Saturday	March 2	8 a.m.
Ultra Show (Females)	Immediately following Brangus Show		
Genetic Edge Red Brangus & Brangus Sale	Saturday	March 2	7:00 p.m. – East Arena
Begin Release	Sunday	March 3	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 3	2 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for the International Brangus, Red Brangus, & Ultra Shows

Eligibility

1. The owner(s) of record on all animals entered in an IBBA National or Regional point show must be active member(s) of the IBBA in good standing.
2. Animals must be registered Brangus, Red Brangus, Ultrablack, or Ultrared with the International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) to be eligible to compete in an IBBA-sponsored show. Animals recorded in the IBBA Appendix registry are ineligible to show.
3. UltraBlacks and UltraReds must show separately from Brangus and Red Brangus, with the exception of calves shown at the side of their dams in both the Female and Cow Calf show. The registration prefix of the dam determines the classification of the pair.
4. All calves exhibited at the side of the female must be registered with the IBBA and meet all rules required for show eligibility and inspections of exhibits (refer to Rule 9.a.). The registration prefix of the dam determines the classification of the pair.
5. Animals eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered and shown in respective individual classes. Cows exhibited in the cow/calf classes are not eligible for the group classes.

Animal Identification

6. The registration certificate (or photocopy) for each entry must be available for presentation to the Superintendent or show manager at the time entries are verified prior to judging. Digital images and herd book data sheets will not be accepted.
7. Once an animal's identification has been verified by visual inspection of a brand or ear tattoo, it's registration papers will be stamped with seal of the IBBA with the date of the inspection. In future shows, this registration certificate with the seal will need to be presented at check in for identification purposes only. If this registration certificate is presented with the seal of the IBBA, the additional inspection of a brand or ear tattoo is not required. If a new or unstamped certificate is presented, the animal's identification must be verified again before a stamped is received again. Any animal is subject to recheck by the IBBA Ethics Committee at any show at any time.
8. Any animal upon check in which does not have a legible tattoo or brand corresponding to its registration certificate is ineligible to show. An animal may be tattooed immediately at a show for reinspection.

Special Rules for the International Brangus, Red Brangus, & Ultra Shows

Parent Verification

9. All animals are required to have completed parent, both sire and dam, verification on file at IBBA prior to the show check-in. If an animal does not have DNA parent verification completed at that time, they will be ineligible to show. DNA parent verification is defined as having submitted DNA samples per the IBBA DNA testing process of the animals being entered, their sire and their dam, and then having the show animal's genotype match to that of both parents as determined by the IBBA.
 - a. If the calf at side is over 90 days of age by the date of show check-in, it must have parent verification completed by show check-in. If it is under 90 days, parent verification of the calf is not required.
 - b. Cows in the cow/calf pair classes are exempt from the parent verification requirement if they are born prior to September 1, 2016.
10. IBBA reserves the right to collect DNA samples at any IBBA-sanctioned show. Collection will be conducted by random draw for retesting of parentage at the association's expense. At the six national IBBA-sanctioned shows, three random samples will be collected from Brangus and UltraBlack entries and three random samples will be collected from Red Brangus and UltraRed entries. An animal found to not match the stated pedigree must resolve the question before it is allowed to show again.

Physical Inspection

11. Prior to check-in, heads of exhibited animals must be clipped of all hair, including topknots and be free of scurs and/or slick spots. Animals not in compliance at check in will be required to comply before check in is complete, or they will not be allowed to show.
12. Any animal found to have scurs and/or slick spots; or evidence of incisions, surgical or otherwise, in the following areas: head, testicles, sheath, navel, or dewlap; including scars from caesarean sections, will be disqualified from showing. They shall be disqualified at the show where the violation is determined and all future IBBA sponsored and sanctioned shows. A veterinary statement of purpose or cause will not be accepted.
13. Animals with illegal white (defined as white in front of the navel) or any indication of brindling (a color pattern characterized by red streaks mingled with black), or red animals with any unacceptable coloring (according to the IBBA Red High Color Scale – available at gobrangus.com – and including Brown, Grey, Yellow, Light to White, White Legs or Black Muzzle) are ineligible for show at the show in which the color issue is found. The animal is eligible for inspection at future shows.
14. No animal may be shown that has been pumped with any amount of liquid at any time once the animal enters the grounds of a show. The official show veterinarian may administer liquids orally, if so needed, without disqualifying animal(s) from exhibition.
 - a. A protest of this violation must be submitted per the Violation Policy
 - b. Penalty: The fitter and ranch entity involved with an animal being artificially filled will be banned from the show ring for one year and the animal will be disqualified from exhibition at that particular show.
15. All entries may be classified for judging on an age basis and should be entered in class according to age. Teeth may be inspected by a veterinarian designated by the IBBA in order to determine whether dental development is within allowable limits for the class so entered. If the veterinarian determines that in his opinion dental development exceeds maximum allowable limits, the animal shall be disqualified from the show where the error is determined and all future shows.

Fitting and Presentation

16. Animals unethically fitted to alter the conformation or appearance of the animal, as determined by the appointed IBBA Ethics Committee or IBBA Staff, will be immediately disqualified at the show in which the violation occurred. This includes:
 - a. No animal may be shown that has had any foreign objects, glued to or otherwise attached in a manner so as to alter its conformation or change its appearance.
 - b. Paint or coloring agents of any kind are not to be used on any animal exhibited at IBBA sponsored shows.
17. All bulls must have a nose ring or nose restraint with the lead attached at all times, with the exception of being tied in the stalls and tie outs. This includes but is not limited to being in the show ring and during check in. The nose lead/nose restraint must be an additional lead and not part of the halter. For example, running the lead of the halter through the nose ring as the restraint is **not** within the guidelines. Bulls 250 days and younger are exempt from this requirement.
18. Unruly animals that cannot be kept under control will be disqualified at the said show. If an animal breaks away from its handlers three times, they will be dismissed from the show ring and not eligible to show at that particular show.

Special Rules for the International Brangus, Red Brangus, & Ultra Shows

Fertility and Performance Requirements

19. Weights and scrotal measurements will be taken on all bulls at check-in at all six of the IBBA National Shows.
20. All Brangus bulls 18 months of age or older that are exhibited at IBBA sponsored shows must have passed a fertility examination given by a non-owner licensed veterinarian or a non-owner certified technician to the standards of the Society of Theriology to be eligible to show. The results of the examination must be available at check-in. Once a bull has a positive examination, retesting is not required.
21. All females 20 months of age or older exhibited at IBBA sanctioned shows, must have available at the time of check-in, a certificate of pregnancy issued by an accredited non-owner veterinarian, non-owner certified professional or blood test results certificate. If a blood tests results certificate is provided, it must be blood collected by a non-owner veterinarian or non-owner certified professional and documented. Females showing in the Senior Heifer Division of Spring Shows (January 1 through May 31) must adhere to the classifications and have an IBBA registered natural calf, not older than 250 days of age on show date.

Show Rules Violation Policy and Penalties

22. The IBBA and its representative have the authority to request and require such tests as they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the classification, pedigree of exhibited animals and enforce all show rules as adopted by the IBBA. IBBA representatives shall include the appointed Ethics Committee at each show. A decision by the Ethics Committee and/or the IBBA representative shall stand at the show in which it is made.
23. Owners are responsible for any infraction committed by a non-member or anyone employed or contracted by the owner.
24. A valid show rules violation complaint must be accompanied by a written statement describing the violation, the perpetrator of the violation, and signed by an active member of the IBBA. This written complaint will be presented to an Ethics Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Show Committee and the three person Ethics Committee that has been previously appointed for the show where the complaint is presented. All four people will be current members of the Show Committee.
25. The Ethics Committee shall rule on the validity of the rule violation. The Ethics Committee shall visit with the perpetrator, present the written complaint, and make a ruling on the complaint if valid. The penalty will be applied according to each stated rule above.
26. The perpetrator is entitled to appeal any decision made by an IBBA representative, Ethics Committee, a veterinarian, certified industry professional or designated association representatives to the IBBA Board of Directors. The following requirements must be met: 1) the appeal is in writing and is signed by the appealing party; and 2) the appealing party files the written appeal with the IBBA Board of Directors as soon as possible after the decision is rendered however, the ruling will stand at the show in which the violation occurred. If the IBBA Board of Directors over turns the ruling of the Show Committee Ethics Committee, the exhibitor and or animal in question will be allowed to return to future shows. The IBBA Board of Directors has the right to disqualify the perpetrator from the IBBA approved show after hearing an appeal. The IBBA's Board of Directors decision is final.
27. Entries that have not complied with all of the above rules will not be eligible to show, to receive premium monies, or earn points in the IBBA's Show Sire of the Year, Show Dam of the Year, Show Bull of the Year, Show Heifer of the Year and Show Cow Calf Pair awards.
28. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any function each exhibitor hereby releases the Association, its officers, directors and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits, and judgments past, present, or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such test or examination and the resulting decision there from.

Presentation of Classes for International Brangus & Red Brangus Shows

An IBBA National Point show shall be conducted in the order described below. Regional and non-Point Show may choose to conduct a show in a difference manner.

IBBA National Point Show class order:

- I. The Brangus Show will begin with the Black Female classes. Junior Heifer Calf classes will be judged through Junior Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion.
- II. Then, the Red Female classes will enter the ring and will be judged through Junior Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion.
- III. This procedure will be alternated between Black and Red Shows until all age champions have been selected.

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- IV. After this, the Black Female Age Division Champions (Junior Heifer Calf Champion, Senior Heifer Calf Champion, Summer Champion Heifer, Yearling Champion Heifer and Senior Champion Heifer) will be brought back to the ring for the Black Female Grand Drive. The judge will select the Grand Champion Black Female and Reserve Grand Champion Black Female.
- V. Upon completion of the Black Grand Drive, the Red Female Age Champions will be brought back to the ring for the Red Female Grand Drive.
- VI. The Cow/Calf classes will begin with the Black females. The Black Cow/Calves will be judged through Champion and Reserve
- VII. Champion Cow/Calf. Then, the Red Cow/Calf classes will be judged through Champion and Reserve Champion Red Cow/Calf.
- VIII. The above procedure will be followed in the bull judging, beginning with the Black classes and alternating between Red and Black Shows. If a division does not have any cattle entered, the division will be skipped.
- IX. Group classes will be judged with Black Group Classes all being exhibited first, followed by all Red Group Classes.

International Brangus & Red Brangus Premium Schedule

A:	1st \$ TBD	2nd \$ TBD	3rd \$ TBD
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FEMALE CLASSES

1. Late Summer Heifer Calves	calved 7/1/23 and after	(Premium A)
2. Early Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23	(Premium A)
3. Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
4. Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 – 3/31/23	(Premium A)
5. Late Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
6. Early Junior Heifer Calf	calved 1/1/23 – 1/31/23	(Premium A)
7. JUNIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
8. RESERVE JUNIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
9. Winter Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
10. Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
11. SENIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
12. RESERVE SENIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
13. Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 7/1/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
14. Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A)
15. SUMMER CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
16. RESERVE SUMMER CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
17. Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
18. Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
19. YEARLING CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
20. RESERVE YEARLING CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
21. Fall Yearling Heifers*	calved 11/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
22. Senior Yearling Heifers*	calved 9/1/21 – 10/31/21	(Premium A)
23. SENIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
24. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
25. GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner & Trophy)
26. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner & Trophy)

COW/CALF CLASSES

27. Cow/Calf Pairs*	Cows calved 1/1/21 - 8/31/21	(Premium A)
28. Cow/Calf Pairs*	Cows calved 12/31/20 and older	(Premium A)
29. GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF		(Banner)
30. RESERVE CHAMPION COW/CALF		(Banner)

*Entries in classes 21, 22, 27 & 28 MUST have a calf at side. Calves must be IBBA registered natural calves, not older than 250 days of age on show date.

Special Rules for the International Brangus, Red Brangus, & Ultra Shows

BULL CLASSES

31. Late Summer Bull Calves	calved 7/1/23 and after	(Premium A)
32. Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/23 - 6/30/23	(Premium A)
33. Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
34. Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 – 3/31/23	(Premium A)
35. Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
36. Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23	(Premium A)
37. JUNIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
38. JUNIOR BULL CALF RESERVE CHAMPION		(Banner)
39. Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
40. Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	(Premium A)
41. SENIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
42. SENIOR BULL CALF RESERVE CHAMPION		(Banner)
43. Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22	(Premium A)
44. Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22	(Premium A)
45. SUMMER CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
46. SUMMER RESERVE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
47. Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
48. Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
49. YEARLING CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
50. YEARLING RESERVE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
51. Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/21 -12/31/21	(Premium A)
52. Summer Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 5/1/21 - 8/31/21	(Premium A)
53. Spring Three-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 - 4/30/21	(Premium A)
54. SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
55. SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
56. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
57. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

All animals competing in Classes 58-61 must have been entered and competed in individual classes. Cows exhibited in the cow/calf classes are not eligible for the group classes.

58. Produce-of-Dam: Two animals out of the same dam; can be both sexes by different bulls. (Banner)
59. Junior Get-of-Sire: Three head, both sexes by one sire; must be senior calves & younger (Banner)
60. Senior Get-of-Sire: Four head, both sexes by one sire; can be any age in current classifications. (Banner)
61. Breeders Herd: Four head; both sexes do not have be represented; must be bred & owned or bred & co-owned by exhibitor. (Banner)

Special Rules for the International Brangus, Red Brangus, & Ultra Shows

Presentation of Classes for the Ultra Show

The cattle will be judged in the following order:

- I. Ultrablack and Ultrared cattle will show combined.
- II. The Ultra Female Show will follow the completion of the International Brangus and Red Brangus Female Show (Ultra Group classes will follow the Ultra female show.)
- III. The Ultra Bull Show will follow the completion of the International Brangus and Red Brangus Bull Show.
- IV. No premiums are offered for the Ultra Show.

FEMALE CLASSES

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| 1. Late Summer Heifer Calves | calved 7/1/23 and after |
| 2. Early Summer Heifer Calves | calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23 |
| 3. Late Spring Heifer Calves | calved 4/1/23 – 4/30/23 |
| 4. Early Spring Heifer Calves | calved 3/1/23 – 3/31/23 |
| 5. Late Junior Heifer Calves | calved 2/1/23 – 2/28/23 |
| 6. Early Junior Heifer Calf | calved 1/1/23 – 1/31/23 |
| 7. JUNIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION | |
| 8. RESERVE JUNIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION | |
| 9. Winter Heifer Calves | calved 11/1/22 – 12/31/22 |
| 10. Senior Heifer Calves | calved 9/1/22 – 10/31/22 |
| 11. SENIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION | |
| 12. RESERVE SENIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION | |
| 13. Late Summer Yearling Heifers | calved 7/1/22 – 8/31/22 |
| 14. Early Summer Yearling Heifers | calved 5/1/22 – 6/30/22 |
| 15. SUMMER CHAMPION HEIFER | |
| 16. RESERVE SUMMER CHAMPION HEIFER | |
| 17. Spring Yearling Heifers | calved 3/1/22 – 4/30/22 |
| 18. Junior Yearling Heifers | calved 1/1/21 - 2/29/21 |
| 19. YEARLING CHAMPION HEIFER | |
| 20. RESERVE YEARLING CHAMPION HEIFER | |
| 21. Fall Yearling Heifers* | calved 11/1/21 – 12/31/21 |
| 22. Senior Yearling Heifers* | calved 9/1/21 – 10/31/21 |
| 23. SENIOR CHAMPION HEIFER | |
| 24. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION HEIFER | |
| 25. GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER | |
| 26. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER | |

COW/CALF CLASSES

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| 27. Cow/Calf Pairs* | Cows calved 1/1/21 - 8/31/21 |
| 28. Cow/Calf Pairs* | Cows calved 12/31/20 and older |
| 29. GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF | |
| 30. RESERVE CHAMPION COW/CALF | |

*Entries in classes 21, 22, 27 & 28 MUST have a calf at side. Calves must be IBBA registered natural calves, not older than 250 days of age on show date.

Special Rules for the International Brangus, Red Brangus, & Ultra Shows

BULL CLASSES

31. Late Summer Bull Calves	calved 7/1/23 and after
32. Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23
33. Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23
34. Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23
35. Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23
36. Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23
37. JUNIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION	
38. JUNIOR BULL CALF RESERVE CHAMPION	
39. Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22
40. Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22
41. SENIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION	
42. SENIOR BULL CALF RESERVE CHAMPION	
43. Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22
44. Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22
45. SUMMER CHAMPION BULL	
46. SUMMER RESERVE CHAMPION BULL	
47. Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22
48. Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22
49. YEARLING CHAMPION BULL	
50. YEARLING RESERVE CHAMPION BULL	
51. Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/21 -12/31/21
52. Summer Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 5/1/21 - 8/31/21
53. Spring Three-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 - 4/30/21
54. SENIOR CHAMPION BULL	
55. SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPION BULL	
56. GRAND CHAMPION BULL	
57. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL	

GROUP CLASSES

All animals competing in Classes 58-61 must have been entered and competed in individual classes. Cows exhibited in the cow/calf classes are not eligible for the group classes.

- 58. Produce-of-Dam: To consist of two animals, out of same dam.
Can be both sexes and by different bulls.
- 59. Junior Get-of-Sire: To consist of three head by one sire (both sexes must be represented). All calves are to be senior calves and younger.
- 60. Senior Get-of-Sire: To consist of four head, all by one sire (both sexes must be represented). Entries can be of any age but must fit into show classifications.
- 61. Breeders Herd - Best Four Head: To consist of four head (both sexes do not have to be represented) and must be bred & owned or bred & co-owned by exhibitor.

Braunvieh Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$TBD
TX Braunvieh Association	\$TBD
Total Premiums Available	\$TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd:	Thursday	Feb. 29	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Thursday	Feb. 29	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	Feb. 29	Noon
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Thursday	Feb. 29	3 p.m.
Show	Saturday	March 2	2:30 p.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 3	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 3	2 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Braunvieh Show

1. All Braunvieh entries must be recorded in the Braunvieh Association of America (BAA) Herdbook.
2. Exhibitors must be in good standing with the BAA and comply with the rules and guidelines of each show and entity.
3. All animals exhibited must have a known Braunvieh dam or sire and are subject to being DNA verified to its' Braunvieh parent(s).
4. Animals must be Fullblood or Purebred (7/8 Braunvieh blood for females and 15/16 Braunvieh blood for males) to qualify for the FB/PB Braunvieh Show. Animals with less than purebred Braunvieh blood, and 1/8 or greater Braunvieh blood, will be shown in a separate Braunvieh Beef Builder/Percentage Show. (All fractions based on breed up percentages.)
5. The BAA reserves the right to provide the judge and audience with the Expected Progeny Differences (EPD's) values, ultrasound data (collected by a certified technician), scrotal circumference for bulls, weights and rations for performance and weights with weight-per-day of age. Performance figures can be presented in their entirety or any combination deemed necessary by the BAA.
6. Class 20 – Senior Yearling Females, can show with calves at side and still be eligible to show for champion female/heifer.
7. Heifers exhibited at 20 months of age or older (not females in cow/calf class) must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy by a licensed veterinarian. For heifers used in embryo transfer, a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian must be available for inspection. Heifers 28 months or older must have a calf by side.
8. Females born prior to September 1, 2021 must show in the cow/calf class with a calf at side. The pair will not be eligible for champion female/heifer. Calves exhibited in the cow/calf cannot be over 230 days of age. Calves from the cow/calf class can be entered as individuals in the show.
9. Bulls exhibited at 14 months of age or older must have a positive semen test and a certificate to that effect. The certificate must be available for inspection. Bulls 12 months and older will have a nose lead to be shown.
10. Entries will be entered in a specific class at time of entry.
11. No cosmetic surgeries other than surgical dehorning will be allowed. Violations will result in disqualification.
12. Only general accepted fitting practices will be allowed. Violation will be cause for disqualification. Show committee will make ruling on a case by case basis. Animals disqualified will forfeit entry fees, awards and show points. Appeals will be forwarded to ethics committee and Executive Vice President.
13. Protests will be made to Show Committee with a \$150 protest fee, within 24 hours of show or prior to release, whichever is first, in writing to BAA staff or show committee member. In ruling in favor of protest, fee will be refunded. If ruling against, fee will be forfeited. Exhibitors must also file a protest with HLSR.
14. Appeals will be made to Show Committee with \$150 appeal fee. Appeal will be forwarded with all information to ethics committee and Executive Vice President. If appeal granted, fee will be returned with reinstatement of show points and any other forfeited entry fees and awards. If appeal denied, fee will be forfeited.

Special Rules for Open Braunvieh Show

15. Decision of the ethics committee and the Executive Vice President will be final.

Braunvieh Premium Schedule

A:	1st \$TBD	2nd \$TBD
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Fullblood/Purebred Show

FEMALE CLASSES

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| 1. Summer Heifer Calves | calved 7/1/23 or after | (Premium A) |
| 2. Late Spring Heifer Calves | calved 5/1/23 - 6/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 3. Early Spring Heifer Calves | calved 3/1/23 - 4/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 4. Junior Heifer Calves | calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 5. CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF | | (Banner) |
| 6. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF | | (Banner) |
| 7. Winter Heifer Calves | calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 8. Senior Heifer Calves | calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 9. CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER CALF | | (Banner) |
| 10. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER CALF | | (Banner) |
| 11. Late Summer Yearling Females | calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 12. Summer Yearling Females | calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 13. CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 14. RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 15. Late Spring Yearling Females | calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 16. Yearling Spring Females | calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 17. Junior Yearling Females | calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22 | (Premium A) |
| 18. CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 19. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 20. Senior Yearling Females | calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 21. CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 22. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 23. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner and Trophy) |
| 24. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner and Trophy) |
| 25. Cow/Calf Pairs | | |
| Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. | | |
| Calf to be no more than 230 days of age by date of show. | | |
| No age restrictions on cow. | | |
| 26. GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR | | (Banner and Trophy) |
| 27. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR | | (Banner and Trophy) |

BULL CLASSES

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| 28. Late Summer Bull Calves | calved 7/1/23 or after | (Premium A) |
| 29. Late Spring Bull Calves | calved 5/1/23 - 6/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 30. Early Spring Bull Calves | calved 3/1/23 - 4/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 31. Junior Bull Calves | calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 32. CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF | | (Banner) |
| 33. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF | | (Banner) |
| 34. Winter Bull Calves | calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 35. Senior Bull Calves | calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 36. CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF | | (Banner) |
| 37. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF | | (Banner) |
| 38. Late Summer Yearling Bulls | calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 39. Summer Yearling Bulls | calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 40. CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL | | (Banner) |
| 41. RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL | | (Banner) |

Special Rules for Open Braunvieh Show Fullblood/Purebred Show

42. Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
43. Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 – 2/28/22	(Premium A)
44. CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
45. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
46. Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
47. Summer Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/21 – 8/31/21	(Premium A)
48. Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 – 4/30/21	(Premium A)
49. CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner)
50. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner)
51. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner and Trophy)
52. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner and Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

53. Produce of Dam – Two animals either sex from one dam, may be owned by more than one exhibitor. Both animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. (Banner)
54. Get of Sire – Four animals all by one sire both sexes represented; may be owned by more than one exhibitor. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. (Banner)
55. Breeder's Best Four Head – Four animals, either sex bred by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. (Banner)

Beef Builder/Percentage Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Summer Heifer Calves	calved 7/1/23 or after	(Premium A)
2. Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23	(Premium A)
3. Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
4. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
5. CHAMPION JUNIOR CALF		(Banner)
6. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR CALF		(Banner)
7. Winter Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
8. Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	(Premium A)
9. CHAMPION SENIOR CALF		(Banner)
10. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR CALF		(Banner)
11. Late Summer Yearling Females	calved 7/1/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
12. Yearling Spring Yearling Females	calved 5/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A)
13. CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE		(Banner)
14. RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE		(Banner)
15. Late Spring Yearling Females	calved 4/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
16. Spring Yearling Females	calved 3/1/22 – 3/31/22	(Premium A)
17. Junior Yearling Females	calved 1/1/22 – 2/28/22	(Premium A)
18. CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
19. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
20. Senior Yearling Females	calved 9/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
21. CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
22. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
23. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner and Trophy)
24. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner and Trophy)
25. Cow/Calf Pairs	Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf to be no more than 230 days of age by date of show. No age restrictions on cow.	
26. GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR		(Banner and Trophy)
27. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR		(Banner and Trophy)

Special Rules for Open Braunvieh Show Beef Builder/Percentage Show

BULL CLASSES

28. Late Summer Bull Calves	calved 7/1/23 or after	(Premium A)
29. Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23	(Premium A)
30. Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
31. Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
32. CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
33. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
34. Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
35. Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
36. CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
37. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
38. Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
39. Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A)
40. CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner)
41. RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner)
42. Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
43. Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 – 2/28/22	(Premium A)
44. CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
45. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
46. Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
47. Summer Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/21 – 8/31/21	(Premium A)
48. Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 – 4/30/21	(Premium A)
49. CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner)
50. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner)
51. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner and Trophy)
52. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner and Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

53. Produce of Dam – Two animals either sex from one dam, may be owned by more than one exhibitor. Both animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. (Banner)
54. Get of Sire – Four animals all by one sire both sexes represented; may be owned by more than one exhibitor. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. (Banner)
55. Breeder's Best Four Head – Four animals, either sex bred by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. (Banner)

Class A Roll of Excellence Charolais Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$ TBD
American-International Charolais Association	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Show	Tuesday	Feb. 27	2 p.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	Feb. 28	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Class A ROE Charolais Show

1. The American-International Charolais Association (AICA), 11700 NW Plaza Circle Kansas City, MO, 64153, (816) 464-2474 pays 50% of the premiums for this show. Total premium is paid directly from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
2. All animals to be eligible for an Open Charolais Breeding Class must be purebred and registered with the American International Charolais Association (AICA). Only bona fide (original) certificates of registration will be accepted as evidence of registration and ownership. **NO PHOTOCOPIES.** If an animal is registered in its country of origin outside the United States and is eligible for purebred registry in the AICA Herdbook, the animal is eligible to enter.
3. Animals registered in the AICA Colored Division Registry (QF AND QM initialed registration numbers) must meet the qualifications of the AICA Rules and Regulations.
4. Animals may be approved by a sifting committee designated by the AICA. Stall space will not be provided for any Charolais cattle that have not been accepted by the sifting committee.
5. Animals are subject to a medical examination in order to determine age, and each animal will be present in the show ring in its natural conformation without alteration or modification. Use of artificial tailheads is not permitted.
6. Bulls from classes 40, 41, 44, 45 and 46 must have valid, satisfactory semen test certificates in possession. This certificate is valid for the entire show season.
7. Animals shown in individual classes must be weaned, with the exception of the cow/calf class and calves at the side of females calved after Sept. 1, 2021. In the cow/calf class, the calf must be purebred and registered with the AICA. Females calved after Sept. 1, 2021, must show in an individual female class appropriate to age. Nurse cows are not permitted.
8. All females 20 months and older exhibited at AICA-sanctioned shows must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian or have produced fertile eggs as certified in a written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist or have a calf at side.
9. AICA requires that all animals be shown with a halter and suggests that all bulls be shown with a nose lead.
10. All exhibits of Charolais breeding cattle shall be governed by the AICA rules & regulations, Article XV, titled "Exhibition of Animals." The inspection of exhibit cattle is specified in Article XV, Paragraph C, of The Association Rules and Regulations and Non-Compliance of Exhibit Inspection is specified in Paragraph D of the same Article XV. Article XV, Paragraph C, Point 2: "Each animal will be presented in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical or other (including banding or other circulatory constriction) appearance change for cosmetic purpose, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Silicone injection or other injection for cosmetic purpose shall be prohibited. Anabolic steroid use shall likewise be prohibited and any animal testing positive for anabolic steroid or diuretic use shall be presumed to be altered and modified."
11. The use of coloring agent, flock, and powder is prohibited. Use of these products will result in the immediate disqualification of a given animal in the show.

Special Rules for Class A ROE Charolais Show

12. Any animal not having a legible tattoo or firebrand number is ineligible and will be barred from showing.

American International Charolais Premium Schedule

A:	1st \$ TBD	2nd \$ TBD	3rd \$ TBD
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FEMALE CLASSES

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| 1. Summer Heifer Calves | calved 7/1/23 or after | (Premium A) |
| 2. Late Spring Heifer Calves | calved 5/1/23 - 6/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 3. Early Spring Heifer Calves | calved 3/1/23 - 4/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 4. Junior Heifer Calves | calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 5. JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 6. RESERVE JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 7. Winter Heifer Calves | calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 8. Senior Heifer Calves | calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 9. SENIOR CALF CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 10. RESERVE SENIOR CALF CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 11. Late Summer Yearling Females | calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 12. Summer Yearling Females | calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 13. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 14. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 15. Late Spring Yearling Females | calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 16. Early Spring Yearling Females | calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 17. JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 18. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 19. Junior Yearling Females | calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22 | (Premium A) |
| 20. Senior Yearling Females | calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 21. SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 22. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 23. Cow/Calf: | | |
| First place – Champion Cow/Calf | | (Premium A) |
| Second place – Champion Cow/ Calf | | (Premium A) |
| Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf to be no more than 250 days of age by day of Show. No age restriction on cow. Calf not eligible to compete in individual calf classes if shown with dam. Pair will be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion Female. Cow and/or calf may be included in group class entries as individual, not as a pair comprising a single animal unit. | | |
| 24. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 25. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner & Trophy) |

BULL CLASSES

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| 26. Late Summer Bull Calves | calved 7/1/23 or after | (Premium A) |
| 27. Late Spring Bull Calves | calved 5/1/23 - 6/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 28. Early Spring Bull Calves | calved 3/1/23 - 4/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 29. Junior Bull Calves | calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 30. JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner) |
| 31. RESERVE JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner) |
| 32. Winter Bull Calves | calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 33. Senior Bull Calves | calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 34. SENIOR CALF CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner) |
| 35. RESERVE SENIOR CALF CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner) |
| 36. Late Summer Yearling Bulls | calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 37. Summer Yearling Bulls | calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 38. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner) |
| 39. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner) |
| 40. Spring Yearling Bulls | calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 41. Junior Yearling Bulls | calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22 | (Premium A) |
| 42. JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner) |
| 43. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner) |
| 44. Senior Yearling Bulls | calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 45. Summer Senior Yearling Bulls | calved 5/1/21 - 8/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 46. Two Year Old Bulls | calved 1/1/21 - 4/30/21 | (Premium A) |

Special Rules for Class A ROE Charolais Show

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| 47. SENIOR CHAMPION BULL | (Banner) |
| 48. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL | (Banner) |
| 49. GRAND CHAMPION BULL | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 50. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL | (Banner & Trophy) |

GROUP CLASSES

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| 51. Produce-of-Dam: Two animals, either sex, from one dam, animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be owned by more than one exhibitor. | (Premium A & Banner) |
| 52. Junior Get-of-Sire: Three animals, all by one sire, both sexes to be represented; may be owned by more than one exhibitor; all animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. Bulls from classes 26, 27, 28, 29, 32 and 33; females from classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8. | (Premium A & Banner) |
| 53. Senior Get-of-Sire: Three animals, all by one sire, both sexes to be represented. May be owned by more than one exhibitor. This Get must have a minimum of two animals born before Sept. 1, 2022. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. | (Premium A & Banner) |
| 54. Breeder's Herd: Four animals, either sex, bred and owned by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible. | (Premium A & Banner) |
| 55. Group-of-Five-Head: Five animals of either sex, owned by exhibitor from either of the Calf classes, Junior classes, Senior classes or a combination of such. | (Premium A & Banner) |

Hereford/Polled Hereford Show

Department A

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Show	Tuesday	Feb. 27	4:30 p.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	Feb. 28	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Hereford/Polled Hereford Show

1. Entries must be registered with the American Hereford Association. Animals with "pending" or "applied for" registration are not eligible to show.
2. Entries are subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth by the American Hereford Association Board of Directors and are subject to supervision of the Show and Sale Committee representing the AHA.
3. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible to show.

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 and after	
2. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23	
3. CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
4. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
5. Winter Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	
6. Senior Heifer Calves	calved 8/1/22 - 10/31/22	
7. CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
8. RESERVE CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
9. Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 6/16/22 - 7/31/22	
10. Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/22 - 6/15/22	
11. Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22	
12. CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE HEIFER		(Banner)
13. RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE HEIFER		(Banner)
14. Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	
15. Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	
16. CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
17. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
18. Cow/Calf (any female older than the above ages with calf at side)		
19. CHAMPION COW/CALF		(Banner)
20. RESERVE CHAMPION COW/CALF		(Banner)
21. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
22. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

Calf older than 270 days of age on the show date is not eligible to show in cow/calf class. If the cow is horned and the calf polled then the pair will show in the horned cow/calf class and if the cow is polled and the calf is horned then the pair will show in the polled cow/calf class. Cow/Calf class does not compete for Grand Champion Female.

Special Rules for Open Hereford/Polled Hereford Show

BULL CLASSES

23. Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 and after	
24. Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23	
25. CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
26. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
27. Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	
28. Senior Bull Calves	calved 8/1/22 - 10/31/22	
29. CHAMPION FALL BULL CALF		(Banner)
30. RESERVE CHAMPION FALL BULL CALF		(Banner)
31. Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 6/16/22 - 7/31/22	
32. Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/22 - 6/15/22	
33. CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner)
34. RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner)
35. Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22	
36. Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	
37. CHAMPION JUNIOR YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
38. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
39. Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	
40. Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 - 8/31/21	
41. CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
42. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
43. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
44. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

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| <p>45. Get-of-Sire: Four animals shown in above single entry classes with both sexes represented and all to be the progeny of one sire. It is permissible to use either the cow or calf from a cow/calf for the Get-of-Sire. All cattle exhibited in the Get-of-Sire must be bred and owned by the exhibitor or a member of their immediate family.</p> <p>46. Best-Six-Head: Animals must be owned by the exhibitor or by a member of his immediate family.
A cow/calf will be considered as two head in the Best-Six-Head class.</p> <p>47. Premier Exhibitor*</p> <p>48. Premier Breeder*</p> | <p>(Banner)</p> <p>(Banner)</p> <p>(Banner)</p> <p>(Banner)</p> |
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* Awarded with the following point system:

1st Place	5 points
2nd Place	4 points
3rd Place	3 points
4th Place	2 points
5th Place	1 point

No points will be given for champions. Points will be awarded for the Get-of-Sire and Best-Six-Head for Premier Exhibitor and Get-of-Sire for Premier Breeder. The same scoring system as above will be used for awarding points for the group classes.

Red Angus Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....	\$ TBD
TX Red Angus Association	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available.....	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Show	Wednesday	Feb. 28	12:30 p.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	Feb. 28	Upon completion of show
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Red Angus Show

1. The TX Red Angus Association (TRAA) pays 50% of the premiums for this show. Total premium is paid directly from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
2. Only registered Red Angus, Category 1A, may show. Heifers must be smooth polled with no evidence of scurs or "buttons" removed. In addition, heifers exhibiting any of the following characteristics are not eligible to show: 1) white pigment in front of the navel or above the underline or on the legs, 2) black pigment on all 3 of the following: nose, eyes & anus (an animal may have pigment on any 2 of these areas, but not on all three locations).
3. Red Angus entries must be registered in the appropriate Red Angus Association Herdbook.
4. Any female shown with a calf at side must be her natural born calf and be nursing.
5. Entries are subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth by the Board of Directors of the TX Red Angus Association, and are subject to supervision of the Show-Sale Committee representing the TRAA. Violation of TRAA's rule regarding defects and unethical practices will result in disqualification of animals in question.
7. Any and all animals entered are subject to DNA marker or blood type test to verify accuracy of parentage. DNA or blood samples will be taken by an unbiased third party. If a recorded parent is excluded as a parent as the result of an above mentioned test, the owner may request at his or her own expense, further testing for determination of the actual parent(s). Failure to determine the parentage, or if the identified parents disqualify it from Category 1A, the animal will be disqualified from premiums provided by the TRAA and the animal will be ineligible to compete in future shows in which the TRAA provides premium monies.
8. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any show in which the TX Red Angus Association provides premiums monies, each exhibitor hereby releases the TRAA, its officers, directors, and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits and judgments past, present, or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such tests or examination and resulting decision there from.
9. Entries will be arranged in order of age when led into the ring before the judge.

Red Angus Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

Special Rules for Open Red Angus Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1. May Calves	calved 5/1/23 and after	(Premium A)
2. April Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
3. March Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	(Premium A)
4. SPRING CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 1-3)		(Banner)
5. RESERVE SPRING CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
6. February Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
7. January Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23	(Premium A)
8. JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 6-7)		(Banner)
9. RESERVE JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
10. Winter Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
11. Senior Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	(Premium A)
12. FALL CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 10-11)		(Banner)
13. RESERVE FALL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
14. Summer Yearlings	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22	(Premium A)
15. Late Summer Yearlings	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22	(Premium A)
16. April Spring Yearlings	calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
17. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION (winners from classes 15-16)		(Banner)
18. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION		(Banner)
19. March Yearlings	calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22	(Premium A)
20. February Yearlings	calved 2/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
21. January Junior Yearlings	calved 1/1/22 - 1/31/22	(Premium A)
22. JUNIOR CHAMPION (winners from classes 19-21)		(Banner)
23. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION		(Banner)
24. Senior Yearlings	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
25. Two Year Old Female with Calf*	calved after 1/31/21	(Premium A)
26. Mature Cow & Calf*	calved before 1/31/21	(Premium A)
27. SENIOR CHAMPION (winners from classes 24-26)		(Banner)
28. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION		(Banner)
29. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE (winners from classes 6-23)		(Banner & Trophy)
30. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

* Calf must be under 250 days of age and still nursing.

BULL CLASSES

31. May Calves	calved 5/1/23 and after	(Premium A)
32. April Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
33. March Calves	calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22	(Premium A)
34. SPRING CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 31-33)		(Banner)
35. RESERVE SPRING CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
36. February Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
37. January Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/22	(Premium A)
38. JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 36-37)		(Banner)
39. RESERVE JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
40. Winter Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
41. Senior Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	(Premium A)
42. FALL CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 40-41)		(Banner)
43. RESERVE FALL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
44. Summer Yearlings	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22	(Premium A)
45. Late Summer Yearlings	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22	(Premium A)
46. April Spring Yearlings	calved 4/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
47. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION (winners from classes 41-46)		(Banner)
48. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION		(Banner)
49. March Yearlings	calved 3/1/22 - 3/31/22	(Premium A)
50. February Yearlings	calved 2/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
51. January Junior Yearlings	calved 1/1/22 - 1/31/22	(Premium A)
52. JUNIOR CHAMPION (winners from classes 49-51)		(Banner)
53. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION		(Banner)
54. Senior Yearlings	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
55. Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 - 8/30/21	(Premium A)
56. SENIOR CHAMPION (winners from classes 54-55)		(Banner)
57. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION		(Banner)
58. GRAND CHAMPION BULL (winners from classes 6-23)		(Banner & Trophy)
59. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

Special Rules for Open Red Angus Show

GROUP CLASSES

- 60. Senior Get-of-Sire: Four animals by the same sire, both sexes represented and need not be owned by the exhibitor. (Banner)
- 61. Junior Get-of-Sire: Three animals by the same sire, both sexes represented and need not be owned by the exhibitor. Entries must have been calved on or after September 1, year prior to beginning of show year. (Banner)
- 62. Produce-of-Dam: Two animals, either or both sexes and need not be owned by the exhibitor. (Banner)
- 63. Premier Breeders Class (Best Four-Head): Four animals, bred and owned by the exhibitor or member of immediate family, either or both sexes represented. (Banner)
- 64. Premier Exhibitor Class:
Will be computed from exhibitor's placement in individual classes as follows:
3 points for each 1st; 2 points for each 2nd; and 1 point for each 3rd.
Maximum number of placements to be used to determine winner is limited to 5.
(In case of tie, group class placements will be used to determine winner). (Banner)

International Santa Gertrudis Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$ TBD
Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Thursday	Feb. 29	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Thursday	Feb. 29	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	Feb. 29	Noon
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Thursday	Feb. 29	3 p.m.
Sale	Friday	March 1	6 p.m.
Show	Saturday	March 2	2:30 p.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 3	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 3	2 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for International Santa Gertrudis Show

- All exhibits of Santa Gertrudis breeding cattle must be registered meeting the requirements for registration as outlined in the Santa Gertrudis Rules and Regulations for Registration, and shall be governed by the last revised version of the Rules and Regulations for Approved Santa Gertrudis Open & Junior Shows as approved by the board of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International, P.O. Box 1257, Kingsville, TX, 78364. A copy may be obtained by contacting the association or viewed at www.santagertrudis.com.
- Each owner must be a member in good standing with SGBI. No outstanding balances on an active or junior members account.
- ALL** animals accepted for exhibition in an SGBI sanctioned show are subject to inspection at each show between arrival on grounds and prior to entering the show ring. The inspection will be conducted by a committee comprised of two (2) members of the Show and Exhibits Committee and one (1) from the Breed Standards Committee.
- Heifers 24 months of age or older to be eligible must have produced a calf or be safe in calf as verified by a graduate veterinarian or have produced a live, Santa Gertrudis sired calf with the calf at side meeting the Standard of Excellence and the calf must be registered by thirty (30) days of age. If animal is open due to being in an embryo transfer program this fact must be verified by a written statement signed by a licensed embryo technician in order to show.
- All late summer yearling bulls and older must be exhibited with a nose ring or nose clip.
- All animals must be registered or recorded and PERMANENTLY identified **before the show** with a brand ID or an ear tattoo.
- JUNIOR OWNERS AND POSSESSION RULE**
 - To be eligible to compete in SGBI approved junior shows, animal(s) must be registered or recorded in the name of the junior member. This registered or recorded junior must feed, fit, care for and show the animal entered. Ownership deadline is April 1st for all animals born January 1st of the preceding year and thereafter, and November 1st for all other animals.
 - Junior participating in Open Shows are allowed and encouraged. Entry must be shown by owner or family member (sister, brother, mother, grandparent, legal guardian, relative by blood). No animal may be fitted or shown by any open exhibitor at any time during the junior's ownership period. An exception is transportation, feed, and care to a show for the duration of the show. In the event of an emergency another junior member may show the animal with the approval of the Shows and Exhibits Chairman or his/her representative.
- FITTING**
 - Purebred fitting – All purebred animals must be exhibited with the hair brushed down on their entire body, legs, and tail with no foreign objects attached to the animal in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or change its appearance. Exhibitors failing to abide by this rule will not be allowed to show. *Specially, all hair must be brushed down slick; head clipped smooth; underline clipped blending sides; udder and teats clipped with no long hair to emphasize udder; ears clipped as to environmental and local standards; neck and brisket clipped; body clip using common sense as to season; leg hair clipped and do not leave long from hock or knee to hoof; tailhead clipped; pull switch or brush out (no ball, etc.) trim tail to personal preference.*
- Each animal exhibited must be exhibited with the correct age and shown in the class corresponding with their correct age.
- Entries in each class will be placed 1, 2, 3, etc. Animals are to be presented in descending order according to age.

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11. Polled classes will be entered at the same time as class entries are required by each show. Animals will be lined up according to age for the judge. To be eligible to show in Best of Polled, animals to be slick polled with no scurs, no scars, no dehorning and with no evidence of horny tissue.
12. Classes with over thirty (30) entries should be divided into sections and section winners return for final placing.
13. The judge **SHOULD** be an SGBI approved judge.
14. Dress for exhibitors participating in SGBI sanctioned Open and Junior shows shall be of clean and neat clothing of collared shirts with sleeves, belts, no midriffs showing and appropriate footwear – no tennis shoes. Hats or go bareheaded - no caps.
15. Each animal shall be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure **without** alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical, pharmaceutical or other appearance change, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Additionally, no pumping or filling of an animal with a liquid, diuretic or any other substance is allowed. **ALL** animals and exhibitors found to be in violation of this rule will be banned for life from showing at SGBI approved shows.
16. If entries are not properly fitted and good herdsmanhip followed the owner may be asked to not display their cattle until adhering to the proper procedures as outlined in our herdsmanhip paper.
17. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted, agrees to submit any animal so entered by him/her to inspection and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the Show and Exhibits Committee, or the authorized representatives of the relevant show or fair, and agrees that the conclusion reached by the committee/representative as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age, shall be final, without recourse, against SGBI and designated personnel. Any false representation, interference or unprofessional conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be dealt with by the Show and Exhibits committee according to the equities of the case.
18. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any SGBI approved show each exhibitor hereby releases SGBI, its officers, directors and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits and judgment past, present or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such test or examination and the resulting decision therefrom.
19. Any exhibitor desiring to dispute or challenge the results of any test, exam, or show rule enforcement, as applied to his/her animals, shall do so in accordance with procedures established by the rules of the association. This refers to, but not limited to, the procedures to file protest and appeals process.
20. **APPEALS:**
 - a. The Chairman of the Shows and Exhibits Committee and the Vice-President of Youth Activities in conjunction with the person(s) responsible for coordinating the individual shows will continue to be primarily vested with authority to determine whether animals entered in shows meet the standards formally approved by the Breed Standards Committee.
 - b. In the event the Vice-President of Youth Activities or individual show coordinating official disqualifies an animal from participating in a youth show and the exhibitor wants to appeal the disqualification, the appeal process outlined below must be followed.
 - c. In the event the Chairman of Shows and Exhibits or individual show coordinating official disqualifies an animal from participating in a sanctioned show, and the exhibitor wants to appeal the disqualification, the appeal process outlined below must be followed.
 - d. Additionally, **any** exhibitor participating in an individual youth show or other SGBI sanctioned show that wants to appeal a breed standards disqualification decision by either the Vice-President of Youth Activities/youth show coordinating official or the Chairman of Shows and Exhibits/show coordinating official must follow the appeals process outlined below.
21. **APPEALS COMMITTEE:** The appeals committee will be comprised by the following three (3) members – the Vice President of Breed Improvement, the Vice President of marketing and Promotions and the Executive Director of SGBI. All three (3) members must be present to constitute a quorum. All decisions rendered by the Appeals Committee will be binding and final for all appeals submitted to the committee.
22. **APPEALS PROCEDURE:**
 - a. All qualification/disqualification appeals and appropriate supporting documentation submitted by exhibitors must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of SGBI. The written appeal must be accompanied by a \$200 process fee. No waivers will be granted to the requirements for written appeals and the up-front \$200 fee.
 - b. Exhibitors must file written appeals postmarked or via e-mail within five (5) business days following the date of the show governing the qualification/disqualification decision by the primary officials (Vice President of Youth Activities/show coordinating official or Chairman of Show and Exhibitors/event coordinating official).
 - c. The Executive Director will be responsible for coordinating meeting s of the Appeals Committee and forwarding copies of the appeal and supporting documentation to the other committee members.
 - d. The Appeals Committee will render a final decision within five (5) business days following the receipt of the written appeal, appropriate supporting documentation and the \$200 fee.

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- e. In the event an exhibitor appeals a disqualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee approves the exhibitor's appeals, the animal covered by the appeal will be qualified to participate in all future SGBI sanctioned events.
- f. In the event an exhibitor appeals a disqualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee disapproves the exhibitor's appeal, the animal covered by the appeal will be disqualified from participating in future SGBI sanction events. Additionally, any points or awards previously given to the owner of the animal will be forfeited.
- g. In the event an exhibitor appeals a disqualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee rules that the animal covered by the appeal does not meet breed standards, the covered animal will be disqualified from participating in future shows and the owner of the animal will forfeit any points and awards previously granted

23. PROCEDURES TO FILE PROTEST:

- a. File protest with show that infraction occurred. Following their protest rules.
- b. File the same protest with the Shows and Exhibits Committee. Contact the chairman. Exhibitors must also file a protest with HLSR.
- c. Three (3) SGBI members, in good standing, must sign the protest.
- d. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of 100.00, cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Show and Exhibits Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the occasion for such protest.
- e. Order of hearing a protest:
 - i. Chairman of Shows and Exhibits Committee
 - ii. Action by Shows and Exhibits Committee
 - iii. Final action by Board of Directors.
 - iv. Follow appeal procedure as outlined in Rules and Regulations.
- f. All rules and regulations that have been properly protested to the Shows and Exhibits Committee shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - i. Loss of premium money
 - ii. Loss of awards
 - iii. Suspension from showing the subject animal as deemed necessary. Penalty may be for one (1) show, two (2) shows or three (3) shows, or as long as deemed necessary for the offense.
 - iv. Suspension of the exhibitor being the same as other SGBI Rules and penalties.

24. Failure to adhere to each show's specific rules shall also be subject to these penalties. Proper protest procedures must be adhered to according to that particular show's rules. SGBI will follow each show's rules, and any action taken by a show will be upheld by SGBI in relation to its bearing on our point show system.

25. DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- a. An exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation(s) will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but not limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting or deception.
- b. Judging procedures will **NOT** be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal regarding a judge's decision or method of selection will be considered.
- c. Show officials may excuse an exhibitor from the ring and exclude them from further competition if an exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative interferes or shows disrespect to a judge or show official.
- d. In the event that an exhibitor or animal is disqualified after they have been awarded premiums or awards, the exhibitor or animal placing immediately below them may be moved up to fill the vacated position at the discretion of the Shows and Exhibits Committee.

26. RULES FOR HIGH POINT AWARDS:

- a. For each point show, first place class winner will receive two (2) points; second place class winner receives one (1) point; Division Champion receives three (3) points; Reserve Division Champion receives two (2) points; Grand Champion receives five (5) points and Reserve Grand Champion received four (4) points; Best of Polled receives one (1) point but does not count toward overall points.
- b. Get of Sire and Produce of Dam points go toward Exhibitor/Breeder of the Year Awards.
- c. Points will stay with animal if sold.
- d. The Sir and Dame of the Year should have points from at least two (2) different offspring.
- e. All points earned at the National Open Show are to be doubled.

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27. **DNA TESTING:** SBGI and its representatives have the authority to require such test as they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the classification, pedigree of exhibited animal, and parentage verification of Star 5, including calves exhibited at the side of any female. "Said authority shall extend to and cover the enforcement of all show rules as adopted by SBGI."

International Santa Gertrudis Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

FEMALE CLASSES

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| 1. Early Summer Heifer Calf | calved 5/1/23 or after | (Premium A) |
| 2. Late Junior Heifer Calf | calved 3/1/23 - 4/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 3. Early Junior Heifer Calf | calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 4. Late Senior Heifer Calf | calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 5. Early Senior Heifer Calf | calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 6. CHAMPION HEIFER CALF | | (Banner) |
| 7. RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF | | (Banner) |
| 8. Late Summer Yearling Heifer | calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 9. Early Summer Yearling Heifer | calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 10. Late Junior Yearling Heifer | calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 11. Early Junior Yearling Heifer | calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22 | (Premium A) |
| 12. CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER | | (Banner) |
| 13. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER | | (Banner) |
| 14. Late Senior Yearling Heifer | calved 10/1/21 - 12/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 15. Early Senior Yearling Heifer | calved 7/1/21 - 9/30/21 | (Premium A) |
| 16. Late Two-Year-Old Heifer * | calved 4/1/21 - 6/30/21 | (Premium A) |
| 17. Early Two-Year-Old Heifer * | calved 1/1/21 - 3/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 18. CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 19. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| 20. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 21. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 22. Best of Polled Female Award: Smooth polled with no horny tissue. <i>(Group class fee applies)</i> | | (Banner) |

* Must have produced a calf or be safe in calf as verified by a graduate veterinarian.

BULL CLASSES

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| 23. Early Summer Bull Calf | calved 5/1/23 or later | (Premium A) |
| 24. Late Junior Bull Calf | calved 3/1/23 or 4/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 25. Early Junior Bull Calf | calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 26. Late Senior Bull Calf | calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 27. Early Senior Bull Calf | calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 28. CHAMPION BULL CALF | | (Banner) |
| 29. RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF | | (Banner) |
| 30. Late Summer Yearling Bull | calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 31. Early Summer Yearling Bull | calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 32. Late Junior Yearling Bull | calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22 | (Premium A) |
| 33. Early Junior Yearling Bull | calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22 | (Premium A) |
| 34. CHAMPION YEARLING BULL | | (Banner) |
| 35. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING BULL | | (Banner) |
| 36. Late Senior Yearling Bull | calved 10/1/21 - 12/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 37. Early Senior Yearling Bull | calved 7/1/21 - 9/30/21 | (Premium A) |
| 38. Late Two-Year-Old Bull | calved 4/1/21 - 6/30/21 | (Premium A) |
| 39. Early Two-Year-Old Bull | calved 1/1/21 - 3/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 40. Aged Bull | calved 7/1/21 - 12/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| 41. CHAMPION SENIOR BULL | | (Banner) |
| 42. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL | | (Banner) |
| 43. GRAND CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 44. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 45. Best-of-Polled Male Award: Smooth polled with no horny tissue. <i>(Group class fee applies)</i> | | (Banner) |

GROUP CLASSES

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| 46. Produce-of-Dam: Two offspring, the produce of one cow;
within age limits of individual classes and exhibited in their respective classes. | (Banner) |
| 47. Get-of-Sire: Three animals by one sire, from at least two dams, both sexes represented;
within age limits of individual classes and exhibited in their respective classes. | (Banner) |

Simbrah Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....	\$ TBD
Texas Simmental/Simbrah Association	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available.....	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Show	Wednesday	Feb. 28	11 a.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	Feb. 28	Upon completion of show
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Simbrah Show

1. Animals must be registered with the American Simmental Association as purebred Simbrah or Purebred Simbrah Asterisk.
2. TX Simmental/Simbrah Association reserves the right to bar any animal/exhibitor from showing that does not meet the requirements of this show. The most current EPDs on all entries will be collected. EPDs will be printed for each animal in the show program. The performance information will be provided to the judge to use in conjunction with visual appraisal.
3. Bulls 15 months of age and older must have a current semen test/breeding soundness exam and show to be a satisfactory breeder. The test must have been done within 30 days prior to the show date.
4. Bulls 12 months of age or older must be shown with a nose lead or ring.
5. Females 19 months of age or older must be: a) certified pregnant by a licensed, non-owner veterinarian or b) have certification that she has been used in embryo transfer.
6. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 205 days on day of show.

Open Simbrah Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3 rd
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

Special Rules for Open Simbrah Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/23 or after	(Premium A)
2. Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
3. Late Junior Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	(Premium A)
4. Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
5. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23	(Premium A)
6. HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
7. RESERVE HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
8. Late Senior Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
9. Early Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	(Premium A)
10. Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22	(Premium A)
11. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
12. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
13. Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22	(Premium A)
14. Late Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
15. Early Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
16. JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
17. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
18. Late Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
19. Early Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/21 - 8/31/21	(Premium A)
20. Two Year Old Heifers	calved 1/1/21 - 4/30/21	(Premium A)
21. SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
22. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
23. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
24. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

BULL CLASSES

25. Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/23 or after	(Premium A)
26. Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
27. Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	(Premium A)
28. Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
29. BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
30. RESERVE BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
31. Late Senior Bull Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
32. Early Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	(Premium A)
33. Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22	(Premium A)
34. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
35. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
36. Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22	(Premium A)
37. Late Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
38. Early Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
39. JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
40. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
41. Late Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
42. Early Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/21 - 8/31/21	(Premium A)
43. Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 - 4/30/21	(Premium A)
44. SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
45. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
46. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
47. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

48. Get-of-Sire: Three animals by one sire, either or both sexes represented; no ownership requirement.	(Banner)
49. Breeders Best-Three-Head: Owned or co-owned by exhibitor; either or both sexes represented.	(Banner)
50. Produce-of-Dam: Two animals by one dam; either or both sexes represented, no ownership requirement.	(Banner)

Simmental Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$ TBD
Texas Simmental/Simbrah Association	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Show	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 a.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	Feb. 28	Upon completion of show
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

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Special Rules for Open Simmental Show

1. Animals must be registered with the American Simmental Association as purebred Simmental.
2. TX Simmental/Simbrah Association reserves the right to bar any animal/exhibitor from showing that does not meet the requirements of this show. The most current EPDs on all entries will be collected. EPDs will be printed for each animal in the show program. The performance information will be provided to the judge to use in conjunction with visual appraisal.
3. Bulls 15 months of age and older must have a current semen test/breeding soundness exam and show to be a satisfactory breeder. The test must have been done within 30 days prior to the show date.
4. Bulls 12 months of age or older must be shown with a nose lead or ring.
5. Females 19 months of age or older must be: a) certified pregnant by a licensed, non-owner veterinarian or b) have certification that she has been used in embryo transfer.
6. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 205 days on day of show.

Open Simmental Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

Special Rules for Open Simmental Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/23 or after	(Premium A)
2. Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
3. Late Junior Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	(Premium A)
4. Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
5. Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 1/31/23	(Premium A)
6. HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
7. RESERVE HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
8. Late Senior Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/22 - 12/31/22	(Premium A)
9. Early Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/22 - 10/31/22	(Premium A)
10. Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 7/1/22 - 8/31/22	(Premium A)
11. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
12. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
13. Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/22 - 6/30/22	(Premium A)
14. Late Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/22 - 4/30/22	(Premium A)
15. Early Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/22 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
16. JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
17. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
18. Late Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
19. Early Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/21 - 8/31/21	(Premium A)
20. Two Year Old Heifers	calved 1/1/21 - 4/30/21	(Premium A)
21. SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
22. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
23. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
24. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

BULL CLASSES

25. Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/23 or after	(Premium A)
26. Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/23 - 4/30/23	(Premium A)
27. Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 3/1/23 - 3/31/23	(Premium A)
28. Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/23 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
29. BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
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39. JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
40. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
41. Late Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/21 - 12/31/21	(Premium A)
42. Early Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/21 - 8/31/21	(Premium A)
43. Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/21 - 4/30/21	(Premium A)
44. SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
45. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
46. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
47. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

48. Get-of-Sire: Three animals by one sire, either or both sexes represented; no ownership requirement.	(Banner)
49. Breeders Best-Three-Head: Owned or co-owned by exhibitor; either or both sexes represented.	(Banner)
50. Produce-of-Dam: Two animals by one dam; either or both sexes represented, no ownership requirement.	(Banner)

Open Texas Longhorn Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....	\$ TBD
TX Longhorn Breeders Association of America.....	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available.....	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 16	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Saturday	March 16	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 16	9 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Saturday	March 16	11:30 a.m.
Show	Sunday	March 17	10:30 a.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 17	Upon completion of show
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 17	5 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Texas Longhorn Show

1. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo requires that all animals entered in the show must be registered with the TX Longhorn Breeders Association of American (TLBAA). A copy of the registration papers must be brought to the show.
2. This is a TLBAA qualifying show. All exhibitors will be required to pay an additional \$5.00 fee per entry. The fee must be sent directly to the TLBAA office, P.O. Box 4430 Fort Worth, TX 76164 or a TLBAA representative will be available to collect the fees at time of check-in. Fees must be paid within 14 days of show to receive qualifications. TLBAA fees should not be submitted with HLSR entry.
3. This is a haltered show. Cattle are required be halter broke to compete and must be handled with a halter.

Open Texas Longhorn Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

Special Rules for Open Texas Longhorn Show

JUNIOR FEMALE CLASSES

1. Females	calved 9/1/23 – 12/31/23	(Premium A)
2. Females	calved 7/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
3. Females	calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23	(Premium A)
4. Females	calved 3/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
5. Females	calved 1/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
6. CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
7. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)

SENIOR FEMALE CLASSES

8. Females	calved 9/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
9. Females	calved 5/1/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
10. Females	calved 1/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
11. Females	calved 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
12. CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
13. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
14. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
15. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

Special Rules for Open Texas Longhorn Show

MATURE FEMALE CLASSES

16. Females	calved 1/1/17 – 12/31/20	(Premium A)
17. Females	calved 12/31/16 and before	(Premium A)
18. CHAMPION MATURE FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
19. RESERVE CHAMPION MATURE FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

JUNIOR BULL CLASSES

20. Bulls	calved 9/1/23 – 12/31/23	(Premium A)
21. Bulls	calved 7/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
22. Bulls	calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23	(Premium A)
23. Bulls	calved 3/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
24. Bulls	calved 1/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
25. CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
26. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)

SENIOR BULL CLASSES

27. Bulls	calved 9/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
28. Bulls	calved 5/1/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
29. Bulls	calved 1/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
30. CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner)
31. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner)
32. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
33. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

JUNIOR STEER CLASSES

34. Steers	calved 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
35. Steers	calved 1/1/19 – 12/31/20	(Premium A)
36. CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner)
37. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner)

SENIOR STEER CLASSES

38. Steers (2011-2014)	calved 1/1/15 – 12/31/18	(Premium A)
39. Steers	calved 12/31/14 and before	(Premium A)
40. CHAMPION SENIOR STEER		(Banner)
41. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR STEER		(Banner)
42. GRAND CHAMPION STEER		(Banner & Trophy)
43. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

44. Produce-of-Dam: Two animals, natural birth, any sex and can have the different owners (<i>ET calf not eligible</i>).	(Banner)
45. Get-of-Sire: Three animals, natural birth, both sex; two or more different dams; can have different owners (<i>ET calves are not eligible</i>).	(Banner)

Youth Texas Longhorn Show

Department A1

TX Longhorn Breeders Association of America

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....	\$ TBD
TX Longhorn Breeders Association of America.....	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available.....	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 16	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Saturday	March 16	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 16	9 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Saturday	March 16	11:30 a.m.
Show	Saturday	March 16	2 p.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 17	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 17	5 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Youth Texas Longhorn Show

1. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo requires that all animals entered in the show must be registered with the TX Longhorn Breeders Association of American (TLBAA). A copy of the registration papers must be brought to the show.
2. This is a TLBAA qualifying show. All exhibitors will be required to pay an additional \$5.00 fee per entry. The fee must be sent directly to the TLBAA office, P.O. Box 4430 Fort Worth, TX 76164 or a TLBAA representative will be available to collect the fees at time of check-in. Fees must be paid within 14 days of show to receive qualifications. TLBAA fees should not be submitted with HLSR entry.
3. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** To be eligible to exhibit in the Youth Texas Longhorn Division, youth must be eight (8) years of age, but not nineteen (19) years of age on the date of the show.
4. This is a haltered show. Cattle are required be halter broke to compete and must be handled with a halter.

Youth Texas Longhorn Premium Schedule

	1st	2 nd	3 rd
A:	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	\$ TBD

JUNIOR FEMALE CLASSES

1. Females	calved 9/1/23 – 12/31/23	(Premium A)
2. Females	calved 7/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
3. Females	calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23	(Premium A)
4. Females	calved 3/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
5. Females	calved 1/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
6. CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
7. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)

SENIOR FEMALE CLASSES

8. Females	calved 9/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
9. Females	calved 5/1/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
10. Females	calved 1/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
11. Females	calved 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
12. CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
13. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
14. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
15. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

Special Rules for Youth Texas Longhorn Show

JUNIOR BULL CLASSES

16. Bulls	calved 9/1/23 – 12/31/23	(Premium A)
17. Bulls	calved 7/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
18. Bulls	calved 5/1/23 – 6/30/23	(Premium A)
19. Bulls	calved 3/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
20. Bulls	calved 1/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
21. Bulls	calved 9/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
22. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
23. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

YOUNG STEER CLASSES

24. Steers	calved 10/1/23 – 12/31/23	(Premium A)
25. Steers	calved 7/1/23 – 9/30/23	(Premium A)
26. Steers	calved 4/1/23 – 6/30/23	(Premium A)
27. Steers	calved 1/1/23 – 3/31/23	(Premium A)
28. CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner)
29. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner)
30. Steers	calved 9/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
31. Steers	calved 5/1/22 – 8/30/22	(Premium A)
32. Steers	calved 1/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A)
33. Steers	calved 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
34. CHAMPION SENIOR STEER		(Banner)
35. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR STEER		(Banner)
36. GRAND CHAMPION LONGHORN STEER		(Banner & Trophy)
37. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LONGHORN STEER		(Banner & Trophy)
38. Miniature Steers	calved 1/1/23 – 12/31/23	(Premium A)
39. Miniature Steers	calved 1/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
40. Miniature Steers	calved 1/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
41. GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE STEER		(Banner & Trophy)
42. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE STEER		(Banner & Trophy)

Miniature Zebu Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....	\$ TBD
National Zebu Cattle Club.	\$ TBD
Total Premiums Available.....	\$ TBD

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 16	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Saturday	March 16	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 16	9 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Saturday	March 16	11:30 a.m.
Show	Sunday	March 17	8 a.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 17	Upon completion of show
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 17	5 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the All Open/Youth Cattle Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Miniature Zebu Show

1. The National Zebu Cattle Club pays 50% of the premiums for this show. Total premium is paid directly from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
2. **Ownership:** All Miniature Zebu cattle must be owned by the exhibitor by February 1, 2022. March 1, 2022 will be the date by which the age will be determined.
3. **Registration:** Each animal shown in this division must be registered with the American Miniature Zebu Association or International Miniature Zebu Association. A copy of the original certificate of registration must be presented at the time of check-in. The registration papers should be available at all time during the show for each animal exhibited.
4. **Grooming, Fitting, and Showing:** Grooming, Fitting, and Showing: All animals must be shown with their hair coats lying naturally. Hair trimming is permissible and can be done in areas of the animal which may not lay flat against the body or to maintain consistent hair length throughout the animal. This is at the owner's discretion. Hair may not be trained upwards or forwards and/or pulled upwards or forwards on any part of the animal's body. No animals may have any foreign objects, adhesives, glitter, or dye attached or applied to it in any manner. An animal that has its natural color altered in a manner so as to change the conformation or natural appearance is not allowed.

Open Miniature Zebu Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$ TBD

Special Rules for Open Miniature Zebu Show

Date for determining age is March 1, 2023

FEMALES

Heifer Division (never freshened)

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|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Heifer, 0 to under 4 months | calved 11/1/23 and after | (Premium A) |
| 2. Heifer, 4 to under 8 months | calved 7/1/23 – 10/31/23 | (Premium A) |
| 3. Heifer, 8 to under 12 months | calved 3/1/23 – 6/30/23 | (Premium A) |
| 4. Heifer, 12 to under 18 months | calved 9/1/22 – 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 5. Heifer, 18 to under 24 months | calved 3/1/22 – 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 6. Heifer, 24 to under 30 months | calved 9/1/21 – 2/28/22 | (Premium A) |
| 7. Heifer, 30 to under 42 months | calved 9/1/20 – 8/31/21 | (Premium A) |
| <i>*Heifers 42 months and older may not be shown until they have calved and can then be shown in the cow classes.</i> | | |
| 8. GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 9. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER | | (Banner & Trophy) |

Cow Division (freshened)

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|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 10. Cow, under 3 years old | calved 3/1/21 and after | (Premium A) |
| 11. Cow, 3 to under 4 years | calved 3/1/20 – 2/28/21 | (Premium A) |
| 12. Cow, 4 to under 5 years | calved 3/1/19 – 2/29/20 | (Premium A) |
| 13. Cow, 5 to under 6 years | calved 3/1/18 – 2/29/20 | (Premium A) |
| 14. Cow, 6 years and older | calved 2/28/18 and older | (Premium A) |
| 15. GRAND CHAMPION COW | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 16. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 17. CHAMPION CHALLENGE FEMALE | | (Banner) |
| <i>(Champion Challenge Female shall be selected from the Grand Champion Heifer, Grand Champion Cow, and any Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH) Cows entered in the Champion Female Class.)</i> | | |

BULLS

Bull Calf Division

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| 18. Bull Calf, 0 to under 6 months | calved 9/1/23 and after | (Premium A) |
| 19. Bull Calf, 6 to under 12 months | calved 3/1/23 – 8/31/23 | (Premium A) |
| 20. Bull Calf, 12 to under 18 months | calved 9/1/22 – 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 21. Bull Calf, 18 to under 24 months | calved 3/1/22 – 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 22. GRAND CHAMPION BULL CALF | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 23. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL CALF | | (Banner & Trophy) |

Senior Bull Division

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|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 24. Bull, 2 to under 3 years | calved 3/1/21 – 2/28/21 | (Premium A) |
| 25. Bull, 3 to under 4 years | calved 3/1/20 – 2/28/21 | (Premium A) |
| 26. Bull, 4 to under 5 years | calved 3/1/19 – 2/29/20 | (Premium A) |
| 27. Bull, 5 years and older | calved 2/28/19 and older | (Premium A) |
| 28. GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR BULL | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 29. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR BULL | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 30. CHAMPION CHALLENGE MALE | | (Banner) |
| <i>(Champion Challenge Male shall be selected from the Grand Champion Bull Calf, Grand Champion Senior Bull, and any Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH) Bulls entered in the Champion Challenge Male Class.)</i> | | |

STEERS

Steer Division

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| 31. Steer, 0 to under 6 months | calved 9/1/23 and after | (Premium A) |
| 32. Steer, 6 to under 12 months | calved 3/1/23 – 8/31/23 | (Premium A) |
| 33. Steer, 12 to under 18 months | calved 9/1/22 – 2/28/23 | (Premium A) |
| 34. Steer, 18 to under 24 months | calved 3/1/22 – 8/31/22 | (Premium A) |
| 35. Steer, 2 to under 3 years | calved 3/1/21 – 2/28/22 | (Premium A) |
| 36. Steer, 3 years and older | calved 2/28/21 and older | (Premium A) |
| 37. GRAND CHAMPION STEER | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 38. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER | | (Banner & Trophy) |
| 39. CHAMPION CHALLENGE STEER | | (Banner) |
| <i>(Champion Challenge Steer shall be selected from the Grand Champion Steer and any Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH) Steers entered in the Champion Challenge Steer Class.)</i> | | |

ALL BREEDS REGISTERED RANGE BULL & COMMERCIAL FEMALE SALE

Department B

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	6:30 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Grading	Tuesday	Feb. 27	8:30 a.m.
Awards Ceremony	Tuesday	Feb. 27	4 p.m.
Bull Sale	Wednesday	Feb. 28	10 a.m.
Female Sale	Wednesday	Feb. 28	1 p.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	Feb. 28	4 p.m.
Must be out by	Wednesday	Feb. 28	Midnight

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for All Breeds Registered Range Bull Sale

- Sale Manager:** The Show will employ a Sale Manager to coordinate with the All Breeds Committee to conduct a sale by auction and properly account for all aspects of the sale.
- Entry Requirements:** Entry in this division is open to individuals, firms, or partnerships. Consignor must be actively engaged in the breeding of the particular breed consigned and must have bred and raised all bulls, except bulls bred by another breeder purchased on or in dam or embryo or herd buyout, etc. **If consignor is not the recognized breeder of the bull, an explanation in writing must be attached to the nomination form.** Bulls originating from outside of the state of TX can be consigned only by invitation of the Show. Bulls must be registered in the herd books of their respective breed associations; signed (transfer) original registration papers must be in the hands of the sale manager prior to selling in the sale. (Sale manager **WILL NOT** accept application for registration in lieu of registration paper). **THIS IS NOT A TRADING SALE.** Registration certificates are expected to be in the name of CONSIGNOR (or a family member that is a member of the recording association). Transfer fees will be deducted from seller's accounts of sale and are expected to be at member rates. Sale Manager will send all transfer information to respective breed associations.
- 2a. Entry Requirements:** A limited number of bulls from breed association programs that combine breeds and issue certificates on the bulls will be accepted for the sale. Bulls must conform to all other rules.
- 3. Allowable Number of Bulls:** Each consignor may enter not more than three bulls of any one breed in this division. The Show shall determine total number of bulls to be sold and the number of bulls of each breed that will be sold to ensure a sale offering demanded by today's progressive cattle people.
- 4. Fees:** Nomination fee of \$150 per head must accompany nomination form. All nominations received by November 15th will be given priority status; and entry received after November 15th will be considered in order of receipt. Selling fee (commission) will be ten percent of the gross sale price of each bull with a minimum commission of \$150. \$90 of the nomination fee shall apply to the commission. Nomination fees are non-refundable after acceptance of said nomination.
- 5. Nomination Form:** A nomination is not valid unless **nomination form** is completely filled out and received in the Sale Manager's office with correct amount of nomination fees. A valid entry must include a copy of the registration paper(s) and **breed EPDs** and/or within herd performance data per Rule 7.
- 6. Age:** Bulls must be born between Aug. 15, 2021 and October 31, 2022 (there will be no spring or summer 3 year olds). Bulls must be sound and in good service condition to perform satisfactorily under average range conditions. Bulls should be strong boned, adequately muscled, well grown-out individuals with good heads, sound feet and legs, plenty of size for age and of an acceptable disposition to the average cowman.
- 7. EPDs:** Bulls are required to have breed EPDs if breed has such a program. If the breed does not have a performance program, bull must originate from herd with meaningful within herd performance data to at least include weaning and yearling information and ratios. High performance bulls will be preferred over bulls with low performance as expressed through non-parent EPDs. EPDs will be as important as the phenotypic criteria expressed in Rule 6 above. Preference will be given to bulls with low or moderate birth weight EPDs and/or actual birth weights and to virgin bulls.

Special Rules for All Breeds Registered Range Bull Sale

8. **Pre-Sale Screening:** Nominated bulls are subject to approval of the Show. Final determinations and approval will be made within context of Rule 3. Nomination fees for bulls not accepted by the Show will be returned to consignor. Animals withdrawn from sale **after acceptance** by the Show **WILL NOT** have nomination fee returned. Upon notification of acceptance, signed original registration papers not previously sent to sale manager **MUST** be forwarded at this time.
9. **Catalog:** Bulls accepted for sale by the Show will be catalogued according to breed and breeder.
10. **Grading:** After arrival on Show grounds, all bulls will be subject to sifting and grading. A panel of experienced cattle producers will inspect each bull prior to grading and eliminate from grading and selling any bull that shows any defect, disease, infection, unsoundness **or limitation that could potentially detract from the animal's usefulness or that could later become a point of contention**. After sifting, each bull will be graded by a panel of 5 experienced cattle producers. Bulls, regardless of breed, will be subjected to the same grading standards to be determined by the Show. Sale order of bulls will be established by the rank of the animal's average grade, regardless of breed. Grading of all bulls will begin on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.
11. **TAHC/Breeding Soundness Evaluation:** Each consignor shall comply with applicable rules and regulations of TX Animal Health Commission as well as Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which can be found on page 40. Each bull must have an individual official TAHC health certificate showing compliance with Brucellosis and Trichomoniasis regulations and/or any other regulations in place at sale time. A separate "breeding soundness evaluation" statement supplied by a veterinarian must be completed for each bull. Each bull must score above the minimum score to be accepted for the sale. This "breeding soundness evaluation" must be performed within 30 days of sale date and must accompany the TAHC health certificate.
12. **Pens/Feed:** Pens are assigned by the Show. Pens are bedded with sand and sawdust on concrete. Water troughs are supplied by the Show; however, it is consignor's responsibility to provide his own feed trough. **All hay fed to bulls MUST be fed in a hay net, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Feed and hay may be purchased at the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Feed Store.
13. **Sales:** Bulls not rejected by the shifting committee after arrival must sell through the auction sale. Private treaty sales are not allowed. Consignor may pass out animal(s) if the highest bid is unacceptable; however, a pass out charge of 10 percent of the highest bid will be assessed.
14. **Guarantees:** Guarantees of any nature shall be between buyer and seller and shall not in any way bind the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, its officers, directors or the sale manager. The purchaser must notify the seller of his/her dissatisfaction with an animal in writing within six months of the sale date.
15. **General:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo along with the Sale Manager are not responsible for loss or damage to any animal.

All Breeds Registered Range Bull Sale Premium Schedule

Any breed with five or more bulls consigned by three or more consignors will be eligible for premium payouts

Bulls will be classified into the following Breeds (subject to entries):

Angus
AOB
Brahman
Brangus
Charolais
Hereford

Premiums will be paid out as follows per breed:

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Award</u>
First Place	\$325
Second Place	\$225
Third Place	\$180
Fourth Place	\$150
Fifth Place	\$125

High Grading Premiums:

Overall high grading bull will receive an additional premium of \$1000.00.

2nd place high grading bull will receive an additional premium of \$850.00.

Special Rules for All Breeds Commercial Female Sale

1. **Sale Manager:** The Show will employ a Sale Manager to coordinate with the All Breeds Committee to conduct a sale by auction and to properly account for all aspects of the sale.
2. **Entry Requirements:** Entry in this division is open to individuals, firms, or partnerships. Entries can be registered, full bloods or crossbreds, so long as they are in keeping with quality standards of the Show. Preference will be given to breeds and crosses that are demanded and recognized for their maternal contributions to the mainstream commercial cowherds of the Gulf Coast area. Preference will be given to F-1 Brahman cross females. A limited number of open heifers will be accepted only from those who have consigned them the year before and then others. Preference will be given to females bred, raised, and consigned by one entity. Other females must have been owned by consignor by Oct. 1, 2023. Females originating from outside the state of TX can be consigned only by invitation of the Show.
3. **Allowable Number of Females:** An entry shall consist of five females per pen with a maximum of 3 pens. They should be uniform as to kind, age, size, pregnancy status, etc.
4. **Fees:** A nomination fee of \$20 per head must accompany nomination form. All nominations received by Nov. 15, will be given priority status; any entry received after Nov. 15, will be considered in order of receipt. A selling fee (commission) of 8 percent of the gross sale will be charged.
5. **Screening Committee:** Nominated females are subject to approval by the Show. Final selections will be made to provide for a sale make up of high quality, useful, productive females demanded by today's progressive commercial livestock breeders. Nomination fees for females not accepted for sale will be returned to consignor. Consignments withdrawn after acceptance and notice WILL NOT have nomination fees returned. Females accepted for the sale will be sifted at the Show to eliminate animals injured in transit or deemed not merchantable.
6. **Judging:** A champion pens of females will be named based on consignments in each breed and category. See Breed Classification information below. Judging will begin on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.
7. **Pens/Feed:** Pens are assigned by the Show. Pens are bedded with sand and sawdust on concrete, and each has a water trough provided by the Show. Feed troughs, if desired, must be furnished by consignor. Each consignor shall feed, water and otherwise care for his/her females. **All hay fed to females MUST be fed in a hay net, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Feed and hay may be purchased at the Houston Livestock show and Rodeo Feed Store.
8. **TAHC:** Each consignor shall comply with applicable rules and regulations of the TX Animal Health Commission as well as Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo requirements listed on page 40. All females must be accompanied by an official TAHC health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian. It is highly recommended but not an absolute requirement that females, regardless of origin and/or test status, should be official Brucellosis Calfhood Vaccinates. Females, regardless of exposure status or age, must be palpated except for those females that have recently calved. Open females must be declared to be satisfactory potential breeders by an accredited veterinarian and so stated on the health certificate.
9. **Sales:** Private treaty sales are not allowed. Consignor may pass out (PO) charge if the highest bid is unacceptable; however, a pass out charge of 8 percent of the highest bid will be assessed.
10. **Guarantees:** Consignors guarantee females are to be reproductively sound and females palpated to be bred will calve when indicated, according to either known breeding dates, dates of exposure and/or by best estimate of veterinarian. Consignors are responsible for health and viability of all calves born shortly before and/or after arrival at sale facility. All guarantees of any nature, either expressed or implied shall be between seller and buyer and shall not in any way bind the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, its Officers, Directors or the Sale Manager.
11. **General:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo along with the Sale Manager not responsible for loss or damage to any animal.

All Breeds Commercial Female Sale Premium Schedule

Females will be broken into classes based on nominations. The following are typical classifications:

Brahman X Hereford F-1: *females that are 1/2 Brahman & 1/2 Hereford.*

Brahman X Angus F-1: *females that are 1/2 Angus & 1/2 Brahman.*

Hereford: *Purebred or Registered Hereford Females.*

English X: *females that are predominantly English based.*

Brahman: *Registered or Purebred Brahman Females.*

Brangus X: *females that are purebred or crossed with Brangus.*

***The Show reserves the right to add judging classes prior to January 1, 2024, in response to entries received by that date.*

Breeds will be broken down further into the following Divisions:

Bred, Open and Pairs.

Any breed division with five or more pens consigned by three or more consignors will be eligible for premium payouts.

Premiums will be paid out as follows per breed division:

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Award</u>
Champion BxH F-1 Pairs	\$325
Champion English	\$325
Champion BxA F-1 Females	\$325
Champion Brangus	\$325
Champion BxH F-1 Open	\$325
Champion Hereford	\$325
Champion Brahman	\$325

Overall high grading pen of females will receive an additional premium of \$1000.00.

2nd place high grading pen of females will an additional premium receive \$850.00.

DAIRY CATTLE

Department C

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo\$7,500

Superintendent – Ron Woolley - Stephenville, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Wayne Becker – Gainesville, TX, **Larry Woolley** – Cleburne, TX

Judge: Tanner Schmaling – Elkhorn, WI

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent's Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Show:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 a.m.
Release:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	<i>Released upon completion of breed show</i>
All Animals Must be Out By:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Dairy Cattle Show

- Junior Entries:** Entries in the Junior Dairy Show are allowed to enter in this department.
- Arrival:** Dairy exhibitors must move-in on Monday, February 26th at 7 a.m. **All trailers with dairy cattle MUST report to Airport Boulevard for staging.**
- Number of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of dairy cattle entries an exhibitor may enter.
- Registration Papers:** A certificate of registration on each animal entered in the Dairy Cattle Show must be available on arrival at the Show. Application for transfer and pending registration will not be accepted.
- Scoring:** Evaluation of defects as listed on the Unified Dairy Cattle Score Card published by the Fullblood Dairy Cattle Association shall be used by the judge as his basis for placing or for ruling out an animal shown with blemishes.
- Stall Space:** No exhibitor will be given space in the show barns for more cattle than are entered for competition. Stall space is not guaranteed for each entry fee paid in the cattle shows.
- Breed Shows:** The breed shows are as follows: BROWN SWISS, JERSEY, and HOLSTEIN. Class schedules, numbers, and age requirements are the same for all breeds, but premium schedules may vary from breed to breed. The following premium schedule and designation of classes will apply to each of the three breeds.

Dairy Cattle Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A:	\$55	\$45	\$30	\$20
B:	\$50	\$40	\$30	
C:	\$500	Grand Champion (each breed)		

Special Rules for Open Dairy Cattle Show

The breed shows are as follows: BROWN SWISS, JERSEY, and HOLSTEIN. Class schedules, numbers, and age requirements are the same for all breeds.

FEMALE CLASSES

1. Heifers	calved 9/1/23 - 10/16/23	(Premium A)
2. Heifers	calved 6/1/23 - 8/31/23	(Premium A)
3. Heifers	calved 3/1/23 - 5/31/22	(Premium A)
4. Heifers	calved 12/1/22 - 2/28/23	(Premium A)
5. Heifers	calved 9/1/22 - 11/30/22	(Premium A)
6. Heifers (not in milk)	calved 6/1/22 - 8/31/22	(Premium A)
7. Heifers (not in milk)	calved 12/1/20 - 5/31/22	(Premium A)
8. JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE, classes 1-7		(Banner)
9. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
10. Senior Two-Year-Old Cow (including younger freshened animals)	calved 9/1/21 - 11/30/21	(Premium A)
11. Three -Year-Old Cow	calved 9/1/20 - 8/31/21	(Premium A)
12. Four-Year-Old Cow	calved 9/1/19 - 8/31/20	(Premium A)
13. Five-Year-Old Cow	calved 9/1/18 - 8/31/19	(Premium A)
14. Aged Cow	calved 8/31/18 or before	(Premium A)
15. SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE, classes 10-14		(Banner)
16. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
17. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Premium C, Banner & Trophy)
18. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)

GROUP CLASSES

19. Junior Best-Three-Females: Three animals, bred by the exhibitor and at least one owned by the exhibitor.	(Premium B)
20. Produce-of-Dam: Two animals, not bull calves, any age, the produce of one cow. Cow must be named. Animals need not both be owned by exhibitor.	(Premium B)
21. Breeders Herd-of-Five-Females: Two females over two years of age, two females eligible to show for Junior Champion Female and one female any age. Must be owned by exhibitor and three must have been bred by exhibitor, who is limited to one entry.	(Premium B)
22. *Premier Exhibitor: Exhibitor winning the most points, according to point system listed below, on no more than six animals owned and exhibited by himself in the open single classes.	(Trophy)
23. *Premier Breeder: Breeder winning the most points, according to point system listed below, on no more than six animals, exhibited by himself/herself and/or others in the open single classes.	(Trophy)

*In the event of a tie in points for either Premier Exhibitor or Premier Breeder, the exhibitor exhibiting the highest placing aged cow will win. In case there is no aged cow, then the next oldest female class will be used until the tie is broken.

Dairy Cattle Show Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder Point System

PLACINGS:	POINTS SENIOR FEMALES	POINTS JUNIOR FEMALES
1st	20	10
2nd	18	9
3rd	16	8
4th	14	7
5th	12	6
6th	10	5
7th	8	4
8th	6	3
9th	4	2
10th	2	1

OPEN BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

Department D

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo\$13,300

Superintendent – Walter Gerhart - Winters, TX

**Assistant Superintendents – Robbie Eckhoff – Hawley, TX; Donnie Eckhoff – College Station, TX; and
R. G. Reeder, Jr. - Dickenson, TX**


Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Monday	Feb. 26	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Breeding Sheep Exhibitor Reception	Monday	Feb. 26	7 p.m.
Show:	Tuesday	Feb. 27	8 a.m.
Release:	Tuesday	Feb. 27	<i>Released upon completion of breed show</i>
All Animals Must be Out By:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Breeding Sheep Show

- Junior Entries:** Entries in the Junior Breeding Sheep Show may enter the Open Breeding Sheep Show by completing an Open entry application.
- Registry:** Breeding sheep must be registered in the recognized flock books of their respective breeds prior to Feb. 26 at 7a.m. and bear such identification as that breed association requires. The flock number must be recorded in the judges' record book at the time the Superintendent lists and classifies entries prior to the judging of the classes. Sheep not carrying proper ear identification coinciding with judges' record book at time of showing will be barred from competition.
- Eligible Breeds:** Entry can made in the following breeds.



a. Dorper, Dorset, Hampshire, ORB (*Other Registered Breeds*), Rambouillet, Registered Finewool Breeds (*Columbia, Corriedale, Delaine-Merino, Targhee are the only breeds allowed in the Registered Finewool Breeds Class*), Royal White, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, and White Dorper.
- Number of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of breeding sheep entries an exhibitor may enter. Exhibitors may only enter one group entry per class per breed.
- Required Information:** It is not necessary for the exhibitor to specify a particular animal when entering the single classes; however, a separate entry application must be made and submitted to the Show before the entry deadline for each individual and group entry. Name and registration number must be furnished at time of entry or upon arrival to NRG Center.
- Group Classes:** All animals in group classes must be owned by the same owner. Entries for group classes also must be shown in their respective single classes.
- Breeding Ages:** For the purpose of this show, the following will apply regarding ages of breeding sheep: Tothing of sheep to determine the age class in which they are shown will be done during check-in. Sheep with the following tooth development at check-in time will show in the listed classes, and they will not be toothed in the show ring.
 - Lambs must be carrying all milk teeth. Lambs showing either or both of their first pair of permanent incisors may not show in the lamb classes.
 - Sheep eligible to compete in the two-tooth breeding classes must show only the first pair of permanent incisors. Sheep which have dropped their central pair of milk teeth and show one or both teeth of the first permanent pair may show as singles only in the two-tooth classes of their respective breeds.
 - Sheep showing the first two or three pairs of permanent incisors may show as singles in the four-to-six tooth class only.
 - Sheep with more than six permanent teeth may not exhibit in the show.
- Defects:** Sheep showing pronounced defect or abnormality will be barred from showing in the breeding classes.

Special Rules for Open Breeding Sheep Show

9. **Bedding:** One bag of shavings per every two animals will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
10. **Shearing:** Sheep may be shown in any length fleece unless Breed Association specifies fleece length. The superintendent and his committee reserve the right to determine if this rule has been complied with and disqualify any animal not meeting these criteria.
11. **Coloring:** Artificial coloring of fleeces is not permitted.
12. **Class Listing:** Classes will be posted upon the completion of check-in. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to review the check-in sheets that will be posted and contact the show superintendent on Monday, Feb. 26 in the event that entry/entries posted are in the incorrect class. All changes must be made prior to 8 am on Tuesday, Feb. 27.
13. Exhibitors must wear back numbers while in show ring.
14. **Show Order:** Dorper, White Dorper, Royal White, Rambouillet, Registered Finewool Breeds (*Columbia, Corriedale, Delaine-Merino, Targhee are the only breeds allowed in the Registered Finewool Breeds classes*), Southdown, Hampshire, Suffolk, Shropshire, Dorset, and Other Registered Breeds (*ORB*).
15. **Premium Awards:** The following premium schedule will apply to each of the 11 breeds.

Open Breeding Sheep Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Premium A	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$10
	Champion	Reserve Champion		
Premium B	\$100	\$50		
Premium C	\$350			

Good Herdsman Awards

*all receive a plaque

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$250	\$125	\$75	\$50

Class schedules, numbers, and age requirements (with the exception of special awards) are the same for all breeds. Show Management will make the final decision on combining breeds.

RAM CLASSES

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| 1. Ram Lamb | (Premium A) |
| 2. Two-Tooth Ram | (Premium A) |
| 3. Four-to-Six Tooth Ram | (Premium A) |
| 4. CHAMPION RAM | (Banner & Premium B) |
| 5. RESERVE CHAMPION RAM | (Banner & Premium B) |

EWE CLASSES

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| 6. Ewe Lamb | (Premium A) |
| 7. Two-Tooth Ewe | (Premium A) |
| 8. Four-to-Six Tooth Ewe | (Premium A) |
| 9. CHAMPION EWE | (Banner & Premium B) |
| 10. RESERVE CHAMPION EWE | (Banner & Premium B) |

GROUP CLASSES

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| 11. 2 Rams of Any Age* | (Premium A) |
| 12. 2 Ewes of Any Age* | (Premium A) |
| 13. Best Pair-of-Sheep: Both sexes represented* | (Premium A) |
| 14. Best of 5 Sheep: (1 Ram, 4 Ewes, any age)* | (Premium A) |

*All animals in group classes must be owned by the same owner.

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| 15. SUPREME CHAMPION RAM | (Trophy & Premium C) |
| 16. SUPREME CHAMPION EWE | (Trophy & Premium C) |

OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Department H

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$4,060
Jobi Goat Dairy / Mrs. Joanne Jelke	\$1,000
Total Premiums Available.....	\$5,060

Superintendent – Scott Horner – College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Michelle Mihalek – Conroe, TX

Judge: Danielle Carolei – Stanfordville, NY

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 2	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 2	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Saturday	March 2	3 p.m.
Celebrity Dairy Goat Milking Contest	Saturday	March 2	4 p.m.
Boer & Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception:	Saturday	March 2	7 p.m.
Show:	Sunday	March 3	8 a.m.
Release:	Sunday	March 3	<i>Released upon completion of breed show</i>
All Animals Must be Out By:	Monday	March 6	5 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Dairy Goat Show

- ADGA:** This show will be held under the rules of the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) provided they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- Number of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of dairy goat entries an exhibitor may enter.
- Class Number:** Class number for the animal shall be determined by the date listed in the classes of the premium book.
- Registry:** All dairy goats must be registered with the ADGA, the American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society.
- Ineligible Animals:** Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown unless she is in milk.
- Breeding:** All dairy goats must be Fullblood, American or recorded grade and the registration certificate must be approved by the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent before the animal enters the show ring.
- Tattoos:** All dairy goats must have a legible tattoo that matches the one on the registration certificate. Re-tattooing is not permitted on Show premises. Should the judge find an unreadable tattoo or one that does not match the animal's registration certificate, all premium money and awards will be forfeited.
- Substitutions:** Substitutions are NOT allowed between Open and Youth dairy goat entries.
- Bedding:** One bag of shavings per every two animals will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- Check In:** All Open and Youth Dairy Goat exhibitors must be checked in 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Once check in is complete, it is the exhibitors' responsibility to review the class sheets that will be posted and contact the Show Superintendent on Saturday, in the event that an entry/entries are posted in the incorrect class. All changes must be made prior to that start of the Open Dairy Goat Show. Class changes will not be allowed after the start of the Open Dairy Goat Show.
- Breeds:** The breeds eligible to show and the show order are as follows: Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, All Other Purebreds, and Recorded Grades. Class schedules, age requirements, and premium money are the same for all breeds. Judging will be according to the above order with all breeds of Senior classes judged first followed by all breeds of Junior classes. The order of the Show is not subject to change. Junior and Senior Shows are separately sanctioned.

Special Rules for Open Dairy Goat Show

Dairy Goat Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A:	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
B:	Champion \$25		Res Champion \$15	
C:	Best Doe in Show \$30			

Good Herdsman Awards

*all receive a plaque

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$250	\$125	\$75	\$50

SENIOR CLASSES - Milking

1. Doe, under 2 years	3/01/22 and after	(Premium A)
2. Doe, 2-3 years	3/01/21 – 2/29/22	(Premium A)
3. Doe, 3-5 years	3/01/19– 2/29/21	(Premium A)
4. Doe, 5 years and over	2/28/19 and before	(Premium A)
5. GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
6. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
7. BEST SENIOR DOE-IN-SHOW		(Premium C & Trophy)

JUNIOR CLASSES – Non-Milking

8. 0-3 Months	12/01/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
9. 3-6 Months	9/01/23 – 11/30/23	(Premium A)
10. 6-12 Months	3/01/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
11. 12-19 Months	9/01/22 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
12. 19-24 Months	3/01/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
13. GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
14. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
15. BEST JUNIOR DOE-IN-SHOW		(Premium C & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

16. Junior Get of Sire (3 junior does)	(Trophy)
17. Senior Get of Sire (3 milking does, same sire)	(Trophy)
18. Dairy Herd (4 in milk, owned by 1 exhibitor)	(Trophy)

YOUTH DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Department H1

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Sheep and Goat Committee.....\$4,400
Total Premiums Available.....\$4,400

Superintendent – Scott Horner – College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Michelle Mihalek – Conroe, TX

Judge – Jay Rudolf - Renwick, IA

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 2	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 2	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Saturday	March 2	3 p.m.
Celebrity Dairy Goat Milking Contest	Saturday	March 2	4 p.m.
Boer & Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception: Room TBD	Saturday	March 2	7 p.m.
Showmanship:	Sunday	March 3	4:30 p.m.
Show:	Monday	March 4	8 a.m.
Release:	Monday	March 4	<i>Released upon completion of breed show</i>
All Animals Must be Out By:	Monday	March 4	5 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Youth Dairy Goat Show

- ADGA:** This show will be held under the rules of the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) provided they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- Number of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of dairy goat entries an exhibitor may enter.
- Class Number:** Class number for the animal shall be determined by the date listed in the classes of the premium book.
- Registry:** All dairy goats must be registered with the ADGA, the American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society.
- Ineligible Animals:** Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown unless she is in milk
- Exhibitor Eligibility:** To be eligible to exhibit in the Youth Dairy Goat Show, youth must be between the ages of 5 & 18 as of March 6th.
- Breeding:** All dairy goats must be Fullblood, American or recorded grade and the registration certificate must be approved by the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent before the animal enters the show ring.
- Tattoos:** All dairy goats must have a legible tattoo that matches the one on the registration certificate. Re-tattooing is not permitted on Show premises. Should the judge find an unreadable tattoo or one that does not match the animal's registration certificate, all premium money and awards will be forfeited.
- Substitutions:** Substitutions are NOT allowed between Open and Youth dairy goat entries.
- Bedding:** One bag of shavings per every two animals will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- Check In:** All Open and Youth Dairy Goat exhibitors must be checked in 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Once check in is complete, it is the exhibitors' responsibility to review the check in sheets that will be posted and contact the Show Superintendent on Saturday, March 2 in the event that an entry/entries are posted in the incorrect class. All changes must be made prior to that start of the Youth Dairy Goat Show. Class changes will not be allowed after the start of the Youth Dairy Goat Show.

Special Rules for Youth Dairy Goat Show

12. **Breeds:** The breeds eligible to show and the show order are as follows: Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, All Other Purebreds, and Recorded Grades. Class schedules, age requirements, and premium money are the same for all breeds. Judging will be according to the above. The order of the Show is not subject to change. Junior and Senior Shows are not separately sanctioned.

Youth Dairy Goat Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	\$25	\$20	\$15
B:	\$25	\$15	
C:	\$30		

SENIOR CLASSES - Milking

1. Doe, under 2 years	3/01/21 and after	(Premium A)
2. Doe, 2-3 years	3/01/20 – 2/29/21	(Premium A)
3. Doe, 3-5 years	3/01/18– 2/28/20	(Premium A)
4. Doe, 5 years and over	2/28/18 and before	(Premium A)
5. GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
6. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)

JUNIOR CLASSES – Non-Milking

7. 0-3 Months	12/01/22 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
8. 3-6 Months	9/01/22 – 11/30/22	(Premium A)
9. 6-12 Months	3/01/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A)
10. 12-19 Months	9/01/21 – 2/28/22	(Premium A)
11. 19-24 Months	3/01/21 – 8/31/21	(Premium A)
12. JUNIOR CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
13. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
14. GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(ADGA Rosette)
15. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(ADGA Rosette)
16. BEST SENIOR DOE-IN-SHOW		(Premium C & Trophy)
17. BEST JUNIOR DOE-IN-SHOW		(Premium C & Trophy)

OPEN BOER GOAT SHOW

Department Y

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Sheep and Goat Committee.....\$1,000
American Boer Goat Association\$375
Total Premiums Available.....\$1,375

Superintendent – Glenn Avriett – New Braunfels, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Michelle Mihalek – Conroe, TX

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 2	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 2	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Saturday	March 2	3 p.m.
Boer & Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception: Room TBD	Saturday	March 2	7 p.m.
Show:	Sunday	March 3	8 a.m.
Release:	Sunday	March 3	<i>Released upon completion of breed show</i>
All Animals Must be Out By:	Monday	March 4	5 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Boer Goat Show

- Entry:** This department is open to all exhibitors.
- Age of Animals:** Age of animals shall be computed from March 1, 2024. Birth dates as listed on the registration certificate will be used to determine class entries.
- Registration:** Recognized associations include the American Boer Goat Association. The original registration certificate is required. Information on transfers is not acceptable.
- Breeding:** All animals must be registered Fullblood or Percentage Blood Boer goats and the registration papers and tattoos or other means of permanent identification approved by the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent before the animal enters the show ring.
- Tattoos:** All goats must have legible tattoos or other means of permanent identification that matches the ones on its registration certificate. If the animal has a microchip as its permanent identification, the exhibitor is responsible for providing a microchip reader.
- Heelers:** Heelers will not be allowed in the show ring.
- Fitting:** Fitting will be left up to the discretion of the exhibitor. No artificial coloring will be allowed.
- Females:** Any female over 24 months of age, that has not kidded will not be allowed to show.
- Substitutions:** Substitutions are NOT allowed between Open and Youth Boer goat entries.
- Bedding:** One bag of shavings per every two animals will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- Check In:** All Open and Youth Boer Goat exhibitors must be checked in 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Once check in is complete, it is the exhibitors' responsibility to review the check in sheets that will be posted and contact the Show Superintendent on prior to the start of the Open Boer Goat Show, in the event that an entry/entries are posted in the incorrect class. All changes must be made prior to that start of the Open Boer Goat Show. Class changes will not be allowed after the start of the Open Boer Goat Show.

Boer Goat Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	\$15	\$10	\$7

Good Herdsman Awards

*all receive a plaque

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$250	\$125	\$75	\$50

Special Rules for Open Boer Goat Show

PERCENTAGE BLOOD BOER DOES

Junior Division

1. Percentage Doe Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
2. Percentage Doe Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/23 – 11/30/23	(Premium A)
3. Percentage Doe Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
4. Percentage Doe Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/23 – 5/31/23	(Premium A)
5. GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
6. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)

Senior Division

7. Percentage Yearling Does (12-16 months)	11/1/22 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
8. Percentage Yearling Does (16-20 months)	7/1/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
9. Percentage Two Year Old Does (20-24 months)	3/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A)
10. GRAND CHAMPION YEARLING PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
11. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
12. Percentage Three Year Old Does (24-36 months)	3/1/21 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
13. Percentage Aged Does (36 months and older)	2/29/21 or before	(Premium A)
14. GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
15. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
16. OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
17. OVERALL RESERVE CHAMPION PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)

FULLBLOOD BOER DOES

Junior Division

18. Fullblood Doe Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
19. Fullblood Doe Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/23 - 11/30/23	(Premium A)
20. Fullblood Doe Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
21. Fullblood Doe Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/23 – 5/31/23	(Premium A)
22. GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
23. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)

Senior Division

24. Fullblood Yearling Does (12-16 months)	11/1/22 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
25. Fullblood Yearling Does (16-20 months)	7/1/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
26. Fullblood Two Year Old Does (20-24 months)	3/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A)
27. GRAND CHAMPION YEARLING FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
28. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
29. Fullblood Three Year Old Does (24-36 months)	3/1/21 – 2/28/22	(Premium A)
30. Fullblood Aged Does (36 months and older)	2/29/21 or before	(Premium A)
31. GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
32. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
33. OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
34. OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)

FULLBLOOD BOER BUCKS

Junior Division

35. Fullblood Buck Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
36. Fullblood Buck Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/23 – 11/30/23	(Premium A)
37. Fullblood Buck Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
38. Fullblood Buck Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/23 – 5/31/23	(Premium A)
39. GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
40. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)

Senior Division

41. Fullblood Yearling Bucks (12-16 months)	11/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
42. Fullblood Yearling Bucks (16-20 months)	7/1/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
43. Fullblood Two Year Old Bucks (20-24 months)	3/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A)
44. GRAND CHAMPION YEARLING FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
45. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
46. Fullblood Three Year Old Bucks (24-36 months)	3/1/21 – 2/29/22	(Premium A)
47. Fullblood Aged Bucks (36 months and older)	2/29/21 or before	(Premium A)
48. GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
49. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
50. OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
51. OVERALL RESERVE CHAMPION FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)

YOUTH BOER GOAT SHOW

Department Y1

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Sheep and Goat Committee.....\$1,000

Total Premiums Available.....\$1,000

Superintendent –Glenn Avriett - New Braunfels, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Michelle Mihalek – Conroe, TX

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 2	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 2	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Saturday	March 2	3 p.m.
Boer & Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception: Room TBD	Saturday	March 2	7 p.m.
Showmanship:	Sunday	March 3	4:30 p.m.
Show:	Monday	March 3	8 a.m.
Release:	Monday	March 3	<i>Released upon completion of breed show</i>
All Animals Must be Out By:	Monday	March 3	5 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Youth Boer Goat Show

- Entry:** This department is open to all youth exhibitors.
- Age of Animals:** Age of animals shall be computed from March 1, 2024. Birth dates as listed on the registration certificate will be used to determine class entries.
- Registration:** Recognized associations include the American Boer Goat Association. The original registration certificate is required. Information on transfers is not acceptable.
- Breeding:** All animals must be registered Fullblood, fullblood or percentage blood Boer goats and the registration papers and tattoos or other means of permanent identification approved by the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent before the animal enters the show ring.
- Tattoos:** All goats must have legible tattoos or other means of permanent identification that matches the ones on its registration certificate. If the animal has a microchip as its permanent identification, the exhibitor is responsible for providing a microchip reader.
- Exhibitor Eligibility:** To be eligible to exhibit in the Youth Boer Goat Show, youth must be between the ages of 5 & 20 as of March 6th.
- Heelers:** Heelers will not be allowed in the show ring, for the Junior Division. Heelers will be allowed for the Senior Division.
- Fitting:** Fitting will be left up to the discretion of the exhibitor. No artificial coloring will be allowed.
- Females:** Any female over 24 months of age, that has not kidded will not be allowed to show.
- Substitutions:** Substitutions are NOT allowed between Open and Youth Boer goat entries.
- Bedding:** One bag of shavings per every two animals will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- Check In:** All Open and Youth Boer Goat exhibitors must be checked in 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Once check in is complete, it is the exhibitors' responsibility to review the check in sheets that will be posted and contact the Show Superintendent prior to the start of the Youth Boer Goat Show, in the event that an entry/entries are posted in the incorrect class. All changes must be made prior to that start of the Youth Boer Goat Show. Class changes will not be allowed after the start of the Youth Boer Goat Show.

Special Rules for Youth Boer Goat Show

PERCENTAGE BLOOD BOER DOES

Junior Division

1. Percentage Doe Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
2. Percentage Doe Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/23 – 11/30/23	(Premium A)
3. Percentage Doe Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
4. Percentage Doe Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/23 – 5/31/23	(Premium A)
5. GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
6. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)

Senior Division

7. Percentage Yearling Does (12-16 months)	11/1/22 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
8. Percentage Yearling Does (16-20 months)	7/1/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
9. Percentage Two Year Old Does (20-24 months)	3/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A)
10. GRAND CHAMPION YEARLING PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
11. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
12. Percentage Three Year Old Does (24-36 months)	3/1/21 - 2/28/22	(Premium A)
13. Percentage Aged Does (36 months and older)	3/1/21 or before	(Premium A)
14. GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
15. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
16. OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
17. OVERALL RESERVE CHAMPION PERCENTAGE DOE		(Trophy & Banner)

FULLBLOOD BOER DOES

Junior Division

18. Fullblood Doe Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
19. Fullblood Doe Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/23 - 11/30/23	(Premium A)
20. Fullblood Doe Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
21. Fullblood Doe Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/23 – 5/31/23	(Premium A)
22. GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)
23. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD DOE		(Trophy & Banner)

Senior Division

24. Fullblood Yearling Does (12-16 months)	11/1/22 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
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29. Fullblood Three Year Old Does (24-36 months)	3/1/21 – 2/28/22	(Premium A)
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FULLBLOOD BOER BUCKS

Junior Division

35. Fullblood Buck Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
36. Fullblood Buck Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/23 – 11/30/23	(Premium A)
37. Fullblood Buck Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/23 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
38. Fullblood Buck Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/23 – 5/31/23	(Premium A)
39. GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
40. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)

Senior Division

41. Fullblood Yearling Bucks (12-16 months)	11/1/22 – 2/28/23	(Premium A)
42. Fullblood Yearling Bucks (16-20 months)	7/1/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
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45. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
46. Fullblood Three Year Old Bucks (24-36 months)	3/1/21 – 2/28/22	(Premium A)
47. Fullblood Aged Bucks (36 months and older)	3/1/21 or before	(Premium A)
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OPEN LLAMA

Department I

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Llama and Alpaca Committee \$ 30,500
(Subject to number of placings per class)

Superintendent – Nancy Burwell – Crosby, TX

NRG Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival	Thursday	March 14	10 a.m.
Llama Walking Fleece	Thursday	March 14	2 – 6 p.m. at will
<i>(Walking Fleece is done at will before the judge and not in the arena as a regular halter class)</i>			
In Place (Arrival to Airport Blvd.)	Thursday	March 14	4 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Parade	Thursday	March 14	4 p.m.
Check-In Completed	Thursday	March 14	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday	March 14	6 p.m.
Llama Shorn Fleece	Friday	March 15	8 a.m.
Llama Open Pack	Friday	March 15	8 a.m.
Llama Open – Obs & PR	Friday	March 15	following Pack
Open Costume – Llama	Friday	March 15	30 mins following conclusion of Obs & PR
Youth Costume – Llama	Friday	March 15	following Open Llama Costume
Llama Open Showmanship	Saturday	March 16	8 a.m.
Lloan-A-Llama	Saturday	March 16	9 a.m.
Llama Halter	Saturday	March 16	10:30 a.m.
Llama Group Classes	Saturday	March 16	following Llama & Alpaca Halter
Llama & Alpaca Llympics	Saturday	March 16	6 p.m.
Llama Youth Showmanship	Sunday	March 17	8 a.m.
Llama Youth Performance	Sunday	March 17	following showmanship
Begin Release	Sunday	March 17	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 17	6 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the ALSA Handbook 22nd Edition, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Llama and Alpaca Show

- Entry Requirements Llamas:** Entries must be made on individual entry forms in the name of the animal and owner as matched to the ILR Registration document. An animal showing in more than one class may be entered on the same form. Handler names must be entered on the form. **Youth division entries must be in the name of the Youth.** A copy of the animal's ILR registration must be attached to each entry form. Non-Breeder animal's registration must be accompanied by a registration or veterinarian certificate verifying stated condition. **PAPER ENTRY FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE MAILED TO THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO OFFICE.**

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1ST. ENTRIES POSTMARKED AFTER FEBRUARY 1 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Special Rules for Open Llama Show

2. Registry:

- a. Llamas 5 months and older, entered in approved ALSA classes, with the exception of Youth Classes, must be registered or have passed screening with the International Llama Registry (ILR) or the Canadian Livestock Record Corporation (CLRC). Non-Breeder llamas do not have to be registered or have passed screening with the ILR or the CLRC except those recorded with ALSA and participating in the Award System. Photocopy of ILR/CLRC must accompany entry.

3. **Entry Limitations:** Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. After the maximum number of entries has been received, all remaining entries will be returned.

4. **Pens:** Pens will be assigned by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on a first come, first serve basis provided adequate stalling directives are included with registration packet. **Exhibitors wishing to be stalled next to another exhibitor must request so in an e-mail to the Show Staff at livestock@rodeohouston.com prior to February 1st.** Request must be made by both parties with Farm/Ranch and owner/individual name on mailed in forms and/or e-mail or they will not be honored. There is no limit to the number of stalls/pens requested; however, *only two llamas or three alpacas* may occupy a stall/pen. Only one stall/pen per farm may be used for tack/display. There will be no changing of stall assignments at the show. Stalls are 10' x 10'.

5. **Displays:** Exhibitors may setup displays for educational purposes but may not offer their products for sale at the show. Any exhibitor caught selling products will be subject to dismissal.

6. **Bedding:** Animals may be bedded on sand or other bedding. Carpet is not available. Requests to have sand removed from a stall prior to arrival must be in writing and indicate the number of stalls with or without sand. Requests must be sent with entry and e-mailed to the Show Staff at livestock@rodeohouston.com. Requests should include a diagram of sand and no sand and any sharing instructions. **Requests made after February 1st are subject to availability.**

7. **Feed/Water:** Exhibitor must provide feed and water troughs. Water outlets are available.

8. **Health Certificate:** See TX Animal Health Commission Rules. **The Show requires that all alpacas and llamas attending the show must have a Veterinary Health Certificate issued within 30 days of the last day of the show.**

9. **Halter Classes:** These classes are designed to showcase the breeding qualities of male and female llamas and alpacas. Llama Halter Classes will be divided into 3 wool-lengths, Light, Medium and Heavy. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enter the correct class; however, the judge will have final decision. No llama class changes will be made after judging starts. Alpaca color will be verified at check-in, prior to entering arena. Judge's decision is final.

10. **Open Performance Classes:** Animals entered in Youth Division Classes may not enter Open Performance Division Class.

11. **Animal Age:** Determined by date of Halter Classes. See Halter Class Section.

12. **Substitutions:** All substitutions must be for another animal in the exact same class number as the original entry. No additional fee will be charged for substitutions. All substitutions must be submitted before the close of check-in.

13. **Exhibitor Emergency Phone Numbers:** A nighttime emergency phone number must be posted on the front of each pen for the duration of the show.

14. **Intact Males ALSA:** Youth 7 to 19 years old may show intact males; however, Youth 7 to 12 years old may not show intact males over 24 months of age. Youth under 7 years old may not show intact males.

15. Entry Fees:

Halter Fee/per entry.....	\$25
Shorn Fleece Fee/per entry.....	\$15
Walking Fleece Fee/per entry.....	\$10
Group Class Entry, per class.....	\$10
Performance Fee/per entry.....	\$10
Showmanship Class Fee.....	\$10
Costume Contest Fee.....	\$10
ALSA Fee, per animal entered	\$ 5
Non-ALSA Youth Members (showing in youth classes)	\$15
Non-ALSA farm fee/per farm	\$60
Stall/Pen Fees, per pen.....	\$65
NO Entries will be accepted after February 1st NO EXCEPTIONS	

Special Rules for Open Llama Show

Llama and Alpaca Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Premium A	\$65	\$45	\$25		
Premium B	\$500				
Premium C	\$500	\$250	\$175	\$100	\$75
Premium D	\$500	\$100			
Premium E	\$200				

Good Herdsman Awards

All receive a plaque
1st – 4th places

Alpaca and Llama Show Association, Inc. (ALSA) Rules: This show is sanctioned by ALSA. All entries, points and awards are subject to the rules and regulations published in the ALSA Handbook 22nd Edition. There is a \$5 per ALSA fee for each animal entered. Non-ALSA members must pay \$60 fee per farm for showing their animals. Youth showing in youth classes must be an ALSA member or pay a \$15 non-member fee. Photocopy of ALSA membership card or current ALSA Membership Directory must be sent to avoid paying \$60 non-member fee. All entries must include ALSA member number, youth number and/or llama number to assure recording of points with ALSA. Animals and youth must be recorded with ALSA within 15 days after the show to accumulate ALSA points. Information about ALSA may be found at www.alsashow.org or by calling ALSA at (281) 516-1442.

Conflict of Interest between Exhibitor and Judge – Exhibitors need to practice good judgment in respect to the Conflict of Interest between Exhibitor and Judges. Per the ALSA rule book, the Judge must not have personal contact with exhibitors (other than a brief greeting) until after the entire show is over. Examples of personal contact include but are not limited to: talking to exhibitors outside the ring, riding together, dining together, visiting in the barn, and viewing sale animals or attending llama or alpaca sales in conjunction with the show they are judging.

The burden of responsibility is with the owner, exhibitor, or trainer to recognize a conflict of interest. When the exhibitor enters a show, it is done so with full knowledge of who will be judging. The Judge, on the other hand, accepts the job without knowing who will be exhibiting at the show.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Fleece Show

Fleece show will not begin until Friday morning this year, so early shipping of fleece will not be required. However, mail in fleece will be accepted from those not attending the show. Fleece can be shipped to the Livestock Office at the address below:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Kyle Walker
NRG Center
3 NRG Park
Houston, TX 77054

Class Listing is TBD

YOUTH LLAMA

Department II

NRG Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival	Thursday	March 14	10 a.m.
In Place (Arrival to Airport Blvd.)	Thursday	March 14	4 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Parade	Thursday	March 14	4 p.m.
Check-In Completed	Thursday	March 14	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday	March 14	6 p.m.
Youth Costume – Llama	Friday	March 15	following Open Llama Costume
Lloan-A-Llama	Saturday	March 16	9 a.m.
Llama & Alpaca Llympics	Saturday	March 16	6 p.m.
Llama Youth Showmanship	Sunday	March 17	8 a.m.
Llama Youth Performance	Sunday	March 17	following showmanship
Begin Release	Sunday	March 17	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 17	6 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Open Llama and Alpaca Special Rules, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules Youth Llama and Alpaca Show prevail.

****Special Rules of ALSA Llama and Alpaca Show – See the Llama and Alpaca Show, Department I, Special Rules.**

ALSA Youth Division Performance Classes: Youth 7 through 18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2023, may show in ALSA Youth classes. A Youth who becomes 7 years old during the year is eligible to show as of his/her birthday. Youth 7 through 11 years of age show in the Junior Division, Youth ages 12 through 14, show in the Intermediate Division & Youth 15 through 18, show in the Senior Division. **The Show offers sub-junior in obstacle, public relations and showmanship for youth not obtaining their 7th birthday before date of show.** In Youth Pack Classes, pack must have 2 cinches. Juniors will not remove pack. Youth may exhibit only one entry per class.

The following Premium Schedule applies:

Llama and Alpaca Youth Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Premium A	\$65	\$45	\$25		
Premium B	\$500	\$250			
Premium C	\$500	\$250	\$175	\$100	\$75
Premium D	\$200	\$100			

Special Rules for Youth Llama Show

Class Listing TBD

LLOAN-A-LLAMA: Open to youth 5 years old and in kindergarten through 18 years of age who do not own or lease a llama/alpaca. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Llama Committee will provide animals. Practice and judging will focus on handling animals and negotiating obstacles. This contest is limited to those youths who are not showing livestock at the 2023 Houston Livestock Show. Entry must be made through the Llama and Alpaca Committee. Trophies and ribbons will be presented. No premiums will be paid. Applications for the 2023 Lloan-A-Llama Show will be available on our Exhibitor page under Open Show or by clicking the link below.

Please direct any questions about Lloan-A-Llama to livestock@rodeohouston.com.

BEGINNER: For those youth, ages 5 through 18, who have never participated in this Committee program.

Junior Beginner Division: age 5 to 10

Senior Beginner Division: age 11 to 18

ADVANCED: For those youth that have participated previously in this program, but who do not qualify to exhibit in the approved youth classes. Youth may participate in the Advanced class only one time.

Junior Advanced Division: age 5 to 10

Senior Advanced Division: age 11 to 18



Attention Exhibitors - A limited number of Ranches/Farms or individuals donating animals to the Lloan-A-Llama program receive cash incentives and the owners of the animals that place 1st and 2nd in the different age/level divisions receive awards. A limited number of 50 animals will receive compensation depending on the yearly fundraising and other proceeds, not to exceed \$50 per animal. Only animals used in the Lloan-A-Llama program will be eligible for compensation and ONLY animals used in a performance class will be eligible to participate. No Intact males will be eligible for Lloan-A-Llama. Request for Lloan-A-Llama participation will be taken at the time of entry.

OPEN ALPACA

Department I

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Llama and Alpaca Committee \$ 30,500
(Subject to number of placings per class)

Superintendent – DJ Riedel – Conifer, CO

NRG Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival	Thursday	March 14	10 a.m.
In Place (Arrival to Airport Blvd.)	Thursday	March 14	4 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Parade	Thursday	March 14	4 p.m.
Check-In Completed	Thursday	March 14	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday	March 14	6 p.m.
Alpaca Walking Fleece	Friday	March 15	TBD
<i>(Walking Fleece is done at will before the judge and not in the arena as a regular halter class)</i>			
Alpaca Shorn Fleece	Friday	March 15	TBD
Alpaca Open – Obs & PR	Friday	March 15	TBD
Alpaca Open Showmanship	Saturday	March 16	TBD
Lloan-A-Llama	Saturday	March 16	TBD
Alpaca Halter	Saturday	March 16	TBD
Alpaca Group Classes	Saturday	March 16	TBD
Open Costume – Alpaca	Saturday	March 16	TBD
Youth Costume – Alpaca	Saturday	March 16	TBD
Llama & Alpaca Llympics	Saturday	March 16	6 p.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 17	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 17	6 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the ALSA Handbook 22nd Edition, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Alpaca Show

- Entry Requirements Alpacas:** Entries must be made on individual entry forms in the name of the animal and owner as matched to the AOA Registration document. An animal showing in more than one class may be entered on the same form. Handler names must be entered on the form. **Youth division entries must be in the name of the Youth.** A copy of the animal's AOA Registration document must be attached to each entry form. Non-Breeder animal's registration must be accompanied by a registration or veterinarian certificate verifying stated condition. **PAPER ENTRY FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE MAILED TO THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO OFFICE.**

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1ST. ENTRIES POSTMARKED AFTER FEBRUARY 1 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Special Rules for Open Alpaca Show

2. Registry:

- a. Alpacas 5 months and older, entered in and present at the show must be registered by the Alpaca Owners Association (AOA) or the Canadian Livestock Record Corporation (CLRC). Non-Breeder alpacas do not have to be registered or have passed screening with the AOA or the CLRC except those recorded with AOA and participating in the Award System. A photocopy of the AOA registration certificate must accompany entry.

3. **Entry Limitations:** Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. After the maximum number of entries has been received, all remaining entries will be returned.
4. **Pens:** Pens will be assigned by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on a first come, first serve basis provided adequate stalling directives are included with registration packet. **Exhibitors wishing to be stalled next to another exhibitor must request so in an e-mail to the Show Staff at livestock@rodeohouston.com prior to February 1st.** Request must be made by both parties with Farm/Ranch and owner/individual name on mailed in forms and/or e-mail or they will not be honored. There is no limit to the number of stalls/pens requested; however, *only two llamas or three alpacas* may occupy a stall/pen. Only one stall/pen per farm may be used for tack/display. There will be no changing of stall assignments at the show. Stalls are 10' x 10'.
5. **Displays:** Exhibitors may setup displays for educational purposes but may not offer their products for sale at the show. Any exhibitor caught selling products will be subject to dismissal.
6. **Bedding:** Animals may be bedded on sand or other bedding. Carpet is not available. Requests to have sand removed from a stall prior to arrival must be in writing and indicate the number of stalls with or without sand. Requests must be sent with entry and e-mailed to the Show Staff at livestock@rodeohouston.com. Requests should include a diagram of sand and no sand and any sharing instructions. **Requests made after February 1st are subject to availability.**
7. **Feed/Water:** Exhibitor must provide feed and water troughs. Water outlets are available.
8. **Health Certificate:** See TX Animal Health Commission Rules. **The Show requires that all alpacas and llamas attending the show must have a Veterinary Health Certificate issued within 30 days of the last day of the show.**
9. **Halter Classes:** These classes are designed to showcase the breeding qualities of male and female llamas and alpacas. Llama Halter Classes will be divided into 3 wool-lengths, Light, Medium and Heavy. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enter the correct class; however, the judge will have final decision. No llama class changes will be made after judging starts. Alpaca color will be verified at check-in, prior to entering arena. Judge's decision is final.
10. **Open Performance Classes:** Animals entered in Youth Division Classes may not enter Open Performance Division Class.
11. **Animal Age:** Determined by date of Halter Classes. See Halter Class Section.
12. **Substitutions:** All substitutions must be for another animal in the exact same class number as the original entry. No additional fee will be charged for substitutions. All substitutions must be submitted before the close of check-in.
13. **Exhibitor Emergency Phone Numbers:** A nighttime emergency phone number must be posted on the front of each pen for the duration of the show.
14. **Intact Males ALSA:** Youth 7 to 19 years old may show intact males; however, Youth 7 to 12 years old may not show intact males over 24 months of age. Youth under 7 years old may not show intact males.
15. **Entry Fees:**

Halter Fee/per entry.....	\$25
Shorn Fleece Fee/per entry.....	\$15
Walking Fleece Fee/per entry.....	\$10
Group Class Entry, per class.....	\$10
Performance Fee/per entry.....	\$10
Showmanship Class Fee.....	\$10
Costume Contest Fee.....	\$10
ALSA Fee, per animal entered	\$ 5
Non-ALSA Youth Members (showing in youth classes)	\$15
Non-ALSA farm fee/per farm	\$60
Stall/Pen Fees, per pen.....	\$65

NO Entries will be accepted after February 1st NO EXCEPTIONS

Special Rules for Open Alpaca Show

Llama and Alpaca Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Premium A	\$65	\$45	\$25		
Premium B	\$500				
Premium C	\$500	\$250	\$175	\$100	\$75
Premium D	\$500	\$100			
Premium E	\$200				

Good Herdsman Awards

All receive a plaque
1st – 4th places

Class Listing TBD

YOUTH ALPACA

Department II

NRG Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival	Thursday	March 14	10 a.m.
In Place (Arrival to Airport Blvd.)	Thursday	March 14	4 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Parade	Thursday	March 14	4 p.m.
Check-In Completed	Thursday	March 14	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday	March 14	6 p.m.
Youth Costume – Alpaca	Saturday	March 16	following Open Alpaca Costume
Llama & Alpaca Llympics	Saturday	March 16	6 p.m.
Alpaca Youth Showmanship	Sunday	March 17	8 a.m.
Alpaca Youth Performance	Sunday	March 17	following showmanship
Begin Release	Sunday	March 17	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 17	6 p.m.

This show is subject to the AOA, ALSA, Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Open Llama and Alpaca Special Rules, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules Youth Llama and Alpaca Show prevail.

**Special Rules of AOA Alpaca Show – See the Alpaca Show, Department I, Special Rules.

AOA Youth Division Performance Classes: Youth 7 through 18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2023, may show in ALSA Youth classes. A Youth who becomes 7 years old during the year is eligible to show as of his/her birthday. Youth 7 through 11 years of age show in the Junior Division, Youth ages 12 through 14, show in the Intermediate Division & Youth 15 through 18, show in the Senior Division.

The Show offers sub-junior in obstacle, public relations and showmanship for youth not obtaining their 7th birthday before date of show. In Youth Pack Classes, pack must have 2 cinches. Juniors will not remove pack. Youth may exhibit only one entry per class.

The following Premium Schedule applies:

Llama and Alpaca Youth Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Premium A	\$65	\$45	\$25		
Premium B	\$500	\$250			
Premium C	\$500	\$250	\$175	\$100	\$75
Premium D	\$200	\$100			

Class Schedule TBD

SHEEP DOG TRIALS

Department SD

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Sheep and Goat Committee\$6,000

Move-in:	Sunday, March 3	8 a.m.
Trials begin:	Sunday, March 3	9 a.m.
Must be out by:	Sunday, March 3	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Sheep Dog Trials

1. Entry Requirements: Official Entry must be made online with an entry fee of \$40 per entry. One entry fee is valid for the eligibility in both trials. Entry deadline is Feb. 1, 2024.
2. On-line entry and on-line payment is available for Sheep Dog Trial entries via the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website: www.rodeohouston.com.
3. Health Requirements: Refer to the TX Animal Health Commission Rules on page 40. Health Papers will be checked at check-in. Animals not in compliance with animal health rules will be escorted off premises.
4. Awards: There will be a buckle awarded to each overall class winner based on the best cumulative time on the two trials.
5. Divisions: Open, Open Ranch, Ranch, Novice, Nursery.
6. Animals: Dogs will only be allowed in unloading dock area of NRG Center, the staging area, and the Main arena during competition. Dogs are not permitted in other areas of NRG Park. Potty areas will be designated, and owners should make their best attempt to use these areas.
7. Competition: Two trials with one run each. Sliding scale payout will be used. Premiums will be paid directly from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Total purse will be \$3,000 per trial.
8. Check In: Owners should check-in animals at Dock C of NRG Center. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until 9 a.m.

OPEN BREEDING RABBITS

* DOUBLE SHOW *

Secretary – Debbie Mott – Temple, TX

Judges:
TBD

NRG Arena – Hall A&B

Begin Arrival:	Saturday	March 9	6 a.m.; <i>Arrive directly to Gate 5 NRG Arena</i>
In Place By:	Saturday	March 9	8 a.m.
 Show A & B:	Saturday	March 9	9:30 a.m.
Awards:	Saturday	March 9	Conclusion of Judging
Begin Release:	Saturday	March 9	Conclusion of Breed
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Saturday	March 9	8 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Open Breeding Rabbit Show

- Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules. An ARBA Registrar will be available at the show. Times the registrar will be available for registering rabbits will be posted in the rabbit arena area.
- Sanctioned Breeds:**
 - 4 Class – Dutch, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Mini Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Tan
 - 6 Class – Californian, Champagne D' Argent, Cinnamon, English Lop, French Lop, New Zealand
 - There is no Meat Pen division in the Open Breeding Rabbit Show.
 - The Open Breeding Rabbit Show is sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association and the TX Rabbit Breeders Association. A full listing of ARBA national specialty clubs sanctioned for the 2023 Houston Livestock Show™ can be found on the following website. <https://arba.net/national-specialty-clubs/>
- Entry Requirements:** The entry fee is \$8 per rabbit for Show A and \$8 per rabbit for Show B. One rabbit must be shown to receive an exhibitor grounds pass. Exhibitors must enter Show A to enter Show B. Both Shows must be entered by the entry deadline. The same animal may not be shown in both the Open and Youth Shows.
- Arrival and Check-In:** All exhibitors must arrive directly to NRG Arena and enter through Gate 5. Exhibitors may begin to arrive no earlier than 6 a.m. and must be in place by 8 a.m. Animals are subject to inspection at check-in. Animals showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later must leave the Show grounds.
- Trailer Parking:** No Trailers will be allowed to park in Maroon Lot. Trailer parking will be located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd; Houston, TX 77051). **You may not bring any trailer to Gate 5 for Move Out until you have received your release papers.**
- Substitutions:** Free substitutions will be taken up to Feb 25, 2024 by email only to livestock@rodeohouston.com. Substitutions are allowed in the same class, sex, breed, and variety as the original entry. Substitutions must be made to the show secretary when the animals are checked in. Substitution Fee is \$3 per rabbit in Show A and \$3 per rabbit in Show B.
- Identification:** Rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in the left ear. No animal will be checked in without a permanent tattoo.
- Sales:** Exhibitors are not allowed to sell animals unless the animals are entered in the Show. Exhibitors selling rabbits must get a release from the Rabbit Show for all animals sold before removing the animals from the Show grounds. No early releases for sale animals will be provided. Rabbits not entered in the Show are not allowed on Show grounds. "For Sale" signs will not be allowed.
- Check-Out:** Only the exhibitor may check-out his or her rabbits. Animals left after check-out time will forfeit awards, ribbons, and money and the exhibitor will not be allowed to Show the following year.
- Payments:** Checks will not be issued for premiums less than \$5.00.

Special Rules for Open Breeding Rabbit Show

11. **Prizes:** Show A sanctioned breeds with 1-9 animals shown will be eligible for class premiums and rosettes; 10+ animals will be eligible for class premiums, trophies, and cash awards. Non-sanctioned breeds will be eligible for class premiums and rosettes. Show B sanctioned breeds with 1-9 animals shown will be eligible for class premiums, and rosettes only. 10+ animals will be eligible for class premiums, rosettes and cash awards. Non-sanctioned breeds with 10+ will be eligible for class premiums and rosettes. Best in show, 1st Runner Up, 2nd Runner Up and Best of Best Opposite will receive class premiums, trophies and cash awards.

Open Breeding Rabbit Show Premium Schedule

Show A and Show B

All breeds entered and judged in Show A and B are eligible for class premiums based on number of rabbits judged in each class.

Class Premiums:

# in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
2	\$2.00				
3-4	\$4.00	\$2.00			
5-6	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00		
7-8	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	
9+	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

All sanctioned breeds in Show A are eligible to receive awards for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex. Sanctioned breeds with 10 or more rabbits entered and judged are eligible to receive:

Best of Breed	Award + Cash
Best Opposite Sex	Award + Cash

Non-sanctioned breeds entered and judged in Show A will receive Rosettes for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex.

Show B

All Show B sanctioned breeds will receive Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex cash awards in compliance with breed specialty club rules. All sanctioned breeds shown will be eligible for class premiums and rosettes only.

Shows A & B:

Additional awards are presented by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Rabbit Committee:

Best in Show	Award + Cash
First Runner-Up	Award + Cash
Second Runner-Up	Award + Cash
Best of Best Opposites	Award + Cash

*Determination of sanctioned breeds based on number of animals entered and shown the year prior.

OPEN CAVIES

Secretary – Debbie Mott – Temple, TX

Judge: TBD

NRG Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival:	Saturday	March 2	5 a.m. - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
In Place By:	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m. - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
Show:	Saturday	March 2	Following Youth Cavy Show
Awards:	Saturday	March 2	Conclusion of Judging
Begin Release:	Saturday	March 2	After Awards Ceremony
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Saturday	March 2	6 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for the Open Cavy Show

- Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules.
- Entry Requirements:** The entry fee is \$8 per cavy. One cavy must be entered to receive an exhibitor grounds pass. The same animal may not be shown in both the Open and Youth Shows.
- Arrival and Check-In:** All exhibitors must stage at the staging lot located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051). As Space is available, exhibitors will be released to NRG Arena and enter through Gate 5. Exhibitors must have a move-in tag to enter Gate 5. Exhibitors may begin to arrive no earlier than 5 a.m. and must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 7 a.m. on Saturday, March 2. Animals will be inspected at check-in. Animals showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later must leave the Show grounds. Exhibitor must obtain a release form from the rabbit office prior to removing these animals.
- Trailer Parking:** No Trailers will be allowed to park in Maroon Lot. Trailer parking will be located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051). **You may not bring any trailer to Gate 5 for Move Out until you have received your release papers.**
- Substitutions:** Free substitutions will be taken up to Feb 25, 2024 by email only to livestock@rodeohouston.com. Substitutions are allowed in the same class, sex, breed, and variety as the original entry. Substitutions must be made to the show secretary when the animals are checked in. Substitution Fee is \$3 per cavy.
- Identification:** Cavies must have a permanent ear tag in the left ear. No entry will be checked in without an ear tag.
- Sales:** Exhibitors may sell animals that are entered in the Show. Exhibitors selling cavies must get a release from the Cavy Show for all animals sold before removing the animals from the Show grounds. No early releases for sale animals will be provided. Only cavies entered in the show are allowed on the show grounds. "For Sale" signs are not allowed.
- Check-Out:** Only the exhibitor may check-out his/her cavies. Animals left after checkout time will forfeit awards, ribbons, and money and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the following year.
- Payments:** Checks will not be issued for premiums less than \$5.
- Prizes:** Sanctioned breeds with 1-9 animals shown will be eligible for class premiums and rosettes; 10+ animals will be eligible for class premiums, trophies, and cash awards. Best in show, 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up will receive trophies, premium money and cash awards.

Special Rules for the Open Cavy Show

Open Cavy Premium Schedule

All cavies entered and judged are eligible for class premiums based on number of cavies judged in each class.

Class Premiums:

# in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
2	\$2.00				
3-4	\$4.00	\$2.00			
5-6	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00		
7-8	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	
9+	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

Breeds with 10 or more cavies entered and judged are eligible to receive the following:

Best of Breed	Award + Cash
Best Opposite Sex	Award + Cash

Additional awards are presented by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Rabbit Committee:

Best in Show	Award + Cash
First Runner-Up	Award + Cash
Second Runner-Up	Award + Cash

YOUTH BREEDING RABBITS

Secretary – Deanna Burton – Tomball, TX

Judges:
TBD

NRG Arena – Hall A & B



Wave 1

(6 Class Breeds: American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox)

Begin Arrival:	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m. - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
Judging Contest:	Saturday	March 2	Noon
In Place By (Costume Contest):	Saturday	March 2	Noon
Costume Contest:	Saturday	March 2	TBD
In Place By:	Saturday	March 2	5 p.m. - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
Show:	Sunday	March 3	8 a.m.
Begin Release:	Sunday	March 3	After Conclusion of Breed
Awards:	Sunday	March 3	1 Hour after Conclusion of the Show
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Sunday	March 3	1 Hour after Awards



Wave 2 (Breeds TBD)

Begin Arrival:	Sunday	March 3	Noon - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
Judging Contest:	Sunday	March 3	4 p.m.
In Place By:	Sunday	March 3	5 p.m. - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
Show:	Monday	March 4	8 a.m.
Begin Release:	Monday	March 4	After Conclusion of Breed
Costume Contest	Monday	March 4	TBD
Awards:	Monday	March 4	After Conclusion of the Show
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Monday	March 4	5 p.m.



Wave 3 (Breeds TBD)


Begin Arrival:	Monday	March 4	Noon - <i>Airport Blvd. Staging Lot</i>
Judging Contest:	Monday	March 4	4 p.m.
In Place By:	Monday	March 4	5 p.m. - <i>Airport Blvd. Staging Lot</i>
Costume Contest	Monday	March 4	TBD
Show	Tuesday	March 5	8 a.m.
Begin Release:	Tuesday	March 5	After Conclusion of Breed
Awards:	Tuesday	March 5	After Conclusion of the Show
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Tuesday	March 5	5 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Youth Breeding Rabbit Show

- Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules. An ARBA Registrar will be present at the show. Times the Registrar will be available for registering rabbits will be posted in the Rabbit Show area.
- Sanctioned Breeds:** The following breeds will be sanctioned. All other breeds can be shown but will be unsanctioned.
 - 4 Class – American Fuzzy Lop, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Florida White, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Silver, Tan
 - 6 Class – American, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Crème D' Argent, English Lop, English Spot, Flemish Giant, French Lop, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox
 - The Youth Breeding Rabbit Show is sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association and the TX Rabbit Breeders Association. A full listing of ARBA national specialty clubs sanctioned for the 2023 Houston Livestock Show™ can be found on the following website: <https://arba.net/national-specialty-clubs/>
- Entry Requirements:** Minimum entry is one rabbit entry fee of \$8, per rabbit. One rabbit must be entered to receive an exhibitor grounds pass. The same animal may not be shown in both the Open and Youth Shows.
- Entry Limit:** There will not be a limit on entries for 2024.
- Exhibitor Eligibility:** Exhibitor must be enrolled in a public, private, elementary, or secondary school in TX. Exhibitor must be at least 5 years old, but not older than 18 years old on the day that judging begins.
- Arrival and Check-In:** All exhibitors must stage at the staging lot located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051). As Space is available, exhibitors will be released to NRG Arena and enter through Gate 5. Exhibitors must have a move-in tag to enter Gate 5. Exhibitors may begin to arrive no earlier than 7 a.m. for Wave 1 and Noon for Wave 2 and must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 5 p.m. for each Wave.
 - Animals will be inspected at check-in. Animals showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later must leave the Show grounds.
 - Exhibitor must obtain a release form from the rabbit office prior to removing these animals.
- Trailer Parking:** No Trailers will be allowed to park in Maroon Lot. Trailer parking will be located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051). **You may not bring any trailer to Gate 5 for Move Out until you have received your release papers.**
- Substitutions:** Free substitutions will be taken up to Feb 25, 2024, by email to livestock@rodeohouston.com. Substitutions are only allowed in the same class, sex, breed, and variety as the original entry. Substitutions must be made to the show secretary when the animals are checked in. Substitution Fee is \$3 per animal.
- Identification:** Rabbits must have a permanent identification tattoo in the left ear. The tattoo in its entirety must be used on show paperwork. No entry will be checked in without an ear mark.
- Care of Animals:** Exhibitors must bring water and feed containers. Exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.

Special Rules for Youth Breeding Rabbit Show

11. **Show Competition:** Animals in locked cages at show time will not be shown.
12. **Sales:** Exhibitors are not allowed to sell animals unless the animals are entered in the show. Exhibitors selling rabbits must get a release from the Rabbit Show for all animals sold before removing the animals from the Show grounds day of check out. Rabbits not entered in the Show are not allowed on Show grounds. "For Sale" signs are not allowed.
13. **Check-Out:** Only the exhibitor may check-out his or her rabbits unless other arrangements are made through the Rabbit Secretary's Office prior to checkout. Animals left after check-out time will forfeit awards, ribbons, and money & the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the following year.
14. **Payments:** Checks will not be issued for premiums less than \$5.
15. **Prizes:** Only sanctioned breeds with 10 or more animals shown will receive awards. Only sanctioned breeds with 20 or more rabbits shown will receive awards and premiums.
16. **Rabbit and Cavy Costume Contest:** The rabbit and cavy costume cost will consist of 5 categories; Best Rodeo Theme, Most Elaborate Costume, Funniest Costume, Best Character Impersonation, and Most Colorful Costume. Registration for the Costume Contest will take place at the time of entry or check-in at Rabbit Secretary's Building. Exhibitors will be limited to one (1) entry for the Rabbit and Cavy Costume Contest and category to be determined by the judges. Animals must be entered in the Youth Breeding Rabbit or Cavy Show to participate.
-  17. **Champions:** All Best of Breeds and Best Opposites of Breed from Wave 1 & Wave 2 will need to hold over through the conclusion of Wave 3 in order to be eligible for Best of Show Placement.

Special Rules for Youth Breeding Rabbit Show

Youth Breeding Rabbit Show Premium Schedule

All breeds are eligible for class premiums based on number of rabbits judged in each class.

Class Premiums:

# in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
3	\$5.00				
4-5	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00		
6-7	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	
8-9	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00
10-14	\$13.00	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.00
15+	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$15.00	\$14.00	\$13.00

All sanctioned breeds are eligible to receive awards for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex. Sanctioned breeds with 20 or more rabbits entered and judged are eligible to receive:

Best of Breed	Buckle + Cash
Best Opposite Sex	Award + Cash

Non-sanctioned breeds will receive rosettes for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex.

Additional awards are presented by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Rabbit Committee:

Best in Show	Buckle + Cash
First Runner-Up	Award + Cash
Second Runner-Up	Award + Cash
Best of Best Opposites	Award + Cash

*Determination of sanctioned breeds based on number of animals entered and shown the year prior.

*First, second and third place winners in individual and team contests will be eligible for awards and cash premiums.

Special Rules for Youth Rabbit Judging Contest

1. Contestants must have rabbits entered and judged in the current Houston Livestock Show.
2. Awards will be presented to first, second and third place winners in both the individual and team contests.
3. Junior Division Contest: Contestants 8 to 10 years of age will take a written judging test.
4. Intermediate Division Contest: Contestants 11 to 13 years of age will take a written judging test.
5. Senior Division Contest: Contestants 14 to 18 years of age will take a written judging test and place a class of live rabbits.
6. Team Judging Contest: Each team will consist of four youth exhibitors. If a team wishes to compete in the Junior Division of this contest, all four team members must meet the Junior Division age requirements. You must sign up your own team or you will be assigned a team. Exhibitors must designate team members at time of registration.
7. First Timer's Contest: Contestants ages 8-11 who have not previously competed in a Youth Rabbit Judging Contest. Individual contest ONLY – No teams. Award presented to first place winner.
8. Breed Identification: All divisions

YOUTH CAVIES

Secretary – Debbie Mott – Temple, TX

Judge: TBD

NRG Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival:	Saturday	March 2	5 a.m. - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
In Place By:	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m. – Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
Show:	Saturday	March 2	9 a.m.
Judging Contest	Saturday	March 2	Noon
Awards:	Saturday	March 2	Upon Completion
Costume Contest	Saturday	March 2	2 p.m.
Begin Release:	Saturday	March 2	After Awards Ceremony
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Saturday	March 2	6 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for the Youth Cavy Show

- Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules.
- Entry Requirements:** Minimum entry is one (1) cavy for a minimum entry fee of \$8. One cavy must be shown to receive an exhibitor grounds pass. The same animal may not be shown in both the Open and Youth Shows.
- Exhibitor Eligibility:** Youth exhibitors must be enrolled in a public, private, elementary, or secondary school in TX. Exhibitor must be at least 5 years old, but not older than 18 years old on the day that judging begins.
- Arrival and Check-In:** All exhibitors must stage at the staging lot located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051). As Space is available, exhibitors will be released to NRG Arena and enter through Gate 5. Exhibitors must have a move-in tag to enter Gate 5. Exhibitors may begin to arrive no earlier than 5 a.m. and must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 7 a.m. on Saturday, March 2. Animals will be inspected at check-in. Animals showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later must leave the Show grounds. Exhibitor must obtain a release form from the rabbit office prior to removing these animals.
- Trailer Parking:** No Trailers will be allowed to park in Maroon Lot. Trailer parking will be located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd; Houston, TX 77051). **You may not bring any trailer to Gate 5 for Move Out until you have received your release papers.**
- Substitutions:** Free substitutions will be taken up to Feb 25, 2024 by email only to livestock@rodeohouston.com. Substitutions are allowed in the same class, sex, breed, and variety as the original entry. Substitutions must be made to the show secretary by the time animals are checked in. Substitution Fee is \$3 per cavy.
- Identification:** Cavies must have a permanent ear tag in the left ear. No entry will be checked in without an ear tag.
- Sales:** Exhibitors may sell animals that are entered in the Show. Exhibitors selling cavies must get a release from the Cavy Show for all animals sold before removing the animals from the Show grounds. No early releases for sale animals will be provided. Only cavies entered in the show are allowed on the show grounds. "For Sale" signs are not allowed.
- Check-Out:** Only the exhibitor may check-out his/her cavies. Animals left after checkout time will forfeit awards, ribbons, and money and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the following year.
- Payments:** Checks will not be issued for premiums less than \$5.
- Prizes:** Sanctioned breeds with 1-9 animals shown will be eligible for class premiums and rosettes; 10+ animals will be eligible for class premiums, trophies, and cash awards. Best in show, 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up will receive trophies, premium money and cash awards.

Special Rules for the Youth Cavy Show

12. Rabbit and Cavy Costume Contest: The rabbit and cavy costume cost will consist of 5 categories; Best Rodeo Theme, Most Elaborate Costume, Funniest Costume, Best Character Impersonation, and Most Colorful Costume. Registration for the Costume Contest will take place at the time of check-in at **Rabbit Secretary's Building**. Exhibitors will be limited to one (1) entry for the Rabbit and Cavy Costume Contest and category will be determined by the judges. **Animals must be entered in the Youth Breeding Rabbit or Cavy Show to participate.**

Youth Cavy Premium Schedule

All cavies entered and judged are eligible for class premiums based on number of cavies judged in each class.

Class Premiums:

# in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
2	\$2.00				
3-4	\$4.00	\$2.00			
5-6	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00		
7-8	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	
9+	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

Breeds with 10 or more cavies entered and judged are eligible to receive the following:

Best of Breed	Award + Cash
Best Opposite Sex	Award + Cash

Additional awards are presented by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Rabbit Committee:

Best in Show	Award + Cash
First Runner-Up	Award + Cash
Second Runner-Up	Award + Cash

YOUTH MEAT PEN RABBITS

Secretary – Deanna Burton – Tomball, TX

Judge:
TBD

NRG Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival:	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m. - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
In Place By:	Saturday	March 2	10 a.m. - Airport Blvd. Staging Lot
Show:	Saturday	March 2	10 a.m.
Awards	Saturday	March 2	1 hour after judging

ONLY THE TOP 30 MEAT PENS WILL BE PLACED AND AWARDED,
ALL MEAT PENS TO BE RELEASED SATURDAY, MARCH 2 BY 6 P.M.
OVERNIGHT MEAT PENS ACCEPTED FOR YOUTH BREED ENTRIES ONLY

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Youth Meat Pen Rabbit Show

- Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules. An ARBA Registrar will be present at the show. Times the Registrar will be available for registering rabbits will be posted in the rabbit show area.
- Eligible Breeds:** American, American Chin, Argente Bruns, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Rex. (These are the only breeds eligible for the Youth Meat Pen Show).
- Entry Requirements:** Two meat pens of three rabbits each per exhibitor, **no alternates**, will be accepted. Only one meat pen per exhibitor will have the opportunity to advance to the top 30. In the event that a judge selects two meat pens from the same exhibitor to be placed in the top 30, only the higher placing pen from that exhibitor becomes eligible to be awarded a top 30 premium. Rabbits will all be of the same breed and variety, but do not have to come from the same litter. Rabbit age limit is 10 weeks. Minimum weight is three and a half pounds (3.5 lbs) for each rabbit and maximum weight is five and a half pounds (5.5 lbs) for each rabbit. Entry fees are \$10 per pen.
- Exhibitor Eligibility:** Exhibitor must be enrolled in a public or private, elementary, or secondary school in TX. Exhibitor must be at least 5 years old, but not older than 18 years old on the day that judging begins. Exhibitor must be a legal TX resident.
- Animal Ownership:** Exhibitor must own the doe or does from which they pick their meat pens. Random checks will be made regarding doe and babies and both the doe and babies must be available for random checks through the show date. Rabbits' location must be filled out on the entry application if rabbits are housed at a location other than the exhibitor's residence and/or if exhibitors mailing address is a post office box.
- Breeding Date:** Breeding date is **November 26, 2023 for the 2024 Show.**
- Arrival, Check-In and Judging:** All exhibitors must stage at the staging lot located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051). As Space is available, exhibitors will be released to NRG Arena and enter through Gate 5. Exhibitors must have a move-in tag to enter Gate 5. Exhibitors may begin to arrive no earlier than 6 a.m. and must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 2. Animals will be inspected at check-in. Animals showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later must leave the Show grounds. Exhibitor must obtain a release form from the rabbit office prior to removing these animals.
- Trailer Parking:** No Trailers will be allowed to park in Maroon Lot. Trailer parking will be located at Airport Boulevard (1901 Airport Blvd; Houston, TX 77051). **You may not bring any trailer to Gate 5 for Move Out until you have received your release papers.**

Special Rules for Youth Meat Pen Rabbit Show

9. **Identification:** Rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in the left ear and the Houston Livestock Show special tattoo in the right ear. The Houston Livestock Show tattoo will be placed in the rabbit's right ear, by a Houston Livestock Show committee person at time of validation. Exhibitors will be notified of the time and location for this tattooing. **Validation date is February 3, 2024.** Tentative tattoo locations include Belton, Ft. Worth, Henderson, Houston, and San Antonio. Locations are subject to change. Your location will be sent to you by email.
10. **Care of Animals:** Exhibitors must bring water and feed containers. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own rabbits.
11. **Overnight Coops** --Overnight meat pen coops will be provided for any youth breeders who are also entered in the Youth Show. See the Youth Show secretary for assigned coops. Overnight meat pens must be cooped for the duration of the youth show and must follow check out procedures as noted on Youth Breed Show.
12. **Sales:** Exhibitors are not allowed to sell animals unless the animals are entered in the show. Exhibitors selling rabbits must obtain a release from the Rabbit Show for all animals sold before removing the animals from the Show grounds. Rabbits not entered in the Show are not allowed on Show grounds. "For Sale" signs are not allowed.
13. **Check-Out:** Only the exhibitor may check-out his or her rabbits unless other arrangements are made through the rabbit office prior to checkout. Animals left after check-out time will forfeit awards, ribbons, and money and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the following year.

Youth Meat Pen Rabbit Show Premium Schedule

Minimum premium money from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Rabbit Committee will be presented as follows:

Grand Champion Meat Pen.....	\$7,500, Buckle
Reserve Champion Meat Pen.....	\$5,000, Buckle

JUNIOR SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Preamble:

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (the "Show") is organized for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. In accordance with the Bylaws of the Show, a livestock exposition shall be held once each year to encourage the improvement of the breeding and raising of cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, mules, poultry and other livestock and farm products for the benefit of the public. The Bylaws also state that the Show may promote and maintain educational functions. In keeping with these same Bylaws, the purpose of the Junior Livestock Division of the Houston Livestock Show shall be to encourage and promote the educational aspects of livestock projects conducted only by junior exhibitors under the proper supervision and direction of either an Agricultural Science Teacher (AST) or a County Extension Agent (CEA).

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo recognizes that the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, through its 4-H Clubs, and the TX Education Agency, through the FFA Chapters, provide a valuable service to the public in educating TX school students in the principles of successful raising and breeding of livestock. In order to encourage participation in the 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters throughout the state, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo includes as a part of its annual livestock exhibition the Junior Livestock Division which is a special exhibition for TX 4-H Club and FFA members. The purpose of the Junior Livestock Division is to encourage participation in livestock projects conducted under the authority and supervision of all Agricultural Science Teachers (ASTs) or County Extension Agents (CEAs).

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo allows CEAs and ASTs in charge of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter livestock programs the opportunity to enter members which they believe have demonstrated exceptional interest and ability in the raising, caring and breeding of livestock, subject to these Special Rules. These Rules, however, are only prescribed as minimum requirements for participation in the Show, and are not intended to in any way limit the right of any CEA or AST, or the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension or TX Education Agency, to impose additional requirements as they may deem necessary regarding participation in the Junior Livestock Division.

The opportunity to enter 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members' projects in the Junior Livestock Division is only available to CEAs and ASTs supervising these livestock projects. In no event are these rules to be construed as making any offer or opportunity available to any 4-H Club or FFA Chapter member. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered to be an agent of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for any purpose. This preamble shall be considered to be a part of these Special Rules for the Junior Livestock Division, and all rules are to be interpreted in accordance with the purposes herein described.

REQUIRED:

Each Junior Exhibitor and Open Show Exhibitor must complete an IRS W-9 form and return it with entry. Premium payouts will not be made without a completed W-9 form.

- 1. General Rules:** All entries in this department are subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this book, to these Special Junior Show Rules and to the Special Rules listed for each breed show. In the event of any conflict between these Special Junior Show Rules and the General Rules, the provisions of these Special Junior Show Rules shall govern.
- 2. Junior Show Participation:** Participation in the Junior Livestock Division is limited to TX resident students, who are members of a TX 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and who have continuously owned and personally fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. Exhibitors must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the Show. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private elementary or secondary schools in TX. Students must be between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before Aug. 31, 2023. Each FFA Chapter and 4-H Club must be a member in good standing with its state and National affiliates.
- 3. Quality Counts Verification:** Exhibitors are now required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the current year Show. Junior market, breeding show entries, and Calf Scramble entrants will not be accepted without the verification code for each exhibitor. Verification codes are not required for Agricultural Mechanics exhibitors, Young Guns Clay Shoot, Young Guns Skeet Shoot, Archery, Poster Board contest, Video Competition, and Judging Contest contestants. The test can be found at <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
- 4. Dual Show Entry:** Animals entered in the Junior Dairy Show, Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show, and the Junior Breeding Sheep Show may also enter the Open Show.
- 5. Entries:** Entries must be made by the CEAs and ASTs with one payment for total fees drawn on an account of the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and made payable to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Entries must be accompanied by the online entry summary sheet, a check for all fees paid to the Show from the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, a signed and notarized release of liability and indemnity for each exhibitor, and a W-9 form for each exhibitor. Do not combine applications from more than one 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

6. **Late Entries:** Junior Show entries submitted between midnight, Dec. 1 and on or before midnight, Dec. 5 will be accepted with a \$250 late fee per club/chapter. Entries submitted after midnight, Dec. 6 until closing of check-in for individual species will automatically be charged a \$500 extra late fee per entry submitted by mail or in person. (Payment in the form of cash, check, or credit card must be received prior to the close of check-in for the respective specie). Late entries are not guaranteed to be in pre-Show press releases.
7. **Individual Exhibitors:** Entry applications will not be accepted from individual junior exhibitors.
8. **Partnership Entries:** Partnership entries will not be accepted in market classes (steers, lambs, barrows, goats and poultry) or in the junior breeding beef heifer, breeding sheep, and breeding gilt shows.
9. **Maximum Number of Entries:** For each individual junior exhibitor within the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, the CEAs and ASTs may enter a maximum of the following animals in the Junior Shows:

one market steer	one beef heifer
no limit on dairy heifers	one pen of commercial steers
one market barrow	three entries on breeding gilts
one market wether lamb	no limit on breeding sheep
one group of sheep per group class	one market wether goat
one turkey	one pen of broilers

The use of 4-H membership and FFA membership to attempt to enter more than the maximum number of entries per junior exhibitor in each department will result in disqualification of each individual junior exhibitor involved.

10. **Companion Animals:** Only animals entered in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ are allowed on show grounds. All other animals, excluding entered cow-calf pairs, will be removed per Show Management.
11. **Club or Chapter Entries:** Entries made in the name of FFA chapters or 4-H clubs are not eligible in the Junior Livestock Show except for class 19 of the Junior Dairy Show, the Agricultural Mechanics Show and Judging Contests.
12. **Grounds Passes:** One per exhibitor. Two complimentary Exhibitor Grounds Passes will be offered to each county or chapter entry.
13. **Parking Permits:** Complimentary parking permits are offered with the following limitations:

Gate 11 Parking (onsite parking):

Each club/chapter will receive 1 parking pass for this lot for each time period that the club/chapter has entries for teacher/agents. If the lot meets capacity, vehicles with a pass to this lot will be sent to Gate 21.

Gate 21 (lot located South of 610 at the corner of West Bellfort and Kirby):

Parking will be distributed for each time period as follows based on total entries per time period:

Number of exhibitors	Permits Allowed
1	1
2-3	2
4-10	4
11-15	6
16-20	8
21-25	10
26-30	12
31-50	20
51 & more	30

The parking permit must be displayed from rear view mirror and is transferable to other vehicles. Permits do not guarantee a parking space. Parking permits cannot be purchased and are not distributed during the Show; they must be obtained in advance.

*In addition to grounds passes, 2 parking passes per team will be issued to on-site judging contest participants. Judging contest participants will not be allowed on the grounds without a parking pass.

**Permit must be displayed from rear view mirror and is transferable to other vehicles. Permits do not guarantee a parking space. Vehicle permits cannot be purchased and are not distributed during the Show; they must be obtained in advance.

- 14. Ineligible Exhibitors:** 4-H and FFA members are considered to be eligible by the Houston Livestock Show for participation in the Junior Livestock Show at the time completed online entries are received from the AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent of the Livestock Show 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.
- 15. Foreign Exchange Students:** Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in the Junior Livestock Division. Such individuals are eligible to participate in the Open Livestock Show. All Junior Show exhibitors must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the Show.
- 16. Past Winners:** Junior exhibitors who have had a Grand Champion steer, lamb, goat, barrow, pen of broilers or turkey at any prior Houston Livestock Show are not eligible to compete in the division in which their prior Grand Champion was exhibited. The winner of a previous Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show cannot compete in that show.
- 17. Substitute Exhibitor:** Junior Show animals must be exhibited and sold by its owner. EXCEPTION: A substitute exhibitor may be used under the following conditions:
- When an exhibitor has more than one entry in the Junior Show and cannot be present to show their animal in another department
 - When an exhibitor is sick (**must be accompanied by a signed statement from a doctor**)
 - Approved school activities, STAAR test, etc. (**must be accompanied by a signed statement from a school official on school letterhead**)

When one of the above conditions exists, the department superintendent may decide whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a substitute is allowed by the department superintendent, the substitute showman must be from the same county as the original exhibitor. The substitute exhibitor also must meet all requirements of a Junior Livestock Show exhibitor. If only one exhibitor is present from a county, the department superintendent can approve a substitute from another county. An exhibitor may be used as a substitute only one time per department. Any exhibitor of a past grand champion in a respective junior market animal department is **NOT** eligible to serve as a substitute exhibitor. An official substitute exhibitor form must be filled out and turned in to department superintendent until closing of check-in. The department superintendent may also require positive identification of the substitute.

- 18. Ownership Dates:** All species listed below MUST be owned on or before the dates listed below. The feeding and fitting period should begin on or before the ownership date. For information regarding county validation, please contact the supervising CEA/AST.

Ownership Date	Junior Show	Texas Validation Required
June 30	Junior Market Steers	YES
Sept. 30	Junior Commercial Steers	NO
Oct. 1	Junior Breeding Sheep	YES
Oct. 31	Junior Market Lambs	YES
Oct. 31	Junior Market Goats	YES
Nov. 1	Junior Breeding Beef	YES
Nov. 30	Junior Market Barrows	YES
Dec. 1	Junior Breeding Gilts	YES
Dec. 1	Junior Dairy Heifers	NO

- 19. Ownership Certification/Fitting:** Exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period. Exhibitor must feed, care for and exhibit animals entered without any aid or assistance during the entire feeding period, except from CEA or AST or from other junior exhibitors and leaders within their county. After validation, if ownership changes, regardless of method or length of time, that chain of animal ownership is considered broken. CEAs and ASTs desiring to enter Junior Livestock Show exhibitors must sign a certification on the entry application that the animal was raised under his or her supervision and was purchased, raised and otherwise prepared for show exclusively by the entrant in accordance with the rules of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- 20. Country of Origin:** To meet Country of Origin labeling requirements, entry in Junior Market Lamb, Market Goat, and Market Broiler shows verify that all animals have been bred, born and raised entirely in the United States.
- 21. Animal Handling:** Only experienced handlers may lead livestock within the premises of NRG Center. Show Management reserves the right to release any animal with less than desirable disposition. In any such case, the owner will have up to twelve hours to remove the excused animal from show grounds. The decision of Show Management is final, and exhibitor or purchaser has no recourse.

22. Refunds: Entry fees will not be refunded after Dec. 1.

23. Stall Space: Animals entered in the Junior Livestock Show must be stalled or penned in the special divisions set aside for this purpose. Stall space is not guaranteed for each entry fee. After the animals have been stalled, they shall not be moved to any other part of the barn except on the consent of either the Livestock Show Management or of the superintendent of the department. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to keep pens or stalls clean and in a presentable condition. "For Sale" signs will not be permitted on or adjacent to any animal entered in the Show.

24. Pre-Stalling: All junior market lambs and meat goats will be pre-penned at the discretion of the Show Management. Penning requests will not be accepted or required. Entries from each county, 4-H Club and FFA Chapter, will be assigned pens together in the same area. Each county or chapter will have designated pens but may be required to share pens with other counties or chapters. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring panels to separate animals if needed. Pen dimensions are 6X6.

25. Stalling Upon Arrival: Steers, Junior Breeding Heifers, Breeding Gilts, and Barrows are stalled upon arrival. To pen together at Houston, groups MUST arrive and remain in line together at Airport Blvd. No assignments will be made for animals in trailers or vehicles that are coming later. Animals will be counted on the trailers or vehicles.

For heifers and steers, the first three rows of cattle stalls on the north side of the barn (rows nearest to the dock and wash racks) will be assigned to those exhibitors arriving first. Once these three rows are assigned, assignments will be given starting on the far end of the stalls (closest to commercial exhibits) and will work back towards the dock.


26. Hay/Feed: Hay and feed may be purchased through the Feed Store Committee. Exhibitors who wish to bring their own hay, grain, mixtures or supplements will be permitted to do so. Exhibitors are requested to store no more than two days' supply of feed or hay in the barn at any time. Paid feed bills must be presented at the time releases are requested. Livestock will be bedded on material provided by the Show unless otherwise stated in the rules of a particular department. No straw is allowed (exception: dairy cattle & tie outs). Bedding must not be removed from stalls. **Junior Market Barrow, Junior Market Lambs, and Junior Market Goats exhibitors are NOT allowed to bring in outside shavings.**

27. Certification Forms and Health Papers: Junior Show exhibitors are required to have a drug certification form signed by the following: (a) Junior Exhibitor; (b) Parent or Guardian; and (c) CEA or AST. The Drug Certification Form is Part III of the Junior Show Release of Liability and Indemnity. No junior animal will be allowed to show without this certification form properly filled out and notarized. Health papers are not required on Junior Market Steers, Barrows, Lambs, Goats or Junior Commercial Steers. Health papers are required on Junior Breeding Beef Heifers, Junior Breeding Gilts, Junior Breeding Sheep, and Junior Dairy Cattle. The Junior Exhibitor and Parent or Guardian must sign the form in the presence of a Notary Public.

28. Drug Certification Agreement: Exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that the entry has not been administered or that the exhibitor and parent/guardian do not have any knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that this entry is free and clear of **ALL** drug and chemical residue withdrawal and elimination time periods.

29. Drug Testing: During the collection of blood, feather, fecal, hair and urine samples, the Exhibitor or designated responsible adult must be present at all times unless a substitute exhibitor is approved by the superintendent. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule are subject to disqualification.

30. Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification: To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug upon arrival at NRG Park. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds.

 **a. Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any alteration of the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Such alterations do not include common and accepted animal husbandry practices. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be subject to disqualification.

HLSR will appoint a designee at the time of sifting or classification to promptly inspect any suspected instances of unethical fitting. If surgical alterations are suspected, exhibitors MUST produce a veterinarian note at the time of inspection, that must include the following: the identification of the exhibit by its state validation number, the reason for the alteration, and when the alteration was performed. HLSR, in its sole discretion, will determine whether an exhibit has been unethically fitted and may, in its sole discretion, disqualify the exhibit. Such determinations are final and binding on the exhibitor and not subject to appeal.

Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:


- application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species; injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited.
- use of injections
- draining of fluids

- bruising
 - feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass
 - surgical alterations
 - artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections
- b. **Drenching:** Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway. Stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
- c. **Therapeutic Practices:** The practice or use of any therapeutic application including, but not limited to animal chiropractic services, acupuncture or electrical massage stimulation on show grounds is prohibited.
- d. **Over Age Animals:** Over age animals will be disqualified.
- e. **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
- f. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at NRG Park. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
- g. **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. Further, the Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood, urine, hair, feather, and/or fecal laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, over age, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
- h. **Unmanageable Animals:** The Show may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.
- i. **Non-adherence to Rules:** Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the Show rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- j. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on Show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the official Show veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, The Official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with Show Management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and or elimination time, will be determined ineligible for competition.
- k. **Treatment Cost:** All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
31. **Wholesome Meat Act:** The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock. Only animals eligible for immediate slaughter may be brought onto the grounds and exhibited:
- a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
 - b. Drug labels must be observed. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
 - c. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of carcasses or the sale price of the animal. In such cases, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to any and all proceeds including: Auction Price, Scholarships, Premium Awards, Market (Floor) Price and Special Awards.

- 32. Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act:** As required, in 21 CFR 589.2000, entry in the Junior Market steer, lamb and goat shows, and the Junior Commercial Steer competition shall serve as verification by the exhibitor that, to the best of their knowledge, while under their ownership, possession or direct control, the animal(s) were not fed any feed containing ruminant-derived meat or bone meal. Entrants agree to allow packer inspections of feed ingredient records and facilities.
- 33. Disqualification/Condemnation of Animal:** “The Show practices a Zero Tolerance policy on all residue violations.” The Show reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of Rule 30 of the Junior Show Rules and Regulations listed in the handbook and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified, the class placing will not change. A disqualified exhibitor may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
- 34. Disclaimer of Warranties:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or by others (such as drug testing). The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo does NOT provide security or guard services and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug shown by the drug test. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification results in forfeiture of all prize money and auction proceeds.
- 35. Rule Infraction Database:** Each exhibitor understands and agrees that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is entitled to report any and all rule infractions to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSARMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID). The exhibitor agrees that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSARMA.
- 36. Ultimate Care and Responsibility:** By making entry into the Show the exhibitor agrees and understands that ultimate care and responsibility for an animal(s) rest solely upon the exhibitor until such time that possession of the animal is turned over to the commission agency or taken into custody by HLSR Show Management.
- 37. Usage of Electronic Devices:** Neither contestants or exhibitors may be in possession of electronic communication or storage devices at any time during judging or while in arena or in competition. These devices include but are not limited to cell phones, Palm Pilots, Blackberries, personal computers, pagers, and radio devices, such as walkie-talkies and/or hands-free phone devices.
- 38. Animal Handling Devices:** Show Management or Livestock Committee Leadership/Ring Stewards reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters are prohibited for all species.

Rules Governing Junior Market Guaranteed Premiums and Livestock Auctions

- 1. Release of Champions:** Exhibitors of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals must remain with their animals until they are received by the commission company or taken into custody by HLSR Show Management.
- 2. Ribbon Winners:** All steers, lambs, barrows, goats and poultry that have won ribbons while competing in their individual classes will become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in return for a Guaranteed Premium. A schedule of the Guaranteed Premiums is shown in the Special Rules section found in each Junior Market Animal Show. Animals will be sold by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in their respective Junior Market Auctions.
- 3. Sale Proceeds:** Junior Market Auction proceeds will be paid to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. All Guaranteed Premiums will be disbursed after the Livestock Show is completed.
-  **4. Withhold Guaranteed Premiums:** The Guaranteed Premium will be withheld due to any rule infraction.
- 5. Substitutions:** Separate auctions will be provided for market steers, lambs/goats, barrows and poultry. Superintendent's permission for someone other than exhibitor to take steers, lambs/goats, barrows or poultry through the auction must be obtained prior to the auction.
- 6. Thank You Notes:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo requires Junior exhibitors with animals in the Junior Market Auctions to write thank you notes to the buyers. Buyer information will be sent to the CEA/AST along with a verification form. When thank you notes have been sent to the buyers, the verification form must be sent to the Auctions Department stating that all notes have been mailed. Once verification forms have been received, checks will be mailed to the exhibitor. No checks will be mailed without a verification form on file.
- 7. Decorations:** No decorations are allowed at the sale. The animal must be in a natural state.
- 8. Animal Care:** It is the exhibitors' responsibility to take proper care of their animals until the animals are delivered onto the truck of the auction commission agent or taken into custody by HLSR Show Management following the auction. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of Guaranteed Premiums. Only animals that have won ribbons while competing in their individual classes will be

eligible for sale in their respective junior market auctions. Exhibitors of sifted or non-ribbon Junior market animals will be charged a commission for animals sold while at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

9. **Placing Animals:** Animals are not considered to be placing animals until that animal has completed all stages of the particular show and has received a ribbon or rosette corresponding with the official placing by the judge.



AUCTION EXPLANATION

How Do the HLSR Auctions Work?

The Houston Livestock Show™ rewards its junior market exhibitors with guaranteed payments for every auction lot by securing above market values for each exhibitor making the auction.

GUARANTEED PREMIUM

Because the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo sells such a large number of market animals (1,894 or 26% of arrivals), simply hoping that enough buyers attend each auction to actively bid on every single lot would be a risky proposition for our exhibitors. As a result, each auction is conducted by a dedicated committee of volunteers who pre-sell the majority of lots to ensure that each exhibitor receives a minimum guaranteed amount regardless of whether or not a bid is received on every lot. Guaranteed premiums are really a safety net for the exhibitor.

Please refer to the Special Rules for each Junior Market show to view the guaranteed premium for each placing animal that qualifies for auction. Exhibitors will receive one check for the full amount of the guaranteed premium for the auction lot. The guaranteed premium is the only check that will be sent to the exhibitor. **Please Note:** *Since Guaranteed Premiums have been greatly increased for each auction in 2024, additional premiums have been discontinued.*

EXHIBITOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Thirty livestock and horse show exhibitors will receive a four-year, \$20,000 college scholarship as an additional incentive for participating in the 2024 Houston Livestock Show™.

To apply for the exhibitor scholarships, students must meet the following requirements:

- be a U.S. citizen,
- be a TX resident,
- be a graduating high school senior from a TX public high school,
- be ranked in the top half of the graduating high school class,
- intend to attend an accredited, not-for-profit TX college or university and participate in a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree,
- participate in one or more of the approved competitions in the 2024 Show year,

Online applications along with eligibility requirements can be accessed through the Show website, <http://www.rodeohouston.com/Educational-Support/Scholars/Apply>. Supporting documents must be uploaded at the time of application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Online applications will open on December 5, 2023 and are due by January 31, 2024 at 7:59 p.m. A school official will be required to complete a digital form for each applicant. This form must be submitted online by February 15, 2024, at 4:59 PM. There are no extensions or exceptions to either deadline.

The approved competitions are:

Livestock Show

- Junior Breeding Shows (*beef heifers, gilts, sheep*)
- Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Contest
- Junior Dairy Cattle Show
- Junior Market Shows (*barrows, broilers, goats, lambs, steers, turkeys*)

Horse Show

- All-Breed Youth Horse Show
- Cutting Horse Show
- Donkey and Mule Show
- Paint Horse Show
- Quarter Horse Show
- Youth Ranch Horse Show

Exhibitor scholarship applications will be judged using the standard Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship evaluation process. Performance evaluations or place ranking within each show will not influence the outcome of the scholarship awards.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship recipients also may be eligible to apply for the Achievement Scholarship Program, which allows college students currently receiving Show scholarships to apply for an additional \$4,000 per semester, for up to four semesters once they reach their junior and senior years of undergraduate studies. To be eligible to apply, existing Show scholars must have been classified as a junior or senior by the conclusion of the spring semester and have completed a minimum of four college semesters since their high school graduation, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Visit rodeohouston.com more information on all Show scholarships and deadlines.

JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW

Department J

Superintendent: Dr. Chris Skaggs - College Station, TX

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Judge: Chris Mullinix – Manhattan, KS

Wave 1

(ABC, Brahman Cross, Brangus, Charolais Cross, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis Cross, Shorthorn, Simbrah, Simmental)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 9	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Sunday	March 10	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Sunday	March 10	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Sunday	March 10	11:30 a.m.
Classify:	Sunday	March 10	1 p.m. – Main Cattle Arena
Show A:	Monday	March 11	11 a.m.
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Monday	March 11	No earlier than NOON must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/12
Show B:	Tuesday	March 12	8 a.m.
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Tuesday	March 12	No earlier than NOON; must be out by 5 p.m.

Show A: Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Charolais Cross, Shorthorn, ABC

Show B: Brahman Cross, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis Cross, Simbrah

Wave 2

(Angus, Black Cross, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Limousin, Other Cross, Red Angus, Red Cross)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Tuesday	March 12	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Wednesday	March 13	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Wednesday	March 13	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Wednesday	March 13	11:30 a.m.
Classify:	Wednesday	March 13	1 p.m. – Main Cattle Arena
Show C:	Thursday	March 14	10 a.m.
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Thursday	March 14	No earlier than 11 a.m.
Show D:	Friday	March 15	8 a.m.
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Friday	March 15	No earlier than 1 pm; must be out by 2 p.m. on 3/16
Exhibitor Auction Meeting: (Mandatory for top 4 exhibitors in each class)	Friday	March 15	5:30 p.m.
Grand Champion Pre-Judging:	Friday	March 15	6 p.m.
Grand Champion Selection	Friday	March 15	8:30 p.m. – NRG Stadium
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Saturday	March 16	11 a.m. – ALL STEERS MUST BE OUT BY 2 P.M.
Auction	Saturday	March 16	11 a.m.

Show C: Limousin, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Angus, Red Angus, Black Cross, Red Cross

Show D: Other Cross

Special Rules for Junior Market Steer Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.

Special Rules for Junior Market Steer Show



2. **Guaranteed Premiums:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has established a Schedule of Guaranteed Premiums (shown below), which must be accepted by all Junior Market Show exhibitors who win ribbons in the individual classes. In return for the Guaranteed Premium, winning animals become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and will be sold at their respective Junior Market Auction. Placing steers will be branded as the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo before leaving the judging arena.

PLACE	GUARANTEE
Grand Champion Steer.....	\$75,000
Reserve Grand Champion Steer	40,000
Breed Champion Steers	20,000
Reserve Breed Champion Steers	17,500
Remaining First Place Steers	12,500
Remaining Second Place Steers	10,000
Third Place Steers	9,500
Fourth Place Steers	9,000
All Remaining Placing Steers	8,500

- * Premiums are subject to handling fee.
- * The top two exhibitors in each class are required to walk through the Auction.
- * All exhibitors making the sale are **strongly** encouraged to attend the Auction.
- * Only first through fourth placing exhibitors from each class are required to attend the Auction meeting.

3. **Champions:** The first-place steer of each class of each breed will compete for breed champion steer. Second place steers are required to be brought into the arena. After the champion steer of each breed is selected, the second-place steer in the class that furnished the champion competes with the first-place steer in the other classes of the breed for reserve champion steer.
4. **Stalling:** To stall together at Houston, groups MUST arrive and remain in line together **at Airport Blvd.** NO assignments will be made for steers that are coming later. Steers will be counted on the trailers. **The Airport Boulevard staging area will remain open beginning on Saturday, March 9 at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. for trailers to be staged.** The first three rows of cattle stalls on the north side of the barn (rows nearest to the dock and wash racks) will be assigned to those exhibitors arriving first. Once these three rows are assigned, assignments will be given starting on the far end of the stalls (closest to commercial exhibits) and will work back towards the dock.
5. **Validation:** Steers must be validated in the TX 4-H and FFA Steer Validation Program. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification. Animals that need to be retagged may do so between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the day of move-in at the Veterinarian Station by the Main Arena in NRG Center.
6. **Self/Mobile-Check-In:** Check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animal. The exhibitor will need the following information:
 - a. The last 5 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
 - b. The animals declared weight
 - c. The animals declared breed

The Exhibitor will be responsible for making sure the information entered is accurate and if there are any issues the exhibitor MUST make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary.

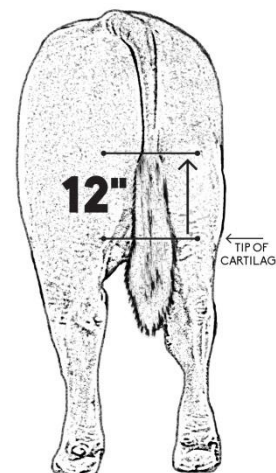
7. **Ear Tags:** Steers must have a TX State Validation ear tag. Only validation tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival. Exhibitor numbers must be worn during classification, sifting and judging. If an animal is missing the TX State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Superintendent immediately upon arrival.

Special Rules for Junior Market Steer Show

8. **Top 420:** Each breed will be divided into weight groups for pre-judging. A judge will select the top 420 steers for premium sale. The distribution of the 420 sale lots by breed is below.

	<i>Light</i>	<i>Heavy Light</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Light Heavy</i>	<i>Medium Heavy</i>	<i>Heavy</i>	<i>Total</i>
ABC	9	9	9	9	-	9	45
Angus	4	-	4	-	-	4	12
Black Cross	9	9	9	-	-	9	36
Brahman Cross	4	-	4	-	-	4	12
Brangus	5	-	5	-	-	5	15
Charolais Cross	9	9	9	9	-	9	45
Hereford	6	-	6	-	-	6	18
Limousin	6	-	6	-	-	6	18
Maine-Anjou	7	-	7	-	-	7	21
Other Cross	12	12	12	12	12	12	72
Polled Hereford	5	-	5	-	-	5	15
Red Angus	3	-	3	-	-	3	9
Red Cross	8	-	8	-	-	8	24
Santa Gertrudis Cross	5	-	5	-	-	5	15
Shorthorn	8	-	8	-	-	8	24
Simbrah	6	-	6	-	-	6	18
Simmental	7	-	7	-	-	7	21


9. **Weight:** Steers must weigh a minimum 1,000 pounds.
- Exhibitors must declare animal weight and breed during mobile check-in. The weight listed will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weighing back and selling purposes.
 - After judging of each class is completed, all placing steers will be weighed before leaving the ring. Any steer weighing less than 95 percent, or more than 105 percent of its official declared weight will be disqualified. Steers showing more than normal fill, as determined at weighing time, will be sifted.
10. **Exhibitor Back Numbers:** During judging, exhibitors must wear the correct back number corresponding with the Show entry number.
11. **Feeding:** All steers must have been placed on feed by June 30, 2023 and the feeding period shall continue through opening day of the show.
12. **Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act:** As required, in 21 CFR 589.2000, entry in the Junior Market Steer show shall serve as verification by the exhibitor that, to the best of their knowledge, while under their ownership, possession or direct control, the entry was not fed any feed containing ruminant-derived meat or bone meal. Entrants agree to allow packer inspections of feed ingredient records and facilities.
13. **Clipping:** Prior to arrival at the Show, steers must be pre-clipped to no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, (the tail switch being no more than 12" above the end of the cartilage of the tail) which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Only Scissors or cordless clippers may be used for touch-up prior to entering the show staging area for classification. Once a steer enters the classification area, they cannot leave until the classification process is complete. Steers will be checked for hair length at the time of classification. Steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated and removed. The exhibitor will be eliminated from competition for the current show in the steer division. **1/4" hair requirement is strictly enforced.** Steers that leave the classification area will not be re-evaluated for hair length. The decision made is final.
14. **Trim Chutes:** No trim chutes will be allowed on the show grounds during the Junior Show.
15. **Grooming Material:** No grooming material of any kind is allowed.
16. **Drench Guns:** Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
17. **Steer Handling:** Steers that are unruly or require handling by more than one person will be disqualified. Nose leads are permitted during sifting or showing. Only Show officials will be allowed to assist exhibitors during sifting or judging.
18. **Previously Auctioned Animals:** Steers identified as sold at auction in any major show are ineligible.



Special Rules for Junior Market Steer Show

- 19. Nose Prints/DNA:** Any steer may be nose printed or DNA tested at the request of the superintendent and/or Show Management.
- 20. Release:** Steers not qualified for the Premium auction will be released according to the aforementioned schedule.
- 21. Classification:** The exhibitor must declare the breed to be entered during self/mobile check-in; however, final determination of breed classification will be made by classifiers appointed by the Show Management. Breed determination is based on visible steer characteristics only; there will be no registration papers, steer certificates or steer affidavits considered. There will be no breed changes at the time of judging. Any steer reporting for a class other than the class determined by official breed classification and declared weight will not be allowed to show. Upon exiting the main cattle arena, exhibitors will receive a printed receipt including their determined breed, declared weight, and animal identification. Once classes are posted, exhibitors will have two hours to report any incorrect information that is displayed to the show superintendent or Show Management. The judgment of the sifting committee and classifiers is final and not subject to protest.

Steers that classify out of breeds from Wave 1 to Wave 2 are required to stay on grounds until Wave 2. Exhibitors of steers in wave 1 who classify to the second wave will need to report to the Superintendent's Office for stalling assignments for Wave 2. Any steer that leaves the grounds from Wave 1 will not be permitted to re-enter the grounds and will be considered disqualified.

- 22. Classifiers:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will have three classifiers who will determine the official breed classification of each steer. The judgment of classifiers is final and not subject to protest. The three classifiers are selected from recommendations from the following: one from the Breed Associations, one from a list furnished by the CEAs/ASTs, and one from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- 23. Sifting:** Per rule 14 of the General Rules and Regulations, the Show may appoint sifting committees to determine the eligibility of animals to compete prior to judging. Animals must be un-blanketed and ready for inspection by the sifting committee at the announced time of sifting. The sifting committee will eliminate any animal which, in its judgment, is not qualified to compete. At the committee's recommendation, the Show may require these animals to be removed from the grounds. The sifting committee's decisions are final, and protests will not be considered by the Show.
- 24. Horns:** Steers must be dehorned.
- 25. Scurs:** The presence of scurs will be allowed.
- 26. Health Certificate:** None Required for the Show.
-  **27. Placing Steers:** All placing steers are considered terminal and must be sold. The top 2 steers from each class will be required to walk through the auction ring and will be taken to NRG Arena at an appointed time by Show Management. All other placing steers must be received by the commission agency 30 minutes after the last breed show ends on the respective day of show. The exhibitor will be responsible for their project until the animal is received by the commission agency. Placing steers become the property of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo upon delivery to the commission agent. Any animal deemed unmerchantable by Show Management or the commission agent due to lameness, illness, blindness, carcass condemnation, etc. may not receive premiums for that animal.

Wave 1 Steers:

- 1st and 2nd place steers that are non-Breed Champions or Reserve Breed Champions will be transported to the Sales Pavilion after drug testing has been completed.
- Exhibitors of steers that place Breed Champion or Reserve Breed Champion in Wave 1 will need to report to the Superintendent's Office to receive stalling assignments for Wave 2.

Wave 2 Steers: All steers placing 2nd or higher in their class will be transported to the Sales Pavilion starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday, March 16th. Exhibitors must be present prior to 7 a.m. to pick up their sale lot number and bring their steer to the staging area for hauling to the Sales Pavilion.

- 28. Non-Placing Steers:** Exhibitors of non-placing steers have the option to sell their animals through the commission agent but are responsible for all fees involved. Animals should be delivered to the commission agent in accordance with all representations required throughout the validation/ownership period. Steers become the property of the commission agent/buyer upon delivery to the commission agent. Any animal deemed unmerchantable by Show Management or the commission agent due to lameness, illness, blindness, carcass condemnation, etc. may not receive a market value for that animal.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Steers

Pre-Judging: The 17 Breed Champion steers will compete for the Grand Champion Steer of the Show. Breed champion and reserve breed champion steer exhibitors are required to report to the main cattle arena on Friday, March 15 at 6 p.m. for pre-judging. At this time, each breed and reserve breed champion exhibitor will be presented one handler credential and two rodeo tickets. Only one handler is allowed to accompany each breed and reserve breed champion steer into NRG Stadium. Handler must be a parent/guardian, direct family member or CEA/AST. No others will be allowed to serve as a handler.

Grand and Reserve Champion Selection: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Steers of the Show will be selected during the Rodeo performance in NRG Stadium. All Breed Champion and Reserve Champion Steers must be led into the stadium. After the Grand Champion Steer of the Show has been selected, the Reserve Champion Steer of the breed that furnished the Grand Champion Steer competes with the other Breed Champion steers for Reserve Grand Champion Steer of the Show. Exhibitors of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steers must care for animals until delivered to commission agency or taken into custody by HLSR Show Management.

CLASSES

CLASS CHAMPIONS	(Trophy)
BREED CHAMPIONS	(Banner & Buckle)
RESERVE BREED CHAMPIONS	(Banner & Buckle)
GRAND CHAMPION STEER OF SHOW	(Banner, Buckle & Trophy)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER OF SHOW	(Banner, Buckle & Trophy)

Junior Market Steer Classification Table

The table below provides a summary of arrivals, class outs, sifted on hair, and scramble steers by breed at the 2023 Show:

Breed	Arrived	Classed Out
Angus	90	52 to Black Cross
Brahman Cross	59	11 to ABC
Brangus	73	1 to Black Cross 16 to ABC
Charolais Cross	181	3 to Other Cross
Hereford	79	4 to Red Cross
Limousin	96	3 to Black Cross 5 to Red Cross 31 to Other Cross
Maine-Anjou	128	1 to Other Cross
P. Hereford	56	2 to Red Cross
Red Angus	69	34 to Red Cross
Santa Gertrudis Cross	92	3 to ABC 4 to Other Cross
Shorthorn	90	5 to Red Cross 2 to Other Cross
Simbrah	95	1 to Other Cross 3 to ABC
Simmental	82	1 to Other Cross
ABC	178	3 to Black Cross 2 to Red Cross 11 to Other Cross
Black Cross	136	3 to Other Cross
Red Cross	107	3 to Other Cross
Other Cross	287	
Totals	1,898	---



Junior Market Steer Classification Guidelines

*For full details of 2024-2028 Texas Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines please visit,
<https://agrillifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/20242028-texas-steer-breed-classification-guidelines/01t4x000007TqfUAAS>.

Please keep in mind, registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is not considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined *only* by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers appointed by Show Management.

Classification Terms:

- **Ideal Characteristics:** Characteristics in combination that most accurately represent the breed
- **Acceptable Breed Characteristics:** Characteristics that represent the breed
- **Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:** Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to disqualification
- **Absolute Disqualifications:** Unfavorable visual characteristics resulting in removal from a breed division
- **Considerations:** The following will be considered at the discretion of the classification committee: birthmarks or scarring (due to hot iron branding, freeze branding, or injury-caused discoloration)

BRITISH TYPE

This group includes cattle that appear to be purebred Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, and Shorthorn.

Angus:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred

Angus

- Solid Black
- Polled (i.e. born without horns)
- Need to have a sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground.
- Angus-type ear set, small to moderate ear size sitting high on the head and tying into the poll.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Continental Breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head.
- Bumps or a ridge where horns would be on a horned animal.
- Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification)
- Non-Angus-type ear set (Ear set and excessive ear size as in Continental breeds)
- Large navels and angular sheaths

Absolute Disqualifications:

- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel (white on the navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot, or tail.
- Horns or Scurs.
- Brindle.
- Diluter color pattern.
- Dehorning scars.
- Double muscling.
- A defined ridge/bump running vertically from the center of the skull into the poll (i.e., TH Bump)

Hereford:

Ideal Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford

- Some white on the back of both ears
- Red body with white face, white underline, some white on lower 1/3 of leg.
- Traditional feather on neck.
- Horned Herefords must show evidence of being dehorned.

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Eye pigment.
- Solid red ear(s)
- Black hair in tail (or ear of animal).
- Freckling on nose/face.
- White above switch in tail
- White across the rump above the twist
- White on legs.
- White above the underline.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Solid white ear(s)

- Larger ear size
- Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch.
- White above the hocks (on the outside and back side of rear legs).
- Excess pigment or color around the eyes.
- Red neck in combination with excess white on legs.
- Excessive line back.
- Coarse joints.
- Head:
 - o Dish
 - o Excessive long head
 - o Roman nose
 - o Extreme muscle definition

Absolute Disqualifiers:

- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)
- Excessive black hair on legs.

Junior Market Steer Classification Guidelines

Polled Hereford:

Ideal Breed Characteristics

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Polled Hereford

- Some white on the back of both ears
- Red body with white face, white underline, and some white on lower 1/3 of leg.
- Traditional feather on crest.
- Must be polled or have loose scurs.

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating.

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Eye pigment
- Solid red ear(s)
- Black hair in tail (or ears of animal).
- Freckling on the nose/face.
- White above switch in tail.
- White across the rump above the twist.
- White on legs.
- White above the underline.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Solid white ear(s)
- Larger ear size.

Red Angus:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Red Angus

- Solid red (shades may vary)
- Polled
- A blonde, light red (or mixed switch).
- Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs.
- Needs to have a sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Coarse joints (not to be confused with big boned cattle)
- Solid white switch
- Smut/gray nose pigmentation.

Shorthorns:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn

- Red with white hair in tail switch.
- White with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus, or tail.
- Any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Orange or light red color
- Black nose pigment
- Coarse head
- Coarse joints/structure.
- Solid red with red tail switch.

- Straight-line white marking on legs or tail above the switch
- White above hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
- Excess pigment or color around the eyes
- Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
- Excessive line back
- Coarse joints
- Head
 - o Dish head
 - o Excessive long head
 - o Roman nose
 - o Extreme muscle definition.

Absolute Disqualifiers:

- Horn attachment to the skull
- Evidence of tampering with horns, (or dehorning scars).
- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling
- Any color other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)
- Excessive black hair on legs.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Horns or scurs breaking through the skin
- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in front of the navel (white on navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white on the leg or tail/switch.
- Black pigmentation of the skin (not to be confused with freckling on the nose or anus).
- Roaning
- Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
- Black skin on the nose.
- A defined ridge/bump running vertically from the center of the skull into the poll (i.e., TH Bump)

- Round muscle pattern.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Diluter color pattern (e.g., yellow or yellow roan).
- Black, blue roans or grays
- Brindle
- Solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus
- Motley-face or brockle-face.
- Black hair (any location)

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BRAHMAN TYPE

This group is sometimes called American Breeds. Physical evidence of Brahman background is important and includes ear length, ear shape, amount of hide, and hump/crest (Figs. 1 and 2)

Figure 1. Examples of sheath scores



Figure 2. Examples of non-Brahman-influence ears for American breeds cross.

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American Breeds Cross (ABC):

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Any color (or color pattern)
- Progression of importance to include *Bos indicus*-influenced head (longer from eye-to-nose than from eye-to-poll), eye (e.g. almond shaped), ear of adequate length (slightly drooping, slightly tapering at the end, and opening down and forward), showing *Bos indicus*-influenced sheath
- Crest (or evidence of hump).

Brahman Cross:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50 percent Brahman

- A prominent hump beginning at the shoulder and going forward but must angle back down to the neck to create a hump – the width of the hump base should wrap around the neck or shoulder and not be a crest.
- Any color (or color pattern).

Brangus:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred black Brangus

- Solid black with no white above the underline or in front of the navel
- Polled (scurs and slick spots acceptable).
- Progression of importance to include *Bos indicus*-influence head, eye, and ear of moderate length, slightly pointed, drooping, and opening down and forward.
- With adequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and ear characteristics (sheath score if of less important).
- Shows some evidence of a crest.

Santa Gertrudis Cross:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50 percent purebred Santa Gertrudis with adequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and ear characteristics

- Any color pattern of black, red, yellow, or orange
- Moderate crest (no definite hump).
- Moderate dewlap development
- Moderate length of ear (slightly drooping) and opening forward.
- Sheath score of 2 to 5.

Simbrah:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- A sheath score of 2 or greater
- With *Bos indicus* head, eye, and ear characteristics (sheath score is of less important).
- Stocking legs.
- Bald, blaze or streak face or mottled-face
- Solid black, solid red, or solid dun/tan combination with white (or any of the previously listed colors).
- Brindle color pattern with white markings.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- A sheath score of 1

- With adequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and ear characteristics (sheath score is of less importance)

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- *Bos taurus* head
- *Bos taurus* short ear
- *Bos taurus* eye
- Sheath score of 1
- Slick neck (lack of crest or evidence of hump)

Absolute Disqualifications:

- A combination of *Bos taurus* head, eye, and ear

- With adequate *Bos Indicus* head, eye, and ear, sheath/navel should represent Brahman characteristics.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Sheath score of 2 or less.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- A crest with an inadequate hump (lack of hump).
- Inadequate *Bos indicus* head, eye, and/or ear.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Inadequate *Bos indicus*-influence head, eye, and ear characteristics
- Brown dilution over ribs, fore flank, twist, and muzzle
- Sheath score of 1

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Horns
- Dehorning scars
- White above the underline or in front of the navel
- White on the legs, feet, or tail
- Any brindle

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Straight, pendulous sheath
- Sheath score of 1
- Brindle coloring
- Excessive white.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Absence of any visible Santa Gertrudis characteristics
- Absence of *Bos indicus*-influence head, eye, ear, or sheath
- Smokes, silvers, grays

- A *Bos taurus* head
- A *Bos taurus* ear
- A *Bos taurus* eye
- Brindle color pattern with no white.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- A combination of *Bos taurus* head, ear, eye, and sheath
- Roans
- Grays
- Smut
- Silver
- Solid yellow.

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CONTINENTAL or EXOTIC TYPE

Included here are Charolais (half-blood and higher), Limousin, Maine-Anjou (half or higher), and Simmental (purebred).

Charolais Cross:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit characteristics of a 50 percent purebred Charolais.

- White, yellow gray, or silver
- Expression of diluter gene
- Minimal painting or spotting (less than 20 percent)
- Skunk tail, line back, baldy.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Painting or spotting (more than 20 percent)
- Double Muscling
- Frail bone work and frail general appearance
- Light red color or orange
- Short, stubby head
- Overly refined, narrow head
- Moderate black pigmentation (e.g., skin around eyes, nose, ears, and anus)
- Moderate dappling

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Black, red, dark smuts

- Showing no diluter gene (unless solid white).
- Excessive painting or spotting.
- Brindles/brindling, roans.
- Excessive dappling.
- Excessive black pigmentation (e.g., skin around eyes, nose ears, or anus)

Limousin:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Limousin

- Head character
 - o Eye(s) – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigmentation around eye on reds.
 - o Poll – Typically have a wider poll.
 - o Ear(s) – Tends to be smaller and set lower on head.
 - o Muzzle – Tends to be short.
 - o Sheath – Tends to have a forward angle.
- Legs/foot
 - o Tends to be smooth-jointed.
 - o Tends to be flat-boned.
 - o Tends to be smooth-shouldered.
- Acceptable color: Solid black red/orange, light red, charcoal black, chocolate black, orange, bald-face, or brockle-face.
- Brindle color pattern will be allowed – providing it does not extend below the mid-rib of the body.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Head character issues (i.e., roman nose), coarse joints/skeleton
- Coarse open shoulders
- Pointed poll
- Bigger and more elongated ears/high ear set.
- Pencil sheath (e.g., hanging straight down).
- Excessive crest
- Yellow color
- Red cattle with black nose
- Diluter gene.
- Excessive dappling.

Absolute Disqualifications

- Stocking leg(s) with white extending above the dew claw.
- Brindle below the mid-rib
- Spotting above the underline.
- Roans, gray, silver, or white.
- Monkey/parrot mouth
- Shows an excessive influence of another breed other than Limousin.

Maine-Anjou:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Solid Red
- Solid Black
- Red and White
- Black and White
- Heavy Skeletal Structure
- Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Slight brindling on the topline and down toward the loin edge (Fig. 3).
- Signs of feathering on the neck.

Absolute Disqualification

- Brindle (down past the topline, extending onto the rib and down).
- Roans.
- Diluter Color Pattern (e.g., yellow, orange, gray).
- Appears to be more than 50% any other breed.

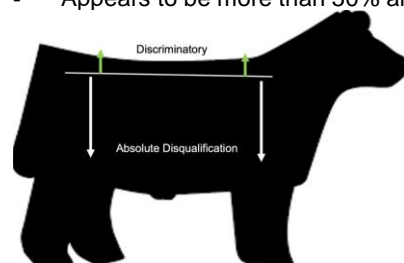


Figure 3.
Maine-Anjou
brindling
guidelines

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Simmental:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

Must physically exhibit characteristics of a purebred Simmental

- Typically, longer head and larger ears.
- Lower ear set.
- Heavy skeletal structure.
- Acceptable color patters:
 - o Solid black or red.
 - o Red and white, black and white, or yellow and white.
 - o Bald, blaze, or streak-face.
 - o Some painting above the underline (no bleeding of colors) (i.e., spotting)

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Excessive spotting.
- Excessive white above the underline.

- Motley, brockle, star, or diamond-shaped white in the head.
- Excessive white on the tail above the switch.
- Refined skeletal makeup.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Shows excessive influence of another breed type other than Simmental.
- Silver, smoke, white, smut, gray, or any combination of these.
- Solid yellow or orange.
- Brindle.
- Roans.
- Skunk tail.

CROSS DIVISIONS

Black Cross Division:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must have a black body cavity - defined as the area behind the top of the shoulder blade down to the point of the shoulder and above the belly line.
- White in the body cavity is only acceptable in the following instances:
 - o White is a continuation of the feathering.
 - o White is at the fore and/or rear flanks (similar to Hereford pattern).
 - o White spotting not collectively larger than 9 inches (e.g., basketball size) in diameter per side - cannot be all on the same side.

Red Cross Division:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must have a red body cavity - defined as the area behind the top of the shoulder blade down to the point of the shoulder and above the belly line.
- White in the body cavity is only acceptable in the following instances:
 - o White is a continuation of the feathering.
 - o White is at the fore and/or rear flanks (similar to Hereford pattern).
 - o White spotting not collectively larger than 9 inches (e.g., basketball size) in diameter per side - cannot be all on the same side.

Other Cross Division:

- Steers of any coloration pattern are acceptable.

- Skunk tail cattle are permitted, provided the white above the rectum does not exceed the amount of white spotting allowed (e.g., basketball size).
- Absent of diluter gene.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Slight brindling is allowed, provided it does not extend below the fore and rear flanks.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Roans.
- Excessive white in the body cavity collectively larger than 9 inches (e.g., basketball size) in diameter per side – cannot be all on the same side.

- Skunk tail cattle are permitted, provided the white above the rectum does not exceed the amount of white spotting allowed (e.g., basketball size).
- Absent of diluter gene.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Slight brindling is allowed, provided it does not extend below the fore and rear flanks.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Roans.
- Excessive white in the body cavity collectively larger than 9 inches (e.g., basketball size) in diameter per side – cannot be all on the same side.

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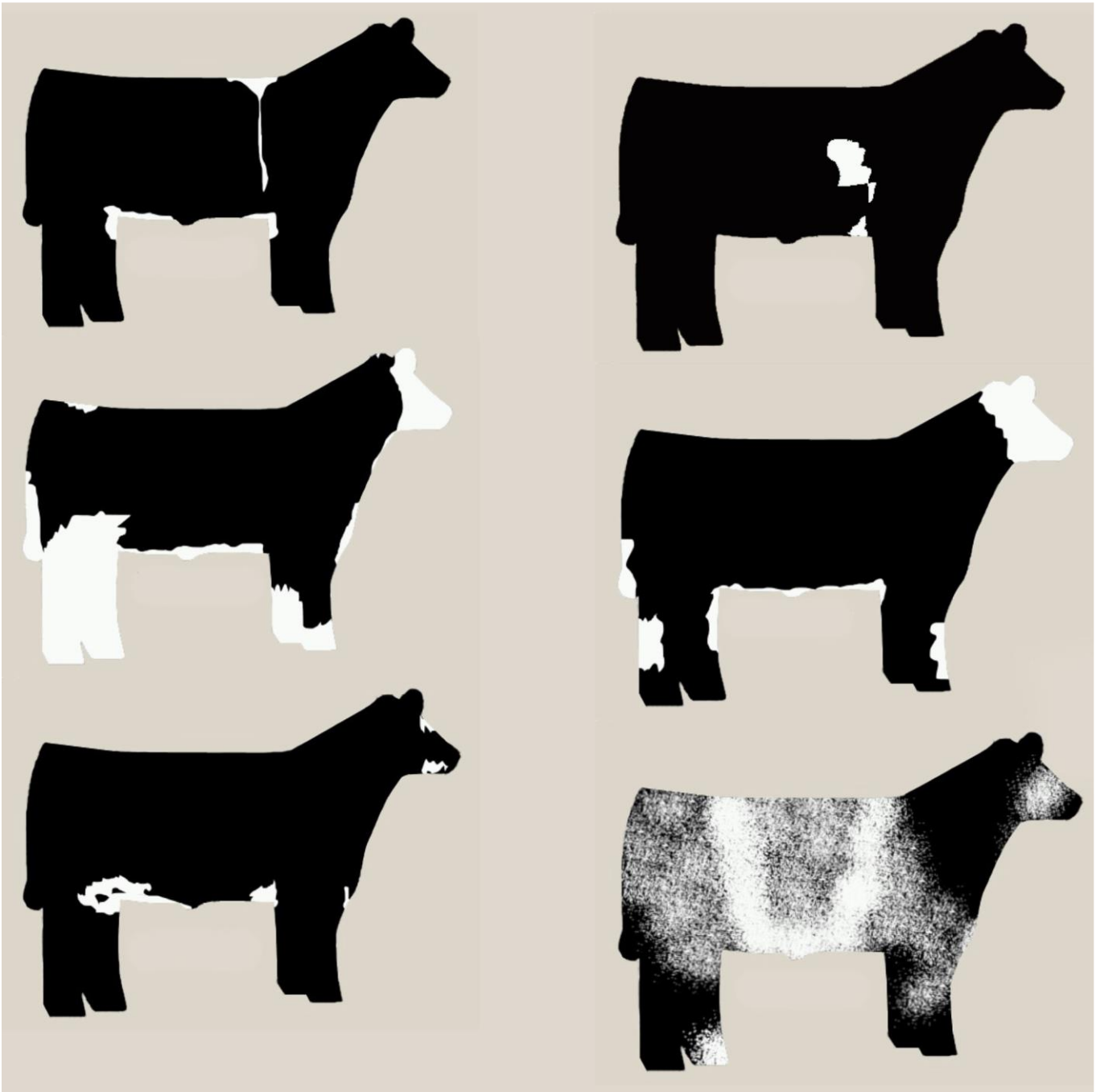


Figure 4. Black cross cattle (and other examples)

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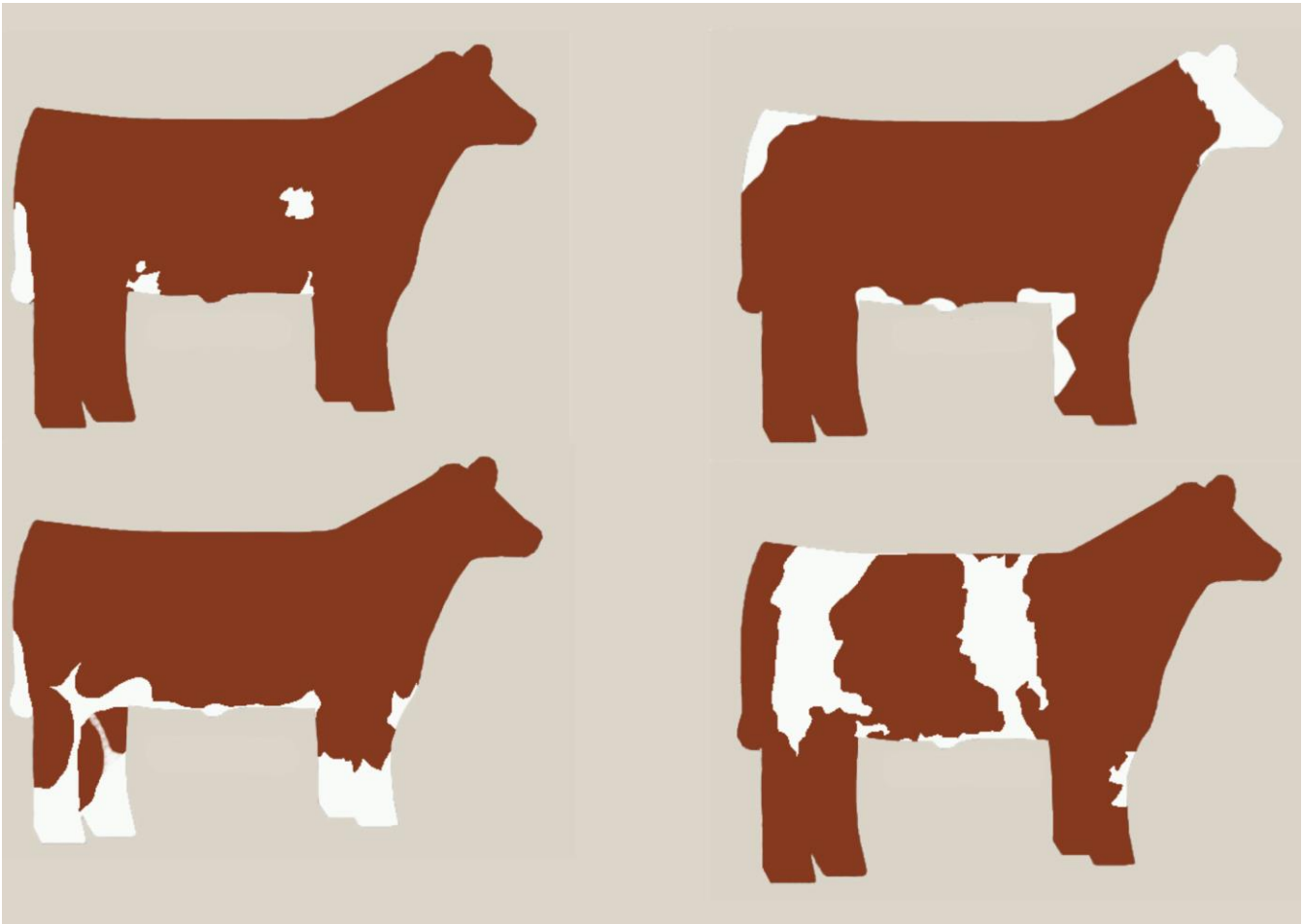


Figure 5. Red cross cattle (and other examples)

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CLASSIFICATION GLOSSARY

American breeds: Breeds created in the U.S. by interbreeding existing breeds, including at least one tropically adapted breed (most often American Brahman).

Bald-face: Appearance when white covers most of the face.

Blaze or streak-face: A wide strip of white down the face to the muzzle.

***Bos indicus* (zebu):** Sub-species of cattle originating in South Asia—has a prominent hump on top or in front of shoulder.

***Bos taurus*:** Sub-species of cattle, originated in West Asia but is usually called European.

Brindle: A streaking of black, brown, or white on the body of the steer (i.e., tiger stripe).

British/English: Cattle originating in the British Isles—Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn are most plentiful in the U.S.

Brockle or motley-face: Red or black spotting on a white or bald face.

Continental: Breeds originating in Continental Europe, sometimes called European or Exotic.

Diluter gene: A gene that determines color. Cattle that carry both copies of the gene will appear white. Non-diluter cattle will appear black or dark red, whereas those carrying a single diluter gene will appear gray or yellow.

DISCRIMINATORY BREED CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to disqualification.

Horned: Horns are solidly attached to the skull (or there is evidence of dehorning).

Painting: Large white markings covering a major portion of the steer.

Pigmentation: Dark skin coloring on the points of the steer (e.g., eyes, nose, ears, anus, tail).

Polled: Naturally hornless.

Purebred: Showing visual characteristics of a particular breed and none of any other breed.

Scurs: Horny tissue or rudimentary horn(s) attached to skin but not the skull.

Sheath score: Scoring system from 1 to 5 based on the length of the sheath (i.e., 1 = little sheath; 5 = excess sheath).

Smut: Dark gray color pattern.

Spotting: White spots on the steer.

SUMMARY

In the commercial beef industry, most cattle are sorted by visual characteristics into numerous groups for marketing purposes. Similarly, during livestock shows, participating steers are sorted into breed classes based on visual characteristics. In most classes there are few factors that will absolutely disqualify an animal, which are usually easily identified. Instead, most disqualified animals have more than one subjectively evaluated discriminatory characteristic.

Steers should be selected and shown based only on their visual appearance because that is how they will be evaluated for classification. Remember: Classifiers are asked to exercise their judgment. If a steer is classified out, it does not mean that the classifier or anyone else is accusing someone of lying, cheating, or being unethical—nor does it mean that the steer cannot be the breed that the producer/rancher says it is. Look at breed classification as the first stage of judging. Do not be too upset if the classifier makes (or he or she is perceived to have made) a mistake. It is all a matter of judgment.

JUNIOR STEER CARCASS CONTEST

Superintendent –Dr. Jeff Savell, College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Davey Griffin, College Station, TX

The first and second place steers in each class of each breed will be harvested for carcass information. These animals will be sold through the premium sale and slaughtered as a group.

MINIMUM CARCASS STANDARDS

1. Minimum and maximum hot carcass weight, 600 to 1,000 pounds, respectively.
2. Minimum fat thickness – .25 inches.
3. Minimum ribeye area – 11.0 square inches.
4. Maximum USDA Yield Grade – 3.5.
5. Maximum USDA maturity – A¹⁰⁰.
6. Minimum USDA marbling requirement – Slight⁰⁰.
7. Minimum USDA Quality Grade – Select⁰⁰.
8. "Dark Cutters," if severe enough, will be disqualified. (Severe dark cutting is defined as sufficient to result in at least one full-grade reduction in the USDA quality grade).
9. Carcasses with excessive bruises and evidence of tampering or questionable injections will be disqualified.

Steers meeting these standards will be evaluated and placed 1st through 10th with the following moneys being paid:

<u>Steer Carcass Contest Awards</u>				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th – 10 th
\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
1st place – belt buckle				

SCRAMBLE STEER SHOW

Department SS

Superintendent – Dr. Kyle Stutts – Huntsville, TX

Judges – TBD

Wave 1

(ABC, Brahman Cross, Brangus, Charolais Cross, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis Cross, Shorthorn, Simbrah, Simmental)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 9	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Sunday	March 10	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Sunday	March 10	6 a.m.
Scramble Steer EID Validation	Sunday	March 10	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Turn in Weight/Sift/Classify	Sunday	March 10	1 p.m. – Main Cattle Arena
Scramble Steer Show:	Monday	March 11	8 a.m.
Scramble Steer Awards and Donor Social	Monday	March 11	Awards presentation to follow show
Begin Release of Scramble Non-Placing Steers:	Monday	March 11	No earlier than NOON must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/12

Wave 2

(Angus, Black Cross, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Limousin, Other Cross, Red Angus, Red Cross)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Tuesday	March 12	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Wednesday	March 13	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Wednesday	March 13	6 a.m.
Scramble Steer EID Validation	Wednesday	March 13	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Turn in Weight/Sift/Classify	Wednesday	March 13	1 p.m. – Main Cattle Arena
Scramble Steer Show:	Thursday	March 14	8 a.m.
Scramble Steer Awards and Donor Social	Thursday	March 14	Awards presentation to follow show
Begin Release of Scramble Non-Placing Steers:	Thursday	March 14	11 a.m. – Upon completion of show
All Steers Must Be Out By:	Saturday	March 16	2 p.m.

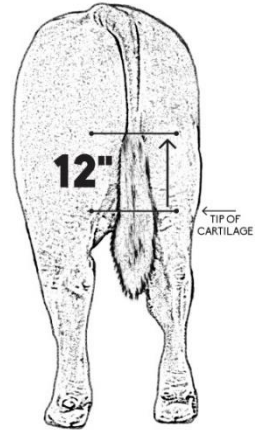
Special Rules for Scramble Steer Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Market Steer Show Rules, and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Entry:** Scramble classes are limited to 2023 Calf Scramble certificate winners. Scramble steer entry fees have been waived. Calf Scramble exhibitors are strongly encouraged to enter their Scramble Steer in the Junior Market Steer Show with an entry fee of \$35. However, Calf Scramble exhibitors are only allowed one entry in the Junior Market Steer Show and it must be their Scramble Steer.
- Quality Counts Verification:** Exhibitors are required to pass the Quality County Verification test for show eligibility. Entries will not be accepted without the verification code for each exhibitor. The test can be found at <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/>.
- Stalling:** To stall together at Houston, groups MUST arrive and remain in line together at Airport Blvd. NO assignments will be made for steers that are coming later. Steers will be counted on the trailers. The Airport Boulevard staging area will remain open beginning on Saturday, March 9 at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. for trailers to be staged. The first three rows of cattle stalls on the north side of the barn (rows nearest to the dock and wash racks) will be assigned to those exhibitors arriving first.

Once these three rows are assigned, assignments will be given starting on the far end of the stalls (closest to commercial exhibits) and will work back towards the dock.

Special Rules for Scramble Steer Show

5. **Arrival:** Scramble steers will move in with the Jr. Market Steers from 1 a.m. to 11:30 am on Sunday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 13. All trailers with Scramble or Jr. Market Steers must report to Airport Blvd. for staging.
6. **Health Certificate:** None Required.
7. **Validation:** Steers must be validated in the TX 4-H and FFA Steer Validation Program. Electronic ear tags will be checked on Sunday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 13 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The EID on scramble steers MUST match the EID that was originally provided to the Scramble Office. Any steer may be nose printed or DNA tested at the request of the Superintendent and/or Show Management. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification. Animals that need to be retagged may do so between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024 for Wave 1 and Wednesday, March 13, 2024 for Wave 2 at the Veterinarian Station by the Main Arena in NRG Center.
8. **Self/Mobile-Check-In:** Check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animal. The exhibitor will need the following information:
 - a. The last 5 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
 - b. The animals declared weight
 - c. The animals declared breed



The Exhibitor will be responsible for making sure the information entered is accurate and if there are any issues the exhibitor MUST make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary.

9. **Ear Tags:** Steers must have a TX State Validation ear tag. Only validation tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival. Exhibitor numbers must be worn during classification, sifting and judging. If an animal is missing the TX State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Superintendent immediately upon arrival.
10. **Clipping:** Prior to arrival at the Show, steers must be pre-clipped to no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, (the tail switch being no more than 12" above the end of the cartilage of the tail) which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Only scissors or cordless clippers may be used for touch-up prior to entering the show staging area for classification. Once a steer enters the classification area, they cannot leave until the classification process is complete. Steers will be checked for hair length at the time of classification. Steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated and removed. The exhibitor will be eliminated from competition for the current show in the steer division. 1/4" hair requirement is strictly enforced. Steers that leave the classification area will not be re-evaluated for hair length. The decision made is final.
11. **Trim Chutes:** No trim chutes will be allowed on the show grounds during the Junior Show.
12. **Grooming Material:** No grooming material of any kind is allowed (this includes conditioner).
13. **Horns:** Steers must be dehorned.
14. **Classification:** All scramble steers must be classified on Sunday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 13th beginning at 1 p.m. in the Main Cattle Arena of NRG Center. Weight and breed declaration cards and exhibitor numbers are required for classification. The exhibitor must declare the breed and weight during self/mobile check-in; however, final determination of breed classification will be made by classifiers appointed by Show Management. Breed determination is based on visible steer characteristics only; there will be no registration papers, steer certificates or steer affidavits considered. There will be no breed changes at the time of judging. Upon exiting the Main Cattle Arena, exhibitors will receive a printed receipt including their determined breed, declared weight, and animal identification. Once classes are posted, exhibitors will have two hours to report any incorrect information that is displayed to the show superintendent or Show Management. The judgment of the sifting committee and classifiers is final and not subject to protest.
15. **Classifiers:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will have three classifiers who will determine the official breed classification of each steer. The three classifiers are selected from recommendations from the following: one from the Breed Associations, one from a list furnished by the CEAs/ASTs, and one from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Special Rules for Scramble Steer Show

16. **Weight:** Steers must weigh a minimum 1,000 pounds.
 - a. Exhibitors must declare animal weight and breed at the time they sift and classify. The weight listed on the Weight and Breed Declaration Card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weighing back and selling purposes. Exhibitors must complete the Weight and Breed Declaration Card to include declared weight, state validation tag number, and breed designation.
 - b. After judging of each class is completed, all placing steers will be weighed before leaving the ring. Any steer weighing less than 95 percent, or more than 105 percent of its official declared weight will be disqualified. Steers showing more than normal fill, as determined at weighing time, will be sifted.
17. **Classes:** Scramble steers in each wave will all be shown together, there will be no breed divisions. Classes will be broken by weight. Final classes will be determined by the Show Superintendent and are not subject to change. Any steer reporting for a class other than the class determined by official breed classification and declared weight will not be allowed to show.
18. **Exhibitor Back Numbers:** During judging, exhibitors must wear the correct back number corresponding with the Show entry number.
19. **Steer Handling:** Steers that are unruly or require handling by more than one person will be disqualified. Nose leads are permitted during sifting or showing. Only Show officials will be allowed to assist exhibitors during sifting or judging.
20. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be judged during the Scramble Steer Show and awarded at the Scramble Steer Awards Ceremony and Donor Social.

Scramble Steer Show Premium Schedule

	1st Trophy	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
A:	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100

GRAND CHAMPION SCRAMBLE STEER – Wave 1
RESERVE CHAMPION SCRAMBLE STEER - Wave 1

(\$750, Banner & Buckle)
(\$500, Banner & Buckle)

GRAND CHAMPION SCRAMBLE STEER – Wave 2
RESERVE CHAMPION SCRAMBLE STEER - Wave 2

(\$750, Banner & Buckle)
(\$500, Banner & Buckle)

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW

Department M

Superintendent – Scott Durham - San Angelo, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Dr. Shawn Ramsey - Navasota, TX; **Harvey Buehring** – Robstown, TX;
and Marty Gibbs – Ballinger, TX

Judge: Jeff Ripley – College Station, TX

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Monday	March 4	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Tuesday	March 5	3 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Tuesday	March 5	10 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Closes:	Tuesday	March 5	1:30 p.m.
ALL LAMBS MUST BE CHECKED IN			
Open Ceremonies:	Wednesday	March 6	8 a.m.
Show A:	Wednesday	March 6	8:30 a.m.
Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Dorper			
Begin Release TACK ONLY:	Wednesday	March 6	No earlier than NOON
Show B:	Thursday	March 7	8 a.m.
Medium Wool			
Begin Release TACK ONLY:	Thursday	March 7	No earlier than NOON
Exhibitor Auction Meeting	Thursday	March 7	6:30 p.m.
<i>(Mandatory for top 3 exhibitors in each class)</i>			
Grand Champion Selection:	Thursday	March 7	7:30 p.m.
Auction:	Friday	March 8	11 a.m.

Special Rules for Junior Market Lamb Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Guaranteed Premiums:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has established a Schedule of Guaranteed Premiums (shown below), which must be accepted by all Junior Market Show exhibitors who win ribbons in the individual classes. In return for the Guaranteed Premium, winning animals become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and will be sold at their respective Junior Market Auction.

PLACE	GUARANTEE
Grand Champion Lamb	\$40,000
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb	\$25,000
Breed Champion Lambs	\$10,000
Reserve Breed Champion Lambs	\$7,500
First Place Lambs	\$6,000
Second Place Lambs	\$5,000
Third Place Lambs	\$4,000
Fourth Place Lambs	\$3,200
Fifth Place Lambs	\$2,800
Sixth Place Lambs	\$2,500
All Remaining Placing Lambs	\$2,300

*Premiums are subject to handling fee

*Top three exhibitors from each class are **required** to walk through the auction.

*All exhibitors making the sale are **strongly** encouraged to attend.

*Only first through third placing exhibitors from each class are required to attend the auction meeting.

Special Rules for Junior Market Lamb Show

3. **Validation:** Lambs must be validated in the TX 4-H and FFA Lamb Validation Program, only wether lambs are eligible to be validated and shown in the Junior Market Lamb Show. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification. Animals that need to be retagged may do so between 7 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the day of move-in at the East Arena of the NRG Center.
4. **Self/Mobile-Check-In:** Check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animal. The exhibitor will need the following information:
 - a. The last 5 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
 - b. The animals declared weight
 - c. The animals declared breed

The Exhibitor will be responsible for making sure the information entered is accurate and if there are any issues the exhibitor **MUST** make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary.

5. **Weight Breaks:** Superintendents will break classes once check-in is complete. There will be no preset weight breaks. Exhibitors that do not check-in prior to 1:30 p.m. on March 5, 2024 are ineligible. Southdown and Dorper lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds. Other lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds.
 - a. Exhibitors must have check-in completed by 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The weight submitted at check-in will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weighing back and official selling purposes. **It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure weight and breed declared at the time of self/mobile check-in is accurate for their animal entry prior to the close of check-in.**
 - b. During judging, all lambs pulled for classification (Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown and Dorper) or judging (Medium Wools) will be weighed. **Any lamb that weighs more than 5 pounds above its official declared weight will be disqualified. Any lamb weighing less than 90 pounds (Southdown and Dorper) or 100 pounds (other lambs), will be disqualified.** While inside the judging arena, lambs shall not be filled or altered in any way.
 - c. First and second place class winners will be re-weighed prior to Breed Champion drives. Should a first or second place winner weigh out at this time, the animal will retain its placing but will be ineligible to compete for Breed Champion. If the first-place class winner weighs out, the second-place class winner will then advance to compete for Breed Champion honors. No other lambs will advance.
6. **Top 330:** Each breed will be divided into three weight groups for prejudging. A judge will select the top 330 lambs for premium sale. A distribution of numbers to compete for the 330 sale places are:

	Light	Medium	Heavy	Total
Southdown	19	19	19	57
Finewool	15	15	15	45
Finewool Cross	16	16	16	48
Dorper	6	6	6	18
Medium Wool	(sell 18 in 9 classes)			162

7. **Ear Tags:** State validation tags will be used for 2024. Only validation tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival. If an animal is missing the TX State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Superintendent immediately upon arrival.
8. **Exhibitor Back Numbers:** During judging, exhibitors must wear the correct back number corresponding with the Show entry number.
9. **Feeding:** All lambs must have been placed on feed by Oct. 31, 2023 and the feeding period shall continue until the opening day of Show.
10. **Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act:** As required, in 21 CFR 589.2000, entry in the Junior Market Lamb show shall serve as verification by the exhibitor that, to the best of their knowledge, while under their ownership, possession or direct control, the entry was not fed any feed containing ruminant-derived meat or bone meal. Entrants agree to allow packer inspections of feed ingredient records and facilities.

Special Rules for Junior Market Lamb Show

11. **Country of Origin:** To meet Country of Origin labeling requirements, entry in the Junior Market Lamb show serves as verification by the exhibitor that the entry has been bred, born and raised entirely in the United States.
12. **Clipping:** Lambs must be slick shorn and of uniform length from knee and hock up at time of arrival. There will be no shearing allowed on show grounds. Only hand shearers and cordless clippers may be used for touch ups.
13. **Scales:** Exhibitors are not allowed to bring portable scales into the building. Scales for weighing are furnished.
14. **Equipment:** All feed, tack, and equipment must be stored above pens. No trimming/blocking stands, show rails or blow dryers are allowed.
15. **Grooming:** No grooming materials are allowed.
16. **Unethical Fitting:** Per rule 30.a. of the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified and exhibitors may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
17. **Health Certificates:** None required for the 2024 Junior Market Lamb Show.
18. **Drench Guns:** Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
19. **Terminal Show:** All entries arriving must be sold, including sifted, non-placing and ribbon-winning lambs, according to the Show procedure. Exhibitors will take proper care of all animals until the animals are delivered on the truck of the commission agent. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of guaranteed premiums. Exhibitors of non-placing animals will be responsible for a handling fee to be charged by the commission agent. Animals should be delivered to the commission agent in accordance with all representations required throughout the validation/ownership period. Any animal deemed unmerchantable by Show Management due to lameness, illness, blindness, etc. may not receive a market value for that animal.
20. **Ownership:** Market animals do not become property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo until that animal can advance no further in the competition.
21. **Stalling:** The Airport Boulevard staging area will open beginning on Monday, March 4th at 5 p.m. Trailers will not be staged prior to these times.
22. **Bedding:** One bag of shavings per animal will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
23. **Pre-Penning:** All junior market lambs and meat goats will be pre-penned at the discretion of the Show Management. Penning requests will not be accepted or required. Entries from each county, 4-H club and FFA Chapter, will be assigned pens together in the same area. Each county or chapter will have designated pens but may be required to share pens with other counties or chapters. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring panels to separate animals if needed. Pen dimensions are 6X6.
24. **Companion Animals:** Only animals entered in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ are allowed on show grounds. All other animals, excluding entered cow-calf pairs, will be removed per Show Management.
25. **Classification:** Breed classification will be submitted to the kiosk self-check-in which must be completed by 1:30 p.m. on March 5, 2024. The breed must be declared upon check-in; however, final determination of breed classification will be made by classifiers appointed by the Show Management. Finewools classified will advance to Finewool Cross and Finewool Cross, Southdown and Dorper classified will advance to the Medium Wool Division. The judgment of the sifting committee and classifiers is final and not subject to protest.

Special Rules for Junior Market Lamb Show

Please keep in mind, registration paper, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is not considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined only by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers appointed by Show Management.

CLASSIFICATION TERMS:

- **Acceptable:** Characteristics that represent the breed.
- **Discriminatory:** Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to removal from a breed division.
- **Absolute Disqualifications:** Unfavorable visual characteristics resulting in removal from a breed division.
- **Scur:** Horn growth that is not completely attached to the skull.
- **Birthmark:** Dark pigmented skin with dark fiber present within the margins of the pigmentation.

Finewool:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds.
- Silky, white face.
- Silky ears, medium to moderate in length.
- Soft pelt.
- Yellow to white hooves (neutral).
- Black pads on hooves and black dew claws.
- Minimal amount of black streaking in the hooves. Less than 1/8 of cumulative hoof surface.
- Nose should be neutral to pink in color.
- May be polled or horned. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Moderate amounts of brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
- Moderate freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose and lips.
- Black eyelashes.
- Excessive black streaking in hooves more than 1/8 cumulative of hoof surface.
- Birthmarks.

Absolute Disqualifications

- Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Excessive brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
- Excessive freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose and lips.
- Brown or black spots in hairline above the hooves to the dew claw.
- Solid black hooves.
- Black lambs.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Head, ear and/or horn shape non-typical to the Finewool breeds (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds).

Finewool Cross:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% Finewool breeding and the remaining percentage exhibiting predominance of ONLY Hampshire and/or Suffolk breeding.
- Soft pelt which is characteristic of ½ blood wool (60's-62's spinning count).
- Face and ears should be soft and silky.
- Spotting and/or brown face and ears.
- Moderate spotting and/or brown legs not extending above the rear flank or fore flank.
- Wool must be present below the hocks on the rear legs; wool below the knees on the front legs is not necessary.
- Reddish, rust colored legs are acceptable.
- White-faced or ring-eyed crosses are acceptable if pelt is acceptable – as long as no discriminatory characteristics are present.
- Birthmarks.
- Scurs and/or horns are acceptable. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Excessive black spotting in the skin above the knees and hocks.
- Moderate black or chocolate brown color on face, ears, and legs (including wool).
- Moderately coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Moderately coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.

Absolute Disqualifications

- Excessive black or dark chocolate brown color on face, ears, and legs (including wool).
- Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Total absence of wool on rear legs.
- Black lambs.
- Evidence of other breeds including, but not limited to Dorset and Southdown breed types (head and ear shapes of Dorset and/or Southdown).
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.

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Southdown:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Hair color on muzzle should be mouse-colored, gray to brown and match color on legs and pasterns.
- Nostril pigmentation may be black to purplish-gray.
- Head and muzzle should be broad and proportional to body.
- Head of moderate length and in proportion to body.
- Ears of moderate length, in proportion to body, and covered with short hair or wool.
- Black hooves.
- Slight chalk around eyes.
- Slight chalk around muzzle.
- Spot or speckles in the skin only when shorn.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white color or dark chocolate color on muzzle.
- Coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Predominately pink nose with few black spots.
- Long, narrow muzzle.
- Excessive black pigmentation on ears.
- Excessive ear length not in proportion to head.
- No hair or wool on ears.
- Scurs.
- Absence of wool between scur areas.
- Stiped hooves.
- Reddish, rust colored hair above hoof to pastern.
- Black fibers in wool outside of birthmark.
- Birthmarks.

Absolute Disqualifications

- Speckled face, ears, or legs.
- Horns.
- White hooves.
- Intentional alteration of hair color or skin pigmentation.
- Total pink pigmentation of nostrils.
- Black lambs.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.

Dorper:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must be a Dorper or White Dorper.
- Conformation: long, deep, wide body with well sprung ribs and excellent muscling.
- Color: Dorper – white sheep with black limited to head, neck, and forequarters not below the knee or behind the heart girth; White Dorper – white sheep.
- Must have at least 1/3 hair primarily on belly, forearm, and britch.
- 100% hair below the knees and hocks.
- 100% hair forward of poll.
- Moderate size ear with no wool covering.
- Head should be strong, bold with a deep jaw.
- Polled or small horns or scurs.
- Spots or speckled pigment in the skin only when shorn.
- Black spots above the hoof line and below the dewclaw.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Tall, leggy, shallow, and/or narrow-bodied lambs.
- A limited amount of dark fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth not to exceed a cumulative total of the size of a softball.
- A white sheep with brown or red colored speckles in the covering, confined to the head and neck.
- Tri-colored sheep.
- Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm, and britch).
- Wool forward of poll.
- Heavy horns.
- Long, pendulous ears.
- Long, narrow muzzle.

Absolute Disqualifications

- All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm or britch.
- Wool below the knees or hocks.
- Wool on the ears.
- Excessive amount of dark fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth exceeding a cumulative total of the size of a softball.
- Solid brown, red, rust colored head.
- Speckling or spots from knee to dewclaw or from hock to dewclaw.
- Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Evidence of color alterations.

Special Rules for Junior Market Lamb Show

Medium Wool:

This class generally includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit into the Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown, or Dorper breed classes.

CLASSES

CLASS CHAMPIONS	(Trophy)
BREED CHAMPIONS	(Banner & Buckle)
RESERVE BREED CHAMPIONS	(Banner & Buckle)
GRAND CHAMPION LAMB OF SHOW	(Banner, Buckle, & Trophy)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB OF SHOW	(Banner, Buckle, & Trophy)

Ruth Hildebrand Lamb Scholarship

In memory of Mrs. Ruth Hildebrand, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will present a four-year, \$20,000 college scholarship to an exhibitor in the Junior Market Lamb Show. This scholarship, originated by the Lamb Auction Committee, is given to honor the memory of Mrs. Hildebrand's unselfish personal devotion and contributions to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and to the youth who exhibit here.

Applicants must be Junior Market Lamb Show exhibitors participating in the 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The recipient will be announced following opening ceremonies of the Lamb & Goat Show on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States, of good character and meet all requirements as specified in the application, including their attending an accredited TX public or private high school, and meeting academic minimums. Applicants must plan to attend a college or university within the state of TX in pursuit of a bachelor's degree. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of academics, leadership/community involvement, and financial need.

Online applications along with eligibility requirements can be accessed through the Show website, <http://www.rodeohouston.com/Educational-Support/Scholars/Apply>. Supporting documents must be uploaded at the time of application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Online applications will open December 1, 2023 and are due by February 1, 2024 at 7:59 p.m. A school official will be required to complete a digital form for each applicant. This form must be submitted online by January 31, 2024 at 4:59 PM. There are no extensions or exceptions to either deadline.

Applicants will be interviewed by a scholarship selection committee in the Show offices.

JUNIOR LAMB CARCASS CONTEST

Superintendent – Dr. Jeff Savell - College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Ray R. Riley - College Station, TX

The first and second place lambs in each class of each breed will be slaughtered for carcass information. These animals will be sold through the premium sale and slaughtered as a group.

MINIMUM CARCASS STANDARDS

1. Minimum and maximum for carcass weight, 45 to 100 pounds, respectively.
2. Minimum and maximum adjusted fat thickness at the 12th rib, .10 inches to .30 inches, respectively.
3. Maximum USDA Yield Grade, 3.4. The USDA Yield Grade will be determined according to USDA (1994) grading standards. $\text{USDA Yield Grade} = 0.4 + (10 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, inches})$
4. Estimated percent boneless, closely trimmed retail cuts (%BCTRC) from the leg, loin, rack, and shoulder is used in ranking.

Prediction Equation: $\%BCTRC = 49.936 - (.0848 \times \text{hot carcass weight, pounds})$
- $(4.376 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, 12th rib, inches})$
- $(3.530 \times \text{body wall thickness, inches})$
+ $(2.456 \times \text{ribeye area, square inches})$.

5. Carcass must be of lamb maturity.
6. Minimum USDA Quality grade must be Choice-minus.
7. Carcass shall be free of serious bruises ("old", not recent), free of injection sites on the more valuable carcass parts - leg, loin, rack and shoulder (neck excluded) - and free of any evidence of surgical altering of the live lamb.

Lambs achieving the above standards will be evaluated and placed 1st through 10th and the following awards will be given.

<u>Lamb Carcass Contest Awards</u>				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th – 10 th
\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
1st place – belt buckle				

JUNIOR MARKET GOAT SHOW

Department X

Superintendent – Todd Swift – Johnson City, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Glenn Avriett – New Braunfels, TX; **Eric Zimmerman** – Franklin, TX; **Roy Walston** – Harper, TX

Judge: Jess Yeaman – Uvalde, Tx

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Monday	March 4	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Tuesday	March 5	3 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Tuesday	March 5	10 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Closes:	Tuesday	March 5	1:30 p.m.
ALL GOATS MUST BE CHECKED IN			
Open Ceremonies:	Wednesday	March 6	8 a.m.
Show (Division I & II):	Wednesday	March 6	8:30 a.m.
Begin Release TACK ONLY :	Wednesday	March 6	No earlier than NOON
Show B (Divisions III & IV):	Thursday	March 7	8 a.m.
Begin Release TACK ONLY :	Thursday	March 7	No earlier than NOON
Exhibitor Auction Meeting (Mandatory for top 3 exhibitors in each class)	Thursday	March 7	6:30 p.m.
Grand Champion Selection:	Thursday	March 7	7:30 p.m.
Auction:	Friday	March 8	11 a.m.

Special Rules for Junior Market Goat Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listing in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Guaranteed Payments:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has established a schedule of Guaranteed Payments (shown below), which must be accepted by all Junior Market Show exhibitors who win ribbons in the individual classes. In return for the Guaranteed Payment, winning animals become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and will be sold at their respective Junior Market Auction.

PLACE	GUARANTEE
Grand Champion Goat	\$30,000
Reserve Grand Champion Goat	\$20,000
Division Champions	\$10,000
Reserve Division Champions.....	\$7,500
Remaining First Place Goats.....	\$6,000
Remaining Second Place Goats.....	\$5,000
Third Place Goats.....	\$4,000
Fourth Place Goats.....	\$3,200
Fifth Place Goats.....	\$2,800
Sixth Place Goats	\$2,500
All remaining places	\$2,300

* Premiums are subject to handling fee.

* The top three exhibitors from each class are **required** to walk through the auction.

* Remaining exhibitors are **strongly** encouraged to attend the auction.

*Only first through third placing exhibitors from each class are required to attend the auction meeting.

Special Rules for Junior Market Goat Show

4. **Validation:** Market Goats must be validated in the TX 4-H and FFA Validation Program, only wether goats are eligible to be validated and shown in the Junior Market Goat Show. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification. Animals that need to be retagged may do so between 7 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the day of move-in at the East Arena of the NRG Center.
5. **Self-Check-In:** New for this year, check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animal. The exhibitor will need the following information:
 - a. The last 5 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
 - b. The animals declared weight
 - c. The animals declared breed

The Exhibitor will be responsible for making sure the information entered is accurate and if there are any issues the exhibitor MUST make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary.

6. **Weight Breaks:** Superintendents will break classes once check-in is complete. There will be no preset weight breaks. Exhibitors that do not check-in at the kiosk prior to 1:30 p.m. on March 5, 2024 are ineligible. Goats must weigh between 65 and 120 pounds.
 - a. Exhibitors must have check-in completed by 1:30 p.m. on March 5, 2024. The weight submitted at check-in will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weighing back and official selling purposes. **It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure weight and breed declared at the time of self/mobile check-in is accurate for their animal entry prior to the close of check-in.**
 - b. All market goats pulled for placing considerations will be weighed back. **Any goat that weighs more than 4 pounds above its official declared weight will be disqualified.** (Goats can weigh 124 pounds at weigh back if their check-in weight was the maximum allowed weight or 120 pounds.) **Any goat weighing less than 65 pounds at time of weigh back will be disqualified.** While inside the judging arena, animals shall not be filled or altered in any way.
 - c. First and second place class winners will be re-weighed prior to Division Champion drives. Should a first or second place winner weigh out at this time, the animal will retain its placing but will be ineligible to compete for Division Champion. If the first-place class winner weighs out, the second-place class winner will then advance to compete for Division Champion honors. No other goats will advance.
7. **Top 180:** Goats will be divided into twelve classes. The top fifteen goats in each class will qualify for sale.
8. **Ear Tags:** State validation tags will be used for 2024. Only validation tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival. If an animal is missing the TX State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify a Superintendent immediately upon arrival.
9. **Exhibitor Back Numbers:** During judging, exhibitors must wear the correct back number corresponding with the Show entry number.
10. **Feeding:** All goats must have been placed on feed by October 31, 2023 and the feeding period shall continue through opening day of the Show.
11. **Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act:** As required, in 21 CFR 589.2000, entry in the Junior Market Goat show shall serve as verification by the exhibitor that, to the best of their knowledge, while under their ownership, possession or direct control, the entry was not fed any feed containing ruminant-derived meat or bone meal. Entrants agree to allow packer inspections of feed ingredient records and facilities.
12. **Country of Origin:** To meet Country of Origin labeling requirements, entry in the Junior Market Goat show serves as verification by the exhibitor that the entry has been bred, born and raised entirely in the United States.
13. **Horns:** If horned, the horns must be tipped (not less than the diameter of a dime at the end).
14. **Clipping:** Goats must be slick shorn and of **uniform** length from the knee and hock up prior to arrival. "Blocking" or fitting in an attempt to alter or enhance a goat's appearance is not allowed. There will be no shearing allowed on show grounds. Only hand shearers and cordless clippers may be used for touch ups.

15. **Scales:** Exhibitors are not allowed to bring portable scales into the building. Scales for weighing are furnished.

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- 16. Equipment:** All feed, tack, and equipment must be stored above pens. No trimming/blocking stands, show rails or blow dryers are allowed.
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- 19. Unethical Fitting:** Per rule 30.a. of the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified and exhibitors may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
- 19. Health Certificates:** None required for the 2024 Junior Market Goat Show.
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- 26. Companion Animals:** Only animals entered in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ are allowed on show grounds. All other animals, excluding entered cow-calf pairs, will be removed per Show Management.

Special Rules for Junior Market Goat Show

CLASSES

CLASS CHAMPIONS	(Trophy)
DIVISION CHAMPIONS	(Banner & Buckle)
RESERVE DIVISION CHAMPIONS	(Banner & Buckle)
GRAND CHAMPION GOAT OF SHOW	(Banner, Buckle, & Trophy)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOAT OF SHOW	(Banner, Buckle, & Trophy)

JUNIOR MARKET GOAT CARCASS CONTEST

Superintendent – Dr. Jeff Savell - College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Dan Hale - College Station, TX

The first and second place goats in each class will be slaughtered for carcass information.

MINIMUM CARCASS STANDARDS

1. Minimum and maximum for hot carcass weight, 35 to 70 pounds, respectively.
2. Minimum and maximum adjusted fat thickness at the 12th rib, .05 inches to .25 inches, respectively.
3. Estimated percent boneless, closely trimmed retail cuts (%BCTRC) from the leg, loin, rack, and shoulder is considered in ranking.

Prediction Equation is:
$$\begin{aligned} \%BCTRC = & 49.936 - (.0848 \times \text{hot carcass weight, lbs.}) \\ & - (4.376 \times \text{adjusted 12th rib fat thickness, inches}) \\ & - (3.530 \times \text{body wall thickness, inches}) \\ & + (2.456 \times \text{ribeye area, square inches.}) \end{aligned}$$

4. Carcass must be youthful appearing.
5. Carcass shall be free of serious bruises ("old", not recent), free of injection sites on the more valuable carcass parts - leg, loin, rack and shoulder (neck excluded) and free of any evidence of surgical altering of the live goat.

Goats achieving the above standards will be evaluated and placed 1st through 10th with the following premium schedule being offered for those placing.

<u>Goat Carcass Contest Awards</u>				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th – 10 th
\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
1st place – belt buckle				

JUNIOR MARKET BARROW SHOW

Department P

Superintendent – William Kulow - Needville, TX

Assistant Superintendents - Terry Douglas – Montalba, TX; **Terry Phillips** - Dripping Springs, TX;

Ted Ford - Lingleville, TX; **Mike Rivas** - Tahoka, TX; **CyLynn Braswell** –Fort Worth, TX; **Donald Kelm** – Stephenville, TX; **David Frazier** – Stephenville, TX

Judge: Justin Rodibaugh –

Duroc, Hampshire, Spotted, Yorkshire

Judge: Clay Zwilling –

Berkshire, Chester White/Landrace, Poland China



Judge: TBA at Wave 1

Other Crossbred I & II

NRG Center, East Arena

Wave 1

(Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted, Other Crossbred I)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Friday	March 8	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Saturday	March 9	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 9	10 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Closes:	Saturday	March 9	1 p.m.
ALL BARROWS MUST BE CHECKED IN			
Show A: (Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted)	Sunday	March 10	8 a.m.
Begin Release TACK ONLY :	Sunday	March 10	No earlier than NOON
Show B: (Other Crossbred I)	Monday	March 11	8 a.m.
Begin Release TACK ONLY :	Monday	March 11	No earlier than NOON

Wave 2

(Berkshire, Chester White/Landrace, Duroc, Yorkshire, Other Crossbred II)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Monday	March 11	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Tuesday	March 12	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Tuesday	March 12	10 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Closes:	Tuesday	March 12	1 p.m.
ALL BARROWS MUST BE CHECKED IN			
Show C: (Duroc, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Chester White/Landrace)	Wednesday	March 13	8 a.m.
Begin Release TACK ONLY :	Wednesday	March 13	No earlier than NOON
Show D: (Other Crossbred II)	Thursday	March 14	8 a.m.
Begin Release TACK ONLY :	Thursday	March 14	7 a.m.
Exhibitor Auction Meeting: (Mandatory for all first-place exhibitors and higher)	Thursday	March 14	6:30 p.m.
Grand Champion Selection:	Thursday	March 14	7:30 p.m.
Auction:	Friday	March 15	11 a.m.



Special Rules for Junior Market Barrow Show

1. **Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
2. **Guaranteed Premiums:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has established a schedule of Guaranteed Premiums (shown below), which must be accepted by all Junior Market Show exhibitors who win ribbons in the individual classes. In return for the Guaranteed Premium, winning animals become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and will be sold at their respective Junior Market Auction.



<u>PLACE</u>	<u>GUARANTEE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>GUARANTEE</u>
Grand Champion Barrow	\$40,000	First Place Barrows	\$3,000
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow	\$25,000	Second Place Barrows	\$2,700
Breed Champion Barrows	\$10,000	Third Place Barrows	\$2,500
Reserve Breed Champion Barrows	\$7,500	Fourth Place Barrows	\$2,300
Division Champion Barrows	\$5,000	All Remaining Placing Barrows	\$2,200
Reserve Division Champion Barrows	\$4,000		

*Premiums are subject to handling fee.

*All Breed and Division Champion and Reserve Champion Barrows and all 1st place barrows are **required** to walk through the auction.

*Only first place exhibitors and higher are required to attend.

* The remaining second place through seventh place exhibitors are **strongly** encouraged to attend the auction.

***The remaining exhibitors not listed above, 8th place and lower, do not attend the Auction, however, premium checks will be mailed post show, after appropriate thank you is received.**

4. **Validation:** Barrows must be validated in the TX 4-H and FFA Swine Validation Program. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification. Animals that need to be retagged may do so between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th and Tuesday, March 14th in the East Arena of NRG Center.
5. **Top 664:** Each breed will be divided into weight groups for pre-judging. A judge will select the top 664 barrows for premium sale. The distribution of the 664 sale lots by breed is below:

Breed	No of Classes	Placing	Total Sale Lots
Hampshire	10	9	90
Poland China	2	12	24
Spotted	4	12	48
Other Crossbred I	15	10	150
Duroc	8	10	80
Berkshire	4	10	40
Yorkshire	5	9	45
Chester White/Landrace	3	11	33
Other Crossbred II	14	11	154

6. **Ear Tags:** State Validation tags will be used for 2023. Only validation tags and USDA Official Premise Identification Number (PIN) tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival. If an animal is missing the TX State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify a Superintendent immediately upon arrival. State validation tags must be in the ear of the barrow prior to entering the holding/sift pen. Any barrow entering the holding/sift pen without a state validation tag will be disqualified and sent to the floor truck.
7. **Self-Check-In:** New for this year, check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animal. The exhibitor will need the following information:
 - a. The last 5 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
 - b. The animals declared weight
 - c. The animals declared breed



The Exhibitor will be responsible for making sure the information entered is accurate and if there are any issues the exhibitor **MUST** make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary.

Special Rules for Junior Market Barrow Show

8. **Weight:** Barrows not weighing between **250** and **300** pounds will be sifted. Show Management reserves the right to verify weight on any barrow while on Show grounds.
 - a. Exhibitors must have completed check-in by the time posted in the schedule on the day of move-in. The weight submitted at check-in will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weighing back and official selling purposes. **It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure weight and breed declared at the time of self/mobile check-in is accurate for their animal entry prior to the close of check-in.**
 - b. All barrows selected by the judge will be weighed before re-entering the arena. Barrows with weights more than 10 pounds below the official declared weight will be disqualified, sold on re-weigh weight, and a \$20 handling fee will be deducted from the floor check.
 - c. Any barrow that weighs more than **10 pounds** above its official declared weight will be disqualified.
 - d. First and second place or Division and Reserve Division Champions will be re-weighed prior to Division Champion and Breed Champion drives. Should a first place or Division Champion animal weigh out at this time, the animal will retain its placing but will be ineligible to compete for Breed or Division Champion. The second place or Division Reserve Champion will then advance to compete for Division or Breed Champion honors. No other barrows will advance.
9. **Champion Drive:** Breed and Reserve Breed Champions will be re-weighed prior to showing for Grand Champion of the Show. If an animal weighs out at this time, the animal will retain its placing, but is ineligible to compete in the champion drive. If the Breed Champion weighs out, the Reserve Breed Champion will advance to compete for Grand Champion of the Show. No other barrows will advance. Breed & Reserve Breed Champions must take backdrop photos prior to Champion Drive, only the Overall Grand and Reserve Champions will be allowed to take pictures after the Champion Drive.

Wave 1 Market Barrows (*Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted, Other Crossbred I*) weighing 20 lbs. less than the minimum or more than the 20 lbs. above the official declared weight will be disqualified.

Wave 2 Market Barrows (*Berkshire, Chester White/Landrace, Duroc, Yorkshire, Other Crossbred II*) weighing 15 lbs. less than the minimum or more than 15 lbs. above the official declared weight will be disqualified.
10. **Stalling:** To pen together at Houston, groups must arrive together **at the Airport Boulevard staging area**. No assignments will be made for barrows that are coming later. Pigs will be counted on the trailers. **The Airport Boulevard staging area will open on Friday, March 8th and Monday, March 11th beginning at 5 p.m. for trailers to be staged.**
11. **Exhibitor Back Numbers:** During judging, exhibitors must wear the correct back number corresponding with the Show entry number.
12. **Feeding:** All barrows must have been placed on feed by November 30, 2023, and the feeding period shall continue through opening day of the Show.
13. **Ear Notches:** All animals 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 notched in both ears will be disqualified.
14. **Scales:** Scales will be provided throughout the barn. No other scales are allowed.
15. **Grooming:** Only water may be applied to market barrows. No other grooming materials are allowed.
16. **Health Certificate:** None required for the 2024 Junior Market Barrow Show.
17. **Drench Guns:** Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
18. **Bedding:** One bag of shavings per animal will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
19. **Driving Instruments:** Driving instruments are to be used for the purpose of directing barrows while they are in transit throughout the barn and while they are being exhibited in the show ring. Exhibitors are to treat animals in a humane manner at all times and Show Management will provide a warning to any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry. Any exhibitor who fails to heed the warning will be disqualified and removed from Show grounds.

Special Rules for Junior Market Barrow Show

- 20. Classes:** Superintendents along with Show Management will break classes after check-in is complete. In the event of a large number of barrows with the same weight and same breed, the Show may break these groups into multiple classes using another method other than weight. To more effectively break classes, weights may be grouped by a maximum of 4 lb. spread (i.e. 267-271). Classes will then be broken based on a measure other than weight. Barrows must show in assigned class; no exceptions will be made to posted classes. Show Management reserves the right to shift classes within a breed.
- 21. Classification:** Breed classification will be submitted to the self-check-in which must be completed by 1:30 p.m. on the day of move-in. The breed must be declared upon check-in; however, final determination of breed classification will be made by classifiers appointed by the Show Management.
- 22. Classifiers:** Classifiers will classify Junior Market barrows at show. Sifted and non-placing barrows will be taken directly to the commissioning company. The judgment of the sifting committee and classifiers is final and not subject to protest.
- 23. Terminal Show:** All barrows arriving must be sold, including sifted, non-placing and ribbon-winning barrows, according to the Show procedure. Exhibitors will take proper care of all animals until the animals are delivered on the truck of the commission agent. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of guaranteed premiums. Exhibitors of non-placing animals will be responsible for a handling fee to be charged by the commission agent. Animals should be in delivered to the commission agent in accordance with all representations required throughout the validation/ownership period. Any animal deemed unmerchantable by Show Management due to lameness, illness, blindness, etc. may not receive a market value for that animal.

Junior Market Barrow Classification Guidelines

For full details of Swine Breed Classification Guidelines, please visit:

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Please keep in mind, registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is not considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined *only* by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers appointed by Show Management.

Classification Terms:

- **Ideal:** Characteristics in combination that most accurately represent the breed.
- **Acceptable:** Characteristics that represent the breed.
- **Discriminatory:** Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to removal from a breed division.
- **Absolute Disqualifications:** Unfavorable visual characteristics resulting in removal from a breed division.

WAVE 1 (Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted, Other Crossbred I)

HAMPSHIRE:

Ideal:

- Black in color with a full white belt over the shoulders encompassing both front legs/feet.
- Possess Hampshire breed character with regards to the skull shape and ear shape.
- Erect ears.

Acceptable:

- Black head with a white body, with evidence of pigment and freckling down the top.
- White belt starting on a front foot/leg; belt partially encircles body extending to at least the chest floor (half belt).
- Freckling in the belt.
- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory:

- Large spots within the belt.
- Belt is in front of or behind a solid black front leg.
- If belt v's and progresses towards the poll (base of the ear).
- White tip on tail, if docked.
- White on rear leg extends to the base of the ham.

Absolute Disqualification:

- Streaking or evidence of white on forehead.
- White skin extends over the rim of the nose.
- When mouth is closed, the white under the chin cannot exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover.
- Black head with a white body without freckles or pigmentation.
- Belt extends past the sheath (sheath must be black).
- Red hair.
- Droopy or floppy ears.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

POLAND CHINA:

Ideal:

- Predominately black possessing Poland China breed character.

- A Poland China should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at the end of the tail (unless tail is docked).
- Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

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Acceptable:

- A slight continuation of white from the legs to the body.
- Ear may have white on it.
- Three of the four legs must be white.
- May have an occasional splash of white on the body.
- Hair and skin texture can vary from coarse to thin, and color can vary from dark back to ashy/pale.
- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory:

- Partially erect/level ears.
- A moderate continuation of white from the legs to the body.

SPOTTED:

Ideal:

- Must be black and white, possessing Spotted breed character.
- Ears are down when hog is in relaxed position.

Acceptable:

- Predominantly black with white spots or predominantly white with black spots.
- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory:

- Partially erect/level ears.
- Moderate brown spots.

OTHER CROSSBRED:

Barrows of any coloration pattern or pigmentation are eligible for entry in this breed.

Crossbred class options, including Dark and Other Crosses, may be entered at the time weight cards are turned in; additionally, barrow may be reclassified into these breeds at the discretion of the official classifiers during the wave they were entered in only. Barrows classing out of the Dark Cross breed will be sifted.

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Wave 2 (Berkshire, Chester White/Landrace, Duroc, Yorkshire, Other Crossbred II)

***NOTE: Chester White/Landrace Breed Division: Barrows must exhibit characteristics of either a Chester White or Landrace as follows:**

BERKSHIRE:

Ideal:

- Predominantly black possessing Berkshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.
- A Berkshire should have six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at end of tail (unless tail is docked).
- Erect ears.

Acceptable:

- An occasional splash of white skin/hair may appear on the body.

- Moderate freestanding white, not attached to a leg.

Absolute Disqualification:

- Erect ears.
- Solid white or solid black face.
- More than one solid black leg.
- If the white on the solid white ear goes past the base of the ear.
- An excessive continuation of white from the legs, encompassing the upper hip or shoulder.
- Excessive freestanding white, not attached to a leg.
- Evidence of belt formation.
- Red or sandy hair.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

Absolute Disqualification:

- Erect ears.
- Solid black head from base of ears forward.
- Distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
- Red hair.
- Excessive brown spots.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

- Three of the four legs/feed must be white.
- Ear can have white on it (not full coverage).
- Red or fawn hair, if over black or white skin pigmentation.
- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory:

- Gray pigmentation on the body (spotting or mottling pattern).
- Moderate amount of white skin splashes

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Absolute Disqualification:

- Solid white or solid black face from base of ear forward.
- Solid black nose (white does not break rim of nose).
- Solid white ear.
- Excessive white on the body.
 - o Full coverage of white coming up the lower one-third of the body (not including legs) that extends from the base of the jaw through sternum and lower body through seam of the ham.

CHESTER WHITE:

Ideal:

- Solid white in color possessing Chester White breed character.
- Medium sized ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable:

- Ear deformity/ear folded in backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

LANDRACE:

Ideal:

- Must be solid white possessing Landrace breed character.
- Large ears that droop and slant forward coming to a sharp point.

Acceptable:

- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory:

- Short rounded ears.
- Short snout mimicking that of a Chester White.

DUROC:

Ideal:

- Must be red in color, possessing Duroc breed character.
- Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.

Acceptable:

- Acceptable colors range from light red to dark brown.
- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory:

- Minimal amounts of black hair.
- Black spots on the skin under two inches in diameter.
- Partially erect/level ears.

YORKSHIRE:

Ideal:

- Must be completely white in color possessing Yorkshire breed character.
- Erect ears.

Acceptable:

- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body (crinkled ear).

Discriminatory:

- Excessively large or wavy ears.
- Color pigmentation (on body):
 - o Two individual pigmentation spots of which neither can be larger than a U.S. minted dime.

- o White splash extends from rear leg to upper hip.
- White skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.
- Any evidence of belt formation on the body.
- Lacks breed character with regards to the skull and/or ear shape.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character

Discriminatory

- Partially erect/level ear (flightly).
- Skin pigmentation.

Absolute Disqualification:

- Erect ears.
- Colored hair.
- Color on the skin, cumulatively larger than a U.S. minted silver dollar.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

Absolute Disqualification:

- Erect ears.
- Any hair color other than white.
- More than 3 spots of skin pigmentation; each individual spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Excessive amounts of black hair.
- White hair.
- White skin on the body or legs, or that extends over the rim of the nose.
- Four (4) or more black spots on the skin, any of which are larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
- Evidence of a belt.
- Erect ears.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

- o One pigmentation spot cannot be larger than a U.S. minted quarter.

Absolute Disqualification:

- Any hair color that is NOT white.
- Broken/down ears.
- Combined pigmentation spots that exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar.
- Any series of dots that indicate masking.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.

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OTHER CROSSBRED:

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Junior Market Barrow Show Classes

SHOW A CLASSES

HAMPSHIRE (10 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
1	1 st through 9 th	11	Medium Weight Division Reserve Champion
2	1 st through 9 th	12	1 st through 9 th
3	1 st through 9 th	13	1 st through 9 th
4	1 st through 9 th	14	1 st through 9 th
5	Light Weight Division Champion	15	Heavy Weight Division Champion
6	Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	16	Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion
7	1 st through 9 th	17	Champion Hampshire
8	1 st through 9 th	18	Reserve Champion Hampshire
9	1 st through 9 th		
10	Medium Weight Division Champion		

POLAND CHINA (2 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
19	1 st through 12 th	21	Champion Poland China
20	1 st through 12 th	22	Reserve Champion Poland China

SPOTTED (4 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
23	1 st through 12 th	26	1 st through 12 th
24	1 st through 12 th	27	Champion Spotted
25	1 st through 12 th	28	Reserve Champion Spotted

SHOW B CLASSES

OTHER CROSSBRED I (15 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
29	1 st through 10 th	41	Medium Weight Division Champion
30	1 st through 10 th	42	Medium Weight Division Reserve Champion
31	1 st through 10 th	43	1 st through 10 th
32	1 st through 10 th	44	1 st through 10 th
33	1 st through 10 th	45	1 st through 10 th
34	Light Weight Division Champion	46	1 st through 10 th
35	Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	47	1 st through 10 th
36	1 st through 10 th	48	Heavy Weight Division Champion
37	1 st through 10 th	49	Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion
38	1 st through 10 th	50	Champion Other Crossbred I
39	1 st through 10 th	51	Reserve Champion Other Crossbred I
40	1 st through 10 th		

SHOW C CLASSES

DUROC (8 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
52	1 st through 10 th	59	1 st through 10 th
53	1 st through 10 th	60	1 st through 10 th
54	1 st through 10 th	61	1 st through 10 th
55	1 st through 10 th	62	Heavy Weight Division Champion
56	Light Weight Division Champion	63	Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion
57	Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	64	Champion Duroc
58	1 st through 10 th	65	Reserve Champion Duroc

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SHOW C CLASSES

BERKSHIRE (4 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
66	1 st through 10 th	69	1 st through 10 th
67	1 st through 10 th	70	Champion Berkshire
68	1 st through 10 th	71	Reserve Champion Berkshire

YORKSHIRE (5 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
72	1 st through 9 th	78	1 st through 9 th
73	1 st through 9 th	79	Heavy Weight Division Champion
74	1 st through 9 th	80	Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion
75	Light Weight Division Champion	81	Champion Yorkshire
76	Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	82	Reserve Champion Yorkshire
77	1 st through 9 th		

CHESTER WHITE/LANDRACE (3 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
83	1 st through 11 th	86	Champion Chester White
84	1 st through 11 th	87	Reserve Champion Chester White
85	1 st through 11 th		

SHOW D CLASSES

OTHER CROSSBRED II (14 classes)			
Class	Placing	Class	Placing
88	1 st through 11 th	99	1 st through 11 th
89	1 st through 11 th	100	Medium Weight Division Champion
90	1 st through 11 th	101	Medium Weight Division Reserve Champion
91	1 st through 11 th	102	1 st through 11 th
92	1 st through 11 th	103	1 st through 11 th
93	Light Weight Division Champion	104	1 st through 11 th
94	Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	105	1 st through 11 th
95	1 st through 11 th	106	Heavy Weight Division Champion
96	1 st through 11 th	107	Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion
97	1 st through 11 th	108	Champion Other Crossbred II
98	1 st through 11 th	109	Reserve Champion Other Crossbred II

*All division champions will be penned and held in a designated area. Any barrow watered in this area will be reweighed before the champion breed drive

CLASS CHAMPIONS	(Trophy)
DIVISION CHAMPIONS	(Trophy)
RESERVE DIVISION CHAMPIONS	(Trophy)
BREED CHAMPIONS	(Banner & Buckle)
RESERVE BREED CHAMPIONS	(Banner & Buckle)
GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR MARKET BARROW	(Banner, Buckle & Trophy)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR MARKET BARROW	(Banner, Buckle & Trophy)

JUNIOR BARROW CARCASS CONTEST

Superintendent – Dr. Jeff Savell – College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Dan Hale – College Station, TX

The first-place barrows in each class of each breed will be slaughtered for carcass information. These animals will be sold through the premium sale and slaughtered as a group.

MINIMUM CARCASS STANDARDS

1. Minimum and maximum for hot carcass weight, 165 to 230 pounds, respectively.
2. Carcass muscle score is to be equal to or better than the Intermediate (2.0) pictured in the 2000 “Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures,” National Pork Board.
3. Carcass meat quality will be subjectively evaluated for the following using the 2000 “Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures,” National Pork Board.
 - a. Loin muscle color score greater than 1 and less than 6
 - b. Loin muscle marbling score greater than 1
 - c. Loin muscle firmness and wetness score greater than 1
 - d. Belly at least slightly thick with a minimum of 0.6 inches of thickness at any point
 - e. Abnormalities (soft, oily fat; steatosis)

Carcasses failing to meet two or more of the minimum quality standards as outlined will be disqualified.

4. Percentage Fat Free Lean will be predicted by the following equation (“Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures,” National Pork Board):

Equation for pounds of fat-free lean (FFL):

- a. $8.588 - 21.896 \times 10^{\text{th}}$ rib fat depth, inches
- b. $+ 3.005 \times 10^{\text{th}}$ rib loin muscle area, inches²
- c. $+ 0.465 \times$ warm carcass weight, pounds

To convert to % fat-free lean, divide by warm carcass weight and multiply by 100

5. Other disqualifications:
 - a. Cryptorchids
 - b. Carcass that requires more than 1% trim due to “old” bruises or infected at injection site, abnormalities cysts, abscesses, diseased joints etc.

The carcass judge will select and place the top 10 carcasses on overall carcass merits from among the 15 carcasses with the highest percent fat free lean (FFL). The following awards will be given for 1st through 10th place.

Barrow Carcass Contest Awards

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th – 10 th
\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100

1st place – belt buckle

JUNIOR MARKET BROILER SHOW

Department U

Superintendent – Micah Osborn – Somerville, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Stephanie Klein – College Station, TX

Judges:

Pullets: Jason Mooney – St. Hedwig, TX
Cockerels: Keith Scott – Floresville, TX





Staging Lot Opens at 610:	Thursday	March 7	2 a.m.
First release from 610 lot to Gate 5:	Thursday	March 7	4 a.m.
Must be in place at 610 lot no later than:	Thursday	March 7	6 a.m.
Sift Begins:	Thursday	March 7	6 a.m.
Broiler Show:	Thursday	March 7	10:00 a.m.

(Broiler exhibitors are released upon completion of show. All exhibitors qualifying for the Auction are required to attend the Auction)

Champion Selection:	Friday	March 8	4 p.m.
Auction:	Saturday	March 11	11 a.m.

Special Rules for Junior Market Broiler Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
-  **Staging and Arrival:** All exhibitors will stage at 610 lot entering Gate 20, located off of West Bellfort between Kirby and Fannin. **Gates will open at 2 a.m. No Exhibitors will be allowed to stage prior to 2 a.m.** Exhibitors will begin releasing from the 610 lot at 4 a.m. to NRG Arena and enter through Gate 5.
-  **Guaranteed Payments:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has established a Schedule of Guaranteed Payments (shown below), which must be accepted by all Junior Market Show exhibitors who win ribbons in the individual classes. In return for the Guaranteed Payment, winning animals become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and will be sold at their respective Junior Market Auction.

PLACE GUARANTEE

Grand Champion Broilers	\$30,000
Reserve Grand Champion Broilers.....	\$15,000
1st – 10th Place Broilers (of each sex)	\$6,000
11th – 15th Place Broilers (of each sex)	\$3,000
16th – 25th Place Broilers (of each sex)	\$2,500
26th – 50th Place Broilers (of each sex)	\$2,400
51st – 75th Place Broilers (of each sex)	\$2,300
76th – 100th Place Broilers (of each sex)	\$2,200

*** All exhibitors qualifying for the Auction are required to be in attendance.**

- Broiler Chick Order:** Broiler chicks must be ordered through TX A&M University's Poultry Science Department. For more information about ordering, visit the [Texas A&M Poultry Science](http://TexasA&MPoultryScience.com) website.
- Sifting:** A sifting committee, with the department superintendent as one member, will inspect entries to eliminate entries not in proper show condition. Sick and diseased birds will be refused entry and if discovered at any time from the point of check in throughout the continuation of the Show, will be removed from Show Grounds and will no longer be eligible for competition. Birds with reduced comb growth, or other secondary sex characteristics which indicate the presence of a hormone, will be sifted. Broiler's wing banded with the Houston Livestock Show wing bands can show regardless of sex. There is no upper weight limit. Light weight pens will be sifted. Sifted birds will be marked at time of sifting. Birds shown or sifted become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Special Rules for Junior Market Broiler Show

7. **Ineligible birds:** If the bird expires between check-in/preliminary scoring and call back of its respective quality group, the pen will be placed at the bottom of its respective quality group. If the bird expires in the arena during final evaluation, placing within its respective quality group will be left to the discretion of the judge.
8. **Alternate Birds:** Exhibitors are only allowed to alternate birds that have been banded and validated in the name of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are not allowed to alternate birds after going through the sift.
9. **Wing Bands:** Entry is one pen of three birds bearing official Houston Livestock Show wing bands that are assigned to exhibitor at point of distribution. Broilers losing their wing band cannot show. If the band and/or wing webb shows evidence of tampering or if the wing webb is torn in any way, the bird will be disqualified.
10. **Handling of Birds:** Birds cannot be removed from the assigned cage after they are cooped, except by permission of the Show superintendent. Birds may be touched, handled, and managed inside the cage only by the owner of the birds.
11. **Terminal Show:** All broilers arriving must be sold, including sifted, non-placing and ribbon-winning broilers, according to the Show procedure. Exhibitors will take proper care of all animals until the animals are delivered on the truck of the commission agent. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of guaranteed premiums. Exhibitors of non-placing animals will be responsible for a handling fee to be charged by the commission agent. Animals should be in delivered to the commission agent in accordance with all representations required throughout the validation/ownership period. Any animal deemed unmerchantable by Show Management due to lameness, illness, blindness, etc. may not receive a market value for that animal.
12. **Feed and Litter:** Each exhibitor is required to supply their own feed. Feed that appears to have additives not consistent with normal poultry feeds will be tested by the Show and presence of unapproved compounds may result in disqualification. Each exhibitor is required to bring containers of their choice for feed and water providing that they do not compromise the space allotted to other exhibitors. Exhibitors may not add water or other liquids to their feed. Litter is furnished by the Show.
13. **Auction:** The top 200 pens of broilers will be auctioned (top 100 pens of cockerels and top 100 pens of pullets). Broilers not qualified for the auction will be sold at market price on the local market. The exhibitors (without birds) of the 200 selected entries are required to be at the auction.
14. **Health Papers:** The Official Broiler Order Form will serve to meet the requirements of the TX Pullorum Disease-Fowl Typhoid Act of 1977, and no other broiler health papers need to be submitted for this show.
15. **Country of Origin:** To meet Country of Origin labeling requirements, entry in the Junior Market Broiler Show serves as verification by the exhibitor that the entry has been bred, born and raised entirely in the United States.

Exhibitors placing 1-10 in each sex..... (Banner)
Exhibitors placing 11-15 in each sex..... (Rosette)
GRAND CHAMPION PEN OF BROILERS..... (Banner, Buckle & Trophy)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PEN OF BROILERS..... (Banner, Buckle & Trophy)

JUNIOR MARKET TURKEY SHOW

Department V



Superintendent – Micah Osborn – Somerville, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Stephanie Klein – College Station, TX

Judges:
Hens: Jacob Leopold – Pflugerville, TX
Toms: Bryce Leopold – Lexington, TX

NRG Arena

Staging Lot Opens at 610:	Friday	March 8	2 a.m.
Frist release from 610 lot to Gate 5:	Friday	March 8	4 a.m.
Must be in place at 610 lot no later than:	Friday	March 8	6 a.m.
Sift begins:	Friday	March 8	6 a.m.
Turkey Show:	Friday	March 8	10:00 a.m.
<i>(Turkey exhibitors are released upon completion of show. All exhibitors qualifying for the Auction are required to attend the Auction)</i>			
Champion Selection:	Friday	March 8	4 p.m.
Auction:	Saturday	March 9	11 a.m.

Special Rules for Junior Market Turkey Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listing in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
-  **Staging and Arrival:** All exhibitors will stage at 610 lot entering Gate 20, located off of West Bellfort between Kirby and Fannin. **Gates will open at 2 a.m. No Exhibitors will be allowed to stage prior to 2 a.m.** Exhibitors will begin releasing from the 610 lot at 4 a.m. to NRG Arena and enter through gate 5.
-  **Guaranteed Payments:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has established a schedule of Guaranteed Payments (shown below), which must be accepted by all Junior Market Show exhibitors who win ribbons in the individual classes. In return for the Guaranteed Payment, winning animals become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and will be sold at their respective Junior Market Auction.

PLACE	GUARANTEE
Grand Champion Turkey	\$30,000
Reserve Grand Champion Turkey	\$15,000
1 st – 12 th Place Turkeys (of each sex)	\$5,000
13 th – 24 th Place Turkeys (of each sex)	\$3,500
25 th – 36 th Place Turkeys (of each sex)	\$2,500
37 th – 50 th Place Turkeys (of each sex)	\$2,200
* All exhibitors qualifying for the Auction are required to be in attendance.	

- Turkey Poult Order:** Turkey poults must be ordered through TX A&M University's Poultry Science Department. For more information about ordering, visit the [Texas A&M Poultry Science](https://www.texasam.edu/poultry-science) website.
- Sifting:** A sifting committee will inspect entries to eliminate entries not in proper show condition or having external parasites. Sick and diseased turkeys will be refused entry and if discovered at any time from the point of check-in throughout the continuation of the Show, will be removed and will no longer be eligible for competition. The department superintendent will instruct turkey sifters and judges to disregard any wing damage in the area to which the official wing band is attached. There are no weight limits for either toms or hens. Sifted birds will be marked at time of sifting. Birds shown or sifted become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- Ineligible birds:** If the bird expires between check-in/preliminary scoring and call back of its respective quality group, the pen will be placed at the bottom of its respective quality group. If the bird expires in the arena during final evaluation, placing within its respective quality group will be left to the discretion of the judge.

Special Rules for Junior Market Turkey Show

- 8. Alternate Birds:** Exhibitors are only allowed to alternate birds that have been banded and validated in the name of the exhibitor or in the name of the exhibitor's family. Exhibitors are not allowed to alternate birds after going through the sift.
- 9. Wing Bands:** Turkeys presented to the sifting committee must bear an official Houston Livestock Show wing band. The identification number on the band must fall within the series of consecutively numbered poults assigned to that individual of their family. Turkeys losing their wing band will not be eligible for show. If the band and/or wing webb shows evidence of tampering or if the wing webb is torn in any way, the bird will be disqualified.
- 10. Handling of Birds:** Birds cannot be removed from the assigned cage after they are cooped, except by permission of the Show superintendent. Birds may be touched, handled, and managed inside the cage only by the owner of the birds.
- 11. Terminal Show:** All turkeys arriving must be sold, including sifted, non-placing and ribbon-winning turkeys, according to the Show procedure. Exhibitors will take proper care of all animals until the animals are delivered on the truck of the commission agent. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of guaranteed premiums. Exhibitors of non-placing animals will be responsible for a handling fee to be charged by the commission agent. Animals should be in delivered to the commission agent in accordance with all representations required throughout the validation/ownership period. Any animal deemed unmerchantable by Show Management due to lameness, illness, blindness, etc. may not receive a market value for that animal.
- 12. Feed and Litter:** Each exhibitor is required to supply their own feed. Feed that appears to have additives not consistent with normal poultry feeds will be tested by the Show and presence of unapproved compounds may result in disqualification. Each exhibitor is required to bring containers of their choice for feed and water providing that they do not compromise the space allotted to other exhibitors. Exhibitors may not add water or other liquids to their feed. Litter is furnished by the Show.
- 12. Auction:** The top 50 toms and top 50 hens will be auctioned. Turkeys not qualified for the auction will be sold at market price on the local market. The exhibitors (without birds) of the 100 selected entries are required to be at the auction.
- 13. Health Papers:** The Official Poult Order Form will serve to meet the requirements of the TX Pullorum Disease-Fowl Typhoid Act of 1977, and no other turkey health papers need be submitted for this show.

Exhibitors placing 1- 12 in each sex..... (Banner)
Exhibitors placing 13-24 in each sex..... (Rosette)
GRAND CHAMPION TURKEY (Banner, Buckle & Trophy)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION TURKEY (Banner, Buckle & Trophy)

JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

Department R

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo \$7,440

Superintendent – Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Wayne Becker – Gainesville, TX, **Larry Woolley** – Cleburne, TX

Judge: Tanner Schmaling – Elkhorn, WI

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent's Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	6 p.m.
Show:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 a.m.
Release:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	<i>Released upon completion of breed show</i>
All Animals Must be Out By:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

Special Rules for Junior Dairy Cattle Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Arrival:** Dairy exhibitors must move-in on Monday, February 26th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. **All trailers with dairy cattle MUST report to Airport Boulevard for staging.**
- Registration:** Animals entered in the Junior Dairy Show must be owned and recorded in the name of the exhibitor in the herd book of their respective breed association before Dec. 1, 2023.
- Number of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of dairy cattle an exhibitor may enter.
- Substitutions:** Substitutions can be made prior to Feb. 1 by submitting a completed official substitution form. These must have an official postmark dated no later than Feb. 1. After Feb. 1, heifer substitutions will be accepted by the same method plus a \$50 fee.
- Dress Code:** Exhibitor clothing in the Show arena may not bear any insignia or writing other than FFA or 4-H.
- Classes:** Each of the three breeds competing in the Junior Dairy Show is divided into 14 classes. The breed shows are Brown Swiss, Jersey, and Holstein. Class schedules, numbers, and age requirements are the same for all breeds.
- Championship Awards:** Only animals receiving 1st or 2nd Premium Awards in their individual classes will be eligible for championship awards.

Junior Dairy Cattle Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A:	\$60	\$45	\$35	\$25
B	\$500			

Special Rules for Junior Dairy Cattle Show

CLASSES

1. Heifers	calved 9/1/23 - 10/16/23	(Premium A & Trophy)
2. Heifers	calved 6/1/23 - 8/31/23	(Premium A & Trophy)
3. Heifers	calved 3/1/23 - 5/31/23	(Premium A & Trophy)
4. Heifers	calved 12/1/22 - 2/29/23	(Premium A & Trophy)
5. Heifers	calved 9/1/22 - 11/30/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
6. Heifers (not in milk)	calved 6/1/22 - 8/31/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
7. Heifers (not in milk)	calved 12/1/21 - 5/31/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
8. JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE, classes 1-7		(Trophy)
9. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Trophy)
10. Senior two-year-old cow (Including younger animals that have freshened)	calved 9/1/21 - 11/30/21	(Premium A & Trophy)
11. Three-year-old cow	calved 9/1/20 - 8/31/21	(Premium A & Trophy)
12. Four-year-old cow	calved 9/1/19 - 8/31/20	(Premium A & Trophy)
13. Five-year-old cow	calved 9/1/18 - 8/31/19	(Premium A & Trophy)
14. Aged Cow	calved 8/31/16 or before	(Premium A & Trophy)
15. SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE, classes 10-14		(Trophy)
16. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Trophy)
17. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Premium B, Banner, & Buckle)
18. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Buckle)
19. Junior Dairy Herd: Five animals from one 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Only one entry per 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.		(Trophy)
20. Junior Fitting and Showmanship		(Trophy)
21. Senior Fitting and Showmanship		(Trophy)

JUNIOR BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

Department N

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Sheep and Goat Committee	\$14,700
TX Farm Bureau	\$5,400
Total Premiums Available	\$19,800


Superintendent – Walter Gerhart – Winters, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Robbie Eckhoff – Hawley, TX; Donnie Eckhoff – College Station, TX; and
R. G. Reeder, Jr. - Dickenson, TX

Judge: Chad Coburn – Sterling City, TX

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 25	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	Feb. 26	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	Feb. 26	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Monday	Feb. 26	3 p.m.
Breeding Sheep Exhibitor Reception	Monday	Feb. 26	7 p.m.
Show:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 a.m.
Release:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	Released upon completion of breed show
All Animals Must be Out By:	Wednesday	Feb. 28	8 p.m.

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Sheep Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Registration:** All entries in this department must be registered in the flock books of their respective breed, on or before October 1 of the year before the show. Animals that are family registered and validated are eligible to compete in the Junior Breeding Sheep Show provided all owners/exhibitors are individually listed and eligible. Animals with farm or ranch names listed as the owner will not be allowed to compete.
- Eligible Breeds:** Entry can made in the following breeds.



a. Dorper, Dorset, Hampshire, ORB (*Other Registered Breeds*), Rambouillet, Registered Finewool Breeds (*Columbia, Corriedale, Delaine-Merino, Targhee are the only breeds allowed in the Registered Finewool Breeds Class*), Royal White, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, and White Dorper.
- Shearing:** Sheep may be shown in any length fleece unless Breed Association specifies fleece length. The superintendent and his committee have the right to determine if this rule has been complied with and disqualify any animal not meeting these criteria.
- Number of Animals:** There is no limit on the number of breeding sheep entries an exhibitor may enter in an individual class. Exhibitors may only enter one group entry per class per breed.
- Validation:** Breeding sheep must be validated through the TX 4-H & FFA Breeding Sheep Validation Program administered by Texas 4-H. The ownership deadline is October 1, 2023. **VALIDATION TAGS WILL BE REQUIRED.** Exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county validation deadlines. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
- Self-Check-In:** New for this year, check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animals and group entries. The exhibitor will need the following information:
 - The last 5 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
 - Breed

- c. Sex (Note: choose NONE for group classes)
- d. Class (Note: Only enter group classes with an entry number that is tied to a group class)

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Sheep Show

The Exhibitor will be responsible for making sure the information entered is accurate and if there are any issues the exhibitor MUST make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary.

- 7. Entry Designation:** A separate entry application must be made and submitted to the Show before the entry deadline for each individual entry and each group class. Individual entries must submit the breed and validation number for each entry. Name and flock number must be furnished to the Superintendent and entered into the judging books upon arrival at the Show.
- 8. Group Classes:** Group classes must be entered by the Dec. 1 entry deadline. Group class entries are \$10 per group class entered. All animals in group classes must be owned by the same owner. Late entry is not allowed. Entries for group classes also must be shown in their respective single classes.
- 9. Bedding:** One bag of shavings per every two animals will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- 10. Back Numbers:** Exhibitors must wear back numbers issued by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, corresponding with entry in the show ring.
- 11. Breeding Ages:** For the purpose of this show, the following will apply regarding ages of breeding sheep: Tothing of sheep to determine the age class in which they are shown will be determined by the exhibitor before check-in. Sheep with the following tooth development at check-in time will show in the listed classes. The top 4 placing animals in each class will be toothed at the conclusion of each class. If the tothing does not match the class, the entry will be disqualified.
 - a. Lambs must be carrying all milk teeth. Lambs showing either or both of their first pair of permanent incisors may not show in the lamb classes.
 - b. Sheep eligible to compete in the two-tooth breeding classes must show only the first pair of permanent incisors. Sheep which have dropped their central pair of milk teeth and show one or both teeth of the first permanent pair may show as singles only in the two-tooth classes of their respective breeds.
 - c. Sheep showing the first two pairs, or three pairs of permanent incisors may show as singles in the four-to-six tooth class only.
 - d. Sheep with more than six permanent teeth may not exhibit in the show.
- 12. Heelers/Assistants:** Junior Show animals must be exhibited by their owners. The use of heelers (assistants in the show ring) will only be allowed if the heeler is a junior breeding sheep exhibitor entered in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Breeding Sheep Show. All other persons are prohibited from entering the show ring during the Junior Breeding Sheep Show.
- 13. Show Order:** The show order is as follows: Dorper, White Dorper, Royal White, Rambouillet, Registered Finewool Breeds (Columbia, Corriedale, Delaine-Merino, Targhee are the only breeds allowed in the Registered Finewool Breeds classes), Southdown, Hampshire, Suffolk, Shropshire, Dorset, and Other Registered Breeds (ORB). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to review the check-in sheets that will be posted and contact the Show superintendent on Monday, February 26 in the event that entry/entries posted are in the incorrect class. All changes must be made prior to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27th. **No changes will be made after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27th.**
- 14. Premium Awards:** The Premier Exhibitor Award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest paid premiums, Supreme Champion Ewe & Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe does not count towards Premium Exhibitor. The following premium schedule will apply to each of the 11 breeds:

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Sheep Show

Breeding Sheep Show Premium Schedule A				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Premium A	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$15
	Champion	Reserve Champion		
Premium B	\$100	\$50		
Premium C	\$1,200	\$600		

Class schedules, numbers, and age requirements (with the exception of special awards) are the same for all breeds. Show Management will make the final decision on combining breeds.

RAM CLASSES

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| 1. Ram Lamb | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 2. Two-Tooth Ram | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 3. Four to Six Tooth Ram | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 4. CHAMPION RAM | (Premium B, Banner & Trophy) |
| 5. RESERVE CHAMPION RAM | (Premium B & Banner) |

EWE CLASSES

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| 6. Ewe Lamb | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 7. Two-Tooth Ewe | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 8. Four to Six Tooth Ewe | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 9. CHAMPION EWE | (Premium B, Banner & Trophy) |
| 10. RESERVE CHAMPION EWE | (Premium B & Banner) |

GROUP CLASSES

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|---|---|
| 11. 2 Rams Any Age* | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 12. 2 Ewes Any Age* | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 13. Best Pair-of-Sheep: Both sexes represented* | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 14. Best of 5 Sheep: 1 Ram, 4 Ewes, Any Age* | (Premium A & Rosette) |
| 15. Supreme Champion Ram | (Banner, Trophy & Buckle) |
| 16. Reserve Supreme Champion Ram | (Banner, Trophy & Buckle) |
| 17. Supreme Champion Ewe** | (Premium C, United Airlines Certificates, Banner, Trophy, & Buckle) |
| 18. Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe** | (Premium C, United Airlines Certificates, Banner, Trophy, & Buckle) |

*All animals in group classes must be owned by the same owner.

**United Airlines will award three airline travel vouchers to the Supreme Champion Ewe exhibitor and three airline travel vouchers to the Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe exhibitor.

JUNIOR BREEDING GILT SHOW

Department O

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	\$8,750
TX Farm Bureau.....	\$11,600
Total Premiums Available	\$20,350

Superintendent – David Frazier – Stephenville, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Terry Douglas – Montalba, TX, CyLynn Braswell – Justin, TX, Justin Little – Gatesville, TX

Judge: David Ammann – Highland, IL

Showmanship: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Thursday	Feb. 29	3 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Thursday	Feb. 29	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	Feb. 29	10 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Deadline:	Thursday	Feb. 29	1 p.m.
Gilt Showmanship	Thursday	Feb. 29	3 p.m.
Show:	Friday	March 1	8 a.m.
Release:	Friday	March 1	Upon completion of breed show
All Animals Must be Out By:	Friday	March 1	8 p.m.

Special Rules for Breeding Gilt Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Registration:** All animals must be registered in the Herdbook of their Association. Purchase, delivery, possession, and registration must all occur on or before Dec. 1 of the year before the show. Animals that are family registered and validated are eligible to compete in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show provided all owners/exhibitors are individually listed and eligible. Animals with farm or ranch names listed as the owner will not be allowed to compete.
- Validation:** To be eligible, gilts must be validated with and adhere to all the rules of the Texas 4-H and FFA Gilt Validation Program administered by the Texas FFA. Exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county validation deadlines. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
- Number of Animals:** Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of three (3) head in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show.
- Substitutions:** Breed substitutions will be allowed if the breed of gilt the exhibitor intends to bring to the show is different than the breed entered at the time of online entry. Breed substitutions can be edited by the exhibitor during the check-in process.
- Ear Tags:** State Validation tags will be used for 2024. Only validation tags and USDA Official Premise Identification Number (PIN) tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival. If an animal is missing the TX State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify a Superintendent immediately upon arrival. State validation tags must be in the ear of the gilt prior to entering the holding pen. Any gilt entering the holding pen without a state validation tag will be disqualified.
- Showmanship:** Showmanship classes will be divided into Junior and Senior Divisions.
 - Junior Division Contestants must be 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023.
 - Senior Division Contestants must be 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023.
- Self-Check-In:** New for this year, check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animals and group entries. The exhibitor will need the following information:
 - The last 5 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
 - Animal Name
 - Breed



Special Rules for Breeding Gilt Show

- d. Registry Number
- e. Date of Birth
- f. Sex

The Exhibitor will be responsible for making sure the information entered is accurate and if there are any issues the exhibitor MUST make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary.

- 9. Show Requirements:** Exhibitors are required to bring the original registration paper to the show ring and to keep the original paper in their possession while exhibiting the gilt.
- 10. Verification:** Ownership dates and animal ID (ear notch) will be validated on the placing gilts at the conclusion of each class and must match the permanent ID that appears on the original registration paper. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their gilt does not have a matching ID or if the registration paper has an invalid ownership date. In the event of a disqualification, the next placing gilt with matching identification and ownership will advance.
- 11. Bedding:** One bag of shavings per animal will be provided. Shaving will be distributed at the Airport Blvd. Staging Lot prior to release of animals for move-in. Additional shavings may be purchased for \$11 per bag once the Feed Store opens at NRG Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- 12. Dressings:** No oil, paint, powder or other dressing is permitted on swine. Only water is allowed.
- 13. Driving Instruments:** Driving instruments are to be used for the purpose of directing gilts while they are in transit throughout the barn and while they are being exhibited in the show ring. Exhibitors are to treat animals in a humane manner at all times and Show Management will provide a warning to any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry. Any exhibitor who fails to heed the warning will be disqualified and removed from Show grounds.
- 14. Animal Age:** All gilts must have been farrowed between June 1 and September 15, the year preceding the Show.
 - a. Gilts will be divided by age and an even number per class or as near as possible.
 - b. The number of classes per breed will be: Berkshire (6), Chester White (3), Duroc (7), Hampshire (2), Landrace (2), Poland China (3), Spotted (5), and Yorkshire (4).
 - c. Classes are based on previous two (2) years' class numbers.
- 15. Show Order:** Breeds will be shown in the following order: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, and Yorkshire. Showmanship will be judged in conjunction with the classes.

Breeding Gilt Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Premium A	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50
Premium B	\$650	\$300			
Premium C	\$2500	\$1500			

AWARDS

Class Champions	(Premium A & Trophy)
Breed Champions	(Premium B, Banner & Buckle)
Reserve Breed Champions	(Premium B, Banner & Buckle)
SUPREME CHAMPION*	(Premium C, United Airline Certificates, Banner, Trophy & Buckle)
RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION*	(Premium C, United Airline Certificates, Banner, Trophy & Buckle)
Junior Showmanship (8 to 13 years of age)	(Buckle)
Senior Showmanship (14 years and older)	(Buckle)

*United Airlines will award three airline travel vouchers to the Supreme Champion Gilt exhibitor and three airline travel vouchers to the Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt exhibitor.

JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF HEIFER SHOW

Department L

*United Airlines will award three airline travel vouchers to the exhibitors of each Breed Champion Heifer.

\$71,750 in Premiums

(All Champion & Supreme Premiums are awarded by TX Farm Bureau - \$36,200)

Supreme Division Champion	\$2,500
Reserve Supreme Division Champion	\$1,650
Breed Champion	\$750
Reserve Breed Champion	\$500

Superintendent – Dr. Steve Frazee – Wolfforth, TX

Assistant Superintendents –Dr. Marcy Beverly – Huntsville, TX; **Dr. Lance Kieth**, Canyon, TX;

Dr. Randall Williams – San Antonio, TX; and **Dr. Stanley Kelley** – College Station, TX

Judge: PJ Budler – Fort Worth, Tx

Beefmaster, Red Brangus, Red Brahman, Grey Brahman

Judge: Dave Allan – Nocona, Tx

ARB, Brangus, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis

Judge: Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL

Hereford, Angus, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn

Judge: Chris Sankey – Council Grove, KS

Charolais, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Simmental, Limousin, Chianina

Wave 1

(ARB, Beefmaster, Brangus, Grey Brahman, Red Brahman, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	March 3	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	March 4	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 4	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Monday	March 4	1 p.m.
Show A:	Tuesday	March 5	10:30 a.m.
Begin Release of Shown Breeds:	Tuesday	March 5	No earlier than 1 p.m. must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/6
Show B:	Wednesday	March 6	8 a.m.
Champion American Heifer Drive	Wednesday	March 6	Upon completion of show
Begin Release of Shown Breeds:	Wednesday	March 6	7 a.m.; must be out by 5 p.m.

ARB, Beefmaster, Brangus, Simbrah, Red Brangus, & Red Brahman cattle will be released starting at 1 p.m. on 3/5 and 7 a.m. on 3/6. Cattle showing Wednesday will be released upon the completion of their breed show. Note: Trailer Lot Closes at 9 p.m.

Show A:

East Arena
ARB, Brangus, Simbrah

West Arena
Beefmaster, Red Brangus, Red Brahman

Show B:

East Arena
Santa Gertrudis

West Arena
Grey Brahman

Wave 2

(Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Simmental, Shorthorn)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Wednesday	March 6	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Thursday	March 7	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	March 7	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Thursday	March 7	1 p.m.
Show C:	Friday	March 8	10 a.m.
Begin Release of Shown Breeds:	Friday	March 8	No earlier than NOON must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/9
Show D:	Saturday	March 9	8 a.m.
Champion British & Continental Heifer Drives	Saturday	March 9	Upon completion of show
Begin Release of Shown Breeds:	Saturday	March 9	No earlier than NOON; must be out by 5 p.m.

Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, & Simmental cattle will be released starting at NOON on 3/8. Cattle showing Saturday will be released upon the completion of their breed show. NO CATTLE WILL BE RELEASED PRIOR TO NOON on 3/9 (NO EXCEPTIONS).

Note: Trailer Lot Closes at 9 p.m.

Show C:


<u>East Arena</u>	<u>West Arena</u>
Hereford, Angus, Polled Hereford, Red Angus	Charolais, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Simmental

Show D:

<u>East Arena</u>	<u>West Arena</u>
Shorthorn	Limousin, Chianina

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section and for each breed. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Ownership/Registration:** Animals entered in this department must be owned by the exhibitor and registered in the records of the respective breed association (in the name of the exhibitor) on or before **November 1**. Permanent identification (i.e. brand or tattoo) must be present and must match the registration paper of the animal.
- Partnerships:** Original registration papers must be solely in the name of the exhibitor. Partnerships of any form will not be allowed.
- Validation:** All junior breeding beef heifers (including potential substitute heifers) **MUST** be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program. Heifer validation will include online registration paper submittal and physical validation with DNA hair sampling for all entered and potential substitute heifers.

 All heifers starting in June of 2023 must have a validation tag, heifers validated prior to this are grandfathered in and will not require a validation tag.

Exhibitors should contact local county extension agents and agricultural science teachers for specific county validation deadlines and locations; however, all junior breeding beef heifers **MUST** be validated by **November 1, 2023**, in order to be eligible for participation in the 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show.

- ID Verification:** The tattoo or brand will be checked on as many as four (4) placing heifers at the conclusion of each class and must match the permanent ID that appears on the original registration paper. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure the brand or tattoo is legible prior to arrival on show grounds. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their heifer does not have a matching tattoo or brand, or if the tattoo or brand is illegible. In the event of a disqualification, the next placing heifer with matching identification will advance. **THE SHOW WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRANDING OR TATTOOING HEIFERS, EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE ALL HEIFERS BRANDED OR TATTOOED BEFORE ARRIVAL.**

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show

6. **DNA Verification:** Show officials will collect DNA samples on all breed champion and reserve breed champion heifers. Show Management reserves the right to collect hair samples on any participating junior breeding beef heifer. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification.
7. **Substitutions:** Substitutions will only be allowed if the substitute heifer has been validated in the TX 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program.

 *Heifer substitutions can be made prior to February 1 by submitting a completed official heifer substitution entry application. These must have an official postmark dated no later than February 1. After February 1, substitutions will be accepted by the same method plus a \$50 fee, if made between February 2 – March 1 and \$250 between March 2 and close of check-in. Substitutes will NOT be accepted after the close of check-in.
8. **Stalling:** To stall together at Houston, groups MUST arrive and remain in line together at Airport Blvd. NO assignments will be made for heifers that are coming later. Heifers will be counted on the trailers. **The Airport Boulevard staging area will open at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd and Wednesday, March 6th. Trailers will not be staged prior to staging time.** The first three rows of cattle stalls on the north side of the barn (rows nearest to the dock and wash racks) will be assigned to those exhibitors arriving first. Once these three rows are assigned, assignments will be given starting on the far end of the stalls (closest to commercial exhibits) and will work back towards the dock.
9. **Self/Mobile Check-In:** Check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animal. The Exhibitor will be responsible to making sure the information listed in the check-in portal is accurate, if there are any issues the exhibitor MUST make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary. Any heifers not checked in will be ineligible to show.
10. **Show Requirements:** Exhibitors are required to bring the original or copy of the registration paper that was uploaded to Texas Validation to the show ring. Exhibitors must keep the paper in their possession while exhibiting the heifer.
11. **Dual Show Entry:** Entries in this department also are eligible for entry in the Open Breeding Beef Cattle Show, if an open breed show exists.
12. **Clipping:** No clippers which must be plugged into an electrical outlet are allowed to be used on Junior Breeding Beef Heifers once they arrive on Show grounds. Cordless clippers are allowed.
13. **Grooming Material:** No grooming material is allowed (this includes conditioner). No painting or dyeing is allowed.
14. **Premiums:** The premium payout is shown in the individual sections of each show within this department. Total premium is paid directly from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
15. **Classes:** Below is a list of standardized classes that is being used for all breeds in the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show.

HEIFER CALVES

1. Late Spring Heifer Calves	4/1/23 & After	(Premium A & Trophy)
2. Early Spring Heifer Calves	3/1/23 – 3/31/23	(Premium A & Trophy)
3. Late Winter Heifer Calves	2/1/23 – 2/28/23	(Premium A & Trophy)
4. Early Winter Heifer Calves	1/1/23 – 1/31/23	(Premium A & Trophy)
5. CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner & Trophy)
6. RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner & Trophy)

JUNIOR HEIFERS

7. Late Fall Junior Heifers	11/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
8. Early Fall Junior Heifers	9/1/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
9. Late Summer Junior Heifers	7/1/22 – 8/31/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
10. Early Summer Junior Heifers	5/1/22 – 6/30/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
11. CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER		(Banner & Trophy)
12. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER		(Banner & Trophy)

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show

SENIOR HEIFERS

13. Spring Senior Heifers	3/1/22 – 4/30/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
14. Winter Senior Heifers	1/1/22 – 2/29/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
15. Fall Senior Heifers	9/1/21 – 12/31/21	(Premium A & Trophy)
16. CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER		(Banner & Trophy)
17. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER		(Banner & Trophy)
18. BREED CHAMPION		(Premium B, Banner & Buckle)
19. RESERVE BREED CHAMPION		(Premium B, Banner & Buckle)
20. AMERICAN SUPREME DIVISION CHAMPION		(Premium C, Banner & Award)
21. AMERICAN RESERVE SUPREME DIVISION CHAMPION		(Premium C, Banner & Award)
22. BRITISH SUPREME DIVISION CHAMPION		(Premium C, Banner & Award)
23. BRITISH RESERVE SUPREME DIVISION CHAMPION		(Premium C, Banner & Award)
24. CONTINENTAL SUPREME DIVISION CHAMPION		(Premium C, Banner & Award)
25. CONTINENTAL RESERVE SUPREME DIVISION CHAMPION		(Premium C, Banner & Award)

**** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Supreme Division Breed Champion Drives. The Supreme Division Champion Heifer Drive will take place upon the completion of each wave. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.**

Angus Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Angus Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506, (816) 383-5100.
2. Animals entered in this breed must be registered in the American Angus Association. All animals exhibited are subject to DNA marker or blood type test to verify accuracy of parentage as covered under the Association Rules and for other testing as required by the individual show.
3. A minimum of fifteen (15) head must be in the Junior Angus heifer classes to receive American Angus Association premium participation. The Show is not required to have all classes to be eligible for premiums.
4. To be eligible for Association premiums, heifer entries must be recorded in the sole name of the junior exhibitor and the date of transfer or ownership must conform to the individual show's requirements regarding ownership. The association's contribution is included in the total premiums listed in each class.
5. Premiums from the association are paid only to registered Angus cattle and only if the registration number is a part of the show report provided to the Association. Therefore, all cattle should be registered at the time of entry to make certain they receive the Associations portion of premiums. The association does not pay a percentage on premiums offered in championship classes. An animal may only be counted one time toward the total count for premium participation by the Association.
6. Any female shown with calf at side, the calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and the calf must be registered by show date and have original registration certificate at check in.
7. Only one person at a time shall lead animals into the show ring.

Angus Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Beefmaster Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
Junior Beefmaster Breeders Assn.	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Beefmaster Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association (JBBA), 119 W. Bandera Rd; Boerne, TX 78006, (210) 732-3132; <https://beefmasters.org/juniors>.
2. This Show will abide by the JBBA-Approved Heifer Show rules. Heifers must be registered with the Beefmaster Breeders United (BBU) as a Fullblood and out of a BBU-Certified Fullblood dam, Second Cross dam or as otherwise stated in the BBU By-Laws. Original BBU Certificate of Breeding on each animal, including any calf-at-side, must be presented upon arrival at the Show grounds. Application for a BBU Certificate of Breeding on calves less than 30 days of age will be accepted in lieu of the original certificate. Heifers that do not show the day of month of birth on their BBU Certificates of Breeding shall be considered to be born on the first day of that month.
3. All BBU registered animals must be shown with their hair coats lying downward and flat against their entire body. Hair trimming is permissible and must be done in those few areas such as the neck and portions of the topline of the animal which may not lay flat against the body. Hair may not be trained upwards or forwards and/or pulled upwards or forwards on any part of the animal's body.
4. The failure of a BBU member to abide by these rules may constitute a cause for exclusion from BBU pursuant to Article I, section 9 of the By Laws of BBU.
5. In consideration of the privilege to participate in a show covered by these rules, each participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless BBU, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and authorized representatives from any and all liabilities which may arise in connection with such show.

Beefmaster Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Brangus Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Brangus Breeders Association	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Brangus Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Brangus Breeders Association, P.O. Box 700706, San Antonio, TX 78270, frances@txbrangus.org, or International Brangus Breeders Association, P.O. Box 696020, San Antonio, TX 78269-6020 (210) 696-8231 ext. 23.
2. Animals entered in this department must be registered in the International Brangus Breeders Association. Breeding animals may not have scurs or any indication of scurs.
3. Each Brangus animal may be subjected to a blood typing test to verify both accuracy of parentage and blood type, according to Rules 1 and 2 of the International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) Inspection of Exhibits. Refer to the "Special Rules" in the Open International Brangus Show of this book for complete rules and regulations. At selected shows and fairs, blood samples will be taken from all division champions and reserve division champions for the purpose of verifying parentage and blood type. Staff of the IBBA will supervise the collection of blood samples, which can be taken at shows, fairs, and events where the IBBA contributes premium money or where IBBA staff personnel participate. Cost of the blood typing procedure will be paid for by the IBBA. If a recorded parent is excluded (as a parent) as a result of blood typing, the owner of the animal may request, at his or her own expense, further determination of the actual parent. Failure to determine the sire and dam will result in the animal being listed in the IBBA Registry as a "Parentage Dispute," and the animal will be ineligible for future shows and exhibitions.

Brangus Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Charolais Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$ 2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Charolais Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: Charolais Association of TX, 2234 State Hwy 7 E, Center, Tx 75935, (903) 754-0764.
2. Animals must be Fullblood and registered with the American-International Charolais Association (AICA).
3. Animals may be approved by a sifting committee designated by the AICA. Stall space will not be provided for any Charolais cattle that have not been accepted by the sifting committee.
4. Animals are subject to a medical examination in order to determine age.
5. Animals shown in individual classes must be weaned, with the exception of a female with a calf at side.
6. Animals 20 months and older exhibited at AICA-sanctioned shows must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian, or have produced fertile eggs as certified in a written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist, or have a calf at side.
7. AICA requires that all animals be shown with a halter.

Charolais Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Chianina Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$ 1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$ 1,250
Total Premiums Available.....		\$ 2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Chianina Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning Texas Junior Chianina Association rules may be directed to: 106 E. Wilbarger Street, Bowie, TX 76230, (940) 210-9597.
2. All heifers must be recorded in the herd book of the American Chianina Association to be eligible to show. Exhibitors are required to bring the original registration paper to the show ring and to keep the original paper in their possession while exhibiting the heifer.
3. All heifers with a registration paper from the American Chianina Association will show as a Chianina regardless of breed percentage (Rule Revised 08/09/23).
4. Special prizes will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Chianina Heifers by the Texas Junior Chianina Association. Exhibitors must be members of the Texas Junior Chianina Association to be eligible for these prizes. Please contact Shannon Seymour or Peggy DeMoss to become a member. Membership applications can be found on [Texas Junior Chianina Association Facebook](#) page.

Chianina Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Grey Brahman Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available.....		\$ 2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Grey Brahman Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to the TX Jr. Brahman Breeders Association (TJBA), P.O. Box 26, Campbelltown, TX, 78008, (361) 500 5792.
2. Only cattle with ABBA registration papers are eligible to show in approved ABBA junior heifer shows. IZBA papers are not accepted.
3. Special prizes and buckles will be awarded to the top 3 Grey Brahman Showman awarded by the TJBA.

Grey Brahman Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Hereford Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$ 2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Hereford Beef Heifer Show

1. Heifers must be registered with the American Hereford Association to receive premiums. Heifers indicated as Polled or scurred on registration papers must show in the Polled Hereford Beef Heifer Division. Heifers indicated as horned on registration papers must show in Hereford Beef Heifer Division. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: American Hereford Association P.O. Box 014059, Kansas City, MO, 64101, (816) 842-3757.
2. Exhibitors agree that each animal shown in this show and recorded with the American Hereford Association may be subject to a blood type test to verify both accuracy of parentage and blood type. Collection of DNA sample will be done by a nonpartisan individual designated by the Association.

Hereford Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Limousin Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Limousin Association	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Limousin Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Limousin Association, PO Box 9521, College Station, TX 77842 or e-mail txlimo@aol.com.
2. Eligibility requirements for showing Limousin and Lim Flex heifers together are as follows; all orange papered Limousin heifers must be 75% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on registration certificate issued by the North American Limousin Foundation. All purple papered Lim Flex must be at least 50% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on registration certificate issued by the North American Limousin Foundation. NALF percentages, not actual percentages, shall be used to determine eligibility.
3. Junior Limousin heifer exhibitors agree that each animal is shown in this show and recorded with the North American Limousin Foundation may be subject to a blood or hair test to verify both accuracy or parentage and blood type. Collection of blood or hair will be done by a nonpartisan individual designated by the TX Limousin Association.

Limousin Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Maine-Anjou Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Maine-Anjou Association	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of the section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Maine-Anjou Beef Heifer Show

- Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Maine-Anjou Association, TXMaineanjou@outlook.com; 903-286-4633.
- Maine-Anjou heifers shown in junior breeding classes must be 75 percent or more Maine-Anjou and must be registered with the American Maine-Anjou Association.

Maine-Anjou Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Polled Hereford Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available.....		\$ 2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Polled Hereford Beef Heifer Show

1. Heifers must be registered with the American Hereford Association to receive premiums. Heifers indicated as Polled or scurred on registration papers must show in the Polled Hereford Beef Heifer Division. Heifers indicated as horned on registration papers must show in Hereford Beef Heifer Division. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: American Hereford Association P.O. Box 014059, Kansas City, MO, 64101, (816) 842-3757.
2. Exhibitors agree that each animal shown in this show and recorded with the American Hereford Association may be subject to a blood type test to verify both accuracy of parentage and blood type. Collection of DNA sample will be done by a nonpartisan individual designated by the Association.

Polled Hereford Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Red Angus Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Red Angus Association	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Red Angus Beef Heifer Show

- Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Red Angus Association, PO Box 725; Justin, TX 7624. 940-390-3700.
- Only registered Red Angus, Category 1A, may show. Heifers must be smooth polled with no evidence of scurs or "buttons" removed. In addition, heifers exhibiting any of the following characteristics are not eligible to show:
 - White pigment in front of the navel or above the underline or on the legs
 - Black pigment on all three (3) of the following: nose, eyes and anus (an animal may have pigment on any two (2) of these areas, but not on all three (3) locations)
 - Any female shown with a calf at side, the calf must be her natural born calf and be nursing
- Any and all animals entered are subject to DNA marker (hair) or blood type test to verify accuracy of parentage. DNA or blood samples will be taken by an unbiased third party. If a recorded parent is excluded as a parent as the results of an above mentioned test, the owner may request at his or her own expense, further testing for determination of the actual parent(s). Failure to determine the parentage, or if the identified parents disqualify it from Category 1A, the animal will be disqualified from premiums provided by the TRAA and the animal will be ineligible to compete in future shows in which the TRAA provides premiums monies.
- For and in consideration of, the opportunity to participate in any show in which the TX Red Angus Association provides premium monies, each exhibitor hereby releases the TRAA, its officers, directors, and representatives for negligence, and all claims, suits and judgments past, present or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such tests or examinations and resulting decision there from.

Red Angus Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Red Brahman Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$ 2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Red Brahman Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to the TX Jr. Brahman Association (TJBA), P.O. Box 26, Campbelltown, TX, 78008, (361) 500 5792.
2. Only cattle with ABBA registration papers are eligible to show in approved ABBA junior heifer shows. IZBA papers are not accepted.
3. Special prizes and buckles will be awarded to the top 3 Red Brahman Showman awarded by the TJBA.

Red Brahman Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Red Brangus Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
American Red Brangus Breeders Assoc.	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Red Brangus Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to American Red Brangus Association (ARBA) or International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA).
2. Animals entered in this department must be registered (not certified) in the ARBA or IBBA. Breeding animals may not have scurs or any indication of scurs.
3. Owner must be a member in good standing with the association in which the animal he/she is exhibiting is registered to show.

Red Brangus Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Santa Gertrudis Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show Livestock Committee	Class Premiums	\$1,650
Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Santa Gertrudis Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: Santa Gertrudis Breeders International, PO Box 1257 Kingsville, TX 78363, (361) 592-9357.
2. To be eligible to compete in SGBI approved junior shows, animal(s) must be registered or recorded in the name of the junior member.

Santa Gertrudis Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Shorthorn Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Shorthorn Association	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Shorthorn Beef Heifer Show

- Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Shorthorn Association or American Shorthorn Association, 401 Billy Creek Circle; Hurst, TX 76053; 817-537-2614.
- Heifers must be Fullblood with a red bordered registration certificate. The TSA reserves the right to check ear tattoos and breed characteristics of Shorthorn heifers.
- Females competing in class 15 must meet one of the following criteria:
 - be accompanied by an affidavit from a non-owner licensed veterinarian stating the female is safe in calf, or
 - have a natural born calf at side that is properly recorded with the American Shorthorn Association (embryo transfer progeny will not suffice).

Shorthorn Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Simbrah Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Jr. Simmental/Simbrah Association	Class Premiums	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Simbrah Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association, Floresville, TX.
2. Simbrah heifers shown in Junior breeding classes must be Purebred Simbrah or Purebred Simbrah Asterisk and must be registered with the American Simmental Association.
3. Exhibitors agree that any animal shown in this show and registered with the American Simmental Association may be subject to a blood typing test or DNA test to verify parentage. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any show in which the TX Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association provides premium monies, each exhibitor hereby releases the TJSSA, its officers, directors and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits and judgments past, present or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such tests or examination and resulting decision there from. Samples will be taken by an unbiased third party. If a recorded parent is excluded as a parent as the result of an above mentioned test, the owner may request, at his or her own expense, further determination of the actual parent. Failure to determine the sire and/or dam will result in the animal being disqualified from premiums provided by the TJSSA and the animal will be ineligible to compete in future shows in which the TJSSA provides premium monies.

Simbrah Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Simmental Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Jr. Simmental/Simbrah Association	Class Premium	\$
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available		\$

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Simmental Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association, Floresville, TX.
2. Simmental heifers shown in junior breeding classes must be purebred Simmentals and must be registered with the American Simmental Association.
3. Exhibitors agree that any animal shown in this show and registered with the American Simmental Association may be subject to a blood typing test or DNA test to verify parentage. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any show in which the TX Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association provides premium monies, each exhibitor hereby releases the TJSSA, its officers, directors and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits and judgments past, present or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such tests or examination and resulting decision there from. Samples will be taken by an unbiased third party. If a recorded parent is excluded as a parent as the result of an above mentioned test, the owner may request, at his or her own expense, further determination of the actual parent. Failure to determine the sire and/or dam will result in the animal being disqualified from premiums provided by the TJSSA and the animal will be ineligible to compete in future shows in which the TJSSA provides premium monies.

Simmental Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

American Registered Breeds Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available.....		\$ 2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for American Registered Breeds Beef Heifer Show

- Open to heifers of *Bos indicus* type that have been **registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association**. Ownership MUST be recorded solely in the name of the exhibitor on the registration certificate on or before the November 1 deadline. Breeds defined below are recognized in this division. Any breed not listed above is considered ineligible.
 - Beefmaster Advancer - animals of fifty percent (50%) or more Registered Beefmaster breeding and fifty percent (50%) or less of other Registered and DNA genotyped non-Beefmaster Beef cattle breeding.
 - Braford - Fullblood, Heifers must be classified as "Braford Cow" on registration paper to be eligible to show.
 - Braford F-1 - United Braford Breeders registered first generation cross consisting of ½ Brahman – ½ Hereford blood. No multiple generation half-blood or other near-halfblood cattle will be accepted. Heifers must be classified as "First Generation" on registration paper to be eligible to show.
 - Brahmousin – Fullblood.
 - Brangus Built (BB)/ Brangus Premium Gold (BP) - progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus and any commercial animal.
 - Brangus Optimizer (BO)/Commercial (CM) - progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus and any other registered animal except Angus or Red Angus.
 - Certified Beefmaster E6 – Certified by Beefmaster Breeders United to be at least 50% Beefmaster and can be as much as 100%. At least one of the parents must be registered as a Fullblood Beefmaster.
 - Gelbray – Fullblood.
 - Golden Certified F1 - a female that is the progeny of two registered parents with one parent being registered Brahman resulting in a F1 cross (50% Brahman x 50% Bos Taurus). Animal must be issued a certificate of recordation form from ABBA which includes owner's name and ownership date.
 - Percentage Simbrah – Heifers must be less than Purebred. Heifers must have evidence of Brahman influence listed on their registration paper to be considered Percentage Simbrah.
 - Star 5 - Must be 50%-75% Santa Gertrudis blood.
 - UltraBlack - progeny of Registered Brangus and an Enrolled Angus.
 - UltraRed - progeny of Registered Red Brangus and an Enrolled Angus/Red Angus.

ARB Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Other Registered Breeds Beef Heifers

Department L

Houston Livestock Show	Class Premiums	\$1,650
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	\$1,250
Total Premiums Available.....		\$2,900

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Special Rules and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Other Registered Breeds Beef Heifer Show

- Open to heifers of *Bos taurus* type that have been **registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association**. Ownership MUST be recorded solely in the name of the exhibitor on the registration certificate on or before the November 1 deadline. Breeds defined below are recognized in this division. Any breed not listed below is considered ineligible.
 - Braunvieh - Fullblood, 7/8 or greater Braunvieh blood.
 - Braunvieh Beef Builder - Must meet the Braunvieh Association rules for registration as a Braunvieh Beef Builder. Eligible animals are at least a 1/8 Braunvieh blood and less than Fullblood Braunvieh.
 - Gelbvieh - Fullblood, 75% or greater Gelbvieh blood.
 - Gelbvieh Balancer - Must meet the American Gelbvieh Association rules for registration as a Balancer hybrid, 25 to 75 percent Gelbvieh with the balance Angus or Red Angus.
 - Percentage Limousin & Lim-Flex - Must be purple papered with less than 50% Limousin blood or orange papered w/ less than 75% Limousin blood. Lim-Flex heifers with 50% or greater Limousin blood will show in the Limousin breed division.
 - MaineTainer - Must be 25% to 62.5% Maine-Anjou.
 - Percentage Charolais - Must have certificate of recordation with AICA.
 - Percentage Chianina - Heifers with less than 6.25% Chianina influence that are not eligible to show in another breed division.
 - Percentage Simmental - Heifers must be less than Purebred.
 - Pinzgauer - must be Fullblood (minimum of 87.5%) or Fullblood (100%).
 - Red Angus (Category 1B) - Must have a certificate of recordation with RAAA.
 - Red Angus (Category II) - Must have a certificate of recordation with RAAA.
 - Red Angus (Category III) - Must have a certificate of recordation with RAAA.
 - Shorthorn Plus - Must be registered as ShorthornPlus (Appendix).

ORB Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Supreme Division Champion**	Reserve Supreme Division Champion**
A:	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25		
B:	\$750	\$500				
C:					\$2,500	\$1,650
D:						

** All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion heifers are required to be in attendance for the Division Breed Champion Drive. All Division Champions must be in attendance for the Champion Heifer Drive on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

SCRAMBLE BEEF HEIFER SHOW

Department S

Superintendent: **Gerald Young – Katy, TX**

Judges:

American Breeds – TBD

British Breeds – TBD

Continental Breeds – TBD

Wave 1 (American Scramble Heifers)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	March 3	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Monday	March 4	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 4	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Monday	March 4	1 p.m.
Scramble Help Desk (Behind West Bleachers, Main Arena)	Monday	March 4	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Beef Heifer Scramble Show:	Tuesday	March 5	8 a.m.
Beef Heifer Awards and Donor Social:	Tuesday	March 5	Immediately following the show
Begin Release:	Tuesday	March 5	No earlier than 1 p.m. must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/6
All Heifers Must be Out By:	Wednesday	March 6	5 p.m.

Wave 2 (British & Continental Scramble Heifers)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Wednesday	March 6	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Thursday	March 7	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	March 7	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Thursday	March 7	1 p.m.
Scramble Help Desk (Behind West Bleachers, Main Arena)	Thursday	March 7	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Beef Heifer Scramble Show	Friday	March 8	8 a.m.
Beef Heifer Awards and Donor Social	Friday	March 8	Immediately following the show
Begin Release:	Friday	March 8	No earlier than NOON; must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/9
All Heifers Must be Out By:	Saturday	March 9	5 p.m.

East Arena

British

West Arena

Continental

Special Rules for Scramble Beef Heifer Show

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show Rules, and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Entry:** Scramble classes are limited to 2023 Calf Scramble certificate winners. Scramble heifer entry fees have been waived. Calf Scramble exhibitors are strongly encouraged to enter their scramble heifer in the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show with an entry fee of \$35. However, Calf Scramble exhibitors are only allowed one entry in the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show and it must be their Scramble heifer.

Special Rules for Scramble Beef Heifer Show

3. **Quality Counts Verification:** Exhibitors are required to pass the Quality County Verification test for show eligibility. Entries will not be accepted without the verification code for each exhibitor. The test can be found at <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/>.
4. **Partnerships:** Original registration papers must be solely in the name of the exhibitor. Partnerships of any form will not be allowed.
5. **Validation:** All junior breeding beef heifers (including potential substitute heifers) **MUST** be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA Breeding Heifer Validation Program. Heifer validation will include online registration paper submittal and physical validation with DNA hair sampling for all entered and potential substitute heifers.

Exhibitors should contact local county extension agents and agricultural science teachers for specific county validation deadlines and locations; however all junior breeding beef heifers **MUST** be validated by **November 1, 2023** in order to be eligible for participation in the 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Scramble Beef Heifer Show.

6. **ID Verification:** The tattoo or brand will be checked on as many as four (4) placing heifers at the conclusion of each class and must match the permanent ID that appears on the original registration paper. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure the brand or tattoo is legible prior to arrival on Show grounds. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their heifer does not have a matching tattoo or brand, or if the tattoo or brand is illegible. In the event of a disqualification, the next placing heifer with matching identification will advance. **THE SHOW WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRANDING OR TATTOOING HEIFERS, EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE ALL HEIFERS BRANDED OR TATOOED BEFORE ARRIVAL.**
7. **DNA Verification:** Show Management reserves the right to collect hair samples on any participating junior breeding beef heifer/scramble heifer. Show Management will make the final decision regarding any potential disqualification.
8. **Arrival:** Wave 1 heifers can begin staging at Airport Blvd beginning at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd and Wave 2 heifers can begin staging at Airport Blvd at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6th. No heifers will be allowed on the lot before that time. Release from staging lines will begin at 1 a.m. on Monday, March 3rd and Wednesday, March 6th.
9. **Health Certificate:** Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required.
10. **Stalling:** To stall together at Houston, groups **MUST** arrive and remain in line together at Airport Blvd. **NO** assignments will be made for heifers that are coming later. Heifers will be counted on the trailers. The Airport Boulevard staging area will open at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd and Wednesday, March 6th. Trailers will not be staged prior to this time. The first three rows of cattle stalls on the north side of the barn (rows nearest to the dock and wash racks) will be assigned to those exhibitors arriving first. Once these three rows are assigned, assignments will be given starting on the far end of the stalls (closest to commercial exhibits) and will work back towards the dock
11. **Self/Mobile Check-In:** Check-in will take place by scanning a QR code located on the back of the exhibitor entry number using a mobile device. Exhibitors will be responsible for individually checking in their animal. The Exhibitor will be responsible to making sure the information listed in the check-in portal is accurate, if there are any issues the exhibitor **MUST** make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing time listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the exhibitor's check-in summary. Any heifers not checked in will be ineligible to show.
12. **Clipping:** No clippers which must be plugged into an electrical outlet are allowed to be used on Scramble or Junior Breeding Beef Heifers once they arrive on Show grounds. Cordless clippers are allowed.
13. **Grooming Material:** No grooming material is allowed (this includes conditioner). No painting or dyeing is allowed.
14. **Classes:** Beef scramble heifers will not show by individual breed. Heifers will show in their respective American, British or European divisions. American beef scramble heifers will show on the west side of the Main Arena. British and European beef scramble heifers will show on the east side of the Main Arena. Class schedules, numbers, age requirements and premium moneys (with the exception of special awards) are the same for all divisions. Class breaks listed below are subject to change. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make it to the show ring for their designated class. Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. An exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class.
15. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be judged during the Scramble Beef Heifer Show and presented at the Scramble Heifer Awards Ceremony and Donor Social.

Scramble Beef Heifer Show Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	Trophy	214			
A:	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100

Special Rules for Scramble Beef Heifer Show

CLASSES

West side of Main Arena

AMERICAN BREEDS

1. Scramble Heifers	04/01/23 – 04/30/23	(Premium A)
2. Scramble Heifers	03/16/23 – 03/31/23	(Premium A)
3. Scramble Heifers	03/01/23 – 03/15/23	(Premium A)
4. Scramble Heifers	02/01/23 – 02/28/23	(Premium A)
5. Scramble Heifers	01/16/23 – 01/31/23	(Premium A)
6. Scramble Heifers	01/01/23 – 01/15/23	(Premium A)
7. Scramble Heifers	12/01/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
8. Scramble Heifers	11/01/22 – 11/30/22	(Premium A)
9. Scramble Heifers	10/01/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
10. Scramble Heifers	08/01/22 – 09/30/22	(Premium A)
11. Scramble Heifers	05/01/22 – 08/31/22	(Premium A)
12. Scramble Heifers	01/01/22 – 04/30/22	(Premium A)
13. Champion Female		(\$350, Buckle, & Banner)
14. Reserve Champion Female		(\$250, Buckle, & Banner)

East side of Main Arena

BRITISH BREEDS

1. Scramble Heifers	04/01/23 – 04/30/23	(Premium A)
2. Scramble Heifers	03/01/23 – 03/31/23	(Premium A)
3. Scramble Heifers	01/01/23 – 02/28/23	(Premium A)
4. Scramble Heifers	11/01/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
5. Scramble Heifers	10/01/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
6. Scramble Heifers	09/01/22 – 09/30/22	(Premium A)
7. Scramble Heifers	07/01/22 – 08/31/22	(Premium A)
8. Scramble Heifers	01/01/22 – 06/30/22	(Premium A)
9. Champion Female		(\$350 Buckle, & Banner)
10. Reserve Champion Female		(\$250 Buckle, & Banner)

CONTINENTAL BREEDS

1. Scramble Heifers	04/01/23 – 04/30/23	(Premium A)
2. Scramble Heifers	03/01/23 – 03/31/23	(Premium A)
3. Scramble Heifers	02/01/23 – 02/28/22	(Premium A)
4. Scramble Heifers	12/01/22 – 01/31/23	(Premium A)
5. Scramble Heifers	11/01/22 – 11/30/22	(Premium A)
6. Scramble Heifers	09/19/22 – 10/31/22	(Premium A)
7. Scramble Heifers	08/12/22 – 09/17/22	(Premium A)
8. Scramble Heifers	01/01/22 – 08/11/22	(Premium A)
9. Champion Female		(\$350 Buckle, & Banner)
10. Reserve Champion Female		(\$250 Buckle, & Banner)

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL STEER FEEDING & MANAGEMENT CONTEST

Department K

Cattle Operations Superintendent – Al Mahalitc – Eagle Lake, TX

Assistant Cattle Operations Superintendents – TBD

Contest Superintendent - Dr. Jason Cleere – College Station, TX

DEADLINES

Online Intent Form Opens for Returning Contestants.....	July 17
Online Intent Form Opens for New Contestants.....	July 19
Last day to submit Online Intent Forms.....	Aug. 15
Last Day to Purchase and Weigh Steers for Beginning Weights.....	Aug. 31
DNA Samples and Weight Slips Due.....	Sept. 15
Entry Deadline.....	Dec. 1
Final Record Book Due.....	Feb. 23

Begin Arrival	Sunday	March 3	4 a.m.
*Arrive directly to Gate 5, NRG Arena			
In Place by	Sunday	March 3	9 a.m.
Exhibitor Check-In	Sunday	March 3	6 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Welcome and Introductions	Sunday	March 3	9 a.m.
Written Test & Meats Quiz	Sunday	March 3	9:15 a.m.
Weigh & Grade Steers	Sunday	March 3	10:30 a.m.
Closeout Pen of Steers/Records	Sunday	March 3	*
*Exhibitors must complete this form after their steers have been weighed and graded.			
Interview Skills & Meat ID	Monday	March 4	6:30 a.m.
Buyer's Reception	Monday	March 4	noon
Sale (Cattle Grading Choice & Above)	Monday	March 4	2 p.m.
2 nd Interviews (Finalist)	Tuesday	March 5	7 a.m.
Awards Luncheon	Tuesday	March 5	2 p.m.

Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest

- Rules:** This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules listed in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.
- Purpose:** The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest is to encourage more 4-H and FFA members to participate in a practical beef production program. This contest heavily emphasizes feeding and management financial costs and exhibitors should have a firm understanding of the economics associated with the beef cattle industry.
- Previous Winners:** Past 1st place overall recipients of the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest cannot compete in any future Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contests at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- Maximum Exhibitors:** A maximum of 165 exhibitors will be allowed to compete in the contest. The first 165 exhibitors to submit their electronic intent form will be eligible for the contest.
- Intent Form:** Electronic submission of intent forms for the 2024 Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest are available at www.rodeohouston.com starting on July 17, 2023 at 9 a.m. for returning contestants and will close at 4 pm then will reopen on July 19, 2023 at 9 a.m. for anyone wishing to submit for any remaining spots and will remain open until the earlier of (i) 165 completed electronic intent forms received or (ii) August 15, 2023. Once an exhibitor receives confirmation of the electronic intent form being accepted on the website, the exhibitor may purchase steers for the 2024 Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show. The electronic submission form must be completed to enter the contest.



Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest

6. **Scale Tickets:** Scale Tickets will be uploaded in the online record book system by September 15, 2023. **NOTE: All steers must be purchased and weighed on the same date; this must take place on or before August 31, 2023.** The official scale tickets must be properly completed with the animals' identification (official HLSR Tag #), weight, date weighed, seller of the animal, buyer of the animal, and signature or initials of the weighmaster. Scale tickets to include only one steer per ticket (3 scale tickets per exhibitor). Exhibitors should retain a copy of the scale tickets for their record books. **Scale ticket examples included on last page of these special rules.**
- In order to be considered an official entry, the exhibitor must also be entered on-line and pay the \$105 entry fee prior to Dec. 1, 2023, through the AST/CEA.**
7. **Record Books:** Exhibitors must submit their online record books by 11:59 PM Saturday, February 23, 2024 or they will be closed automatically. Any questions regarding Record Books should be directed to jcsrecordbooks@gmail.com no later than 11:59 p.m. Monday, February 19, 2024.
8. **Entry:** Entry will be a pen of three steers. Steers of any of the beef breeds are eligible to be entered in this Show. **Replacement steers will not be accepted.**
9. **Ear Tags and DNA Samples:** Exhibitors will receive ear tags and DNA kits upon submission of the Intent Form. Each steer will have a unique ID and will represent the animal's sale slot. Tag numbers will be assigned by Club/Chapter and the Club/Chapter order will be randomly chosen. DNA will have to be turned into HLSR for each steer to be compared to samples from the contest.
10. **DNA Verification:** DNA will be sampled and verified for the top 8 pens of steers as well as randomly selected pens. DNA Samples not matching will result in disqualification and forfeiture of premiums.
11. **Arrival:** All exhibitors must arrive directly to NRG Arena and enter through Gate 5. **DO NOT STAGE AT AIRPORT BLVD.** Exhibitors may begin to arrive no earlier than 4 a.m. and must be in place by 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 3. Exhibitors arriving earlier than 4 a.m. on March 3 may be turned away.
12. **Feeding for Show:** Pen-of-three is to be fed in a separate feed pen from other livestock when placed on full feed. Steers grazed prior to entering their finishing pen may be grazed with other livestock. Exhibitors must continuously own and personally feed and care for their animals under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. Animals can be raised in a commercial feedlot as long as the steers are fed and penned separately from other feedlot cattle and the exhibitor is providing the daily care of the steers.
13. **Days on Feed:** At time of weigh-in (sale weight) at the Show, the number of days on full feed must be given to the Committee by the exhibitor.
14. **Divisions:** Students between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 13 on or before Aug. 31, 2023, are eligible to compete in the Junior division of the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest. Students between the ages of 14 & 18 on or before August 31, 2023 are eligible to compete in the Senior division of the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest. Exhibitors in the Junior and Senior divisions will be evaluated by judges using the same scoring system. Junior Division exhibitors are eligible to win Sr./Overall awards and Special Awards. Senior Division exhibitors are not eligible to win Junior Awards.
15. **Weighing:** Cattle must be weighed individually on a certified livestock scale by a certified weigher starting on February 16, 2024 through February 23, 2024. This weight is the official weight for the feeding records (record weight) and will be used with a four percent (4%) pencil shrink in the record book. The certified weigher must sign the official scale ticket and the weights must appear on the ticket. This weighing will be followed by check-in weight (sale weight) at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Cattle will be sold on the check-in weight.
16. **Sale Weights:** Steers must weigh **a minimum of 1,150 pounds or a maximum of 1,650 pounds** (sale weight) at weigh-in. Steers that fall below or above these weights will not be graded. There will be no reweighs.
17. **Steer Handling:** Steers that are wild or unruly will be disqualified. If it is necessary to remove one or more unruly animals from a pen, the entire pen will be disqualified. Steers will be shown as a group in pens. Exhibitors must be present in the Sales Pavilion when their steers are being weighed and graded and on sale day.
18. **Horns:** Steers must be dehorned. If any re-growth appears it must be no more than 2" in length and must have a blunt tip that is no smaller than the size of a quarter. Scurs (defined as loosely attached) may be present but must be no more than 2" in length.
19. **Health Certification:** Health certificates are not required. Exhibitor and his or her AST/CEA or other representative must certify that the steers were withdrawn from all chemicals and drugs in accordance with USDA regulations and comply with all state and federal regulations pertaining to livestock. **THESE REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**

Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest

- 20. Death Loss:** Should an exhibitor lose a steer due to death, that exhibitor must provide immediate notification in writing stating time and cause of death to Show Management at livestock@rodeohouston.com. This notification must also be signed by the CEA/AST and a parent or guardian.
- 21. Grading Committee:** A committee of three judges will grade the Junior Commercial Steers based on the USDA standard quality and yield grades for slaughter steers.
- 22. Questions:** The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Committee Chairman will designate a time when the exhibitor may direct questions or inquiries pertaining to any aspect of the Show, to Show Officials or designated committee persons.
- 23. Scoring Systems:** The official scoring system is based on 100 points, allocated as follows:
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|---------------------------|---------|
| a. Written Test | 25 pts. |
| b. Interview Skills | 25 pts. |
| c. Steer Grades | 15 pts. |
| d. Record Book | 10 pts. |
| e. Meat ID and Quiz | 10 pts. |
| f. Pen of Steers Closeout | 9 pts. |
| g. Cost/lb. Gain | 2 pts. |
| h. Avg. Daily Gain | 2 pts. |
| i. Feed Conversion | 2 pts. |
- Note:** To determine the final placing of the Top 8 Exhibitors, the Initial Interview Score will be dropped and replaced with the Final Interview Score.
- 24. Contest Completion:** Exhibitors must complete all phases of the contest and score a minimum of 25 points in order to receive premium cash awards.
- 25. Ineligible Steers for Points:** For steers that have been determined to have horns or scurs (see Rule 16), weigh less than 1,150 pounds (sale weight) or weigh more than 1,650 pounds (sale weight) or foundered or bruised, the exhibitor will not receive Steer Grade points on these ineligible steers.
- 26. Steer Sales:** All steers entered will be sold, by grade and weight. The regular marketing cost, including trucking expenses to the livestock market, will be borne by the exhibitor, and deducted from the sale proceeds. Steers which arrive to the Show that are determined by Show officials to be foundered, bruised, or otherwise declared non-marketable will be priced on a residual value as determined by Show Management. Steer's grading Select and below and any ungraded steers, including steers weighing less than 1,150 pounds or more than 1,650 pounds will be sold at the corresponding bid price and will not be auctioned at the Junior Commercial Steer Sale on Monday, March 6th. This is a practical, commercially fed steer show. It should be specifically understood that it is not the intent of the Show Management to seek premium bids at the sale of the entries in this division.
- 27. Sale Cap:** Show Management will determine market prices using packer bids that are secured by the Commissioning Agent. Only steers grading Choice and above will be auctioned in the Junior Commercial Steer Sale. Sale price on Choice and above steers will be capped at 20 cents per pound above a predetermined fed cattle market price (bid) for Choice and above steers, with exhibitors receiving a minimum premium of \$200 per steer above market price. Amounts bid over the cap amount will be transferred to the premium cash award pool for the current show year payout.
- 28. Commission:** Exhibitors will be assessed a \$35 auction commission per head sold.
- 29. Ribbons will be awarded to steers grading as follows:**

LIVE GRADES	RIBBON	POINTS PER STEER
USDA PRIME		
• Yield Grade 1 or 2	Blue	5
• Yield Grade 3	Blue	4
• Yield Grade 4 or 5	None	1
USDA CHOICE		
• Yield Grade 1 or 2	Red	5
• Yield Grade 3	Red	4
• Yield Grade 4 or 5	None	1
USDA SELECT		
• Yield Grade 1, 2 or 3	White	1
• Yield Grade 4 or 5	None	0



Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest

30. PREMIUM CASH AWARDS: There will be premium cash awards based on Steer Points AND Record Points. Base premium moneys will be \$10,000 divided by 20 percent (\$2,000) to Steer Points and 80 percent (\$8,000) to Record Points as follows:

a. STEER POINTS: The value of each steer point is determined by adding the total number of points on all animals and dividing into the total monies. A hypothetical case based on 300 steers graded as follows:

Prime, yield grade 1 or 2	5 steers	X 5 pts.	=	25 pts.
Prime, yield grade 3	5 steers	X 4 pts.	=	20 pts.
Prime, yield grade 4 or 5	3 steers	X 1 pts.	=	3 pts.
Choice, yield grade 1 or 2	150 steers	X 5 pts.	=	750 pts.
Choice, yield grade 3	94 steers	X 4 pts.	=	376 pts.
Choice, yield grade 4 or 5	10 steers	X 1 pts.	=	10 pts.
Select, yield grade 1, 2 or 3	29 steers	X 1 pts.	=	29 pts.
Select, yield grade 4 or 5	<u>4 steers</u>	X 0 pts.	=	<u>0 pts.</u>
	<u>300 steers</u>			<u>1,213 pts.</u>

\$2,000 divided by 1,213 = \$1.6488 per point (Approx.)

Prime, yield grade 1 or 2	\$1.6488	X	5 pts.	=	\$8.24/steer
Prime, yield grade 3	\$1.6488	X	4 pts.	=	\$6.60/steer
Prime, yield grade 4 or 5	\$1.6488	X	1 pts.	=	\$1.65/steer
Choice, yield grade 1 or 2	\$1.6488	X	5 pts.	=	\$8.24/steer
Choice, yield grade 3	\$1.6488	X	4 pts.	=	\$6.60/steer
Choice, yield grade 4 or 5	\$1.6488	X	1 pts.	=	\$1.65/steer
Select, yield grade 1, 2 or 3	\$1.6488	X	1 pts.	=	\$1.65/steer
Select, yield grade 4 or 5	\$1.6488	X	0 pts.	=	\$0.00/steer

b. RECORD POINTS: The point value is determined by the written test, interview skills, record book, meat Identification and quiz, closeout, cost/lb. of gain, average daily gain and feed conversion. The exhibitors total record points (85 or less and a minimum of 25 or more to qualify for any record points) divided into the award moneys, i.e. 70 contestants x an average of 50 points = 3,500 points, Therefore, \$8,000 divided by 3,500 points = \$2.2857. A score of 65 would receive \$148.57.

31. TOP EIGHT POINT PREMIUMS: The top eight exhibitors in terms of combined Steer and Record Points will each receive a bonus point premium of \$1,000.

Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest

2024 Awards

TOP OVERALL PLACING AWARDS:

1st Place

2024 Ford Truck – Donated by the
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
\$1,000 Cash Award
Trophy, Banner and Buckle

2nd Place

\$10,000 Cash Award
11-inch touch screen tablet PC with accessories
Trophy and Banner

3rd Place

\$5,000 Cash Award
11-inch touch screen tablet PC with accessories

4th Place

\$3,500 Cash Award

TOP EIGHT FINALIST:

Buckle

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

Senior Rookie

\$750 Cash Award

Junior Rookie

\$700 Cash Award

JUNIOR HIGH POINT AWARDS:

1st Place

11-inch touch screen tablet PC with accessories
\$600 Cash Award
Trophy

2nd Place

\$500 Cash Award
Trophy

3rd Place

\$250 Cash Award
Trophy

HIGHEST GRADING PEN OF STEERS:

1st Place

\$500 Cash Award

MEAT ID AND QUIZ AWARDS:

1st Place

\$500 Cash Award

2nd Place

\$250 Cash Award

WRITTEN TEST AWARD:

1st Place

\$250 Cash Award

RECORD BOOK AWARDS:

Best Record Book

\$200 Cash Award

Best Rookie Record Book

\$150 Cash Award

Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest

Scale Ticket Example

(Preferred dimensions about 6" x 2")

Weight:	Date:	(Serial # Optional) No. 000001
640	09/14/17	Sold By: <u>Johnny Stockshow</u>
		Buyer: <u>Rancher, Bob</u>
		Animal ID: <u>52</u>
		Weighmaster Signature: <u>Weigh Master</u>

Weight:	Date:	(Serial # Optional) No. 000002
642	09/14/17	Sold By: <u>Johnny Stockshow</u>
		Buyer: <u>Rancher, Bob</u>
		Animal ID: <u>53</u>
		Weighmaster Signature: <u>Weigh Master</u>

Weight:	Date:	(Serial # Optional) No. 000003
641	09/14/17	Sold By: <u>Johnny Stockshow</u>
		Buyer: <u>Rancher, Bob</u>
		Animal ID: <u>54</u>
		Weighmaster Signature: <u>Weigh Master</u>

ARCHERY COMPETITION

Superintendent – Rick Stonebraker – Houston, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Joe Cashuric – Houston, TX

Premiums

TX Farm Bureau \$10,000

Location:

Hall A – NRG Center



Detailed schedule will be announced as we fill out the preliminary rounds.

NO LATE ARRIVALS FOR CHECK IN WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO EXCEPTIONS!

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show 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 for Archery Competition

1. **Participation:** This competition be divided between four divisions (Junior Male, Senior Male, Junior Female, and Senior Female) based on age. All entries in this competition are subject to the HLSR Archery Competition Rules.

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

2. **Entry:** Entries will be made through the Eyes on Score system at <https://www.eyesonscore.com/> starting September 1, 2023 and will close on October 24, 2023, or when the max entries is met. (See rule 6 for details)

3. **Eligibility:**

- a. **State of Texas:** HLSR Archery Competition is limited to entries within the State of Texas.
- 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, 2023 and be bona fide residents of the State of Texas. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible contestants.
 - i. 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, 2023.
 - ii. Senior Participant Classification – 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023.
 - iii. Contestants also must have been coached in a bona fide Texas 4-H Shooting Sports archery project OR coached in a bona fide NASP program OR coached in a JOAD program within the 2022 or 2023 calendar year.
 - iv. **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 Houston Livestock Show for participation in the Archery Competition at the time completed online entries are received. 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 Livestock Show 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 HLSR Archery Competition.

Special Rules for Archery Competition

5. **Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** Per Rule 31 of the General Rules: The Houston Livestock Show and 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 HLSR regulations and policies.

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo™ is an invitational Livestock Show. HLSR reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

6. **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.

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- a. Exhibitors may only have one entry per bow class for a maximum of 4 entries per exhibitor.
 - i. Exhibitor may only have one entry per preliminary round.
 - ii. Exhibitor must provide the appropriate bow for each entry to be eligible for that bow class.
 - b. Overall entries will not be limited. Initially available will be two rounds on Saturday for up to 240 Exhibitors per round.
 - i. Additional rounds will be added based on need and at the discretion of the Superintendent and Show Officials

7. **Event Format:** The Ranching & Wildlife Archery Competition will be a World Archery "18 Meter Indoor Round. The preliminary round will consist of 60 arrows shot at the 40 cm 5-color face. 40 cm Triple faces will be allowed.


- a. **Targets** – 40 cm 5-color faces and 40 cm Triple faces will be provided.
- b. **Divisions:**
 - i. *Senior Male* (14 to 19 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - ii. *Junior Male* (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - iii. *Senior Female* (14 to 19 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - iv. *Junior Female* (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
- c. **Classes** – Contestants will compete in the below classes based upon what bow(s) they will be shooting with. All classes will be available for all timeslots.
 - i. *Compound*
 - ii. *Recurve*
 - iii. *NASP/Genesis*
 - iv. *Barebow (Cushion Plunger style arrow rests are allowed)*



8. **Check-In** - All contestants must check-in prior to mandatory orientation. Check-in will be open 1 hr prior to your assigned shoot time until 15 minutes before your assigned shoot time. All equipment must be inspected before orientation. **NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

9. **Orientation** - Orientation will be conducted 15 minutes prior to your shoot time. Orientation is mandatory for everyone who will participate in the event.

10. **Finals:** We will conduct a shoot-off style final on with those shooters designated as finalists. Finalists will be announced when the preliminary rounds are complete.

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- a. Finalists will have to be available to shoot the finals or the next person may be moved up at the discretion of Show Management.

Special Rules for Archery Competition

11. Target Assignments: Targets will be assigned by show officials and will be subject to change at any time. Assignments will be available in the online score system; these are not considered final and can be changed based on the Shoot Officials' discretion.



- a. **Switching Targets:** All target locations will be flipped on a bale after the first 10 ends for the second 10 ends. (Example: targets initially located at the top of a bale will be moved to the lower spots and the targets on the bottom will be moved to the top.

12. Quivers: Contestants must provide their own quivers. Quivers will not be provided by HLSR.



13. Arrows: An arrow consists of a shaft with a tip (point), nock, fletching and, if desired, cresting. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts shall not exceed 9.3mm (arrow wraps shall not be considered as part of this limitation but may not extend further than 22cm toward the arrow point when measured from the nock groove where the bowstring sits to the end of the wrap). The tips/points of the arrows may not exceed 9.4mm in diameter. All arrows of every athlete shall be marked with the athlete's name or initials on the shaft. All arrows used in any end shall be identical in appearance and shall carry the same pattern and colour(s) of fletching, nocks and cresting, if any. Tracer nocks (electrically/electronically lighted nocks) are not allowed.

14. Safety Requirements:

- 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 badge. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event
- Sky Drawing:** Absolutely no sky drawing will be allowed. Any contestants seen sky drawing will be immediately disqualified.
- Cases:** All bows must remain cased at all times while on grounds until the equipment inspection. After shooting bows must be cased before leaving the range.
- 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.
- Disruption:** Parents, coaches, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviours 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Tobacco Policy: Smoking is not permitted by parents, coaches, observers, and contestants inside NRG 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.

18. Interference: If any contestant in any way, whether in person, or by agent, or servant, interferes with judges 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.

Special Rules for Archery Competition

- 19. Photographs:** All photographs taken by the official photographer become property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Unofficial (i.e. personal) photographs may not be published without the written approval of Management. Contestants wishing to purchase photographs must contact the official photographer.
- a. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo event, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 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 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 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.
- 20. Property/Security:** All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo do not undertake to do so and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property of contestants thereof. All contestants are responsible for security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is not responsible for the acts of a third party.
- 21. Official Scores:** The official score is the record kept by the referee/scorer on a sheet furnished him/her by Management. The referee/scorer's decision is final. All reported scores are checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required. 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: target assignment, scoring, posting of scores, determination of winners, and rule interpretation.
- 22. Appeals:** A contestant may appeal a ruling on the range immediately if he/she feels a referee has missed a score. The scorer may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the referee on the range is final and not subject to further appeal. Parent/coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted.
- 23. Protests:** Contestants may only protest any injustice, violation of the rules, or other circumstance that may have resulted in placing them at a disadvantage relative to other contestants. Such conditions must be reported to the Superintendent(s) immediately. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$300 deposit which will not be returned if protest is not sustained by Show Management. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Show Management immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. The Protest Jury will investigate and reach final resolution of the matter as soon as possible considering all circumstances. Results of all protests are final and will be reported to the contestant.
- a. Protest Jury will include the Superintendent(s), Assistant Superintendent(s), Director – Livestock Competitions and Senior Coordinator, Livestock Show
- 24. Accommodations** Lodging is the responsibility of the contestant's party and will not be arranged by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- 25. 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.
- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.

Special Rules for Archery Competition

28. Awards: The following prizes will be awarded to each class. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of HLSR.

Compound Classes	
Place	Award
Champion	\$1,000
Reserve Champion	\$750
Third Place	\$500
Fourth Place	\$400
Fifth Place	\$300
Sixth Place	\$200

Recurve, NASP & Barebow Classes	
Place	Award
Champion	\$1,000
Reserve Champion	\$750
Third Place	\$500

Contact: Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: livestock@rodeohouston.com or (832) 667-1125.

WILDLIFE POSTER BOARD COMPETITION

Project due in HLSR Office:
Finalist Notification:
Presentations by Finalists:
Awards Presentation:

January 10, 2024
February 15, 2024
Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board Competition


1. **Purpose:** To engage TX 4-H and FFA Members in activities that promote the conservation and/or enhancement of TX wildlife and native landscapes.
2. **Participation:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (HLSR) makes available to County Extension Agents (CEAs) and Agricultural Science Teachers (ASTs) in charge of 4-H or FFA programs the opportunity to enter members of their programs in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board Contest, subject to the posted rules. The opportunity to enter 4-H and FFA members in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board Contest is made available only to CEAs and ASTs supervising these members. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered to be an agent of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for any purpose.

Contestants in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board Contest are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.

3. Eligibility:

- a. See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Judging Contests
- b. Only Senior Division Participants are eligible. Participants must be 14 to 19 years of age as of August 31, 2023

4. Rules of Entry:

- a. **Entry:** Entries MUST be submitted online at <https://www.rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/livestock-show> through CEA/AST. Entries should be submitted prior to midnight, December 1, 2023. Entries submitted after December 1 through December 5 will incur a \$250 late fee, per Club or Chapter. No entry will be accepted unless entry fees accompany entry forms.
-  b. **Entry Fee:** The entry fee will be \$10
- c. **Signatures:** All contestants must have the required original signatures (contestant, AST/CEA, parent/guardian, and notarization).
- d. **Entry Requirements:** 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.
 - i) Entry forms are available online at <https://www.rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/livestock-show>
 - ii) Indemnity form for each participant must arrive with entry packets.
 - iii) Entries will not be accepted via paper entry.Refunds -There will be no refunds of fees for accepted entries.

5. Project Guidelines:

- a. Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) project.
- b. Projects must focus on the conservation and/or enhancement of native TX wildlife habitat affecting multiple native TX wildlife species or impacting a particular native TX wildlife species.
 - a. Migratory species that pass-through TX will be allowed, but the project must contain beneficial management components for that species specific to native TX habitat.
 - b. Species that have been extirpated from the state will not be allowed (i.e. Elk, Red Wolf, Jaguar, etc.).
 - c. No projects focused solely on domesticated farm animals or exotic species will be allowed (i.e. Axis Deer, Feral Hogs, etc.). However, projects that focus on management strategies that impact domestic livestock and/or exotic species for the benefit and/or enhancement of native TX wildlife species (both plant and animal) will be allowed.
 - d. Naturalized, non-native, wildlife species (i.e. honey bees, ring-necked pheasant, etc) may be selected as a topic provided that the project covers how they fit in the native ecosystem and how management of these species benefits those areas and the native animals found therein.

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- e. Projects that include specific management practices that landowners/managers can implement to benefit native TX wildlife species or native habitats will receive the **most** consideration.
 - c. Projects must consist of a 36"x48" display board (36"x24" when folded). *Please note this size, all other board sizes will be **disqualified**.
 - d. Display boards may contain text, photos, diagrams, charts, drawings, and samples.
 - e. All content must be attached securely and fit on the display board such that unfolding the board is the full extent of setup.
 - f. No additional props, header board, or dioramas may be included. The board must be able to fold flat for storage.
 - g. Name of contestant must be printed on back of the project board and may not appear on the front.
 - h. Projects should be self-explanatory and may include the results of original research or a summarization of existing research in order to draw conclusions relevant to the topic.
 - i. Each exhibitor must clearly cite the work of others within the display and submit a separate bibliography in MLA format with a heading for primary references to be listed first, followed by secondary references. Examples of MLA format can be found at <http://aresearchguide.com/12biblio.html>. Works cited should be displayed on the lower right corner on the back of the poster (when viewed from the rear). Failure to credit the work of others will result in disqualification.
- 6. Display and Future Usage Rights:** All projects will remain in the possession of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and may be placed on display during the Ranching and Wildlife Expo. Participants grants permission to the HLSR the use of their posters for display and contest promotion through television, film, video, visual, printed media, promotional publications, and other media, without compensation. Entries will not be returned.
- 7. Judging:** Projects will be judged on the quality and accuracy of the information presented and the relevance of the project to the conservation or enhancement of native TX wildlife and wildlife habitats. Judges will have final decision on advancement to the oral competition.
- a. Poster Board Judging will use the following assessment, with scores added for total points out of 100:
 - i. **Focus:** Does the project focus on the conservation and/or enhancement of a native TX wildlife habitat or species? Does the project include specific & beneficial management strategies/practices that individual and/or business landowners can implement for that habitat or species? (Points out of 30)
 - ii. **Appearance:** Is the project displayed well with legible titles and clear content information? Does it draw the reader's attention to the research being presented? (Points out of 20)
 - iii. **Self-Explanatory:** Is the project self-explanatory? Does the participant draw a conclusion or summarize existing/original research? (Points out of 30)
 - iv. **Works Cited:** Is the work of others properly identified? Are the sources relevant and credible? *Sources acceptable: .gov, .edu or some .org website. Sources not accepted: google.com, wikipedia.com. (Points out of 20)
 - b. Oral Judging will use the following assessment, with a score 1-10 on each item, 40 points max total score:
 - i. Does the contestant present strongly with clear and accurate information?
 - ii. Does the contestant address current management strategies and provide advice for beneficial conservation strategies/practices that individual and/or business landowners can implement?
 - iii. Does the contestant have fluent content knowledge? Is the contestant able to provide adequate and accurate responses to questions?
 - iv. Does the contestant have a logical flow and comprehensive message for the presentation?
- 8. Finalists:** Exhibitors of the top ten (10) projects and two (2) alternates will be notified on or before the date listed for Finalist Notifications and will be required to present their project before a panel of judges and an audience on the date listed above for the Finalist Presentations.
- a. Oral presentations will be limited to ten (10) minutes with an additional five (5) minute question and answer period with the judges. Presentation order will be decided by participant sign-up sheet on the day of judging.
 - b. Visual aids for the oral presentation will consist of a PowerPoint presentation. Information in the PowerPoint presentation shall be limited to what was included on the display board.
 - c. Judges scores from the oral presentations will be combined with preliminary scores from the judging of the display boards to determine final ranking of the top ten contestants.
 - d. If an exhibitor is unwilling or unable to attend the presentation, Show Management reserves the right to invite the next highest placing exhibitor to compete for the top positions.
 - i) Exhibitors unwilling or unable to attend the finals must give HLSR adequate notice of at least one week except in the case of personal illness.
 - (1) Failure to provide notice could result in an inability to participate in this contest in the future.
 - e. Alternates will be contacted if a spot in the finals comes available. Alternates do not need to come to the presentations unless they are contacted

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9. Awards: Awards for the top ten (10) contestants will be presented at the Awards Presentation

Place	Award
First Place	Trophy and \$1,500 cash award
Second Place	Trophy and \$1,250 cash award
Third Place	Trophy and \$1,000 cash award
Fourth Place	Trophy and \$800 cash award
Fifth Place	Trophy and \$700 cash award
Sixth Place	Trophy and \$600 cash award
Seventh Place	Trophy and \$500 cash award
Eighth Place	Trophy and \$400 cash award
Ninth Place	Trophy and \$300 cash award
Tenth Place	Trophy and \$200 cash award

Club/Chapter Awards - Only one (1) award per club/chapter.
\$1000 to the club/chapter with the most finalists
\$750 to the club/chapter with the 2nd most finalists

10. Entry Submission: Entries MUST be submitted online by the entry deadline. Display boards should be mailed to the following address and must be received by the date listed for Projects due in HLSR Office. Projects lost in the mail and not received before judging takes place will not be judged.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Ranching & Wildlife Contest
NRG Center
3 NRG Park
Houston, TX 77054

11. Contact: Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: livestock@rodeohouston.com (832) 667-1125

WILDLIFE VIDEO COMPETITION

Project Due on YouTube & Link Submitted:	January 10, 2024	11:59 p.m.
Finalist Notification:	February 15, 2024	11:59 p.m.
Awards Presentation:	March 2, 2024	2 p.m.

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Special Rules for Ranching & Wildlife Video Competition

- 1. Purpose:** To engage Texas 4-H and FFA Members in activities that promote the conservation and/or enhancement of Texas wildlife and native landscapes.
- 2. Participation:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (HLSR) makes available to County Extension Agents (CEAs) and Agricultural Science Teachers (ASTs) in charge of 4-H or FFA programs the opportunity to enter members of their programs in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Video Competition, subject to the posted rules. This event is limited to Texas 4-H and FFA students who meet all Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Show Rules and Requirements. Projects exhibited must have been constructed by 4-H and FFA members under the direct supervision of the CEA or AST. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered an agent of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for any purpose.

Contestants in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Video Competition are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.

3. Eligibility

- See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Judging Contests
- Only Senior Division Participants are eligible. Participants must be 14 to 19 years of age as of August 31, 2023.
- All videos must be written, shot, produced and submitted in their entirety by one to five members from the same 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. An executed HLSR Exhibitor Indemnity form is required from each person distinctly featured or involved in the production of the video.

4. Rules of Entry:

- Entry:** Entries MUST be submitted online at <http://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Livestock-Show> through CEA/AST. Entries should be submitted prior to midnight, December 1, 2023. Entries submitted after December 1 through December 5 will incur a \$250 late fee, per Club or Chapter. No entry will be accepted unless entry fees accompany entry forms.
- Entry Fee:** The entry fee will be \$10
- Signatures:** All contestants must have the required original signatures (contestant, AST/CEA, parent/guardian, and notarization).
- Entry Submission:** Each exhibitor must submit the following in advance to be eligible for competition:
 - Videos MUST be uploaded to a YouTube account and marked as UNLISTED or PUBLIC (not private) by the date specified for submission above. Exhibitors are required to submit their video URL electronically to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website between the dates of December 15, 2023 and January 10, 2024. The video can be submitted online by the exhibitor, parent/legal guardian, or AST/CEA. The exhibitor's date of birth and last 4 digits of their social security are needed to log into the site for submission. **Exhibitors failing to submit the required video URL by the deadline of January 10, 2024 are ineligible to compete.**
 - If an exhibitor does not follow the documentation guidelines outlined above, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management and Judges.
- Entry Limitation:** There is no limit on the number of completed videos that a county or chapter may submit, but no member may participate in the production of more than one video entry.
 - Entry forms are available online at <http://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Livestock-Show>
 - Indemnity form for each participant must arrive with entry packets.
 - Entries will not be accepted via paper entry.
 - Refunds -There will be no refunds of fees for accepted entries.



Special Rules for Wildlife Video Competition

5. Project Guidelines:

a. Video Requirements:

- i. Video quality should be 1080p: 1920x1080 or higher.
- ii. The video must be an original work.
- iii. Finalists will be required to re-submit entries in one of the following formats: USB Drive containing the video file: QuickTime movie (.mov), Windows Media (.avi), or as an MPEG 4 (.mp4) (standard, HD and Ultra HD 4K quality)
 1. Drive should be mailed to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Attn: Livestock Coordinator, NRG Center, Three NRG Park, Houston, TX 77054 or can be dropped off at the office no later than February 26, 2023.

b. **Music:** If music is used, it MUST be licensed or royalty free. Entries containing unlicensed music will be declined.

c. **Time:** Each video shall be a minimum of one (1) minute in length and a maximum of three (3) minutes. Points will be deducted for time violations.

d. **Topic Divisions:** All videos should depict aspects of conservation and/or enhancement of native Texas wildlife habitat affecting multiple native Texas wildlife species or impacting a particular native Texas wildlife species with appeal to a public audience (such as a private landowner or an urban audience) as a top priority. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

- i. **Wildlife/Plant Species:** Any native Texas wildlife or plant species, their conservation and/or management, conservation issues/threats, and their role in the larger habitat. Migratory species that pass-through Texas will be allowed, but the project must contain beneficial management components for that species specific to native Texas habitat.
- ii. **Native Texas Habitat:** Any native Texas wildlife habitat affecting multiple native Texas wildlife species or impacting a particular native Texas wildlife species, conservation issues affecting that habitat, conservation/enhancement practices for that habitat and threats pending for that habitat.
- iii. **Ranching/Wildlife Management Technique/Practice:** Any management practices that landowners/managers can implement to benefit native Texas wildlife species or native habitats, tools required, methodology of practice, benefits to the native habitat/species and considerations for using that management technique/practice.

Species that have been extirpated from the state will not be allowed (i.e. Elk, Red Wolf, Jaguar, etc.). No projects focused solely on domesticated farm animals or exotic species will be allowed (i.e. Axis Deer, Feral Hogs, etc.). However, projects that focus on management strategies that impact domestic livestock and/or exotic species for the benefit and/or enhancement of native TX wildlife species (both plant and animal) will be allowed. Naturalized, non-native, wildlife species (i.e. honey bees, ring-necked pheasant, etc) may be selected as a topic provided that the project covers how they fit in the native ecosystem and how management of these species benefits those areas and the native animals found therein.

All videos submitted will be judged together and will not be evaluated by division. Videos cannot show animals or people in harmful situations.

6. **Content:** HLSR reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.

7. **Copyright:** HLSR respects the rights related to copyright laws and intellectual property. All videos should be based on a participant's original video. Use of a video or photos (or other media imagery) from other sources/people without permission is not allowed.

8. **Display and Future Usage Rights:** Participant grants permission to the HLSR the use of their videos for television, film, video, visual, printed media, promotional publications, and other media, without compensation. Entries will not be returned.

9. **Judging Criteria:** Each contestant will be judged on the following criteria:

- a. Appeal to populace from diverse backgrounds and with various levels of understanding of wildlife and ranching
- b. Originality, creativity, and use of technology

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- c. Inclusion of factual evidence and correct scientific management techniques and/or information. Please note that professionals in media, public relations, the wildlife and ranching industries will participate in the judging process to help determine the winners.

10. Results: The top twelve (12) contestants will be notified of their placing via email by February 15, 2023. The top 3 videos will be showcased at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Ranching and Wildlife Expo and Grand Auction. Contest results, as announced, will be final. HLSR reserves the right to edit the top 3 winning entries before showcasing them.

11. Awards: All exhibitors will receive a certificate of participation. Awards for the top twelve (12) contestants will be presented on March 2, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Place	Award
First Place	Trophy and \$2,000 cash award
Second Place	Trophy and \$1,500 cash award
Third Place	Trophy and \$1,100 cash award
Fourth Place	Trophy and \$1,000 cash award
Fifth Place	Trophy and \$900 cash award
Sixth Place	Trophy and \$800 cash award
Seventh Place	Trophy and \$700 cash award
Eighth Place	Trophy and \$600 cash award
Ninth Place	Trophy and \$500 cash award
Tenth Place	Trophy and \$400 cash award
Eleventh Place	Trophy and \$300 cash award
Twelfth Place	Trophy and \$200 cash award

Club/Chapter Awards – Only one (1) award per club/chapter:
 \$1,500 to the club/chapter with the most entries
 \$1,000 to the club/chapter with the 2nd most entries

12. Competition Tips:

Some Video Production Techniques, Tools and Additional Resources:

<http://internetv.tamu.edu/video-production/>

Video Production Tips from Penn State University

<http://mediacommons.psu.edu/students/video-production-tips/>

We recommend the following video playlists for inspiration:

AgriLife Extension Videos

<http://internetv.tamu.edu/category/wildlife-and-fisheries/>

<http://internetv.tamu.edu/category/rangeland-management/>

Quail Posts - Texas Wildlife Association by Texas Wildlife Association

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9EC86DC6A4D055BD>

Passport to Texas Radio Series by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLB236A4485ABB4A62>

Texas Parks and Wildlife People & Careers by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDA865BE30CF6C58F>

Wildlife Food Plots by TAMU Wildlife and Fisheries Extension

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL10QCALWCnPTsI5PTEY7FbX-_ZxgcxYqf

Pond and Fish Management by TAMU Wildlife and Fisheries Extension

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL10QCALWCnPS55OeVUbXm8-l8QtijHAXc>

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13. Judging Criteria:

Each video will be judged against the following set of judging criteria and final score will be based on total points awarded for each video. The elements for judging the videos will be:

IMPACT (Max Points: 15)

Impact is the sense one gets upon viewing the video for the first time. Compelling videos evoke wonder, laughter, sadness, anger, pride, or another intense emotion.

CREATIVITY (Max Points: 10)

Creativity is the original, fresh, and innovative selection of topic and video content to convey an idea, message or thought.

TECHNICAL (Max Points: 30)

Technical is the quality of the image itself as it is presented for viewing, which includes the following aspects:

- allowable amounts of retouching and adjustments
- sharpness and correct color balance.
- lighting, which includes the use and control of light.
- posing and capturing of the video

COMPOSITION (Max Points: 30)

Composition is important to the design of the video, bringing all of the visual elements together in concert to express the purpose. Proper composition holds the video in a simple flow of information and scenes while making one piece as a final product.

STORY TELLING (Max Points: 15)

Story Telling refers to the video's ability to evoke imagination. One beautiful thing about art is that each viewer might collect his own message or read her own story.

YOUNG GUNS SHOOTING SPORTS

Superintendent – Bailey Glenewinkel – San Antonio, TX
Superintendent – Eddie Lero – Bryan, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Colton Bendele – San Antonio, TX

Location – Greater Houston Sports Club
 6700 McHard Rd; Houston, TX 77053

Event Check In:	Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10	6:30 a.m. – 30 minutes before your assigned shoot time
Sporting Clays Practice Rounds: (no practice available for skeet or 5- Stand)	Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Orientations: (Must complete orientation before shooting any event)	Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10	<i>except during Orientations</i> Flight 1 7:30 a.m. Flight 2 10:45 a.m.
Tournament Begins:	Friday, February 9	8:00 a.m.
Skeet Rounds:	Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 1 round starts every hour on the hour
Sporting Clays:	Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10	Flight 1 8:00 a.m. Flight 2 11:15 a.m. Flight 3 2:15 p.m.
Whiz-Bang:	Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10	Rounds throughout the day based on your timeslot
Champion Qualifier Announcement:	Saturday, February 10	5:00 p.m.
Skeet Shoot-Offs:	Sunday, February, 11	9:00 a.m.
Championship Round (Skeet):	Sunday, February, 11	10:00 a.m.
Championship Round (Sporting Clays):	Sunday, February, 11	Noon
Awards Presentation:	Sunday, February, 11	3:00 p.m.

*** NO LATE ARRIVALS FOR CHECK IN WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO EXCEPTIONS!***
NO SPECIAL ORIENTATIONS WILL BE HELD. CONTESTANTS MUST ATTEND A SCHEDULED ORIENTATION

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports

- Participation:** This is a shotgun Sporting Clay, Skeet and Whizbang competition only. Entries will be by division (Jr. Female, Jr. Male, Sr. Female, Sr. Male) based on age.

National Skeet Shooting Association and National Sporting Clay Association governing body rules will apply, unless superseded by Young Guns Special Rules. (All entries in this competition are subject to the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports Rules.

- Sporting Clays:** <http://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/>
- Skeet:** <http://mynssa.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/>
- Modified 5-Stand:** <http://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/>

Contestants in the HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition.

Special Rules for Young Guns Shooting Sports

2. **Eligibility:** Participation in the Young Guns Shooting Sports Division is limited to TX resident students, who are members of a TX 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the Show. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private elementary or secondary schools in TX. Students must be between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before Aug. 31, 2023. Each FFA Chapter and 4-H Club must be a member in good standing with its state and National affiliates. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible shooters.
 - 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, 2023
 - b. Senior Participant Classification – 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023
 - c. Contestants also must have been coached in a bona fide TX Agricultural Science Clay Target Shooting program (381 AG Clays) or TX 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun project within the 2023 or 2024 calendar year.
 - d. Contestants also must have competed in a minimum of one of the following in order to be eligible to enter the HLSR Junior Sporting Clays Shoot:
 - i. Texas Agricultural Science Clay Target Shooting competitions (381 AG Clays) within the 2023 or 2024 calendar year.
 - ii. Texas 4-H Shooting Sports sanctioned shotgun competitions within the 2023 or 2024 calendar year.
 - e. **A contestant is not eligible if already graduated from high school.**
3. **Ineligible Exhibitors:** 4-H and FFA members are considered to be eligible by the Houston Livestock Show for participation in the Junior Livestock Show at the time completed online entries are received. Any AST/CEA who has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent of the Livestock Show 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 HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports. All Contestants must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the Show.
4. **Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** Per Rule 31 of the General Rules: The Houston Livestock Show and 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.
 - a. Violations include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Disruptive or improper conduct
 - ii. Public display of profanity of any sort
 - iii. Violence of any sort
 - iv. Providing alcohol to underage persons or providing a space for the consumption of alcohol by underage persons.
 - v. Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by underage persons
 - vi. Possession of an open alcohol container in a public area regardless of the individual's age
 - vii. Excessive consumption of alcohol
 - b. 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 HLSR regulations and policies.
 - c. The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo™ is an invitational Livestock Show. HLSR reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

5. **Rules of Entry:**

- a. **Entry Requirements:** 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 or Greater Houston Sports Club (GHSC).
 - i. Entries are limited to the first 720 entries entered. No single division will exceed 360 entries. No waitlist will be offered.

6. **Entry Format:** Entry will open in mid-October and will close on February 1, 2024 or when the maximum entry limit is reached. Each entry will consist of one (1) Sporting Clays, one (1) Modified 5-Stand and one (1) Skeet Entry for the entered Exhibitor for a single price of \$225

- b. Each Individual will select to compete on Either Friday or Saturday in both Skeet and Sporting Clays
- c. At the time of entry you will select your Sporting Clays Flight which will determine the Skeet Rotations available to you as listed below both Friday and Saturday will use the same breakdown (Skeet rotation preference will be selected at time of entry and assigned in order of entry)
 - i. 8:00 a.m. Sporting Clays is paired with the Skeet Rotations at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., or 4 p.m.
 - ii. 11:15 a.m. Sporting Clays is paired with the Skeet Rotations at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., or 10 a.m.
 - iii. 2:15 p.m. Sporting Clays is paired with the Skeet Rotations at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., or 1 p.m.

7. **Event Format:**

- a. **Sporting Clays:** Shooters will be broken up into squads and scheduled to shoot on 1 of 3 courses. 40 shooters, 10 from each age and gender class, will advance to the Championship Round on Sunday, Feb 12. The list of shooters who advance to the Championship Round will be announced on Saturday, Feb. 11, following the final score tabulation.
 - i. **Targets** – 100 targets per shooter
 - ii. **Classes**
 - 1. Senior Male (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - 2. Junior Male (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - 3. Senior Female (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - 4. Junior Female (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - iii. **Championship Round** – 100 targets per shooter
- b. **Skeet:** Shooters will be broken into squads and scheduled to shoot on 1 of 5 fields. Last flight will be help for the Sporting Clays Finalists
 - i. **Targets** – 50 targets per shooter
 - ii. **Classes**
 - 1. Senior Male (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - 2. Junior Male (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - 3. Senior Female (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - 4. Junior Female (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - iii. **Championship Round** – 50 targets per shooter
 - 1. NSSA shootoff procedures will be followed
 - 2. Ties from the qualifying round will be shot off to determine the top 10 shooters in each age and gender class
 - 3. Any ties for championship places will shoot off immediately following the championship skeet round
- c. **Modified 5-Stand:** Shooters will be assigned a set of time slots based on their Sporting Clays and Skeet slots.
 - i. **Targets: 50**
 - ii. **Classes**
 - 1. Senior Male (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - 2. Junior Male (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
 - 3. Senior Female (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023)

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4. Junior Female (8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023)
- iii. **Championship Round:** There will not be a championship round for Modified 5-Stand
8. **Shootoffs/Tie Breakers:** For Sporting Clays the top 10 scores will be invited back Sunday for the Championship Round. If there are any ties for the 10th spot, all the ties will participate in the championship round. For Skeet the top 10 scores will be invited back Sunday for the Championship Skeet Round. If there are any ties for the 10th spot in each division a shoot off will take place to determine the competitor that will advance to the championship round.
 - a. NSCA procedures will be followed for any necessary shootoffs/tie breakers in Sporting Clays.
 - b. NSSA procedures will be followed for any necessary shootoffs/tie breakers in Skeet
 - c. Following the Championship rounds for Sporting Clays and Skeet, shoot offs will take place to determine all places that are tied, except if otherwise specified by shoot management and published at registration table.
 - d. If weather or other unforeseen circumstances make shoot offs impossible, HLSR reserves the right to use alternative means to determine results.
9. **Check-In:** All shooters must check-in prior to mandatory orientation. Shooters will be given credentials in the form of a back number at check-in that must be displayed at all times while shooting. Check-in will be open based on the schedule above. Back numbers must be picked up prior to entering orientation. It is recommended that check-in be done on Friday, as event day schedules will be adhered to. **NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
10. **Orientation:** Orientations will be conducted before each flight on based on the schedule above. Orientation is mandatory for everyone who will participate in events that day. Shooters must attend any one of the scheduled orientations. Failure to attend orientation will result in disqualification.
11. **Squadding:** Squad members will be assigned on a random basis. No special request accommodations will be made. Squadding will be posted online at the [iClays website](#), after February 6. **Contestants should check periodically, as updates/changes may be made.**
12. **Range Safety:** The safety of all involved is of paramount importance. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any shooter failing to conform to safety standards will be warned or disqualified from the event. Minor infractions will be noted and marked on the shooter's badge. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event
13. **Open and Empty:** All firearms will remain open and empty until the shooter is on the shooting station and it is his/her turn to shoot. The firearm must be open and empty before leaving the shooting station.
14. **Muzzle Control:** Shooters must maintain safe control of their muzzles at all times. Regardless of condition, muzzles may not be pointed toward or rested upon any part of the body of the shooter or another person. This includes the use of toe pads. The only exception is the limited exposure required in changing chokes. Violation of this rule may result in warning, disqualification from a round, or disqualification from a match.
15. **Eye Protection:** Shooting glasses or equivalent prescription glasses are required for all events. All persons on any course are required to have eye protection, including range personnel, and shooters.
16. **Ear Protection:** All persons on any course are required to have hearing protection. Either ear plugs or ear muffs may be worn at the discretion of the shooter, or range officer; but proper hearing protection is required. Electronic devices, other than those specifically designed for hearing protection only, are forbidden on the shooting field forward of the safe line. This includes, but is not limited to, radios, CD players, MP3's, walkie-talkies, and cell phones. One set of complimentary ear plugs will be in each shooter packet. Observers should provide their own ear protection.
17. **Firearms:** Any 12 gauge or smaller fired from the shoulder shotgun, which conforms to NSSA rules.

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18. **Ammunition:** NO RELOADS - NSCA PERMITTED FACTORY AMMUNITION ONLY- Shooters must furnish their own appropriate ammunition. It is vitally important to allow extra ammunition for practice rounds, shoot-offs, malfunctions, or other contingencies. Ammunition is subject to inspection and verification.
 - a. No load may contain more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot.
 - b. No load may contain any shot larger than Number 7 1/2.
 - c. All loads must contain lead shot.
19. **Field and Range Boundaries:** For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around all fields and ranges is essential. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of the officials.
20. **Disruption:** Parents, coaches, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviours deemed detrimental to shooters or the operation of the match. Sanctions ranging from warning to ejection from the grounds or disqualification of shooters may be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on a firing line or field.
21. **Alcohol Policy:** Alcohol is not allowed on the GHSC grounds. Consumption use and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.
22. **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.
23. **Tobacco Policy:** Smoking is not permitted on or near the firing lines or in any area where it would be considered inappropriate or is a situation where the smoke constitutes interference to shooters. 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.
24. **Interference:** If any contestant, in any way, whether in person or by agent, or servant, interferes with the judges 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/GHSC, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
25. **Photographs:** All photographs taken by the official photographer become property of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Unofficial (i.e. - personal) photographs may not be published without the written approval of Management. Contestants wishing to purchase photographs must contact the official photographer.
 - a. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo event, and by entering the grounds/GHSC and/or competitive events associated with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 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 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 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. **Property/Security:** All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and GHSC do not undertake to do so and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property of contestants thereof. All contestants are responsible for security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and GHSC is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

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27. **Official Scores:** The official score is the record kept by the referee/scorer on a sheet furnished him/her by Management. The referee/scorer's decision in whether a target is dead or lost is final. All reported scores are checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required. 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 Young Guns Superintendent(s) 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 and conducting shoot-offs, determination of winners, and rule interpretation.
- i. Scorecards and clipboards will be carried by a Squad Host to the next station. Parents, coaches, observers and shooters should never have possession of scorecards.
28. **Appeals:** A shooter may appeal a ruling on the field immediately if he/she feels a referee has missed a call. Once the shooter has called for another target, leaves the station, or the next shooter has fired, such right of appeal is lost. The referee may seek assistance from the scorer or may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the referee on the field is final and not subject to further appeal. Parent/coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted.
29. **Protests:** Shooters may only protest any injustice, violation of the rules, or other circumstance that may have resulted in placing them at a disadvantage relative to other shooters. Such conditions must be reported to the Superintendent(s) immediately. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$300 deposit which will not be returned if protest is not sustained by Show Management. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Show Management immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. The Protest Jury will investigate and reach final resolution of the matter as soon as possible considering all circumstances. Results of all protests are final and will be reported to the contestant.
- a. Protest Jury will include the Superintendent(s), Assistant Superintendent(s), Director - Livestock Competitions, Senior Coordinator - Livestock Show, and the Greater Houston Sports Club COO.
30. **Accommodations:** Lodging is the responsibility of the shooter's party and will not be arranged by the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports.
31. **Coaching:** A participant may not be coached while in the shooting box. Coaching includes any communication between the coach, parent or other spectator and the shooter; verbal or non-verbal. The shooter may request assistance from the range safety officer and the range officer may assign an assistant, in the event of a malfunction.
32. **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. Shooters must wear a shirt with sleeves. Clothing deemed immodest or distracting to other shooters will not be permitted. Where eye and ear protection is required, fully enclosed shoes must be worn for safety reasons by both shooters and spectators. All shooters and coaches should consider their dress in that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media.
33. **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.
34. **Driving Carts:** Anyone driving a cart on GHSC grounds must be 16 years of age or older and possess a valid drivers license. Violation of this rule can mean expulsion from GHSC grounds for the driver and the owner of the vehicle.
35. **Speed Limit:** The speed limit on GHSC grounds is 10 mph. Violation of this rule can mean expulsion from GHSC grounds for the driver and the owner of the vehicle.
36. **Personal Carts:** Personal motorized carts will be allowed with valid proof of insurance. Proof of insurance will be verified at the Event Check-In.

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37. **Rental Carts:** Cart rentals from GHSC will be available for \$100 per day. For more information or to reserve your cart, please contact Greater Houston Sports Club at (281) 437-6025 or Nettie@greaterhoustonclub.com. Push carts will be allowed. Cart rental deadline is February 3rd.
38. **Practice:** GHSC will be open for practice based on the schedule above. Practice will online be available for Sporting Clays. There are no fields available for Skeet or 5-Stand practice.
39. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded to each division (Jr. Female, Jr. Male, Sr. Female, Sr. Male). Awards will also be given based on the Lewis Class System for Sporting Clays utilizing contestants' preliminary scores. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of HLSR.

Sporting Clays Premiums:										
# in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1-10	\$3,000									
11-20	\$3,000	\$2,000								
21-30	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250							
31-40	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750						
41-50	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500					
51-60	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450				
61-70	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400			
71-80	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350		
81-90	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	
91+	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250

Skeet and Modified 5-Stand Premiums:										
# in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1-10	\$2,000									
11-20	\$2,000	\$1,500								
21-30	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000							
31-40	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750						
41-50	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500					
51-60	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450				
61-70	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400			
71-80	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350		
81-90	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	
91+	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250

40. **Contact:** Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: livestock@rodeohouston.com or (832) 667-1125.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS TRAILER BUILD-OFF CONTEST



Superintendent – Dr. Curtis Langley – Hico, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Don Henson – Marshal, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Chase Kizziah – Richmond, TX

Thursday, October 19 – 288 Pavilion - 11645 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX 77045

Check-in Deadline:	6:30 a.m.
	ALL TEAMS MUST BE CHECKED IN
Safety Meeting:	7 a.m.
Contest Starts:	8 a.m.
Lunch:	Noon – 1 p.m.
Contest Ends:	4 p.m.
Awards	Following the completion of the contest

Purpose of the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

1. To provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to demonstrate real-world metal fabrication skills.
2. To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition.
3. To recognize group accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics.
4. To provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of 4-H and FFA Youth Programs.

Special Rules for HLSR Trailer Build-Off Contest

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Junior Show Rules, and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligible Entries:** Entries in this division are limited to TX FFA and 4-H members. Each team is allowed up to four team members. Team members must be from the same TX FFA Chapter or 4-H Club.
3. **Maximum Entries:** Entries are limited to the first 20 teams that register via the registration link: <https://secure.rodeohouston.com/Donate/Home/Index/?code=HLSRBuildOffReg>. Each chapter/county will be eligible for one entry into the trailer build-off contest.
4. **Staging and Arrival:** All teams must arrive to the 11645 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX 77045 pavilion and check in prior to the safety meeting. Tools and equipment will be placed upon arrival and check in.
5. **Tools and Equipment:** Trailers will be built using the SMAW Welding process. Each team should supply the appropriate welding, cutting, and fabrication tools to complete the building of a small utility trailer (10'-12' in length). No tools will be provided by HLSR officials. Examples of tools a team should supply: Oxy-fuel cutting apparatuses, angle grinders, hand tools, levels, clamps, sawhorses, jack stands, miter saw, etc. Cordless tools are allowed and preferred when necessary. All tools must have appropriate guarding and be used in the intended manner. No thin abrasive cut-off wheels will be allowed on hand-held grinders. Cut-off wheels will need to be of the metal type similar to Lenox diamond edge wheel. All tools and equipment must be contained inside the designated work and equipment space. **Note: electricity will not be supplied.**
6. **Welding Process:** Trailers will be constructed using team provided SMAW welding equipment. Multiple welding machines are allowed provided they are in the confines of the work and equipment space for each team. A team may use the electrode of their choice. The following electrodes will be provided, 3/32"-7018, 1/8" 6010, 1/8"-7018. If you wish to use a different electrode, those will need to be provided by the team.
7. **Trailer construction:** Trailers will be constructed using typical structural materials such as angle iron, square or rectangle tube, pipe, channel iron, flat plate, etc. Appropriate tools will need to be on hand to work with these types of materials.

Special Rules for HLSR Trailer Build-Off Contest

8. **Safety Meeting:** A safety meeting will be held before any work begins. All team members and advisors must attend the safety meeting.
9. **Construction:** During construction, only team members and HLSR officials are allowed in the “hot” work area. Teams will be allowed 15 minutes to consult with their advisor away from the work zone. This time can be used at any point during the day. Construction will begin after the safety meeting and will conclude 8 hours later.
10. **Advisors:** An advisor for each team must be present throughout the day. Advisors are welcome to observe their team from the public viewing area, but advisors are not allowed to enter the work zone. No coaching or assisting from the observation area.
11. **Material Provided:** All materials will be provided for trailer construction. Material will be pre-cut, however some final trimming or fitting may be required. A cut list and detailed plans will be provided for each team. If there is a discrepancy of the parts provided teams must let HLSR officials know within 30 minutes of the start of construction. Only material provided should be used on the trailer, limited extra material will be available for recuts if a team scraps a piece.
12. **Evaluation:** Teams will be evaluated on safety procedures, site cleanliness, and teamwork throughout the day. At the conclusion of the trailer construction teams will be evaluated on specific criteria such as weld quality, ability to follow design plans, placement of materials, squareness, etc.
13. **Loadout:** All teams must provide a way to transport their trailer home. HLSR will provide loading equipment and assistance the day of the contest.
14. **HLSR Ag Mechanics Project Show:** Trailers built during the build off will be eligible for entry in the following year HLSR Ag Mechanics Project Show. All trailers for the build off will be entered into a dedicated class. All trailers returning must meet the HLSR Ag Mechanics Project show rules. Each trailer is expected to have minimum modifications to the structure as it was designed. Paint, flooring, lights, etc. will need to be installed prior to the Ag Mech Project Show. Note: Trailer Build-Off projects are not eligible for Ag Mech Show Division and Overall Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Ag Mechanics Project.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

Sponsored by Shell

Superintendent – Dr. Curtis Langley – Hico, TX
Assistant Superintendents - Chase Kizziah – Richmond, TX & Don Henson – La Grange, TX

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Thursday	March 14	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Friday	March 15	2 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 15	9 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Deadline:	Friday	March 15	3 p.m.
ALL PROJECTS MUST BE CHECKED IN			
Projects Judged	Saturday	March 16	8 a.m.
Awards Breakfast	Sunday	March 17	7 – 7:45 a.m.
Awards Ceremony	Sunday	March 17	8 a.m.
Release immediately following Awards*	Sunday	March 17	All Projects Must Be Out By 4 p.m.

* All projects must go to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo property on Airport Blvd. for staging purposes prior to Move-In and also prior to **Release**.

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Special Rules for Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligible Entries:** Entries in this division are limited to TX FFA and 4-H members. Projects exhibited must have been constructed by FFA and 4-H members under direct supervision of the CEA or AST.
3. **Maximum Entries:** Each exhibitor may enter only one individual project. Each group of students may enter no more than two group constructed projects and may have no more than one entry in any project class. No individual exhibitor may enter more than two projects, either group and/or individually constructed.
4. **Staging and Arrival:** All projects will stage at the Staging Lot located at 1901 Airport Blvd. Gates will open at 10 p.m.. **No projects will be allowed to stage prior to 10 p.m.** Projects will begin releasing from the Staging Lot to NRG Center at 2 a.m.
5. **Classification of Projects:** Projects are to be classified by primary use or function. Projects will be classified during the check in process. Show superintendent or classification committee reserve the right to modify the classification of projects due to entry into the wrong class, misrepresented projects, or otherwise in conflict with class descriptions. All projects must be related to agriculture use and be appropriate for the intended class. The classification of project entries will take place at the Staging Lot, prior to being released to NRG Center. Projects that do not fit within a class will not be allowed to show. No recreational type projects are allowed in any part of the show. This includes, but is not limited to, watercraft, R.V.'s, camping equipment, tiny houses, boat trailers, cooking equipment, and hunting and wildlife equipment.
6. **Project Check-In:** Exhibitor(s) will be responsible for individually checking in their entry. Entries not properly checked in will not be able to show. The exhibitor will need the following information:
 - a. Project Location

The Exhibitor(s) will be responsible for making sure the information entered is accurate and if there are any issues, the exhibitor **MUST** make any corrections with the Superintendent Office prior to the check-in closing listed in the schedule. Any discrepancies with class postings will be resolved using the information on the project's check-in summary.

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7. Ineligible Projects:

- a. Any project that cannot be placed into one of the stated classes will be disqualified by the Superintendent. Barbecue cookers, deer blinds, feral hog traps, deer feeders, watercraft, R.V.'s, camping equipment, cooking equipment, yard and patio conveniences, and other recreational and/or convenience-type projects or accessories will not be allowed (Only feeders and equipment for domesticated farm animals will be allowed).
- b. Towed or hauled projects that exceed typical or legal road and highway widths, and cause city traffic flow problems are subject to disqualification and/or may not be allowed to access to Show grounds.
- c. Projects with inappropriate and/or vulgar items, signage, or other materials will be asked to remove the item from the project, or the whole project will be disqualified and removed from the show.

8. **Substitutions:** For exhibitor substitution, see Junior Show Rules. Project substitutions must be made to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, by February 1 and must indicate the project being eliminated and the project being added. Only those substitutions with official post office postmarks on or before February 1 will be accepted without fee. Substitutions postmarked after February 1, will be charged a \$50 late fee. All substitutions are subject to approval by the Superintendent.

9. **Construction Date:** A project can be exhibited only one time at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and should be completed after the preceding HLSR Ag Mechanics show.

10. **Exhibit Space:** The Show reserves the right to display the projects as space and quantity of projects allow. Projects may be double decked as long as they are safely displayed and accessible for judging. It is possible that projects might be displayed at an alternate site. Buildings over 200 square feet will be disqualified.

11. **Project Presentation:** All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition, even though they may have been used. No touch up painting of any type will be allowed once project is in place. Operation of ramps, extensions, and other special features may be demonstrated only as directed by show officials and as space permits. Floor covering, with the exception of restored tractors, is not encouraged. When used, it must be limited to the floor area under individual projects. No additional floor space will be provided for podiums, chairs, tables, show boxes, etc. Electrical outlets may be provided upon request at check-in but are not guaranteed.

12. **Documentation:** An original plan or drawing, a bill of materials and photographs showing all phases of construction are to be provided with projects. **All documentation pictures, captions, and descriptions should be prepared using an electronic format. CAD drawings are encouraged, but not mandatory.** TxDOT and/or ASABE regulations and specifications must be provided as they apply to individual projects. Trailers should have a temporary or permanent license plate upon arrival. Display of plans, photos, etc. must be done in such a manner that no additional floor space is required. Stands, podiums, computers, etc. will be permitted only when they can be positioned on or under the project.

13. **Project Safety:** Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points, such as those found on self-feeder roofs, bale movers, etc., are to be padded or covered as necessary to prevent injury.

14. **Trailer Safety:** All trailers and other equipment that is to be operated and/or transported on public roads are to be equipped with the safety equipment specified in Title 7, **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or Vehicles and Traffic Transportation Code of TX Statutes.** All tongue equipment that is pulled on a public highway – for example: trailers, squeeze chutes, mowers, tillage tools, etc. must have approved safety chains. **All trailers that are rated at 4,500 pounds GWR or greater must have approved brakes and brake-away.** All trailers must be equipped with lift jacks for hitching and unhitching. Tie down attachments (minimum of 4) are recommended on all trailers. Any trailer that is over width (102 inches) must have a current permit. Trailer widths will be measured from metal to metal, including for example, fenders, wheels, and dust caps, at the widest point. Trailers should follow Federal Safety lighting requirements as described by the NHTSA. A link to the lightning requirements has been provided for convenience: <http://optronicsinc.com/RESOURCES/FMVSSRequirements/Trailers.aspx>. Any trailer that does not meet these requirements may lose points during the judging process.

15. **Electrical Safety:** All 120 VAC and higher electrical plugs and receptacles are to be the equipment grounding type. All metal components are to be grounded. Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) are mandatory for all 120 VAC receptacles where moisture could be present. All 50 VAC and higher connections are to be protected in appropriate indoor or outdoor rated enclosures.

16. **Chemical and Liquid Safety:** Flammable and/or combustible liquids shall not be used, stored, or sprayed inside of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo building at any time. This shall include, but not be limited to: enamel paints, thinners, reducers, gasoline, or any other petroleum-based liquids. All liquids must be in properly labeled original containers. No compressed gas cylinders are permitted. Decoy cylinders are NOT permitted.

Special Rules for Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

- 17. Projects Needing Offloading Assistance:** Projects to be hoisted from the top-side are to be fitted with lifting eyes at balance points that accommodate 1-inch shackles. Projects to be lifted using forks should have appropriate fork pockets and pick points. Projects that cannot be safely off-loaded or set-up with equipment available may be disqualified. Projects requiring prolonged unloading or assembly time, will be attended to after all other projects are offloaded. Transport trailers loaded in a manner that is unsafe to be towed into the display area with a move-in tractor will be towed in by the exhibitor, as space is available, after all other projects are in place.
- 18. Projects with Small Engines:** There is to be no more than two gallons of fuel in any fuel tank. The fuel tank cap is to be in place and sealed with tape. The battery is to be disconnected. This applies to all engines in the exhibit area.
- 19. Vehicles:** Tractors, trucks, ATVs or other vehicles (including non-entered trailers) are not allowed in the exhibit area as part of the display, unless approved by the Superintendent.
- 20. Signs:** All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards. No "For Sale" or sponsorship signs will be permitted.
- 21. Loss or Damage:** Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, officials or committee members will NOT be responsible for any loss or damage to projects.
- 22. Judging System:** The Danish System will be used in judging the projects. Projects will be judged on:

Criteria	Points
a. Workmanship	25
b. Functionality	25
c. Design and Material Used	10
d. Presentation	10
e. General Appearance, Finish, and/or Preservation.....	10
f. Documentation and Presentation	10
g. Degree of Difficulty	10

Minimum Judging Criteria Expectations

- a. Workmanship (25 points)**
Projects should be constructed in a neat and clean manner. Care should be taken so material is fit well, welds are of appropriate size and quantity, sharp edges and weld spatter are removed from material, but grinding/sanding is not excessive, electrical connections are secure and neat, exposed wire is kept to a minimum, and material is joined in a manner that is aesthetically pleasing.
- b. Functionality (25 points)**
Projects should be constructed in such a manner they can function while at the time of show. Projects should be free from mechanical, hydraulic, or electrical malfunctions. Consideration will be given where space limits the ability to operate, such as a ramp hitting another project if it was to open.
- c. Design and Material Used (10 points)**
Material used should be considered by each individual showman. The material should match the purpose and the function of the project. Students should be knowledgeable about any specific, special, or unique material used during the construction of the project.
- d. Presentation (10 points)**
Students should be knowledgeable about the project they are presenting. They should be able to describe in detail, when requested, processes used in the construction of their project. Students should be able to answer questions pertaining to the end use, purpose, and functionality of the project they are presenting. Students should present projects in a professional and courteous manner.
- e. Finish and/or Preservation (10 points)**
Each project should be finished in an appropriate manner. Some projects, such as welding shop tables, may have portions where no finish is appropriate. The applied finish should match the use of the project and applied in an accepted manner. Students should be involved in the finishing process as much as possible, and at minimum have knowledge of the application process.
- f. Documentation (10 points)**
Students will be evaluated on the presentation of their documentation. Documentation requirements are listed in the general rules above. Complete lack of documentation will result in a ribbon color deduction.
- g. Difficulty (10 points)**
Inherently some projects are more difficult than others. The difficulty of the projects will be evaluated by each set of judges based on the amount of fabrication, design engineering, and innovation within the given project. **Difficulty (10 points)**

Special Rules for Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

- 23. Ag Mechanics Career Fair:** On Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. – Noon & 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. all junior and senior high school exhibitors will have the opportunity to participate in the HLSR Ag Mechanics Career Fair. There is no additional entry fee required for students to participate. Students who choose to participate in the career fair will need to place a visible placard/note for the judges to know the student(s) are currently at the career fair. There are no penalties or deductions during project judging for those participating in the career fair. The class judges will come back to the project when students are present to resume judging of the project.
- 24. Awards:** Ribbons will be given as follows: Blue, Red, and White. Projects receiving a red or white ribbon will not be placed as class winners. Prizes are awarded to clubs/chapters and not individual exhibitors for each project.
- 25. Showmanship Awards:** Judges will select exhibitors (by entry number) to receive recognition for showmanship awards based on the following criteria:
- Display and presentation of projects to show officials, judges, and the general public
 - Housekeeping around projects
 - Exhibitor's dress and professionalism
 - Conduct, attitude and participation of exhibitors
- 26. Judging Courtesy:** Exhibitors are not to interfere with judging. It is recommended they be with their projects as they are judged to answer questions and demonstrate operations as requested by the judges. AST/CEAs or adult leaders are not to participate in judging activities. Students participating on the Agricultural Mechanics Job Fair will not be penalized for attending the Fair. **Exhibitors should not "over-recruit" passersby.**

27. Project Divisions & Classes

AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT CLASSES

- Hay Processing and Tillage Equipment
- Material Processing, Sprayers, and PTO Driven Field Equipment
- Front Mounted Agricultural Machinery and Equipment
- 3 Point mounted Non-PTO driven equipment
- Shop Tables (Non-CNC-type tables)
- Shop Fabrication Equipment
- Teaching Stations and Shop Support Equipment
- 1st place project for Division
- 2nd place project for Division


Agricultural Vehicle, Equipment, and Accessories

- On-Road** Vehicle Bumpers, grill guards, and Headache Racks
- Off-Road** equipment Bumpers, Grill Guards, and Headache Racks.
- Replacement Ranch and Livestock Beds
- Replacement Welding, Dump, and Service Beds

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT CLASSES

- Entry Gates and Panels
- Livestock Restraining and Handling Equipment
- Livestock Show Equipment
- Livestock Feeders (no wildlife feeders)
- 1st place project for Division
- 2nd place project for Division

BUMPER PULL TRAILER CLASSES

- Utility and Lowboy Trailers – 10 ft. but less than 13 ft. in length (length of cargo space)
- Utility and Lowboy Trailers – 13 ft. but less than 15 ft. in length (length of cargo space)
- Utility and Lowboy Trailers – 15 ft. but less than 17 ft. in length (length of cargo space)
- Utility and Lowboy Trailers – Over 17 ft. in length (length of cargo space)
- Welding and Service Trailers – all lengths
- Modified Utility, Modified Implement, Stock, Cargo, Dump, and Special Purpose Trailers – all lengths
-  HLSR Trailer Build-off projects – Only trailers constructed during HLSR Trailer Build-off eligible. (eligible for class prizes only, not division or champion prizes)
- 1st place project for Division
- 2nd place project for Division

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GOOSENECK AND FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER CLASSES

31. Gooseneck and Fifth Wheel Flatbed and Dovetail Trailers
32. Gooseneck and Fifth Wheel Stock and Enclosed Trailers
33. Gooseneck and Fifth Wheel Lowboy and Utility Trailers
34. Gooseneck and Fifth Wheel Special Purpose Trailers
35. 1st place project for Division
36. 2nd place project for Division

28. Naming and Class Project Descriptions: A thorough and unique description should be utilized to describe projects. Brand names should not be used. **Several new classes have been added, and class descriptions have changed. Please look at those classes before making your entries.**

AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT CLASSES

1. **Hay Processing and Tillage Equipment** – This class is for those projects built for **processing** hay at harvest, as well as post-harvest. Additionally, tillage tools should also be placed in this class. Names and descriptions to use: Hay accumulator, pull-type single bale hay trailer, hay conveyor, hay rake, chisel plow, aerator, batwing-clod buster, tandem disc, pull type road grader, etc.
2. **Material Processing, Sprayers, and PTO Driven Field Equipment** – This class is for those projects built for processing material other than hay, and projects requiring a PTO shaft, regardless of mount type. Names and descriptions to use: Hydraulic log splitter, saw mill, grain elevator, 700 bushel grain cart, seed tender, boomless sprayer, 60' boom-type sprayer, flex-wing mower, 8' field mower, etc.
3. **Front mounted agricultural machinery and equipment** – This class is for those projects attaching to the front loader of a tractor, skid steer, articulated loader, etc., but do not fit into class one or two. Names and descriptions to use: Tractor loader bucket, front mounted hay spear, skid steer mount concrete mixer, front mounted earth auger, loader mounted root rake, skid steer grapple, Skid steer mounted rotary mower, etc.
4. **3-point mounted and other Non-PTO agriculture equipment**- This class is for rear mounted implements and equipment that do not require a PTO shaft. Hydraulics are likely to be included on some of these projects. Names and descriptions to use: 3-point hay spear, 3 point type box blade, 3 point mounted post driver, 3 point mounted arena drag, tractor mounted back-hoe, 3 point mounted lifting jib, etc.
5. **Shop Tables (Non CNC-Type Tables)** – (Basic shop tables with no special purpose) Names and descriptions to use: 12ft metal shop table with vice, 6ft shop table with drawers, welding and cutting table, etc.
6. **Shop Fabrication Equipment** – Names and descriptions to use: 4ft x 8ft CNC plasma table, 5 ton shop hoist, electric pipe roller, abrasive chop saw, CNC controlled band saw, 6ft pinch roller, etc.
7. **Shop Support Equipment**- (General material, supply, storage, fabrication support, and teaching stations) - Names and descriptions to use: Fuel gas bottle rack, material storage rack, shop supply storage cabinet, metal sawhorse set, engine stand, welding booth, welding machine cart, etc.

Agricultural Vehicle and Equipment Accessories

10. **On Road vehicle- Bumpers, grill guards, and headache racks.** – Names and descriptions to use: F-150 front grill guard, Chevrolet rear truck bumper, Dodge 3500 toolbox and headache rack, etc.
11. **Off Road vehicle- Bumpers, grill guards, and headache racks.** – Names and descriptions to use: John Deere 4440 grill guard, I-H 1066 sunshade, John Deere Gator front replacement bumper, Polaris Ranger in-bed toolbox, etc.,
12. **Replacement Ranch and Livestock Beds** – Names and descriptions to use: Hydraulic hay bed, replacement flat bed, skirted flat bed, etc.
13. **Replacement Welding, Dump, and Service Beds** – Welding bed for pickup, Dump bed for 2-ton truck, Service body bed with crane, etc.

Special Rules for Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT CLASSES

(Domesticated Livestock Equipment Only)

16. **Entry Gates and Panels** – Names and descriptions to use: 10ft entrance gate, 10ft pasture gate, 10ft livestock panel, 24ft double entrance gate with arch way, cattle guard, etc. (All gates may be displayed outside)
17. **Livestock Restraining and Handling Equipment** – Names and descriptions to use: Hydraulic squeeze chute, hoof trimming table, squeeze chute with crowding pen or panels, squeeze chute, calf tilt table, farrowing crates, stalls, roping chutes, portable alley way, etc. (projects in this class are used in production of livestock)
18. **Livestock Show Equipment** – Names and descriptions to use: Cattle trim chute, sheep trimming stand, goat trimming stand, swine clipping stand, pickup bed livestock hauler, livestock scale, show box, grooming stand, lamb treadmill, clipper blade sharpener, livestock blower, etc. (projects in this class are used by exhibitors that show livestock)
19. **Livestock Feeders (No Wildlife Feeders)** – Names and descriptions to use: wind-vane mineral feeder, 8ft open feed trough, 6ft x 4ft mineral and salt feeder, hanging hay feeder for horse stall, 12ft hay/grain feeder, 1-ton self-feeder, 8ft creep feeder, 12ft trailer mounted self-feeder, 10ft combination self/creep feeder, etc. No Wildlife feeders such as timed-tripod feeders, mineral feeders, etc.

Note: No wildlife projects such as deer stands (blinds), observation towers, hog traps, cages or hunting equipment.

BUMPER PULL TRAILER CLASSES

22. **Utility and Lowboy Trailers – 10 ft. but less than 13 ft. in length** - Names and descriptions to use: 10ft utility trailer, 11ft tilt-bed utility trailer, 11ft utility trailer, etc.
23. **Utility and Lowboy Trailers – 13 ft. but less than 15 ft. in length** – Names and descriptions to use: 13ft utility trailer, 14ft tilt-bed equipment trailer, 13ft utility trailer, etc.
24. **Utility and Lowboy Trailers –15 ft. but less than 17 ft. in length** - 15ft utility trailer, 16ft tilt-bed utility trailer, 15ft utility trailer, etc. 16ft equipment hauler, etc. 15ft implement trailer, etc.
25. **Utility and Lowboy Trailers – 17 ft. and over in length** – Names and descriptions to use: 19ft tilt-bed utility trailer, 20ft utility trailer, 17ft equipment hauler, etc.
26. **Welding and Service Trailers (All Lengths)** – Names and descriptions to use: 14ft welding trailer, 19ft welding trailer with cutting torch, 19ft fuel trailer, 20ft fabrication trailer, etc.
27. **Modified Utility, Modified Implement, Stock, Cargo, Hydraulic Dump and Special Purpose Trailers- All Lengths** - *Note: Drop-bed trailers, landscape trailers, pipe trailers, and other special purpose trailers that do not fit into the traditional trailer classes are to be entered in this class. All trailers must be for agriculture use:* Names and descriptions to use: multi-bale hay hauler, 12 bale hay mover, 20ft hydraulic dump trailer, 16ft stock trailer, 12ft aluminum low-profile stock trailer etc.
28. **HLSR Trailer Build-Off Class-** Schools participating in the HLSR Trailer Build-Off are eligible to bring the trailer constructed back as a finished project and show it during the regular Ag Mechanics Project Show. These projects are to remain built per the construction plans given during the build-off contest with minor modifications for finishing allowed. A minor modification would be adding a step or bracket for an item, adding a tailgate or ramps, extra lighting, etc. An unapproved change would be changing the length or changing the overall purpose of the trailer. Furthermore, trailers are expected to be floored, painted, and have lighting installed when returned to the Ag Mechanics Project Show. These trailers will be judged using the same criteria as all other projects. Projects will be eligible for class prizes, but not division, grand or reserve grand champion.



GOOSENECK AND FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER CLASSES

19. **Gooseneck and Fifth Wheel Flatbed and Dovetail Trailers** – Names and descriptions to use: 32ft gooseneck float, 32ft gooseneck dovetail, 24ft gooseneck flat deck trailer, 53ft fifth wheel flatbed trailer, etc.
20. **Gooseneck and Fifth Wheel Stock and Enclosed Trailers** – Names and descriptions to use: 24ft gooseneck stock trailer, 24ft aluminum stock trailer, 30ft fifth wheel stock trailer, 24ft gooseneck enclosed trailer etc.

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21. **Gooseneck and Fifth Wheel Lowboy and Utility Implement Trailers** – Names and descriptions to use: 24ft gooseneck implement hauler, 20ft gooseneck lowboy with ramps, 28ft fifth wheel lowboy trailer, etc.
22. **Gooseneck and Fifth Wheel Special Purpose Trailers** - *Note: Drop-bed trailers, pipe trailers, header trailers, service body trailers, welding trailers, and other special purpose trailers that do not fit into the traditional trailer classes are to be entered in this class. All trailers must be for agriculture use:* 24ft welding trailer, 10 bale hay hauler trailer, 28ft hydraulic dump bed trailer, 42ft header trailer, etc.

TRACTOR RESTORATION PROJECT SHOW

Presented by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Superintendent – Dr. Curtis Langley – Hico, TX
Assistant Superintendents - Chase Kizziah – Richmond, TX & Don Henson – La Grange, TX

First release from Airport Blvd. to NRG:	Friday	March 15	2 a.m.
Tractor Judging Begins:	Friday	March 15	7:30 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 15	10 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Deadline:	Friday	March 15	1 p.m.
Judging Tractors	Saturday	March 16	8 a.m.
Awards Breakfast	Sunday	March 17	7:30 a.m.
Awards Ceremony	Sunday	March 17	9 a.m.
Release immediately following Awards*	Sunday	March 17	All Projects Must Be Out By 4 p.m.

* All tractors must go to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo property on Airport Blvd. for staging purposes prior to Move-In and prior to Release.

Purpose of the Tractor Restoration Project Show

1. To provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to display restored tractors.
2. To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition.
3. To recognize individual and group accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics.
4. To provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of 4-H and FFA Youth Programs.

Special Rules for Tractor Restoration Project Show

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligible Entries:** Entries in this division are limited to TX FFA and 4-H members. Projects exhibited must have been restored by FFA and 4-H members under direct supervision of the CEA or AST.
3. **Maximum Entries:** Each exhibitor may enter only one individual tractor project. Each group of students may enter no more than two group tractor projects. No individual exhibitor may enter more than two tractor projects, either group and/or individual.
4. **Staging and Arrival:** All projects will stage at the Staging Lot located at 1901 Airport Blvd. Gates will open at 2 a.m. **No projects will be allowed to stage prior to 5 a.m.** Projects will begin releasing from the Staging Lot to NRG Center at 7 a.m.
5. **Classification of Projects:** Tractor projects are to be classified by year or placed into a class by the Superintendent.
6. **Ineligible Projects:** Any tractor project that cannot be placed into one of the stated classes will be disqualified by the Superintendent.
 - a. Tractors only allowed.
 - b. Self-propelled equipment such as combines, hay mowers, and cotton pickers are not eligible.
 - c. Horse-drawn equipment is not allowed.
 - d. No lawn or garden tractors allowed.
 - e. No implements or non-factory accessories allowed.
 - f. Serial Number is required at time of entry or disqualification is possible.
7. **Substitutions:** For exhibitor substitution, see Junior Show Rules. Tractor project substitutions must be made to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, by February 1 and must indicate the project being eliminated and the project being added. Only those substitutions with official post office postmarks on or before February 1 will be accepted without fee. Substitutions postmarked after February 1, will be charged a \$50 late fee. All substitutions are subject to Superintendent approval.

Special Rules for Tractor Restoration Project Show

8. Restoration Date: A tractor project can be exhibited only one time at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and must have been restored within one calendar year of the exhibition date.

9. Exhibit Space: Each tractor entry will receive a maximum of 1,000 square feet of exhibit space in the primary exhibit area. The Show reserves the right to display tractors as space and quantity of tractor projects allow. It is possible that tractor projects might be displayed at an alternate site.

10. Signs: All tractor projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards. No "For Sale" or sponsorship signs will be permitted.

11. Loss or Damage: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, officials or committee members will NOT be responsible for any loss or damage to tractor projects.

12. Awards: Ribbons will be given as follows: Blue, Red and White. Tractor projects receiving a red or white ribbon will not be placed as class winners. Prizes are awarded to clubs/chapters and not individual exhibitors for each project.

13. Showmanship Awards: Judges will select 1 or more exhibitors (by entry number) to receive recognition for showmanship based on the following criteria:

- a. Display and presentation of tractor
- b. Housekeeping
 - d. Exhibitor's dress and professionalism
 - e. Conduct, attitude and participation of exhibitors

14. Judging Courtesy: Exhibitors are not to interfere with judging. It is recommended they be with their tractor project as they are judged to answer questions and demonstrate operations as requested by the judges. AST/CEAs or adult leaders are not to participate in judging activities. Students participating on the Agricultural Mechanics Job Fair will not be penalized for attending the Fair. Exhibitors should not "over-recruit" passersby.

15. Judging System: A modified form of the Danish System will be used in judging the tractor projects. Content specific judging groups will use the following criteria and assigned points. Superintendent may modify criteria and points if weather or other factors result in not being able to judge outside on Friday. Detailed description of the 100 points available at the end of these rules.

16. Mechanical is to include the restoration of engine, transmission, final drive, fuel system, cooling system, cranking or starting system, charging system, hydraulic system, steering system, etc.

17. Aesthetics is to include overall appearance of tractor. This includes workmanship and finish. Items to be considered include but are not limited to: metal preparation, completeness of sheet metal, paint and finish, detail and completeness of components such as wheels, tires, steering wheels, seats, decals, instrument panels, wiring harness, etc.

18. Documentation is to be computer-generated, arranged in a three-ring binder, properly divided and sequenced, with a table of contents and page numbers. The documentation should include the following:

- a. One-page description of the overall restoration project;
 - i Engine disassembly
 - ii Transmission inspection and repair
 - iii Final drive inspection and repair
- b. An expense report identifying all costs of restoration;
- c. Images with captions showing the restoration process – before, during and completed;
- d. Images that depict a safe working environment; and,
- e. A completed description of all mechanical work performed.
- f. Justification for color, color scheme, and/or additional equipment attached.
- g. Painting and Sheetmetal work should be documented in photos. Students should complete all paint and body work, or at minimum have knowledge of the process. Student completed paint and body work will be rewarded over professional work.

Special Rules for Tractor Restoration Project Show

Documentation should be grammatically correct; points will be deducted for spelling and grammar errors. An example of a grammatical error would be the use of the word “axel” instead of the correct “axle.” The National FFA Tractor Restoration Competition format and forms may be used.

19. Safety equipment is to include all equipment that was original to the tractor.

- a. It also includes the provision of drip pans containing floor absorbent to collect any liquids that may drip from the tractor during display.
- b. Fuel shut-off valves under all fuel tanks must be functional, and tractors are to be exhibited with the valves closed.
- c. A fully charged ABC fire extinguisher with a minimum 2.5-pound capacity must be provided with each tractor.
- d. Extra fuel may not be stored in exhibit building. Tractor engines are to be started and run only at the request of Show Officials.
- e. Exhibitors of tractors with steel lugs or steel tracks must provide mats or lumber/plywood to serve as runners to protect asphalt and concrete from damage.
- f. Batteries must be disconnected and cranking, or ignition systems must be disabled on all tractors to prevent unauthorized starting while on display.
- g. All fuel tank caps are to be in place and sealed with tape. Fuel tanks must be less than 25% filled on all engines.
- h. LP-Gas tractors will be allowed in the exhibit area.

20. Originality is to include paint color, fasteners, electrical systems, fuel systems, exhaust systems, mechanical systems, original unaltered serial plates, etc.



21. Classes: Names and descriptions to use model year-manufacturer-model-serial number (Example: 1939 John Deere B Serial # 1112983). **Note,** Tractor Restoration Projects are not eligible for Ag Mech Show Placings such as Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Ag Mechanics Project.

1. Tractors 1950 and Older
2. Tractors 1951 through 1960
3. Tractors 1961 through present day
4. **Market Ready Tractors** 1960 through present day (See item 23 for Market Ready Expectations)
5. 1st place tractor for Division (Grand Champion Tractor)
6. 2nd place tractor for Division (Reserve Grand Champion Tractor)

22. Detailed Tractor Restoration Judging Criteria

- a. **Tractor Restoration:** No lawn or garden tractors allowed. No implements or non-factory accessories allowed. Exhibitors of tractors with steel lugs or steel tracks must provide mats or lumber/plywood to serve as runners to protect asphalt and concrete from damage. Batteries must be disconnected and cranking or ignition systems must be disabled on all tractors to prevent unauthorized starting while on display. All fuel tank caps are to be in place and sealed with tape. LP-Gas tractors will be allowed in the exhibit area. Fuel tanks must be less than 25% filled. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue, Red, and White.
- b. **Aesthetics**
 - i. overall appearance of tractor
 - ii. workmanship and finish
 - iii. metal preparation, completeness of sheet metal, paint and finish
 - iv. detail and completeness of components such as wheels, tires, steering wheels, seats, decals, instrument panels, wiring harness, etc.
- c. **Originality**
 - i. paint color
 - ii. fasteners
 - iii. electrical systems
 - iv. fuel systems
 - v. exhaust systems
 - vi. mechanical systems
 - vii. original unaltered serial plates
- d. **Mechanical**
 - i. static evaluation
 - ii. rolling evaluation
 - iii. engine

Special Rules for Tractor Restoration Project Show

- iv. transmission
- v. final drive
- vi. fuel system
- vii. cooling system
- viii. hydraulic system
- ix. steering system
- x. charging system
- xi. cranking or starting system

e. **Safety Equipment** all equipment that was original to the tractor

- i. drip pans containing floor absorbent
- ii. fuel shut-off valves under all fuel tanks, off
- iii. 2.5 lb. ABC fire extinguisher

f. **Documentation**

- i. typed text, three-ring binder with TOC and page numbers.
- ii. one page description of the overall restoration project
- iii. expense report identifying all costs of restoration
- iv. photos showing before, during and after & safe working environment
- v. complete description of all mechanical work performed

g. **Note: Uniformity between shows:**

- i. Manifolds and exhaust systems may be painted or coated in high temp black paint.
- ii. All rubber, including hoses, belts, electrical wiring and harness may be left unpainted even though they may have been originally painted at the factory.
- iii. Assembly bolt heads and nuts should be painted if originally painted.
- iv. Magnetos, distributors, starting motors, generators, and voltage regulators may be painted black or left unpainted. Non-rust surfaces such as aluminum or zinc coated surfaces including insulation surfaces may be left unpainted.



23. Suggested items for farm tractors entering the Market Ready Class (Class 4). Items for reconditioning maybe beyond the suggested list, and more modern tractors will have additional systems that some older tractors will not have.

Tractors are not required to be completely disassembled, as a restoration tractor does. However, tractors should be disassembled when and where needed to correct any deficiency prohibiting that tractor from safe and productive operation. Industry standards for analysis of tractor components should serve as a guideline for inspection and repair of all major components of the Market Ready Tractor Class. Complete component repair is expected for faulty parts, but OEM parts would not be required where after-market parts would be the best value. Repainting is allowed but not required. Judging criteria for Market Ready tractors will be adjusted from the Tractor Restoration criteria. Market Ready criteria will be used to evaluate tractors based on current real world economic considerations and in line with functional, safe, agricultural tractors. Exhibitors are encouraged to document all phases of tractor analysis used in deciding a) the degree to which the tractor was repaired, b) retesting to establish the tractor's final condition, and c) estimation of the tractor's initial and completed value. Exhibitors should be ready to explain "why/why not" for repairs undertaken and the diagnostic steps that lead to those decisions. While exhibitors are encouraged to select tractors that are appropriate for their mechanical skill level, tractor scoring will be weighted to award more points to projects tractors where the most exhibitor skill is demonstrated. Furthermore, economic value of the Market Ready Tractors will be a portion of the judging criteria.

STATE FFA TRACTOR TECHNICIAN CONTEST

Superintendent – Dr. Curtis Langley – Hico, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Chase Kizziah – Richmond, TX & Don Henson, La Grange, TX

Presented by: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ and the Agricultural Sciences
and Technology Division of the TX Education Agency.

Sunday, March 3

Registration	9 a.m.	Bayou City Event Center
Introductions	10 a.m.	Bayou City Event Center
Contest (I & II)	10:30 a.m.	Bayou City Event Center

Monday, March 4

Contest Check-in	10:00 a.m.	NRG Center – TBD
Contest (III)	1 p.m.	Main Arena
Results & Awards	3:15 p.m.	Main Arena

Special Rules for State FFA Tractor Technician Contest

1. **Rules:** This Contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Purpose:** This event is a perfect opportunity for students to get on the job training. All of the skills acquired from this event are helpful every day in agricultural, industrial and personal applications. Participants receive hands-on training that empowers them with highly marketable skills that makes them highly employable. Students apply mechanical knowledge and critical thinking and problem-solving skills and interact with industry professionals. This event is supported by curriculum for the following agricultural science and technology coursework: Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies, Agricultural Equipment Design & Fabrication, Agricultural Power Systems, Practicum in Agriculture Food & Natural Resources, Agricultural Laboratory & Field Experience, Agricultural Structures Design & Fabrication.
3. **Event Format:**
 - a. **Team Make-Up**
 - i. Teams shall consist of three members from one high school. Team score is determined by combining the scores of all three students from each team.
 - ii. Qualifications of a team member:
 - a. Each team member must be currently a bona fide member of the FFA chapter of the school they represent and on the state roster.
 - b. Members of previous top 5 teams are ineligible to participate in future state contests
 - b. **Team Eligibility:**
 - i. Three teams from each of the twelve areas of agricultural science and technology in Texas will be eligible to compete in the State FFA Tractor Technician CDE.
 - ii. Teams representing an area must have participated in an area elimination contest in order to compete in the state contest.
 - iii. The agricultural science teacher must certify the eligibility of each team member at registration.
 - c. **Equipment**
 - i. Team members must provide their own compliant clipboard and/or clean folder with the following items: scan sheet, and/or copy of the scan sheet, optional Texas FFA CDE drop sheet, and/or 2 sheets of lined or unlined blank paper.
 - ii. Industrial quality eye protection shall be worn by contestants as they compete in Parts II and III of the event. Industrial quality is defined as meeting the specifications of (American National Standards Institute) ANSI Z87.
 - iii. Due to possible damage to the computers and other solid-state components, test lights will not be permitted.
 - iv. Digital multimeters are recommended and shall have a minimum of 10 or more megohms input impedance.
 - v. Each team will provide their own box of tools and test equipment for participation in Part III.
 - vi. Type ABC fire extinguishers with a minimum 2.5 pound capacity will be provided by each team for participation in Part III.
 - vii. Drip pans with a minimum two-gallon capacity and a minimum intake diameter of 16 inches will be provided by each team for participation in Part III.

Special Rules for State FFA Tractor Technician Contest

- d. General Rules
 - i. This event is hosted by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
 - ii. Awards, prizes, and internships are sponsored by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Agricultural Mechanics Committee and participating equipment manufacturers and dealers.
 - iii. The contest will be judged by service engineers from the agricultural, construction, and automotive equipment industries and/or university personnel.
 - iv. Only the judges and the supervising attendants will be permitted in the immediate vicinity while Parts I and II are being conducted and on the area floor during Part III.
 - v. Decisions of the judges will be final.
 - vi. Ag Science teachers coaching state teams will be notified of the make of tractor or tractors to be used in Part III prior to the event, if possible.
 - vii. Each team member will participate individually in Parts I and II of the contest, and work as a member of the school team in Part III of the contest.
 - viii. Teams shall not be permitted to test drive until all malfunctions that, in the opinion of the judges, affect the safe operation or are detrimental to the operation of the tractor have been found and corrected.
- e. Part I - Written Examination
 - i. Contestants will complete one hundred objective type questions, true or false and multiple choice.
 - ii. Multiple choice questions may have one or more correct answers.
 - iii. State curriculum materials and references are available from Instructional Materials Service will be used for references.
- f. Part II - Appraisal of Tractor/IM
 - i. Contestants will appraise up to 20 components or parts from agricultural tractors or machinery. They will recommend service actions, report condition, and evaluate functionality of each component.
 - ii. Service data from manufacturer's service manuals or IT service manuals will be provided where specifications are needed in order to make the evaluations.
 - iii. Contestants are required to wear industrial quality eye protection as they compete in this phase of the contest.
 - iv. All teams will provide their own measuring devices for the component evaluation portion.
- g. Part III - Locating and Correcting Malfunctions in Agricultural Tractors
 - i. A school team of three contestants, working as a group, will compete with the teams from the other schools in locating and correcting five deliberately placed malfunctions in diesel fueled tractors.
 - ii. All tractors will have the same malfunctions installed and service work orders listing owner/operator comments on service needed will be provided.
 - iii. There will be a maximum of 5 malfunctions, repairs, or safety issues per tractor. All tractors will have the same malfunctions, repairs, safety issues.
 - iv. Information regarding tractors used for the contest will be posted to the Texas FFA website by August of each year.
 - v. All systems of the tractor may be considered during the selection of malfunctions such as:
 - Electrical system
 - Engine and power train systems
 - Hydraulic system
 - Chassis, safety, and handling systems
 - vi. The malfunctions may or may not have an immediate detriment to the starting or performance of the tractor.
 - vii. Each team will furnish their own box of tools, test equipment, drip pan, and a fire extinguisher.
 - viii. The time limit for this phase of the contest is 30 minutes.
 - ix. Contestants are required to wear industrial quality eye protection during this phase of the contest.
 - x. When the team has located and corrected the malfunctions, a designated driver will operate the tractor in a safe manner around the driving course in the arena.
 - xi. Contestants are to notify judges of any deficiencies concerning: transmission and/or hydraulic fluid, battery condition, coolant, and or crankcase oil.
 - xii. Time will terminate after the driver has parked the tractor and turned the key in to the time/score keeper.
 - xiii. Liquid-filled 0-5,000 p.s.i./0-35,000 kPa dual-scale dial gauges equipped with adapters to fit the hydraulic remotes on the tractors used for the event are to be provided by each team participating in Part III.
 - xiv. Any special equipment that is not specifically listed on the tools list will be provided by the contest officials.
 - xv. A copy of the recommended tools list can be found on the CDE page of the Texas FFA website. www.texasffa.org/cde-tractor-tech

4. Scoring

- a. Top Ten Teams from Parts I and II will advance to Part III of the State Tractor Tech Contest. Scores will be determined by the sum of all team members scores from Parts I and II of the contest.
- b. Overall Team Scores will be determined by the sum of the following:
 - 3 Individual Scores from Part I
 - 3 Individual Scores from Part II

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Total Team Score from Part III

- c. Overall Individual Scores will be determined by the sum of the following:

Part I Individual Score

Part II Individual Score

1/3 of Team Score from Part III

5. Tiebreakers

- a. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined in the following sequence:
 - i. The team having the highest score on Part II shall be declared winner. If still tied;
 - ii. The team having the highest score on Part III shall be declared winner. If still tied;
 - iii. The team having the highest score on Part I shall be declared winner. If still tied;
 - iv. The team having the high individual score on Parts I and II shall be declared winner. If still tied;
 - v. Teams will be accompanied by their advisor and will meet with contest officials who will conduct a coin toss to determine the higher placing team.
- b. Individual awards will be based on following in the event of a tie.
 - i. The contestant having the highest score on Part II (components) shall be declared winner; if still tied;
 - ii. The high team score will be used to determine the winner; or if still tied,
 - iii. Contestants will be accompanied by their advisor and will meet with contest officials who will conduct a coin toss to determine the higher placing individual.

6. Awards: Prizes are awarded to clubs/chapters and not individual exhibitors for each project.

Tractor Technician forms used for scoring the contest can be found on the Texas FFA Tractor Technician CDE page.

<https://www.texasffa.org/cde-tractor-tech>

7. Safe and Appropriate Tractor Operation:

- a. The operator shall be in the seat of the tractor when engaging the starter motor or attempting to start the engine.
- b. The transmission shall be placed in neutral, or park and the clutch disengaged before attempting to start the engine.
- c. The operator shall give an audible signal and assure that all team members are in a clear, safe position prior to engaging the starter motor or attempting to start the engine.
- d. The starter motor shall not be engaged for over 30 seconds at a time. If the starter motor is engaged for over 30 seconds, a minimum of 1 minute cool down period shall be allowed before it is engaged again.
- e. All actions taken during testing, adjusting, repair, and operation of the tractor shall be completed in a prudent manner and in compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- f. All guards, shields, cowlings, etc. removed for service shall be installed prior to driving the tractor.
- g. The operator shall wear the seat belt during the test drive.
- h. Flashers and running lights shall be on when the tractor is being driven on test course.
- i. Tractor motion shall be started smoothly by releasing the clutch in a slow, smooth manner.
- j. The appropriate gear and r.p.m. for the test drive will be announced prior to competition in Part III and the tractor shall be operated in or below the designated gear and at or below the designated r.p.m.
- k. The operator shall not enter the test course unless a safe distance is available ahead of an approaching tractor. Tractors on the test course have right-of-way.
- l. The operator shall not pass another tractor on test course, unless instructed to do so by the event traffic director. If a tractor is operating poorly and/or not maintaining appropriate speed, the event traffic director may permit faster traveling tractors to pass the slow-moving tractor.
- m. Tractor shall be driven in safe manner and a safe following distance of at least three (3) tractor lengths shall be maintained when following a tractor on the test course.
- n. Upon completion of the test drive, the tractor shall be stopped in a smooth manner, transmission placed in neutral or park position, brakes set, tractor key turned off, and the operator shall dismount in a safe manner.
- o. A grade of F will be awarded if the operator does not follow the designated test course.

CALF SCRAMBLE

Rodeo Performance 1:	Tuesday	Feb. 27
Rodeo Performance 2:	Wednesday	Feb. 28
Rodeo Performance 3:	Thursday	Feb. 29
Rodeo Performance 4:	Friday	March 1
Rodeo Performance 5:	Saturday	March 2
Rodeo Performance 6:	Sunday	March 3
Rodeo Performance 7:	Monday	March 4
Rodeo Performance 8:	Tuesday	March 5
Rodeo Performance 9:	Wednesday	March 6
Rodeo Performance 10:	Thursday	March 7
Rodeo Performance 11:	Friday	March 8
Rodeo Performance 12:	Saturday	March 9
Rodeo Performance 13:	Sunday	March 10
Rodeo Performance 14:	Monday	March 11
Rodeo Performance 15:	Tuesday	March 12
Rodeo Performance 16:	Wednesday	March 13
Rodeo Performance 17:	Thursday	March 14
Rodeo Performance 18:	Friday	March 15
Rodeo Performance 19:	Saturday	March 16

Special Rules for Calf Scramble

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Entry Requirements:** Calf scramble online entry will be available to Clubs/Chapters by Oct. 15, 2023, at www.rodeohouston.com. All entries must be submitted by AST/CEA only by Dec. 1, 2023.
 - The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ is not responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the calf scramble before, during or after the event.
 - Participants are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. AST/CEAs may enter calf scramble participants and alternates online beginning Oct. 18, 2023, and reenter the system at a later date to submit the remainder of their junior livestock show entries prior to the December 1 deadline.
 - Once the necessary paperwork has been received and verified by the Calf Scramble office, qualified applicants will be notified of their acceptance as a participant or alternate, the date and time they are to participate, and where they are to meet. This official notification will be sent to you by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble Office ONLY.
- Eligibility Requirements:**
 - Applicants must be enrolled in and considered eligible in a TX 4-H or FFA at the time of application and if selected, at the time of scramble. **Applicants MUST be United States citizens and MUST possess a valid social security number.**
 - Applicants must be enrolled in and attending a public or private secondary school in the state of TX.
 - Applicant must have reached their 14th, but **NOT** their 18th birthday on Jan. 1, 2024 and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
 - Applicant is required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry. Calf scramble entrants will not be accepted without the verification code. The test can be found at <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/>
 - Applicant must be financially capable to supply any additional funds that may be needed to purchase the heifer or market steer and to feed and care for it.
 - Applicant must be able to provide suitable facilities for caring and developing a breeding heifer or market steer.
 - Applicant must be able to devote the appropriate time and attention to the calf and return to the 2024 Show with a heifer or steer that all parties involved will be proud to display.
 - Applicant and his/her parents/guardian must be willing, and the participant must be eligible to spend the required time away from school and other activities to exhibit and care for the heifer or steer at the 2024 Show. They must also have the required time it takes to submit all monthly reports, essays and business plan.
- Physical Requirements:**
 - Participants must be able to run and perform procedures necessary to scramble.
 - Applicant must weigh at least **100 pounds**.

Special Rules for Calf Scramble

5. **Certificate Limitations:** Applicants who previously won a scramble certificate through participation in the Calf Scramble, 4-H and FFA Dairy Judging Contest, or 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are not eligible to participate in the calf scramble or to accept additional calf scramble certificates.
6. **Scramble Limitations:** Participants are only allowed to participate in one Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble in any one year. Clubs/Chapters may enter unlimited calf scramble entries, with the first 5 entries being considered for available participant positions. All potential calf scramble participants/applicants must be entered online by the December 1 deadline.
7. **Substitutions:** If a participant is unable to scramble for any reason, an alternate will be assigned by the Calf Scramble Office.
8. **Ineligible Participants:** Approved applicants are considered eligible by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for participation in the calf scramble at the time the online entries are made. Any CEA/AST that has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the scramble office at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the scheduled scramble in which the ineligible participant was to participate. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of entries for the following Show year.
9. **Dress:** Participants must wear long pants and comfortable shoes. Dresses and skirts will not be allowed. Shoes with any type of knob or cleat are not allowed. A belt is not required but strongly suggested. Please remember that you will be running in dirt, so the more comfortable you are, the easier it is to run.
10. **Roll Call:** Participants must be checked in at the scramble meeting room prior to the start of the meeting. Any participant that is not present at roll call and the scramble meeting may forfeit their position and be replaced with an alternate. A notice including the scramble date and meeting time will be sent to all participants and alternates.
11. **Results:** All results called on the dirt are final. No instant replay, no appeals.

SUPER SCRAMBLE

Super Scramble/Finals Rodeo Performance:

Sunday

March 17

Special Rules for the Super Scramble

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Calf Scramble Rules and Regulations, the Purchase Certificate Rules, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Competition:** 19 scramble contestants will compete in the Super Scramble held during the Finals Rodeo Performance on Sunday, March 17th.
3. **Contestants:** Contestants for the Super Scramble will consist of the first catch winners from the prior 19 calf scramble rodeo performances. The first catch winner for each night is expected to return on Sunday, March 17th for the Super Scramble.
4. **Credentials:** On the night the exhibitor catches, the first catch winner will receive a credential packet for the Super Scramble Performance. This packet will include a parking pass and three rodeo tickets (1 ticket for the scrambler and 2 tickets for family/advisors accompanying the scrambler) for the Finals Rodeo Performance on Sunday, March 17th.
5. **Alternates:** In the event the first-catch winner is unable to attend, alternates for the finals will consist of the second catch winner who caught during the same rodeo performance as the first catch winner who cannot attend. If the second catch winner is not available to attend, the third catch from the rodeo performance will become eligible.
6. **Results:** All results called on the dirt are final. No instant replay, no appeals.
7. **Premiums:** Contestants that compete in the Super Scramble performance will receive an additional tiered premium, based on the position in which they finish/catch in the performance.


<u>Placing</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1st:	\$10,000
2nd:	\$6,000
3rd:	\$4,000
4th – 9th:	\$ 2,000
Non-Catchers:	\$1,000

- a. All contestants will receive \$1,000 in premiums after the Super Scramble Performance on Sunday, March 19.
- b. Contestants placing 9th or above must complete all aspects of the Calf Scramble program prior to receiving the balance of their premiums. Premiums will be paid upon completion of the 2024 show.
- c. Contestants who fail to fulfill all or part of the obligations as listed in Winner Purchase Certificate Rules will result in the revocation of premiums. In addition, contestants will be subject to repayment of the value of the Purchase Certificate and premiums previously paid to them.

CALF SCRAMBLE PURCHASE CERTIFICATE RULES

1. Total award for all Calf Scramble Certificate recipients is **\$2,250**, \$1,750 of which will be used to purchase the heifer or market steer and \$500 of which will be received after the donor social at the 2024 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled. Purchase certificates in the amount of \$1,750 must be used in the purchase of a **breeding beef heifer** or a **market steer** approved by the CEA or AST. Heifers must be born between Jan. 1, 2023 and Apr. 30, 2024.

All steers must be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA steer validation program by June 30, 2024 and the electronic identification number must be entered in the "Animal Details" section of the monthly reporting system on or before August 1, 2024.

 Steers may be any breed of beef cattle. **Exhibitors who fail to submit their scramble steers validation electronic identification number by the deadline will be subject to disqualification.**

All heifers must be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation System. Heifer validation will include online registration paper uploading and a physical validation with a county validation committee which will include DNA hair sampling. The deadline for heifer validation is November 1, 2024, exhibitors should contact their County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher for local / county deadlines. **Exhibitors who fail to validate their scramble heifer by the deadline will be subject to disqualification.**



2. The calf must be an FFA or 4-H project. The winner **MUST** return to the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and show the calf in the Scramble Beef Heifer Show or Scramble Steer Show. Steer projects may not be entered in any show prior to the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo that requires the winning animals to be sold at auction. Scramble steer exhibitors are encouraged to enter the Junior Market Steer Show but are only allowed one entry into the Junior Market Steer Show and it must be their Scramble Steer. Scramble heifer exhibitors are encouraged to enter the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show but are only allowed one entry into the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show and it must be their Scramble Heifer. Appropriate entry materials must be submitted through the exhibitor's club or chapter by Dec. 1, 2024 for the exhibitor to show in the 2025 Junior Livestock Show.
3. Payment on scramble heifer certificates will be made to the seller after the completed purchase certificate and the original, transferred registration paper are received in the Scramble Office. Payment on steer certificates will be made to the seller after the completed purchase certificate is received in the Scramble Office. The original scramble certificate must be signed by the supervisor, seller, parent, and student. Payment will be delayed if documentation is incomplete.
4. All correspondence, including certificate and registration papers, should be sent to:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Calf Scramble Office
NRG Center
3 NRG Park
Houston, TX 77054
5. Winners cannot purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother, half-sister, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, cousin) or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships), their 4-H/FFA advisor or 4-H club/FFA chapter. Winners may not purchase heifers that have been previously exhibited through any Calf Scramble program. Payments will not be issued to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.
6. Winners cannot purchase a calf that they have previously shown at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in any given year or any calf that has previously been recorded in their name or in an immediate family member's name. Winners cannot purchase a calf that was previously shown as a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scramble calf.
7. If a calf is purchased for less than the \$1,750 certificate amount, the seller will be issued a check for only the actual purchase amount.
8. Heifer Certificates may be combined with certificates awarded from other stock shows occurring between Jul. 1, 2023 and Mar. 31, 2024 as long as the animal is brought back to the Houston Livestock Show in 2025. If a combination of certificates is being used, the original transferred registration papers must be sent to the Show that is earliest in the calendar year. The first Show will make copies of the original transferred registration papers and then forward the original transferred registration papers to the later Shows. The last Show of the calendar year will receive and hold the original transferred registration papers and forward the original transferred registration papers to the winner/exhibitor upon completion of the project at all of the Shows involved.
9. Scramble steer and heifer substitutions will only be allowed at the discretion of Show Management. Furthermore, scramble heifer substitutions will only be allowed if the original registration paper of the substitute heifer (solely in the name of the respective scramble exhibitor on or before Nov. 1, 2024) is received by the Scramble Office on or before the December 1st deadline. Show Management must be notified immediately of any potential substitutions.
10. Winners who fail to fulfill their obligations as stated in these rules may have their Calf Scramble Certificates revoked, will be required to repay the certificate value to the Houston Livestock Show and will be required to provide a letter of explanation to the donor and the Scramble Office. Failure to comply with these rules could also result in forfeiture of Calf Scramble entries for one year for that club/chapter. If repayment is not made within 30 days of the 2025 Show, HLSR reserves the right to repossess the scramble heifer or steer and revoke invitations to participate in future Houston Livestock Shows. Winners who are ineligible to show at the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scramble Steer or Scramble Beef Heifer Shows will be required to re-pay the certificate value to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

11. Scramble Certificate winners who initially accept and then decline their Scramble Certificate, may be barred from exhibiting/participating in future HLSR competitions/shows. This is at the discretion of Show Management.

Calf Scramble Purchase Certificate Rules

12. Failure to submit three (3) or more monthly reports to the donor and Scramble Office during the course of the year-long project will make the exhibitor ineligible for the remaining \$500 received upon completion of the 2025 Show.
13. Approved list of heifer breeds that are eligible with the calf scramble certificate are shown in the table below.

Breed Name	Association	Notes	Scramble Division	Jr. Show Breed
Angus	American Angus Association	Registered as an Angus	British	Angus
Beefmaster	Beefmaster Breeders United	Registered as a Fullblood and out of a BBU-Certified Fullblood dam, Second Cross dam or as otherwise stated in the BBU By-Laws	American	Beefmaster
Beefmaster Advancer	Beefmaster Breeders United	Animals of fifty percent (50%) or more Registered Beefmaster breeding and fifty percent (50%) or less of other Registered and DNA genotyped non-Beefmaster Beef cattle breeding	American	ARB
Braford	United Braford Breeders	Fullblood, Heifers must be classified as "Braford Cow"	American	ARB
Braford F-1	United Braford Breeders	Registered first generation cross consisting of ½ Brahman – ½ Hereford blood. No multiple generation half-blood or other near-half-blood cattle will be accepted	American	ARB
Brahmousin	American Brahmousin Council	Registered as a Fullblood	American	ARB
Brangus	International Brangus Breeders Association	Registered as a Brangus (R-prefix, may not have scurs or any indication of scurs)	American	Brangus
Brangus Built (BB)/Brangus Optimizer (BO)	International Brangus Breeders Association	Progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus and any commercial animal	American	ARB
Brangus Premium Gold (BP)/Commercial (CM) (includes appendix Brangus)	International Brangus Breeders Association	Progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus and any commercial animal	American	ARB
Braunvieh	Braunvieh Association of America	Fullblood, 7/8 or greater Braunvieh blood	European	ORB
Braunvieh Beef Builder	Braunvieh Association of America	Must meet the Braunvieh Association rules for registration as a Braunvieh Beef Builder. Eligible animals are at least a 1/8 Braunvieh blood and less than Fullblood Braunvieh	European	ORB
Charolais	American-International Charolais Association	Registered as a Fullblood	European	Charolais
Charolais – Percentage	American-International Charolais Association		European	ORB
Chianina	American Chianina Association	All heifers with a registration paper from the American Chianina Association will show as a Chianina regardless of breed percentage	European	Chianina
Charbray			American	ARB
Certified Beefmaster E6	Beefmaster Breeders United	Certified by BBU to be at least 50% Beefmaster and can be as much as 100%. At least one of the parents must be registered as a Fullblood Beefmaster	American	ARB
Grey Brahman	American Brahman Breeders Association	Registered as a Grey Brahman	American	Grey Brahman
Gelbvieh			European	ORB
Gelbvieh Balancer			European	ORB

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Breed Name	Association	Notes	Scramble Division	Jr. Show Breed
Golden Certified F-1	American Brahman Breeders Association	Female that is the progeny of two registered parents with one parent being registered Brahman resulting in a F1 cross (50% Brahman x 50% Bos Taurus)	American	ARB
Hereford	American Hereford Association	Indicated as horned on registration papers	British	Hereford
Limousin	North American Limousin Foundation	Registered on orange registration certificate, must be 75% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on registration certificate	European	Limousin
Limousin – Percentage	North American Limousin Foundation	Registered on purple papered with less than 50% Limousin blood or orange papered w/ less than 75% Limousin blood	European	ORB
Lim-Flex	North American Limousin Foundation	Registered on purple Lim-Flex registration certificate, must be 50% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on registration certificate	European	Limousin
Maine-Anjou	American Maine-Anjou Association	Must be 75 percent or more Maine-Anjou	European	Maine-Anjou
Maine Tainer	American Maine-Anjou Association	25% to 62.5% Maine-Anjou	European	ORB
Pinzguar	American Pinzguar Association	Purebred (minimum of 87.5%) or Fullblood	European	ORB
Polled Hereford	American Hereford Association	Indicated as polled or scurred on registration papers	British	Polled Hereford
Red Angus	Red Angus Association of America	Must be registered Red Angus, Category 1A. Must be smooth polled with no evidence of scurs or "buttons" removed. Heifers exhibiting any of the following characteristics are not eligible to show: White pigment in front of the navel or above the underline or on the legs; Black pigment on all three (3) of the following: nose, eyes and anus (an animal may have pigment on any two (2) of these areas, but not on all three (3) locations	British	Red Angus
Red Angus Category 1B	Red Angus Association of America	Must have a certificate of recordation	European	ORB
Red Angus Category II	Red Angus Association of America	Must have a certificate of recordation	European	ORB
Red Angus Category III	Red Angus Association of America	Must have a certificate of recordation	European	ORB
Red Brahman	American Brahman Breeders Association	Registered as a Red Brahman	American	Red Brahman
Red Brangus	American Red Brangus Association (ARBA); International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA)	Must be registered (not certified) with the ARBA or the IBBA (RR-prefix)	American	Red Brangus
Santa Gertrudis	Santa Gertrudis Breeders International	Must be registered or recorded (50% to 75% with one parent as a registered Santa Gertrudis) in the Santa Gertrudis Breeders International Herdbook	American	Santa Gertrudis
Shorthorn	American Shorthorn Association	Must be registered as a Fullblood with a red bordered registration certificate	British	Shorthorn
Shorthorn Plus	American Shorthorn Association	Must be registered as ShorthornPlus (Appendix)	European	ORB
Simbrah	American Simmental Association	Must be Purebred Simbrah or Purebred Simbrah Asterisks.	American	Simbrah

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Breed Name	Association	Notes	Scramble Division	Jr. Show Breed
Simbrah – Percentage	American Simmental Association	Heifers must be less than Purebred. Heifers must have evidence of Brahman influence listed on their registration paper to be considered Percentage Simbrah	American	ARB
Simmental	American Simmental Association	must be a Purebred Simmental	European	Simmental
Simmental - Percentage	American Simmental Association	less than Purebred Simmental	European	ORB
Star 5	Santa Gertrudis Breeders International	Must be 50%-75% Santa Gertrudis blood	American	ARB
UltraBlack	International Brangus Breeders Association	progeny of Registered Brangus and an Enrolled Angus	American	ARB
UltraRed	International Brangus Breeders Association	progeny of Registered Red Brangus and an Enrolled Angus/Red Angus	American	ARB

* ARB: American Registered Breeds

* ORB: Other Registered Breeds

RULES FOR ALL 4-H AND FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

1. Eligibility:

- a. Only TX 4-H and FFA teams and individuals may enter. 4-H team members must be from the same county and FFA members must be from the same Chapter.
- b. All participants MUST be United State citizens and possess a valid social security number. All participants must be enrolled in and attending TX public or private school programs (including home school). Enrolled college and university students are not eligible to participate.
- c. Each Agricultural Science Teacher (AST) or County Extension Agent (CEA) may enter as many teams as desired unless specified in the special rules.
- d. Each team shall consist of three or four members, with the three highest scores being used for team scores.
- e. Individual contestants may compete for individual awards.
- f. Junior Division Contestants must be 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2023.
- g. Senior Division Contestants must be 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2023, and are enrolled in, and attending, public or private elementary or secondary schools in TX.
- h. Each team and its age division must be designated and certified by an AST or CEA at the time of pre-registration. If one or more team members are in the senior division, the team and its individuals are considered all senior division.
- i. Each team member must turn in at registration a properly executed **LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**. No contestant will be allowed to judge without this agreement.
- j. Only coaches, CEAs or ASTs, will be allowed to pick up registration packets. All packets for a County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be picked up at the same time by the same person.

2. Entry: Entry for each type of contest will take place as follows:

a. Individual Contests:

- i. Entries MUST be submitted in the Junior Show Entry Portal located at www.rodeohouston.com by the supervising AST/CEA for the County 4-H Club/FFA Chapter by Dec. 1, 2023.
- ii. Contests include Agricultural Public Speaking and Agricultural Science Fair.
- iii. Forms: Completed junior show entry worksheet and indemnities must be mailed by the AST/CEA by Dec. 5, 2023, with all paperwork for the entire club/chapter.

b. Teams Contests:

- i. Entries MUST be submitted online at www.judgingcard.com by the supervising AST/CEA for the County 4-H Club/FFA Chapter. Entries open on October 17, 2023, must be submitted prior to midnight, February 1, 2024.
- ii. Contests include Agriculture Product ID, Ag Robotics Contest, 4-H/FFA Dairy Judging, 4-H/FFA Floriculture, 4-H/FFA Food Challenge, 4-H/FFA Horse Judging, 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging, 4-H/FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl, 4-H/FFA Meats Judging, 4-H/FFA Nursery Landscape, 4-H/FFA Poultry Judging, 4-H/FFA Range and Pasture Plant ID, 4-H/FFA Veterinary Science Contest, 4-H Wildlife Contest, FFA Wildlife Contest, 4-H/FFA Wool Judging
- iii. Forms: Completed indemnities must be brought on the day of the contest to complete entry. Forms with missing information will be considered incomplete entries and will not be accepted.

3. Conduct of Contestants:

- a. There will be no talking between contestants during the contest. Violating this rule may cause the contestants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
- b. Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
- c. Contestants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
- d. Contestants cannot smoke or use any tobacco products in contest facilities.
- e. Contestants should not monopolize any one exhibit for an unreasonable length of time.
- f. Contestants should not separate themselves from the class on which their group is working.
- g. Contestants should not in any way willfully obstruct the work of another contestant.
- h. If an ineligible contestant is permitted to judge, the team and individual members of that team will be ineligible for prizes. Furthermore, the AST or CEA who certified the eligibility of the team members, as well as the County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, will be ineligible to enter another team for a period of three years.
- i. 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 (ie 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.

4. Scoring: Scan sheets will be provided. Contestants must provide their own #2 pencil and may bring an unmarked clipboard and/or manila folder for use during the contest. Forms that are bent or abused will not be scored. Ties will be broken on the consistency of judging all classes. If ties still exist, ranking with the ties will be the discretion of the contest superintendent(s).

5. Results: Results, as announced, are final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

6. Pictures: The top three teams and individuals in each contest must have their picture taken.



Agricultural Public Speaking Contest

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Judging Contest Committee	\$13,000
Capital Farm Credit	\$5,000
Total Payout Available	\$19,000

Superintendent – David Waggoner – Hillsboro, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Chad Wootton – College Station, TX

Saturday, March 9

Contest Location – Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus, 2811 Hayes Rd., Houston, TX 77082



Contestant Check-in:	8 a.m.	Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus
Preliminary Round of Judging:	9:30 a.m.	Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus
Contestant Lunch:	11:30 a.m.	Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus
Preliminary Round Continued:	12:30 p.m.	Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus
Finalists Announced	<i>completion of Preliminary Round via JudgingCard.com</i>	
Finalist Parking Pass Pick Up:	<i>Completion of finalist announcements</i>	

Sunday, March 10

NRG Center – 2nd Floor 600 series rooms

Finalists Check-in:	9 a.m.	NRG Center – 600 Series Rooms
Final Round Presentations:	10 a.m.	NRG Center – 600 Series Rooms
Contestant Lunch:	11 a.m.	NRG Center – 600 Series Rooms
Results & Awards	<i>completion of Final Round</i>	NRG Center – 600 Series Rooms

Special Rules for Agricultural Public Speaking Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Entry:** See Entry Rules for All 4-H And FFA Judging Contests
 - Any changes to an entry (e.g., Speech Title or Topic Area) must be sent to the Livestock Office between the dates of December 15, 2023 to January 10, 2024. Changes may be submitted via fax or regular mail, or by e-mail to livestock@rodeohouston.com. A new entry form documenting the change must be submitted.
- Eligibility:** See Eligibility Rules for All 4-H And FFA Judging Contests
 - Contestants must be members of either 4-H or FFA and **meet all Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Show Rules and Requirements**.
 - Contestants must be passing all subjects for the semester or grading period immediately preceding the contest and certified by a school official on the entry form.
-  **Conduct of Contestants** – See Rules for All 4-H And FFA Judging Contests
 - 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 (ie 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.
-  **Contest Format:** The event will be conducted using the following format:
 - A panel of judges will evaluate and score each presentation. Click [here](#) to review the scoring rubric. Due to the large number of entries, the contest will be conducted over two days. A Preliminary Round will be on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at **Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus, 2811 Hayes Rd., Houston, TX**. The top 2 contestants from each assigned room will advance to the Final Round on the second day. Contest finalists will be announced on the first day (Saturday) through JudgingCard.com. All finalists will advance to the Final Round on the second day, Sunday, March 10, 2024, at NRG Center in the 600 series rooms.
 - Contestants will compete in either the Junior or Senior Division. Contestants will be assigned an official contest number, and the speaking order and room assignment will be randomly determined for the Preliminary Round of judging.

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- c. Contestants will NOT be judged by topic (i.e., Animal Science). The top 2 contestants from each assigned room will advance to the Final Round on the second day. Contestants MUST compete in their assigned room. Changes may only be approved by Superintendents or Show Management.
- d. The finalists in the Junior and Senior divisions will compete for overall division winner and placings within their respective divisions.
- e. Contestants will randomly draw to determine the speaking order for the Final Round of judging on the second day. Final Round contestants will be evaluated and ranked by judges without regard to topic area.

6. **Parking:** Preliminary Round (Day One): Parking will be offsite at Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus; therefore, no parking passes will be mailed to the supervising CEA/AST/FCCLA advisor. There will be ample parking for the Preliminary Round at Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus.

Finals Round (Day Two): All Final Round Contestants will be provided a HLSR parking pass on Saturday, March 11th at the conclusion of finalist announcements at the Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus. Prior to the show, complementary grounds passes will be mailed to supervising CEA/AST/FCCLA advisors for all contestants.

7. **Documentation:** Each contestant must submit the following items in advance to be eligible for competition:
- a. Documentation to accompany the online entry worksheet submitted by the AST/CEA, deadline for online entry is December 1, 2023, paperwork and forms postmarked by December 5, 2023.
 - i. Release of Liability and Indemnity Form
 - ii. W-9 Form
 - b. **Contestants are required to upload an Abstract and a Statement of Originality Form as one pdf file electronically to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo [website](#) between the dates of December 15, 2023, and January 10, 2024. The documentation can be submitted online by the exhibitor, parent/legal guardian, or AST/CEA. The exhibitor's date of birth and last 4 digits of their social security number are needed to log into the site for the submission.** Documentation should be saved as a single PDF file. The file should be named "Exhibitor Last Name_Exhibitor First Name_"J" for Junior Division or "S" for Senior Division "PS" for Public Speaking." **Example:** Johnny Stockshow, who is entered in the Junior Division of Public Speaking, would name his file "Stockshow_Johnny_J_PS". **Students failing to submit the required documentation by the deadline of January 10, 2024, are ineligible to compete.**
 - i. **Abstract:** The Abstract will be provided to the judges for informational purposes only. A minimum of five (5) references must be listed as Literature Cited using the APA format. The Abstract template (PDF fillable format) will be used by all contestants. Be sure to save a completed copy of the Abstract for your reference.
 - ii. **Statement of Originality Form:** This form (PDF fillable format) must be signed by the contestant, parent/legal guardian, and AST/CEA (or teacher).
 - iii. Click [here](#) to access the required documents template to be used by contestants.



If a contestant does not follow the documentation guidelines outlined above, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management and Judges.

8. **Dress Attire:** Contestants should wear presentable attire. Business attire or Official 4-H or FFA attire is recommended.
9. **Time:** Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes in length and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Time point deductions will apply as follows:
- a. Under six minutes - one point per ten seconds
 - b. Over eight minutes - one point per ten seconds
 - c. Junior contestants will be given a discrete, two-minute warning by the timekeeper prior to the eight-minute deadline.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **Speech Topic Areas:** Each contestant will enter their speech in only one of nine (9) topic areas. The final determination of the contestant's speech topic area will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Show Management.

Topic Areas:

- **Western Heritage:** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Western history, culture or heritage.

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- **Natural Resources:** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, etc.
- **Animal Science:** Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect(s) of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef or specialty animal industries.
- **Agronomy:** Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect(s) of the horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production, or specialty crop production.
- **Agribusiness:** Any current and future subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, advertising, etc.
- **Agricultural Policy:** 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, etc.
- **Agricultural Technology:** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new agri-technology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, computer applications, etc.
- **Agriculture Communication:** Any current or future subject that deals with the process or act of communicating agricultural related information to the public.
- **Livestock Show Ethics:** Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the ethics practiced in the livestock show industry.

- 13. Eligibility of Previous Winners:** Previous First (1st) Place winners in the Junior and Senior Divisions may not use the same winning speech in future contest(s) and must select a new speech subject matter to remain eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).
- 14. Contestant Lunch:** A free lunch will be provided for each contestant.
- 15. Schedule Conflict:** Students with conflicts due to participation in other HLSR events held on the same day of the contest will need to notify the Contest Superintendent during check-in to arrange a presentation time. Once the contest begins, it is the responsibility of each contestant to notify the Contest Superintendent should a conflict arise with their assigned presentation time.
- 16. Tie Breaker:** A tie will be broken on scores received from the Question / Answer Period, in consultation with judges panel and at discretion of contest Superintendent(s).
- 17. Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed to a contestant following the contest.
- 18. Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded in both the Junior and Senior Divisions:

Place	Award
First Place	\$2,500; Felt Banner, Plaque
Second Place	\$2,000; Felt Banner, Plaque
Third Place	\$1,500; Felt Banner, Plaque
Fourth Place	\$1,000; Plaque
Fifth Place	\$500; Plaque
Sixth thru Tenth Place	\$300; Plaque
Eleventh thru Twentieth Place	Plaque

Agricultural Science Fair Contest

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Judging Contest Committee.....\$12,000
Total Payout Available\$12,000

Superintendent – Lance Waggoner – Corsicana, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Oscar Taylor – The Woodlands, TX


Sunday, March 3

Begin Contestant Check-in: 8:00 AM NRG Center – TBD
Start Contest: 9:00 AM NRG Center – TBD
Awards: Following conclusion of judging NRG Center – TBD

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PURPOSE

To engage Texas 4-H and FFA Members in activities that promote basic and applied science, technology, and engineering research projects that have applications to agriculture and closely related fields of study.

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Entry Fee:** Entries **MUST** be submitted online at <https://www.rodeohouston.com/>. Entries must be submitted prior to midnight, **December 1, 2023**.
3. **Eligibility:** See Eligibility Rules for All 4-H And FFA Judging Contests
 - a. Contestants must be members of either 4-H or FFA **and meet all Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Show Rules and Requirements**.
 - b. Contestants must be passing all subjects for the semester or grading period immediately preceding the contest and certified by a school official on the entry form.
4. **Entry Limitation:** Contestants are limited to one (1) individual entry. An entry must be the result of a student's own effort and ability. Team entries are **NOT** allowed. There is no limit to the number of entries a chapter or club may submit.
-  5. **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 (ie 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.
6. **Project Exhibition:** The project must have been researched and developed within one (1) calendar year of the exhibition date. If the project is a continuation of a longitudinal (multi-year) study, the student's focus for research, display and presentation must center on the most recent year's data. A successive year project must indicate change or growth in the project from the previous year(s) in the logbook. Importantly, the project must document that the additional research is a substantive expansion from prior work (e.g. testing a new variable or new line of investigation). A research project may be a part of a larger study performed by professional scientists, but the project presented by the student must be only their own portion of the complete study.
7. **Topic Areas:** There are six (6) topic areas from which a contestant must select one (1):
 - a. **Animal Systems:** The study of animal systems, including life processes, health, behavior, nutrition and growth, physiology, genetics, management and processing, as related to the study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry.

Examples:

 - Assessment of advances in livestock nutritional strategies
 - Assessment of new disease control mechanisms
 - Effects of estrous synchronization on ovulation
 - Comparing the effect of thawing temperatures on livestock semen
 - Effects of growth hormone on meat/milk production
 - b. **Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems:** The study of systems, instruments and technology used in waste management, land reclamation, pollution control, recycling, bioremediation, and water resources management; the study of the management of soil, water, wildlife, forests and air as natural resources and their influence on the environment, including research projects involving environmental chemistry, water science and geoscience.

Examples:

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- Comparison of farming systems that make use of locally available resources
 - Development and adoption of water reuse systems
 - Assessment of ecologically based farming systems
 - Innovative practices to promote soil health
 - Comparison of water movements through different soil types
- c. **Food Products and Processing Systems:** The study of product development and nutrition, quality assurance, food safety, bacteriology, environmental microbiology, microbial genetics, food sales and service, regulation and government compliance, and food service handling and delivery technologies.
- Examples:
- Assessment of emerging microbial contaminants and foodborne hazards
 - The role of value-trait marketing of food products
 - Enhancing food safety through improved processing technologies
 - Development of food products with increased health benefits
- d. **Plant Systems:** The study of plant life cycles, genetics, classifications, systematics, functions, biorhythms, structures, anatomy and physiology, reproduction, pathology, taxonomy, media and nutrients, as well as growth and development practices; the study of crops, turf grass, forestry, horticulture, shrubs and/or ornamental plants, hydroponics, and agronomy ecology.
- Examples:
- Enhancing water and nutrition efficiency of crop species
 - Issues and challenges related to implementing cover crops
 - Comparison of genetically modified and conventional seed/plant growth under various conditions
 - Advances in weed management practices
 - Comparison of plant growth of hydroponics and conventional methods
- e. **Power, Structural and Technical Systems:** The study of agricultural equipment, power systems, robotics, microcontrollers, sensors, signal processing, biomechanics, alternative fuel sources, energy storage, biomaterials, precision technology, wind and water movement power, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding and project planning for agricultural structures.
- Examples:
- Development of alternate energy source engines
 - Assessing processes that allow for more efficient conversion of cellulose and hemicellulose to fuel
 - Comparing properties of various alternative insulation products
 - Investigation of light/wind/water energy sources
 - Adoption of precision agriculture using nanotechnology-based applications
- f. **Social Systems:** The study of human behavior and the interaction of individuals in and to society, including agricultural education, agribusiness management, agricultural communication, agricultural leadership and other social science applications in agriculture, food and natural resources.
- Examples:
- Investigating perceptions of community members towards alternative agricultural practices
 - Determining the impact of local/state/national safety programs upon accident rates in agriculture/natural resource occupations
 - Determining the economic impacts of local/state/national legislation and regulatory requirements upon agricultural production and natural resource utilization
 - Enhancing economic security of sustainable farming systems
 - Comparison of farming practices for improving sustainability and community economic security
8. **Resources:** For additional insight regarding project development or abstract writing, visit:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/using_research/writing_scientific_abstracts_presentation.html
9. **Documentation:** Each contestant must submit the following items in advance to be eligible for competition:
- a. Documentation to accompany the online entry worksheet submitted by the AST/CEA, deadline for online entry is December 1, 2022, paperwork and forms postmarked by December 5, 2022.
 - i. Release of Liability and Indemnity Form
 - ii. W-9 Form
 - b. **Contestants are required to upload the following documentation as one file electronically to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo [website](#) between the dates of December 15, 2023, and January 10, 2024. The documentation can be submitted online by the exhibitor, parent/legal guardian, or AST/CEA. The exhibitor's date of birth and last 4 digits of their social security number are required to log into the site for the submission.** Documentation should be saved as a PDF file; the file should be named "Exhibitor Last Name_Exhibitor First Name_"J" for Junior Division or "S" for Senior Division_"AS" for Ag Science." **Example:** Johnny Stockshow, who is entered in the Junior Division of the Agricultural Science Fair, would name his file "Stockshow_Johnny_J_AS". **Students failing to submit the following required documentation by the deadline of January 10, 2024, are ineligible to compete.**

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- i. Research Project Abstract (must use provided template)
- ii. Statement of Originality Form (must use provided template)



Click [here](https://www.rodeohouston.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2024_HLSR_Ag-Science_Required-Documents.pdf) to access both templates, or use this link: https://www.rodeohouston.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2024_HLSR_Ag-Science_Required-Documents.pdf

Contestants must use fillable templates that are provided in the link above and not submit document screenshots, photocopies, or scanned images of required documents. If the contestant does not follow the guidelines outlined above, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management, and Judges.

10. Contest Format:

- a. Contestants will compete in either the Junior or Senior Division. However, projects will **NOT** be judged by topic. Upon arrival, contestants will be randomly assigned to a specific group. Contestants **MUST** compete in their assigned groups. Changes may only be approved by the Contest Superintendents or Show Management.
- b. All exhibits must have the following information attached to the project display:
 - i. Name of student
 - ii. Chapter/Club name with location (city)
 - iii. Division entered (i.e., Junior or Senior)
- c. Contestants should be located next to their display area during judging to explain their research project to contest judges and address questions from judges. Each project display will be allocated a maximum of 15 minutes for judging. This time shall include approximately 3 to 5 minutes for the student presentation and 10 minutes for judges' questions.
- d. Personal electronic devices (such as iPads, tablets, computers, and other Wi-Fi devices) can only be used as part of a contestant's project with the prior approval of the Contest Superintendent. The maximum size for a project display is as follows: Depth (front to back) 30 inches or 76 centimeters; Width (side to side) 48 inches or 122 centimeters; and Height (the floor to top of display, including table) 108 inches or 274 centimeters. All project materials and support mechanisms must fit within the project dimensions (including table covers).
- e. Tables will be provided by HLSR. Wall mountings are prohibited. All displays must consist of a stable, free-standing display board or lie flat on the provided table-top not to exceed the size outlined above. Failure to meet these requirements can result in disqualification.
- f. Contestants must have a copy of their Project Logbook (i.e., research notebook) on their display table for review by contest judges.
- g. Displays requiring electricity should have an internal power supply (i.e., batteries, etc.). Electricity will **NOT** be provided by the HLSR. All prescribed safety regulations of the HLSR will be followed.
- h. Contestants should be in presentable attire. Business attire or official 4-H or FFA attire is recommended.

11. Presentation Schedule Conflict: Students with conflicts due to participation in other HLSR events held on the same day of the contest will need to notify the Contest Superintendent during project check-in to arrange a presentation time. Once the contest begins, it is the responsibility of each contestant to notify the Contest Superintendent should a conflict arise with their assigned presentation time.

12. Presentation Area: Contest officials, judges, and participants only are allowed in the project presentation area during "preliminary" project judging. During "final round" judging, the general public will be allowed in the judging area and seated in a designated location.



13. Abstract Guidelines and Scoring Rubrics: Below are the links to the project abstract guidelines and scoring rubrics for the Agricultural Science Fair contest:

- a. Abstract Guidelines – Click [here](#) to access the Abstract Guidelines
- b. Abstract Scoring Rubric – <https://www.judgingcard.com/judge/demoRubric.aspx?ID=437>
- c. Presentation Scoring Rubric - <https://www.judgingcard.com/judge/demoRubric.aspx?ID=356>



14. Tie Breaker: In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined based on the score of the project abstract. If a tie still exists, the tie will be broken on scores received from the student presentation/project display in the following sections in order: Oral Presentation and Visual Display, Project Logbook, and Overall Assessment.

15. Contest Results: The contest results, as announced, will be final. Results will be posted on www.JudgingCard.com.

16. Contestant Lunch: a free lunch will be provided for each contestant.

17. Eligibility of Previous Winners: Previous first (1st) place winners in the Junior and Senior Divisions must select a new topic to remain eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).

18. Awards: Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the contest. The following prizes will be awarded in both the Junior and Senior Divisions:

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<i>Place</i>	<i>Award</i>
First Place	\$2,500; Felt Banner and plaque
Second Place	\$2,000; Felt Banner and plaque
Third Place	\$1,500; Felt Banner and plaque
Fourth thru Twelfth Place	Plaque


Agriculture Product Identification Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Amy Mehaffey – Nacogdoches, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Jana Barrett – College Station, TX

Wednesday, March 13

4-H/FFA Team Registration	8:30 a.m.	NRG Center – TBD
4-H/FFA Contest Start	9 a.m.	NRG Center – TBD
Awards Presentation:	following contest	NRG Center – TBD

Special Rules for Agriculture Product Identification Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** (See Eligibility in Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests)
- Entry:** (See Entry in Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests)
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 -  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 (ie 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.
- Contest Format:** Up to thirty (30) TX agricultural products will be exhibited at separate stations. Contestants will select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers and bubble their answer in on a scantron sheet. Each station will also have one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions may be a) general to the industry that produced the product (i.e. TX' national ranking, economic impact to TX, general nutritional content, region of production); or b) specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety). Contestants will be allowed 30 seconds at each station before they are asked to advance to the next station.
- Scoring:** Contestants will receive five (5) points for each product that is correctly identified and five (5) points for each question that is correctly answered. Points will only be awarded on the follow up questions (pertaining to the product displayed) if the product is correctly identified.

Total Points Possible

Individual 200 points
Team (high three scores counted)..... 600 points

- Ties:** Seven (7) stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. The highest cumulative scores for these classes followed by the lowest standard deviation of all classes will be used for both individual and team ties.
- References:** Resources related to the contest may be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> under Ag Product Guide. Teams will also benefit from their own web searches and by visiting supermarkets to view products.
- Awards:** Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show. The following awards will be awarded in both Junior and Senior divisions.

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<i>4-H/FFA Teams</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point	\$400 school supply gift card, Team Trophy and banner; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member
Second Place	\$300 school supply gift card, Team Trophy and banner; Plaque for each team member
Third Place	Team Trophy and banner; Plaque for each team member
Fourth Place	Team trophy, Plaque, & Rosette for each team member
Fifth Place	Team trophy, Plaque, & Rosette for each team member
<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
First thru Tenth Place	Rosette Ribbon

Ag Robotics Contest


Superintendent – Dr. Toby Lepley – Baton Rouge, LA
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Allen Malone – Las Cruces, NM

Wednesday, March 13

NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion

Registration	8 a.m.
Orientation	9 a.m.
Coaches Meet w/ Team	9:30 a.m.
Programming & Practice	9:45 a.m.
Competition Starts	11:15 a.m.
Lunch	Noon
Final Round	2 p.m.
Team Clean-up/Packing	2:30 p.m.
Results & Awards	3 p.m.

Special Rules for Ag Robotics Contest

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests).
3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA 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 (ie 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.
4. **Maximum Entries:** Each county 4-H program/FFA chapter may enter a maximum of two (2) Junior teams and a maximum of two (2) Senior teams.
5. **Members per Team:** Each team will have a minimum of three (3) and no more than six (6) members. Teams may not include members in different age divisions (i.e., Juniors mixed with Seniors). Contestants can only participate on one team.
6. Only contestants will be allowed to participate in building, programming, and tournament play of the robots.
-  7. **CONTEST FORMAT/RULES OF PLAY:**
 - a. Teams must pre-build and program a robot prior to the competition.
 - b. Teams will report to the designated location for check in and submit their robot and additional pieces/equipment for inspection.
 - c. Each team will be directed to a team table (one 6' or 8' table and chairs). Each table will have access to electricity to power laptops and robot batteries.
 - d. An orientation will be provided for all participants and coaches where contest officials will review the challenges, rules, and scoring.
 - e. The theme, design of the game and 3 to 4 challenges will be released in advance of the contest. There will be 3 to 4 additional unknown challenges revealed on contest day, during orientation.
 - f. Each team will have one and one-half hours for additional designing, building, programing, and testing of their robot.
 - g. Teams will practice and compete on the same game table.
 - h. If time allows, teams are allowed to make alterations to their robot design and/or program between matches.
 - i. Teams must report immediately to the playing field when called.
 - j. The robot must perform challenges autonomously.
 - k. Only Ag Robotics contestants and contest officials will be allowed in the Robot Challenge areas.
 - l. Teams that may experience any equipment malfunction(s) may not replace the equipment with supplies outside the contest area (from leaders, volunteers, county extension agents or contest officials). Instead, team members must work together and be creative in completing preparation without the malfunctioning equipment or visit other teams to borrow the needed part.
 - m. Depending on the challenges, contest officials may provide non-Lego items that can be incorporated into the design of the robot.
 - n. Coaches will be permitted to meet with their team for a 10-minute time period prior to programming and practice. This time should be used to help team members develop a plan.

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- o. No cell phones or other types of communication devices are allowed in the table or contest areas. During programming, practice, and game time, contestants are not allowed to communicate with anyone outside of the contest (coaches, parents, siblings, etc).
- p. A match will range between 1 and 3 minutes in length, depending upon the challenges. The specific time limit will be noted in the game release document.
- q. Teams will have two preliminary matches in which to earn points. The sum score of the two matches plus the teamwork score will determine teams that qualify for the finals. The top 5 teams in each age division will advance to the final match. If there are fewer than 5 teams in an age division, no finals will take place. The total score from the preliminary matches (match + teamwork scores) will be used for preliminary placings.
- r. Finals will consist of two additional matches. The two match scores from the final round will be added to the total preliminary score. Finalist teams will be ranked based on their total scores. Judges' results are final.
- s. Teams must clean up their pit areas prior to the awards ceremony. Teams not making the top 5 are free to leave once their table area has been cleaned and are dismissed by contest officials.

8. Minimum Constructive Skills and Proficiency: Contestants must be capable of designing and building a functioning Lego® Mindstorm® NXT, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor robot that includes the use of:

- a. Motors
- b. Light/color sensors
- c. Touch sensors
- d. Ultrasonic sensors
- e. Levers, arms, claws, etc.
- f. Incorporating non-Lego parts into robot design and/or function.

9. Incorporating non-Lego parts into robot design and/or function are not allowed. Minimum Programming Skills and Proficiency: Contestants must be capable of programming a Lego® Mindstorm® NXT, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor robot in order for the robot to:

- a. Move
- b. Turn
- c. Lift
- d. Maneuver attachments effectively
- e. Use sensors appropriately and effectively
- f. Distribute
- g. Pickup

10. Equipment: Each team must supply their own equipment for the challenge. Each team may only bring the supplies listed in the table below. Any extra equipment or item that does not meet specifications will be returned to the team coach. No infrared beacons (remote) or sensors allowed.

Lego® Mindstorm® NXT, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor building pieces (excludes brick, motors, and sensors)	Unlimited Quantity
Backup rechargeable batteries or sets of AA batteries	Unlimited Quantity
Lego® Mindstorm® NXT, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor brick/hub	1
Lego® Mindstorm® NXT, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor motors	Unlimited Quantity
Lego® Mindstorm® NXT, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor ultrasonic sensor	Unlimited Quantity
Lego® Mindstorm® NXT, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor touch sensor	Unlimited Quantity
Lego® Mindstorm® NXT, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor light or color sensor	Unlimited Quantity
Lego® Mindstorm® EV3 gyro sensor	Unlimited Quantity
Laptop computer or tablet with programming software (Lego® or non-Lego® is acceptable)	1 or 2
Power strip (3-prong, grounded)*	1
25 ft. (max) extension cord (3 prong, grounded)*	1
USB cable connection	1
Build Plans (paper or digital)	Unlimited Quantity
Plastic container or cardboard box for transporting robot to and from game area	1
Ruler or tape measure	1
Pencils and notepad with blank paper for design and note-taking purposes	Unlimited Quantity
** NO two-prong extension or power strip plugs allowed.	

11. Bluetooth and Internet Connectivity: Bluetooth connections can be made and utilized during Build Time. It is not allowed during the competition phase while the robot is on the playing field. No internet connectivity will be provided. Teams are advised to make sure their computers' operating system, software and robot firmware are up-to date prior to the contest.

12. Scoring: Point values for each separate challenge may vary, depending on the level of challenge difficulty. Penalties will also depend upon challenge design, but examples may include: knocking over pieces, restricted human interaction with robot or game

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pieces, excessive retrievals, etc. Points will be awarded or deducted for each round of match play. Additionally, a teamwork score will be assessed by a panel of judges and added to the match scores to form the preliminary team score. The preliminary team score determines qualifiers for finals. After each match, the team captain will initial the score sheet, indicating agreement to the points awarded. Once signed, the match score is final and cannot be challenged. The contest tabulator will review the score sheet and will correct any mathematical inaccuracies.

13. Tie Breaker: Tie breakers for the contest will be a sudden death match until the tie is broken.

14. Participants with Disabilities: Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the Livestock Office at least two weeks before the competition.



15. Rules of Play: The official rules of play will be released with the challenge in mid-February 2024.

16. Awards: Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show. The following awards will be awarded in both Junior and Senior divisions.

4-H/FFA Teams	Award
First Place	\$140 team gift card, Team Banner, Team Trophy, & for each team member a Special Award & Rosette
Second Place	\$120 team gift card, Team Banner, Team Trophy, & Rosettes for each team member
Third Place	\$100 team gift card, Team Banner, Team Trophy, & Rosettes for each team member
Fourth Place	Team Plaque & Rosettes for each team member
Fifth Place	Team Plaque & Rosettes for each team member

4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest

Superintendent – Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Wayne Becker – Gainesville, TX, **Larry Woolley** – Cleburne, TX

Tuesday, February 27

Registration	7:30 a.m.	NRG Center – Main Arena
Contest starts (with exam):	8:00 a.m.	NRG Center – Main Arena
Live Judging	8:30 a.m.	NRG Center – Main Arena
Results and Awards	10:30 a.m.	NRG Center – Rooms 201 - 203
Calf Scramble Reception	Noon	NRG Center – Café on the Park

Special Rules for Dairy Judging Contest

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA 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 (ie 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.
4. **Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
5. **Classes:**
 - a. Four to six classes will be judged (200 – 300 points) – 12 minutes per class.
 - b. Two questions classes for a total of 10 questions. Questions classes will be designated during contest (50 points total – 5 points per question).
 - c. Written test consisting of 25 questions. Questions will be two points each. Questions will be derived from a list of questions maintained by TX FFA, <https://www.texasffa.org/cde-dairy-cattle>. Exhibitors will be allowed 20 min. to complete written test. (50 pts).
 - d. Movement of groups to each class will be controlled by the superintendent.
6. **Tiebreakers:** the tiebreaker sequence for this contest will be as follows: (1) Highest total score of all live judging classes, (2) Lowest standard deviation of all live judging classes, and (3) Highest total questions score.
7. **Results:** The results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
8. **Calf Scramble Certificates:**
 - a. Certificates will be awarded to the top winners (combined Junior and Senior Divisions - excluding high school seniors – 12th grade) who have never received a calf scramble certificate at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Number of eligible winners to be determined by Show Management. The certificates will be the only ones given regardless of clerical errors or for any other reason.
 - b. Winners who do not report to the Contest Superintendent within 15 minutes after the results have been announced will forfeit their purchase certificates and the next ranking winner will be moved up to receive the forfeited certificate. Any individual that is unable to attend the Awards Presentation because he/she is exhibiting an animal in a concurrent show MUST receive approval from the Contest Superintendent prior to the conclusion of the contest to receive the certificate.
 - c. Winners of the certificates will be taken to the Livestock Judging Reception by the Calf Scramble Committee following the Awards Presentation to complete the required forms.
 - d. Total award for all Calf Scramble Certificate recipients is \$2,250, \$1,750 of which will be used to purchase the heifer or market steer and \$500 of which will be received after the banquet at the 2025 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled.

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- e. Purchase certificates in the amount of \$1,750 must be used in the purchase of a breeding beef heifer or a market steer approved by the CEA or AST. Heifers must be born between Jan. 1, 2023, and April 30, 2024.
- f. Contestants are not required to accept a Calf Scramble Certificate.
- g. Contestants who accept a Calf Scramble Certificate will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Calf Scramble and Purchase Certificate Rules.

9. Awards: The following prizes will be awarded:

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall Senior High Point Team	Team Trophy, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>Senior High Point Team</u> Second thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy
<u>Junior High Point Team</u> First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy
<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle; Plaque
Overall Reserve Senior High Point Individual	Plaque
Junior & Senior High Point Individuals First thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Junior & Senior High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

4-H & FFA Floriculture Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Michael Maurer — Nacogdoches, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Candis Carraway — Nacogdoches, TX


Saturday, March 2

Registration:	7 a.m.	NRG Center – Rooms TBD
Registration Ends:	7:45 a.m.	
Contest starts:	8 a.m.	NRG Center – Rooms TBD
Results and Awards:	noon	NRG Center – Rooms TBD

PURPOSE

The purpose of this contest is to stimulate the study of, and interest in, the production and retailing of cut flowers, plants and foliage through the agricultural education curriculum. The event requires students to identify plant materials, tools, and pests common to the industry, demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific principles and management practices applied in the industry via a written exam, make observations, draw conclusions, and utilize higher order thinking skills in problem solving situations. This event has ties to the following agricultural science curriculum: TEKS 130.20, Floral Design, TEKS 130.23 Horticulture Science and TEKS 130.25 Practicum in Agriculture, Food and Natural Sciences.

Special Rules for Floriculture Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 -  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 (ie 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.
- Contest:**
 - Team Make-up:** Three or four individuals per school form a team. All members will be scored, and the top three scores will count towards the team total.
 - Equipment:**
 - Team members must provide their own sharpened No. 2 pencils for the event. A pencil sharpener may not be available in each event room.
 - Team members must provide their own compliant transparent plastic clipboard free of all current or recycled lapel contest stickers; must be sticker free (excluding school logos which were applied when clipboard was manufactured) and/or clean folder with the following items: scan sheet, and/or copy of the scan sheet, optional TX FFA CDE drop sheet, and/or 2 sheets of lined or unlined blank paper.
 - Team members may use their own battery-operated non-programmable calculators. If the calculator has either a PROB, PGM, or TVM button or if the calculator has a large screen and the ability to graph function, it is programmable and will not be permitted. Letters above the number keys also indicate that the calculator is programmable.
 - Team members are **not** permitted to share calculators between teammates or among other contestants.
 - No allowance will be made for malfunctioning or inoperable calculators.
 - The "Universal Form C" scan sheet will be used for this CDE.
 - Event Schedule:**
 - Each contestant shall complete the event in the time allotted:
 - The identification of plant materials/pests/diseases/tools must be completed in 60 minutes. The identification will be divided into two (30 minute) rotations.
 - The problem-solving section must be completed in 30 minutes
 - The placing classes must be completed in 15 minutes. The contestants will be able to work within the placing classes at their own pace during the 15 minutes.
 - The keep/cull section must be completed in 15 minutes. The contestants will be able to work within the keep/cull sections at their own pace during the 15 minutes.
 - The written examination must be completed in 30 minutes.
 - Observers are not permitted in the event area while the event is in progress, but observers may be allowed in the area following the event.

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3. Providers are encouraged to leave contest materials in place for one hour following the conclusion of the event to allow teachers and students adequate time for review.

d. Identification of Plants/Tools/Pests/Diseases (600 points)

1. 60 specimens will be selected from the 170 plants/tools/pests/diseases listed on the TX Floriculture list.
2. Specimens will be identified in two rotations, 25 plants and five pests/diseases/tools in each rotation, with 30 minutes to complete each rotation. All contestants will be allowed to work within the rotation, at their own pace. Contestants **cannot** return to a rotation once it is timed out.
3. A plant specimen may consist of any part of the plant commonly utilized in the floriculture industry for plant identification. The plant must match the plant listed on the TX Floriculture CDE list.
4. Plants to be identified will be presented as intact, live specimens. Tools may be either an intact item or high-quality photographs. Pest and diseases may be presented as an intact specimen, photograph, or preserved specimen (herbarium sheet, insect mount). Photograph should be a minimum of 8.5" x 11" in size.
5. When a pest or disease must be presented with an affected plant, a "Pest/Disease" label will be with the item to designate identification of the problem rather than the plant. The Pest/Disease label will be placed as part of the number of the specific specimen.
6. Each contestant will be supplied with a list of the plants, pests, diseases, and tools. Contest providers will distribute this list to the contestants at the start of the contest, to insure equal access to the information throughout the event.
7. Each specimen will be designated with a number. Students bubble in the appropriate number in the space next to the specimen's name on the scan sheet.
8. 10 points are given for each correctly identified specimen.
9. Under no circumstances is any contestant allowed to touch or handle the photos or specimen used as part of the event. Any infraction of this policy is sufficient cause to eliminate the individual from the **entire contest**.
10. If live pests are used, a magnifying device will be provided. (Enough devices for multiple students to identify at the same time – 6 preferred)
11. If live pests are used, there will only be one species of pest per ID. (Providers should ensure there are not multiple species on the same ID spot)

e. Placing Classes (150 points)

- i. Contestant's place three classes that are selected from the Placing Classes List.
- ii. All plants in a class will be from the same species or cultivar.
- iii. There will be classes from each of the following types:
 1. 1 class of blooming container plants.
 2. 1 class of foliage container plants.
 3. 1 class of floral designs.
- iv. Classes will consist of four items per placing class.
- v. Classes will be designated by number and class name.
- vi. 50 points are given for each correctly placed class.
- vii. Floral designs will be labeled by type (symmetrical, asymmetrical, round or horizontal/vertical line).
- viii. Blooming Container Plant classes will consist of all 4 specimens of the same variety and color.
- ix. If the quality plants from the suggested list of plants to be used in a placing class are not available, the provider may substitute plants/flowers from only those listed on the identification list.

One class of blooming container plants, which may include:

- Kalanchoe blossfeldiana cv. – Kalanchoe
- Rhododendron cv. – Azalea
- Saintpaulia ionantha cv. – African Violet
- Chrysanthemum x morifolium cv. – Florist's chrysanthemum
- Rosa cv. – Roses
- Begonia tuberhybrida cv. – Tuberous begonias
- Pelargonium x hortorum – Geraniums

One class of foliage container plants, which may include:

- Epipremnum aureum cv. – Golden pothos, devil's ivy
- Ficus benjamina 'Exotica' – Benjamin fig, weeping fig
- Ficus elastica – Rubber tree
- Nephrolepis exaltata cv. – Boston fern
- Spathiphyllum spp. – Spathiphyllum, Peace Lily
- Codiaeum variegatum cv. – Croton
- Hedera helix cv. – English Ivy

One class of floral designs, which may include the following design styles:

- Symmetrical triangle
- Asymmetrical triangle
- Round
- Horizontal or Vertical Line

f. Cut Flower Keep/Cull Classes (150 points)

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- i. One class each of line, form and mass flowers (eight specimens per class/three classes total)
- ii. The guidelines will follow *A Manual for Flower Judging* (see reference section) in determining the keep/cull classes.
- iii. Contestants should designate the four best plant specimens from the eight specimens presented, using visual appraisal. Students are not permitted to handle any plant specimen.
- iv. Event officials will assign a point value to each one of the individual plant specimens, within the class, with the greatest number of points assigned to the most desirable specimen and the least points assigned to the least desirable specimen. If the student selects the best four plant specimens, within the provided class full credit will be given (50 points). The selection of less desirable plant specimens will reduce the points awarded within each keep/cull class.
- v. Classes will only contain 1 specimen per container for the Keep/Cull section.
- vi. If quality specimens from the suggested list of specimens to be used in a Keep/Cull class are not available, the provider may substitute plants/flowers (keeping within the same type, Mass, Line, Form) from only those listed on the identification list.

One class of cut line flowers which may include:

- *Antirrhinum majus* cv. – Snapdragon
- *Delphinium elatum* – Delphinium
- *Gladiolus x hortulanus* cv. – Gladiolus
- *Consolida ambigua* cv. Larkspur
- *Liatris spicata* – Liatris
- *Matthiola incana* – Stock
- *Moluccella laevis* cv. Bells of Ireland

One class of cut form flowers which may include:

- *Anthurium andraeanum* – Anthurium
- Bulbous Flowers – Iris, Daffodil, Tulip
- *Zantedeschia aethiopica* – Calla
- *Gerbera jamesonii* cv. – Gerbera
- *Lilium* cv.
- *Helianthus annuus* cv. – Sunflower
- *Protea* cv. – Protea

One class of cut mass flowers which may include:

- *Chrysanthemum morifolium* cv. – Standard Type
- *Dendranthema grandiflorum* cv. – Spray Type
- *Dianthus caryophyllus* cv. – Standard carnation
- Rose cv. – Rose
- *Eustoma grandiflorum* – Lisianthus
- *Alstroemeria aurantiaca* – Alstroemeria

g. General Knowledge Examination (100 points)

- i. Contestants will complete a 50 question multiple choice exam.
- ii. Questions will be taken from a data bank of questions located on the TX FFA website.
- iii. Contestants are given 30 minutes to complete the examination.
- iv. Two points are awarded for each question answered correctly.

h. Problem Solving (100 points)

- i. This practicum is designed to evaluate participant's knowledge and ability related to floricultural practices in the industry and selection, care and handling of interior plants in various settings. The practicums will alternate as noted:

2022

- Pricing and Calculating a Bill of Materials; and
- Care and Handling of Cut Flowers ie. Processing, conditioning, and storage.

2023

- Pricing and Calculating a Bill of Materials including Marketing, Pricing and Sales; and
- Principles and Elements of Design

2024

- Pricing and Calculating a Bill of Materials for Weddings; and
- Creating Wedding Designs

2025

- Pricing and Calculating a Bill of Materials for Sympathy Flowers; and
- Creating Sympathy Designs

2026

- Pricing and Calculating Specialty Designs (ie. Homecoming, holidays, corsages/boutonnieres); and
- Plant Structures and Functions

- ii. Contestants will be provided a written scenario that they must assess to determine the correct answers.
- iii. Contestants will complete 10 multiple-choice questions.
- iv. Contestants are given 30 minutes to complete the problem solving.
- v. 10 points are awarded for each question answered correctly.

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- vi. No more than 5 of the 10 multiple choice questions will require calculations from the pricing and calculating section.
- vii. A formula chart will be provided as part of the practicum section. This formula chart will be designed and added as a resource in regard to pricing, rounding, and calculations.

5. Scoring

Identification of Plant Materials	600 points
Placing Classes	150 points
Cut Flower Keep/Cull Classes	150 points
General Knowledge Examination.....	100 points
<u>Problem Solving.....</u>	<u>100 points</u>
Total Points (Individual)	1,100 points
Team	3,300 points

6. Tiebreakers

- a. Ties for team awards will be broken using the following criteria:
 - i. The team with the higher score in the identification section wins. If still tied:
 - ii. The team with the higher score in the placing class of floral designs wins. If still tied:
 - iii. The team with the higher score in the problem-solving wins. If still tied:
 - iv. The team with the highest alternate score wins. If still tied:
 - v. The team will be accompanied by their advisors and will meet with contest officials who will conduct a coin toss to determine the higher placing team.
- b. Ties for individual awards will be broken using the following criteria:
 - i. The individual with the higher score in the identification section wins. If still tied:
 - ii. The individual with the higher score in the placing class of floral designs wins. If still tied:
 - iii. The individual with the higher score in the problem-solving wins. If still tied:
 - iv. The individual will be accompanied by their advisor and will meet with the contest officials who will conduct a coin toss to determine the higher placing individual.

- 7. **Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

- 8. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded.

Team Placings	Award
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
Second thru Fifth Place Team	Trophy
Individual Placings	Award
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

9. References

Available from IMS, CEV and other resources:

Printed materials

8942 Complete Set AgSc 362 – Horticultural Plant Production, IMS
 8959 Complete Set AgSc 363 – Principles and Elements of Floral Design, IMS
 8198 Complete Set AgSc 365 – Advanced Floral Design, IMS

Video References

9531D Techniques in Flower Judging
 9736 Competitive Flower Arranging
 9841 Horticulture Plant Identification – Floral, CEV
 9842 Horticulture Plant Identification – Foliage, CEV

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9844 Practice Horticultural Plant Identification, CEV

Computer Software

9430NC - Floriculture CDE Placing Classes, CEV

Keep/Cull Cut Flower References (Not Available through IMS):

A Manual for Flower Judging. (11th Edition) Prepared by Pi Alpha Xi is available from: ASHA, 1018 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone:703.836.4606; fax:703.836.2024; email: pax@asha.org; Cost is \$12 each plus shipping.

Problem Solving Resources:

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www.agriscience.delmar.com

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<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/archives/parsons/publications/houseplant/houseplant.html>

Georgia Agriculture Curriculum Resource website:

<http://www.gaaged.org/page.aspx?ID=76>

Goodhart Wilcox 978-1-61960-889-4- *Principles of Floral Design*, Copyright 2015, Pat Diehl Scace and James M. DelPrince

Norah T. Hunter, *The Art Floral Design*, 3rd Edition, ISBN-13: 978-1418063030

Other Websites

Interior Plants Database <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/databases/interiorscape>

National FFA Website www.ffa.org

TX FFA website (test bank questions) www.texasffa.org

TX FLORICULTURE PLANT LIST

001	Adiantum spp. - Maidenhair Fern
002	Aechmea cv. - Bromeliad
003	Agapanthus africanus - African Lily
004	Aglaonema commutatum cv. - Aglaonema, Chinese Evergreen
005	Alpinia purpurata - Red Ginger
006	Alstroemeria aurantiaca - Alstroemeria, Peruvian Lily
007	Amaranthus sp. - Amaranthus, Amaranthus cv.
008	Ammi majus - Queen Anne's Lace, Laceflower
009	Anthurium andraeanum - Anthurium
010	Antirrhinum majus cv. - Snapdragon
011	Araucaria heterophylla - Norfolk Island Pine
012	Asparagus densiflorus 'Myriocladus' - Ming Fern
013	Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri' - Sprengeri Fern
014	Asparagus setaceus - Plumosa Fern
015	Asparagus setaceus 'Pyramidalis' - Tree Fern
016	Asplenium nidus - Bird's Nest Fern
017	Aster pringlei - Monte Cassino Aster
018	Beaucarnea recurvata - Ponytail Palm
019	Begonia x tuberhybrida cv. - Tuberous Begonia
020	Brassaia actinophylla - Schefflera, Octopus Tree
021	Calathea roseopicta - Calathea
022	Callistephus chinensis hybrids - Chinese Aster
023	Capsicum annuum - Ornamental pepper
024	Celosia argentea cv. - Celosia, Cockscomb
025	Chamaedorea elegans - Parlor Palm, Commadore Palm
026	Chamelacium uncinatum - Waxflower
027	Chlorophytum comosum var. - Spider Plant
028	Chrysanthemum x morifolium cv. - Florist's Chrysanthemum
029	Chrysanthemum x morifolium cv. - Spider Chrysanthemum
030	Codiaeum variegatum cv. - Croton
031	Consolida ambigua cv. - Larkspur
032	Cordyline terminalis - Ti Plant
033	Crassula argentea - Jade Plant

034	Cyclamen persicum cv. - Florist's Cyclamen
035	Cymbidium cv. - Cymbidium orchid
036	Dahlia cv. - Dahlia
037	Delphinium elatum - Delphinium
038	Dendrobium spp. - Dendrobium Orchid
039	Dianthus caryophyllus cv. - Florist's Carnation
040	Dieffenbachia spp. - Dumbcane
041	Dizygotheca elegantissima - False Aralia
042	Dracaena cv. - Dracaena
043	Dracaena marginata var. - Red-margined Dracaena
044	Echeveria elegans - Hens & Chickens
045	Epipremnum aureum cv. - Golden pothos, Devil's Ivy
046	Erica carnea - Spring Heather
047	Eryngium planum - Blue Thistle
048	Eucalyptus cv. - Eucalyptus
049	Euphorbia milii var. - Crown of Thorns
050	Euphorbia pulcherrima cv. - Poinsettia
051	Eustoma grandiflorum - Lisianthus
052	Ficus benjamina 'Exotica' - Benjamin Fig, Weeping Fig
053	Ficus elastica 'Decora' - Rubber Tree
054	Ficus Lyrata - Fiddle Leaf Fig
055	Forsythia x intermedia - Forsythia
056	Freesia x hybrida - Freesia
057	Galax urceolata - Galax
058	Gardenia jasminoides - Gardenia
059	Gaultheria shallon - Salal, Lemon Leaf
060	Gerbera jamesonii cv. - Gerbera, Transvaal Daisy
061	Gladiolus x hortulanus cv. - Gladiolus
062	Gypsophila elegans v. - Baby's Breath
063	Hedera helix cv. - English Ivy
064	Helianthus annuus cv. - Sunflower
065	Hippeastrum x hybridum v. - Amaryllis
066	Hoya carnosa cv. - Wax Plant

067	Hyacinthus orientalis cv. – Hyacinth
068	Hydrangea macrophylla – Hydrangea
069	Hypericum spp. – Hypericum Berries
070	Iris spp. – Iris
071	Kalanchoe blossfeldiana cv. – Kalanchoe
072	Leucospermum hybrid cv. - Pin Cushion Protea
073	Liatris spicata – Liatris
074	Lilium (Asiatic hybrids)
075	Lilium (Oriental hybrids)
076	Lilium longiflorum cv. – Trumpet Easter Lily
077	Limonium ferulaceum – Caspia, Misty Blue
078	Limonium sinuatum cv. - Statice
079	Maranta leuconeura cv. – Prayer Plant
080	Matthiola incana – Stock
081	Moluccella laevis – Bells of Ireland
082	Monstera deliciosa – Split-leaf Philodendron
083	Myrtus communis – Myrtle
084	Narcissus hybrid – Daffodil
085	Nephrolepis cordifolia cv. – Flat Fern
086	Nephrolepis exaltata cv. – Boston Fern
087	Ozothamnus diosmifolius - Rice Flower
088	Pachystachys lutea – Shrimp Plant
089	Paeonia lactiflora cv. – Peony
090	Pedilanthus tithymaloides – Zigzag Plant
091	Pelargonium x hortorum - Zonal Geranium
092	Peperomia cv. – Peperomia
093	Phalaenopsis cv. – Phalaenopsis, Butterfly Orchid
094	Philodendron scandens oxycardium – Heartleaf Philodendron
095	Pittosporum tobira cv. – Pittosporum, Mock Orange
096	Plectranthus australis - Swedish Ivy
097	Polianthes tuberosa - Tuberose
098	Protea cynaroides/magnifica - King/Queen Protea
099	Proteaceae leucadendron cv. "safari sunset" - Safari Sunset
100	Ranunculus asiaticus - Ranunculus
101	Rhododendron cv. – Azalea
102	Rosa cv. – Hybrid Tea Rose
103	Rumohra adiantiformis – Leatherleaf Fern
104	Ruscus danae racemosa – Italian Ruscus
105	Ruscus hypophyllum – Israeli Ruscus, Butcher's Broom Ruscus
106	Saintpaulia ionantha cv. – African Violet
107	Salix discolor cv. – Pussy Willow
108	Salix matsudana cv. – Curly Willow
109	Sansevieria trifasciata cv. – Sansevieria, Snake Plant
110	Scabiosa cv. - Scabiosa/Pincushion flower
111	Schlumbergera truncata cv. – Thanksgiving cactus
112	Senecio cineraria - Dusty Miller
113	Solidago canadensis – Solidago, Goldenrod
114	Spathiphyllum spp. – Spathiphyllum, Peace Lily
115	Stephanotis floribunda – Stephanotis, Bridal Wreath
116	Strelitzia reginae - Bird of Paradise
117	Syngonium podophyllum – Nephthytis
118	Tulipa cv. – Tulip
119	Xerophyllum tenax – Bear Grass
120	Zamioculcas zamiifolia - ZZ plant
121	Zantedeschia aethiopica – Calla
122	Zebrina pendula cv. – Wandering Jew
Pests	
123	Aphid - adult stage
124	Fungus Gnat - adult stage
125	Leaf Miner - adult stage damage

126	Leafhopper - adult
127	Mealybug - adult stage
128	Scale - adult stage
129	Snail/Slug - adult stage
130	Spider Mite - adult stage
131	Thrip - adult stage
132	Whitefly - adult stage
Diseases	
133	Black Spot - damage
134	Botrytis – damage
135	Damping Off - damage
136	Iron Deficiency
137	Mosaic Virus – damage
138	Nitrogen Deficiency
139	Phosphorous Deficiency
140	Powdery Mildew - damage
Tools	
141	#18 Florist's Wire
141	#24 Florist's Wire
143	#28 Florists Wire
144	#3 Ribbon
145	#9 Ribbon
146	#40 Ribbon
147	Anchor Tape
148	Bouquet Sleeve
149	Boutonniere Pin
150	Bulb Planter
151	Bullion Wire
152	Candle Pick/Holder
153	Cardette/Card Holder
154	Casket Saddle
155	Cellophane
156	Chenille Stems
157	Corsage Pin
158	Dixon Pin
159	Dry Foam
160	Enclosure Card
161	Flat Aluminum Decorative Wire
162	Floral Knife
163	Floral Tape
164	Foam Bouquet Holder
165	Glue Gun
166	Greening Pins
167	Hyacinth Stake
168	Pick Machine & Metal Picks
169	Pin Holder (Frog)
170	Polyfoam
171	Rose and Stem flower stripper
172	Sheet Moss
173	Spanish Moss
174	Stem Cutter
175	Styrofoam
176	Tulle
177	Water Picks
178	Water Tubes
179	Wet Floral Foam (Oasis)
180	Wire Cutter
181	Wire Easel
182	Wooden Pick
183	Wrist Corsage Holder

4-H & FFA Food Challenge

Superintendent – Dr. Julie Gardner – Gatesville, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Sonja Stueart-Davis – Houston, TX

Tuesday, March 12
NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion



Round 1 Check In	7:30 a.m.
Round 1 Contest Begins	8:10 a.m.
Round 2 Check In	8:40 a.m.
Round 2 Contest Begins	9:20 a.m.
Round 3 Check In	10:10 a.m.
Round 3 Contest Begins	10:50 a.m.
Round 4 Check In	11:20 a.m.
Round 4 Contest Begins	Noon
HEB Demonstration	2:00 p.m.
Preliminary Awards	2:30 p.m.
Final Challenge	3:00 p.m.
Final Challenge Awards	5:30 p.m.



**Times are tentative and subject to change*

**Exact assigned check-in and start times will be emailed to coaches or agent/advisor one week prior to the event.*

Special Rules for 4-H & FFA Food Challenge

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests).
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - 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 (ie 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.
- Maximum entries:** Each county 4-H program/chapter may enter a maximum of two (2) Junior teams and a maximum of two (2) Senior teams.
- Members per team:** Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Teams may not include members in different age divisions (i.e., Juniors mixed with Seniors). Team member names are not required until day of contest.
- Entry fee:** (See Entries for All 4-H and FFA Contests)
- Attire:** Each team will have the option of wearing coordinated clothing, aprons, or hair coverings. Each team member is required to wear closed toe shoes and a hair restraint. Each team member must wear a hat, hair net and/or other type of hair restraint during the food preparation part of the competition. No electronic devices or jewelry (except medically required) are allowed in contest. This includes cell phones, smart watches, or other communication devices.
- Resource materials:** Printed resource materials will be provided for each team at the contest. These include Choose MyPlate Mini Poster, Fight Bac - Fight Foodborne Bacteria Brochure, Know Your Nutrients, Food Safety Fact Sheet. No other resource materials will be allowed. Teams may not use their personal copies of the resources during the contest.
- Supply box:** Each team must supply their own equipment for the challenge. Teams may only bring the supplies listed in the contest supply box listed on last page of the 4-H & FFA Food Challenge Rules. Team boxes may be randomly selected for inspection at the time of contest check-in. Any extra equipment found during inspection will be removed from the team's supply box. Throughout the contest, teams that are in the possession of supplies not on the official supply list may be disqualified.

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Boxes must be completely closed, and all equipment should remain inside the box until the start of the contest. Supply boxes are limited to the following dimensions: 40" x 24" X 40". If box is on wheels, the height of the wheels is not included in the dimensions. The contest committee may measure any and/or all boxes to determine compliance to size. If boxes are out of compliance, teams may be disqualified.



- 9. Food categories:** 1) Appetizer 2) Main Dish 3) Side Dish 4) Healthy Dessert. Teams will be randomly assigned to a category, with assignments revealed at the cooking/preparation station and/or during team orientation. Each team will be directed to a cooking/preparation station consisting of a table and electrical outlet. Only participants and contest officials will be allowed in food preparation areas.
- 10. Contest format:** Each team will receive an information sheet with their contest category and "key" ingredient for that category (no ingredient amounts, recipe, or instructions will be provided at the station). The "key" ingredient will be representative of one of the following categories: Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, Healthy Dessert. Teams will also be able to use items from a "pantry" they bring as a part of their supply box (see the supply box list for a list of allowable pantry items).

Teams will have access to a "grocery store" of additional ingredients which should be combined with the team's "key" ingredient to create an original recipe/dish during the contest. Grocery store items will include items commonly found in grocery stores such as produce, canned goods, crackers, dairy products, etc.

Teams must select & use at least two additional items from the "grocery store" and will be provided the maximum number of items they can select during orientation. Teams will not be required to analyze cost of recipe, nor will this be included in the presentation or scoring of the contest. Contest currency and cost analysis have been eliminated.

- 11. Preparation:** Teams will have 40 minutes to prepare the dish, plan a presentation, and clean up the preparation area. 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 multiple dishes with their ingredients/pantry items.
- Teams are challenged with being creative and developing their own recipe with the ingredients provided.
 - Teams will determine the exact amount of each ingredient used based on their original recipe.
 - The key ingredient provided to and/or grocery store items selected by each team may also be used to garnish the dish.
 - Note cards may be used to write down the recipe that the team invents, along with notes related to nutrition, and food safety. Teams should be exact on ingredients used, preparation steps, cooking time, temperature, etc.

- 12. Food and Equipment safety:** A safe and sanitary working environment must be maintained during the contest. Each station will have food and kitchen safety printed resources for reference. Teams should follow the steps listed to ensure proper food and equipment safety is practiced. Judges will be scoring teams on food and equipment safety during the preparation phase of the contest. Teams should also discuss food safety practices used in the team presentation to the judges. A copy of the score cards can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition>

Gloves: Gloves do not have to be worn throughout the contest; however, there should always be a barrier between your hand and any food touched. A barrier includes gloves and/or a cooking utensil. When wearing gloves, they must be changed between handling raw meats/seafood; handling cooked items; and ready to eat items or raw vegetables to prevent cross contamination. Hand sanitizer should be used during the preparation phase of the contest to further prevent cross contamination.

Hair Restraint: Each team member must wear a hat, hair net and/or other type of hair restraint during the food preparation part of the competition. Examples of acceptable hair restraints includes hairnets, bandana with hair pulled completely back, chef hat with hair restrained inside, or a cap with hair completely tucked inside.

- 13. Nutrition:** Each station will have a variety of nutrition printed resources/references. Each team should highlight key nutrients in their dish and their functions during the presentation.
- 14. Cost analysis:** Teams will not be required to analyze cost of the recipe, nor will this be included in the presentation or scoring of the contest.
- 15. Equipment malfunctions:** Teams that may experience any equipment malfunction(s) may not replace the equipment with supplies from another team, leaders, volunteers, CEA/ASTs or contest officials. Team members must work together and be creative in completing preparation without the malfunctioning equipment.
- 16. Presentation:** Following the preparation phase of the contest, each team will give a 5-minute presentation to a panel of judges. Team presentations should include the criteria on the score card which includes Knowledge of MyPlate and Dietary Guidelines; Nutrition Knowledge; Food Preparation; Safety Concerns and Practices; and Serving Size information. Teams should remember

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that food appearance and quality; creativity used; and utilization of effective communication skills is also included on the score card. A copy of the score cards can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition>.

- a. A majority of team members must participate in the presentation.
 - b. To earn maximum points, teams must use the 5-minute presentation to address the following areas of the presentation scorecard: Knowledge of MyPlate and Dietary Guidelines, Nutrition Knowledge, Food Preparation Steps, Safety Concerns and Practices, and Serving Size.
 - c. At the end of 5 minutes, time will be called – additional time will not be allowed. Judges will be allowed 3 minutes to ask questions. Judges will not ask questions related to what teams should have covered during the presentation. Judge's questions will be related to general nutrition, health, chronic disease prevention or others relevant to food and nutrition.
 - d. No talking or writing is allowed among any team members while waiting to present. Team members caught talking and/or writing will receive a warning. The second time, the team will be disqualified and asked to leave. Team members should not have pens or pencils in their possession while waiting to present.
17. **Clean-up:** Teams must clean up their preparation areas. Clean-up time is included in the 40-minute preparation allotment. Teams should plan to not have access to a kitchen facility; therefore, dirty dishes should be placed in a plastic container, bag or box to be cleaned at a later time. **Left-over food should be disposed of in trashcans made available not in the bathrooms.**
 18. **Finished Dishes:** Finished dishes MAY NOT leave the preparation/judging areas. Dishes must be discarded after teams complete the judging process to ensure teams in following heats do not see what ingredients are available to gain an advantage.
 19. **Final Round:** The first-place team in each category per age division will compete in the final round competition. Teams competing in the final round will be provided with an area to wash their supplies in preparation for the Finals.
 20. **Tie breakers:** The tie breaker sequence will be 1. Presentation score; 2. Preparation score; 3. Questions section of the Presentation scorecard
 21. **Awards:** Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show. The following awards will be awarded in both Junior and Senior divisions. Once announced, all contest results are final.

4-H/FFA Teams	Award
First Place	Team Trophy, Team Banner, & Individual Award for each team member
Second Place	Team Trophy, Team Banner, & Individual Award for each team member
Third Place	Team Trophy, Team Banner, & Individual Award for each team member
Fourth Place	Team Plaque & Rosettes for each team member

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SUPPLY BOX

Boxes must be completely closed, and all equipment should remain inside the box until the start of the contest. Supply boxes are limited to the following dimensions: 40" x 24" X 40". If box is on wheels, the height of the wheels is not included in the dimensions. The plastic box for dirty equipment may be placed on top of the equipment box but must be EMPTY.

Each team will bring an equipment box containing only one each of the following items, unless a different quantity is noted:

Beverage glass
Bowls (up to 4 – any size)
Calculator
Can Opener
Colander
Cookie Cutters (up to 2 – team choice)
Cutting Boards (up to 4)
Disposable plastic spoons for tasting (no limit)
Dry measuring cups (1 set)
Electric Skillet
Extension cord (multiple outlet or strip style)
(Teams should be certain the extension cord is compatible (2-prong/3-prong) with the plugs on their electrical supplies)
First aid kit
Food thermometer
Fork
Gloves
Grater
Hand sanitizer
Hot pads (up to 5)
Kitchen shears (1 pair)
Kitchen timer
Knives (up to 6)
Liquid measuring cup
Measuring spoons (1 set)
Manual Pencil Sharpener
Non-stick cooking spray
Note cards (1 package - no larger than 5 X 7)
Paper towels (1 roll)
Pancake turner (up to 2)
Pencils (no limit)
Plastic box and/or trash bag for dirty equipment
Pot with lid
Potato masher
Potato peeler
Sanitizing wipes (1 container)
Serving Dishes/Utensils

- 1 plate/platter
- 1 bowl
- 1 utensil

Skewers (1 set)
Skillet with lid
Spatulas (up to 2)
Stirring spoon
Storage bags and/or containers (1 box)
Tongs
Toothpicks
Two single-burner hot plates OR one double- burner plate (electric only!)
Whisk

Pantry Items

Salt

Pepper

Oil (up to 17 oz)

1 jar chicken bouillon

1 medium onion

2 cans (up to 16 oz) vegetables and/or fruit
(team choice)

Rice (white or brown) or pasta (up to 16 oz – must
be uncooked/dried) (team choice)

Cornstarch (up to 1 lb) or Flour (up to 1 lb) (team
choice)

4-H Horse Judging Contest

Superintendent – Mike Heimer – Conroe, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Jennifer Zoller – College Station, TX
Dr. Chelsie Huseman – College Station, TX

Monday, March 4

Registration:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Great Southwest Equestrian Center – Katy, TX
Contest begins:	9:30 a.m.	Great Southwest Equestrian Center – Katy, TX
Results and Awards:	Upon Completion of tabulation	Great Southwest Equestrian Center – Katy, TX

Special Rules for 4-H Horse Evaluation

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests) Students judging in the FFA Horse Judging Contest may not compete in the 4-H Horse Judging Contest.
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - 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 (ie 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.
- Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - Eight classes will be judged with four animals each. Animals designated by numbers (1, 2, 3, 4).
 - Two to four classes will be halter and four to six classes will be performance.
 - Performance classes will be selected from the following: Western Pleasure, Stock Horse Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Western Horsemanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Trail, Western Riding or Reining. (Classes will be judged according to current AQHA Handbook of Rules and Regulations and the American Stock Horse Association Handbook – Stock Horse Pleasure Only).
 - Reasons will be required for 4-H contestants. Seniors will give two sets of reasons (one halter/one performance). 4-H Juniors will give one set of reasons (halter). Reasons will be given at the conclusion of class judging.
 - Questions are no longer a part of the 4-H Horse Judging Contest
 - Movement of groups to each class will be controlled by the Superintendent.
- Location:** The Horse Judging Contest will take place at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, located at 2501 South Mason Road, Katy, TX 77450. To view a directional map to the facilities, please visit the following link:
<https://www.gswec.com/spectators/>.
- Results:** The results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
- Tiebreakers:** The tiebreaker sequence for the contest will be as follows: (1) Highest reasons score, (2) Lower placings in reasons classes, and (3) Standard deviation.
- Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded to 4-H Contestants:

Team Placings	Award
Overall Senior High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>Senior High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy and ribbon for each team member
<u>Junior High Point Teams</u> First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy and rosette for each team member

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<u>Junior High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy and ribbon for each team member
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<i>Senior Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall Senior High Point Individual	N.W. "Dick" Freeman Memorial Cash Award in the amount of \$1,500 and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Overall Reserve Senior High Point Individual	Bobby Schmidt Memorial cash award in the amount of \$750 and plaque
<u>Senior High Point Individuals</u> Third thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>Senior High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette
Overall Senior Reasons Individual	N.W. "Dick" Freeman Memorial Cash Award in the amount of \$1,250 and plaque
<u>Senior Reasons Individuals</u> Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>Senior Reasons Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

<i>Junior Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall Junior High Point Individual	N.W. "Dick" Freeman Memorial Cash Award in the amount of \$750 and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Overall Reserve Junior High Point Individual	Plaque
<u>Junior High Point Individuals</u> Third thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>Junior High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette
Overall Junior Reasons Individual	Cash award in the amount of \$750 from Susannah Hughes Compton and the Montgomery County Adult Horse Committee and plaque
<u>Junior Reasons Individuals</u> Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>Junior Reasons Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

FFA Horse Judging Contest

Superintendent – Mike Heimer – Conroe, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Jennifer Zoller – College Station, TX
Dr. Chelsie Huseman – College Station, TX

Monday, March 4

Registration:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Great Southwest Equestrian Center – Katy, TX
Contest begins:	9:30 a.m.	Great Southwest Equestrian Center – Katy, TX
Results and Awards	Upon completion of tabulation	Great Southwest Equestrian Center – Katy, TX

Special Rules for FFA Horse Evaluation

2. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
3. **Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests) Students judging in the FFA Horse Judging Contest may not compete in the 4-H Judging Contest.
4. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA 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 (ie 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. **Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - a. Eight classes will be judged with four animals each. Animals designated by numbers (1, 2, 3, 4).
 - b. Two to four classes will be halter and four to six classes will be performance.
 - c. Performance classes will be selected from the following: Western Pleasure, Stock Horse Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Western Horsemanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Trail, Western Riding or Reining. (Classes will be judged according to current AQHA Handbook of Rules and Regulations and the American Stock Horse Association Handbook – Stock Horse Pleasure Only).
 - d. Each contestant will answer a total of 10 questions, five points each, from 2 classes. Five questions will be announced at the conclusion of the performance classes or when the five halter classes questions are asked. Questions will be determined by the Contest Officials.
 - e. Paper note taking material will be allowed. Students must take notes on all eight classes in order to answer the questions.
 - f. Reasons will no longer be a part of the FFA Horse Judging Contest
 - g. Movement of groups to each class will be controlled by the Superintendent.
6. **Location:** The Horse Judging Contest will take place at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, located at 2501 South Mason Road, Katy, TX 77450. To view a directional map to the facilities, please visit the following link:
<https://www.gswec.com/spectators/>.
7. **Results:** The results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
8. **Tiebreakers:** The tiebreaker sequence will be the same as Texas FFA Association tiebreakers for the contest. See details below.

Ties for individuals will be broken as follows:

 - a) The individual with the highest score in placing classes will be the winner.
 - b) If still tied, the individual with the highest score on questions will be the winner.
 - c) If still tied, contestants will be accompanied by their advisor and will meet with contest officials who will conduct a coin toss to determine the winner.

Ties to teams will be broken as follows:

 - a) The team with the highest score in the placing classes will be the winner.
 - b) If still tied, the team with the highest alternate score will be the winner.
 - c) If still tied, the team with the high point individual will be the winner.
 - d) If still tied, the team will be accompanied by their advisor and will meet with contest officials who will conduct a coin toss to determine the winning team

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9. Awards: The following prizes will be awarded to FFA Contestants:

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy and ribbon for each team member
<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Individual	N.W. "Dick" Freeman Memorial Cash Award in the amount of \$1,500 and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Overall Reserve High Point Individual	Bobby Schmidt Memorial cash award in the amount of \$750 and plaque
<u>High Point Individual</u> Third thru Fifteenth Placing	Plaque
<u>High Point Individual</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Placing	Rosette

4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Larry Boleman — College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Billy Zanolini — College Station, TX

 **Monday, March 11**

 **Contest Location: NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion**

Registration	11 a.m.	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
Orientation for Contestants and Coaches ONLY	Noon	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
<i>Please note all parents and non-contestants must be out of the sales pavilion & contest area at start of orientation.</i>		
Contest Starts	12:30 p.m.	NRG Arena – Hall A & B
Results and Awards	Start no earlier than 4:30 p.m.	NRG Arena – Sales Pavilion
Calf Scramble Reception	6 p.m.	NRG Arena – Rooms 2 & 3

Special Rules for 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** (See eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - Teams consisting of three (3) or four (4) contestants will be eligible for team awards. Teams that consist of less than three (3) will only be eligible for individual awards.
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - 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 (ie 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.
- Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
- Classes:**
 - Eight live animal classes (400 points). One set of ten questions (50 points). Contest will consist of (450 points).
 - Animals within a class will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4.
 - No oral reasons for this contest. Questions come from at least 3 of the placing classes.
 - The species that will make up the contest include beef cattle, swine, sheep, and meat goats.
- Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
- Calf Scramble Certificates:**
 - Certificates will be awarded to the top winners (combined Junior and Senior Divisions - excluding high school seniors – 12th grade) who have never received a calf scramble certificate at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Number of eligible winners to be determined by Show Management. The certificates will be the only ones given regardless of clerical errors or for any other reason.
 - Winners who do not report to the Contest Superintendent within 15 minutes after the results have been announced will forfeit their purchase certificates and the next ranking winner will be moved up to receive the forfeited certificate. Any individual that is unable to attend the Awards Presentation because he/she is exhibiting an animal in a concurrent show MUST receive approval from the Contest Superintendent prior to the conclusion of the contest to receive the certificate.
 - Winners of the certificates will be taken to the Livestock Judging Reception by the Calf Scramble Committee following the Awards Presentation to complete the required forms.
 - Total award for all Calf Scramble Certificate recipients is \$2,250, \$1,750 of which will be used to purchase the heifer or market steer and \$500 of which will be received after the banquet at the 2024 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled. Purchase certificates in the amount of \$1,750 must be used in the purchase of a breeding beef heifer or a market steer approved by the CEA or AST. Heifers must be born between Jan. 1, 2023, and Apr. 30, 2024.

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- e. Contestants are not required to accept a Calf Scramble Certificate.
 - f. Contestants who accept a Calf Scramble Certificate will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Calf Scramble and Purchase Certificate Rules.
8. **Tiebreaker:** The following tie breaking sequence will be used in the 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest:
- a. (1) Questions/Reasons, followed by (2) either specie total or a designated placing classed determined by the contest Superintendent, followed by (3) Standard deviation.
9. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded:



<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall Senior High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>Senior High Point Team</u> Second thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy
<u>Junior High Point Team</u> First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy

<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle in the name of the Waggoner Family
Overall Reserve Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
<u>Senior High Point Individuals</u> Third thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>Senior High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette
Overall Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle in the name of the Waggoner Family; plaque
Overall Reserve Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle; plaque
<u>Junior High Point Individuals</u> Third thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>Junior High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette


4-H & FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Stanley Kelley – College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Jana Barrett – College Station, TX, **Cory Hundt M.Ed.** – College Station, TX

Friday, March 1

Quiz Bowl Registration:	7 a.m.	NRG Center – Outside Room 603
Orientation	8 a.m.	NRG Center – Rooms 602 - 603
Preliminary Rounds:	8:30 a.m.	NRG Center – Rooms 600-601, 606-609
Finals:	Upon completion of prelims	NRG Center – Room 600
Awards Presentation:	Upon completion of finals	NRG Center – Room 603

Special Rules for 4-H & FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligible Entries:** (See eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - Each county or FFA chapter is invited to enter an unlimited number of teams of up to four (4) contestants per team.
 - Contestants must not have completed post-secondary coursework in subject areas of the National 4-H or FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in subject areas of the 4-H - FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest.
 - Any contestant enrolled in post-secondary education must submit a transcript of completed and/or enrolled coursework with entry materials.
 - All contestants must be members in good standing of 4-H or FFA in the state and county/club that they are representing during the contest.
- Maximum Entries:** A team will consist of three (3) or four (4) contestants. (This differs from the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide rules).
- Entry:** (See Entry for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 -  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 (ie 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.
- TX 4-H Quiz Bowl Guidelines:** This show will be held under the rules of the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide (Version 8.2019) (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/quiz/>), provided they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. See the following exceptions to the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide rules which will be followed at the HLSR contest. Resources for the Livestock Quiz Bowl are available on the <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/quiz/> under HLSR Livestock Quiz Bowl.
 - Page 7 of Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide: Team Participation Reward Points – For the HLSR Livestock Quiz Bowl, team participation reward points will be awarded after three (3) team members successfully answer a question no matter the number of members on a team.
- Registration:** Teams will be notified prior to the contest as to when and where they should report. Teams that fail to check-in within 10 minutes of their scheduled match will forfeit the match unless excused by the Superintendent.
- Team Captains:** A team captain is designated and should be seated nearest the moderator, who will be positioned between the two teams. Contestants will wear identification tags and/or have cards with their contestant numbers. The captain will remain the captain throughout the contest and will always be seated closest to the moderator. For the purpose of tracking individual points, the remaining team members will pick a designated seating assignment (number) and remain that number for the course of each game play.
- Viewing:** Contestants cannot view matches until the open viewing of the championship round. No electronic devices are allowed in contest room. Spectators may not bring any writing, recording devices or other similar materials into a contest room. Other specific rules about public and participant viewing will be announced at orientation, just prior to the Quiz Bowl competition.

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10. **Awards:** Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show. The following prizes will be awarded:

<i>Placing Team</i>	<i>Award</i>
First Place	\$400 school supply gift card; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member; Team trophy and banner
Second Place	\$300 school supply gift card; Plaque for each team member; Team trophy and banner
Third Place	\$200 school supply gift card; Team trophy, and banner
Fourth Place	\$100 school supply gift card; Team trophy, and plaque

<i>Highpoint Individuals</i>	<i>Award</i>
First Place	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Second Place	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle

4-H & FFA Meat Judging Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Davey Griffin – College Station, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Dan Hale – College Station, TX & **Andrew Fry** – Houston, TX

Martin Foods – 2011 Silver St. Houston, TX 77007

Sunday, March 3

Registration:	7:30 a.m.	Martin Foods
Contest starts:	8:30 a.m.	Martin Foods
Results and Awards:	2:00 p.m.	Martin Foods

Special Rules for 4-H & FFA Meat Judging Contest

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests) In addition:
 - a. All contestants are required to be appropriately attired to enter a meat-processing establishment.
 - b. Contestants must provide their own hard hats, hairnets, beard nets (if needed), and laboratory coats. Close-toed shoes are required. Warm clothes should be worn.
 - c. Contestants will not be permitted to:
 - i. Bring items other than #2 pencil and an unmarked clipboard or manila folder.
 - ii. Handle any exhibit.
 - iii. Use any mechanical aid (ruler, calculator, light, etc.)
 - d. 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 (ie 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.
4. **Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests) All contestants will be provided a drop sheet and blank note paper for recording their results and/or calculations.
5. **Class Procedures:**
 - a. Classes -10 minutes will be allowed for each class. Contestants will have 2 minutes to observe the general appearance factors and will be given a warning of 1 minute before the time is up. No stand back period will be required for retail cut identification, retail cut classes and beef grading classes. Contestants will be given a 10-minute break to warm up and review notes for the questions portion of the contest. Notes cannot be used during the question session. Contestants will have 10 minutes to answer questions on two placing classes designated during the contest. (5 questions per class for a total of 10)
 - b. Exhibits within a class will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - c. No oral reasons for this contest.
 - d. Movement of groups to each class will be controlled by the Superintendent.

6. Classes:

	<u>FFA</u>	<u>4-H</u>
6 Placing Classes ¹	300	300
2 Beef Quality and Yield Grading Classes (3 carcasses per class) ²	120	0
4 Retail Cut Identification Classes (40 total cuts for both 4-H and FFA) ³	280	400
1 Placing Question Class (5 questions on each of 2 classes) ⁴	50	50
Possible Individual Score	750	750

7. Placing classes will be selected from the following list:

- a. Beef carcasses
- b. Pork carcasses
- c. Lamb carcasses
- d. Beef wholesale cuts: *beef ribs (IMPS #103 or #107), beef loins, beef short loins, beef rounds*
- e. Pork wholesale cuts: *fresh hams, pork center cut loins*
- f. Retail cuts: *beef blade steaks, beef porterhouse steaks, beef T-bone steaks, beef lip-on ribeye steaks, beef sirloin steaks, pork blade chops, pork rib chops, pork loin chops, lamb blade chops, lamb loin chops, lamb sirloin chops*

Special Rules for 4-H & FFA Meat Judging Contest

Every effort will be taken to not use more than two classes from any major group heading, (a - f); however, the official committee reserves the right to utilize the available product to produce the best classes possible.

8. Beef grading will consist of two classes of three carcasses each to yield and quality grade. 4-H will participate in these classes solely as demonstration classes that will not count for their overall point total.
9. 4-H and FFA will participate in retail cut identification. The official list of retail identification cuts and corresponding code list will be identical for 4-H and FFA participants and will be the official list for this contest. Point values for 4-H and FFA retail identification will be consistent with TX 4-H and FFA guidelines, respectively.
10. Five questions on each of two classes shall be prepared by the official committee. The classes for questions will be identified to participants immediately prior to judging of the class. Questions should be derived from clear decisions that should be made while determining the placing of the class. Questions will be written and administered to all participants as a class in the contest rotation or as the last class in the contest depending upon facility limitations.
11. **Tiebreaker:** The tiebreaker sequence for both 4-H and FFA Divisions are as follows:

4-H Division

- 1st Total Reasons or Questions Score
- 2nd Retail ID
- 3rd Total Placing Score

Ties not broken by the tie-breakers listed above will be broken using criteria selected by the lead contest official.

FFA Division

Ties for team awards shall be broken as follows:

- i. The team with the highest score in the identification wins.
- ii. If still tied, the highest score in questions classes.
- iii. If still tied, the highest total score in the carcass grading.
- iv. If still tied, the team with the high alternate score.
- v. If still tied, the teams will be accompanied by their advisor and will meet with contest officials who will conduct a coin toss to determine the higher placing team.

Ties for individual awards shall be broken as follows:

- i. The individual with the highest score in the identification wins.
- ii. If still tied, the highest score in questions classes.
- iii. If still tied, the highest total score in the carcass grading.
- iv. If still tied, the individuals will be accompanied by their advisor and will meet with contest officials who will conduct a coin toss to determine the higher placing individual.

12. **Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final. **Contestants must be present to receive their awards.** Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
13. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded for both 4-H and FFA Divisions:

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy
<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
<u>High Point Individuals</u> Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

4-H & FFA Nursery Landscape Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Jared Barnes – Nacogdoches, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Hailey Dunbar, Nacogdoches, TX


Saturday, March 2

Registration:	7 a.m.	NRG Center – TBD
Registration Ends:	7:45 a.m.	
Contest Begins:	8 a.m.	NRG Center – TBD
Results and Awards:	noon	NRG Center – TBD

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event (CDE) is to encourage FFA members to explore the diversity of the “Green Industry”, in terms of plant materials used, basic knowledge, skills and applications to the workplace through the agricultural education curriculum. This is an important facet to agriculture in TX. The event requires students to identify plant materials and tools common to the industry, demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific principles and management practices applied in the industry via a written exam, and make observations, draw conclusions and make decisions in evaluating groups of plants and landscape designs. The event has ties to the following agricultural science curriculum: TEKS 130.21, Landscape Design Management; TEKS 130.23, Horticulture Science; TEKS 130.22, Turf grass Management and TEKS 130.25, Practicum in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

Special Rules for Nursery/Landscape

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
-  3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA 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 (ie 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.
4. **Event Format:**
 - a. **Team Make-up:** Three or four individuals per school form a team. All members will be scored, and the top three scores will count towards the team total.
 - b. **Equipment**
 - i. Team members must provide their own sharpened No. 2 pencils for the event. A pencil sharpener may not be available in each event room.
 - ii. Team members must provide their own compliant transparent plastic clipboard free of all current or recycled lapel contest stickers; must be sticker free (excluding school logos which were applied when the clipboard was manufactured) and/or clean folder with the following items: scan sheet, and/or copy of the scan sheet, optional TX FFA CDE drop sheet, and/or 2 sheets of lined or unlined black paper.
 - iii. Team members must provide their own architect scale for the event.
 - iv. Team members may use their own battery-operated non-programmable calculators. If the calculator has either a PROB, PGM, or TVM button or if the calculator has a large screen and the ability to graph function, it is programmable and will not be permitted. Letters above the number keys also indicate that the calculator is programmable.
 - v. Team members are **not** permitted to share calculators or architect scale between teammates or among any other contestants.
 - vi. No allowance will be made for malfunctioning or inoperable calculators. Electrical outlets will not be available for charging batteries, etc.
 - vii. Team members must provide their own architect scale for the event.
 - viii. The “Universal Form C” scan sheet will be used for this CDE.
 - c. **Event Schedule**
 - i. Each contestant shall complete the event in the time allotted:
 - a. The identification of plant materials/pests/diseases/tools must be completed in 60 minutes. The identification section will be divided into two-30-minute rotations.
 - b. The problem-solving section must be completed in 30 minutes.
 - c. The Keep/Cull section must be completed in 30 minutes.
 - d. The Written Examination must be completed in 30 minutes.
 - e. Observers are not permitted in the event area while the event is in progress, but observers may be allowed in the

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area following the event at the discretion of the superintendent.

- ii. Providers are encouraged to leave contest materials in place for one hour following the conclusion of the event to allow students adequate time for review. Observers are not permitted in the event area while the event is in progress, but observers may be allowed in the area following the event.
- d. **Identification Section (600 points)**
 - i. 60 specimens will be selected from the 170 plants, diseases, disorders, weed and tool list presented on the TX FFA Nursery/Landscape Identification List.
 - ii. Specimens will be identified in two rotations, 25 plants and five pests/diseases/disorders/weeds/tools in each rotation, with 30 minutes to complete each rotation. All contestants will be allowed to work within the rotation, at their own pace. Contestants cannot return to a rotation once it is timed out.
 - iii. A plant specimen may consist of any part of the plant commonly utilized in the nursery/landscape industry for plant identification. The plant must be the exact plant listed on the TX Nursery/Landscape Identification List.
 - iv. Plants to identify will be presented as intact, live specimens. Tools may be either intact items or high-quality photographs. Pest and diseases may be presented as intact specimens, photographs, or preserved specimens (herbarium sheet, insect mount). Photograph will be 8.5" x 11" in size.
 - v. When a pest or disease must be presented with an affected plant, a "Pest/Disease" label will be with the item to designate identification of the problem rather than the plant.
 - vi. Each contestant will be supplied with a list of the plants, pests, diseases, disorders, weeds, and tools. Contest providers will distribute this list to contestants at the start of the contest to insure equal access to the information throughout the event.
 - vii. Each specimen will be designated with a number. Students bubble in the appropriate number in the space next to the specimen's name on the official scan sheet.
 - viii. 10 points are given for each correctly identified specimen.
 - ix. Under no circumstances is any student allowed to touch or handle the photos or specimen used as part of the event. Any infraction of this policy is sufficient cause to eliminate the individual from the **entire contest**.
- e. **Problem Solving (100 points)**
 - i. This practicum is designed to evaluate participants' ability to evaluate a landscape design, read a landscape drawing, measure and calculate materials needed to execute a landscape plan and evaluate factors that affect profitability of a landscape business. In addition, the contest provider will incorporate two to five questions related to the following topics:
 - 2022: Plant Nutrition, Chap 6 in the TNLA TCNP manual
 - 2023: Plant Pests, Chap 7 in the TCNP manual
 - 2024: Soil & Growing Media, Chap 5 in the TCNP manual
 - 2025: Landscape Design, Chap 18 in the TCNP manual
 - 2026: Landscape Color, Chap 15 in the TCNP manual
 - ii. Blank typing paper will be provided at the contest site for calculations.
 - iii. Students will have 30 minutes to complete this section.
- f. **Plant Keep/Cull Classes (200 points)**
 - i. This section will consist of 10 multiple choice questions worth 10 points each.
 - ii. One class each of groundcovers/vines, shrubs, and annual or herbaceous plants (eight specimens per class/three classes total). A fourth keep/cull class will be selected by the contest provider from the keep/cull class listing, for a total of four keep/cull classes.
 - iii. Contestants should designate the four best plant specimens from the eight specimens presented, using visual appraisal. Contestants are not permitted to handle any plant specimen.
 - iv. Event officials will assign a point value to each one of the individual plant specimens, with the greatest number of points assigned to the most desirable specimen and the least points assigned to the least desirable specimen. If the student selects the best four plant specimens, within an individual class, full credit will be given (50 points). The selection of less desirable plant specimens will reduce the points awarded within standards available on JudgingCard.com. A new table illustrating keep/cull point groupings will be available on JudgingCard.com
 - v. **General Knowledge Examinations (100 points)**

Groundcovers/vines, which may include:

Hedera helix cvs. - English ivy
Ipomoea batatas - Sweet potato vine
Juniperus horizontalis cvs. - Creeping juniper
Liriope muscari - Liriope, Lilyturf,
Lonicera japonica - Japanese honeysuckle
Trachelospermum asiaticum - Asiatic jasmine
Vinca spp. - Periwinkle

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Shurbs, which may include:

Abelia x grandiflora – Glossy Abelia
Buxus cvs. - Boxwood
Euonymus japonica cvs. – Japanese euonymus
Gardenia spp. – Gardenia
Ilex cvs. - Holly
Nandina cvs. – Heavenly bamboo
Pittosporum tobira – Pittosporum
Podocarpus macrophyllus – Southern Yew
Raphiolepis indica cvs. – Indian hawthorn

Annual or herbaceous plants, which may include:

Angelonia angustifolia - Angelonia
Begonia semperflorens-cultorum cvs. - Begonia
Caladium x hortulanum cv. – Caladium
Salvia splendens – Scarlet Salvia
Coleus x hybridus – Coleus
Hemerocallis cvs. – Daylily
Petunia x hybrida – Petunia
Tagetes cvs. - Marigold
Viola x wittrockiana cvs. – Pansy
Zinnia cvs. - Zinnia

5. Scoring: (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests) Contestants will be given scorecards.

Identification Section.....	600
Problem Solving.....	100
Plant Keep/Cull Classes.....	200
Exam.....	100

Total Points Possible

Individual	1,000
Team.....	3,000

6. References

Texas Nursery/Landscape ID lists (Weed, Disease & Disorders, Plant ID, Tools and Pests) can be found on JudgingCard at the following link: www.judgingcard.com/resources/list.aspx

Printed Materials:

Plants of the Metroplex III (reference book) Plants for Texas (reference book)
8926 Complete Set AgSc 361 – Landscape Design, Construction, and Maintenance,
IMS 8942 Complete Set AgSc 362 – Horticultural Plant Production, IMS

Video References:

9753D Landscape Design I: Introduction to Landscape Design
9754D Landscape Design II: Landscape Design Process
9839D Landscape Plant Identification – Ground Covers and Shrubs,
9843D Practice Landscape Plant Identification,
CEV 9840D Landscape Plant Identification – Trees

Computer Software:

9432NC Nursery Plant Identification

Books:

Arnold, Michael A. *Landscape Plants for TX and Environs*. Champaign, IL.: Stipes Pub., 3rd Edition, 2008.
Biondo, Ronald J. and Charles B. Schroeder, *Landscape Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. Boston, MA: Pearson, 2009.
Birdwell, Ferrell m. *Landscape Plants: Their Identification, Culture and Use*. Albany, NY: Delmar, 2001.
Garrett, Howard. *Plants of the Metroplex III*. Austin: U. of TX., 1998.
Odenwald, Neil G. and James R. Turner. *Identification, Selection and Use of Southern Plants for Landscape Design*. Baton Rouge: Claitor's Pub. Division, 2006.
Sperry, Neil. *Neil Sperry's Lone Star Gardening: TX' Complete Planting Guide and Gardening Calendar*. McKinney, TX: Neil Sperry's Gardnes, 2014.

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TX Nursery Landscape Association. *Best of TX Landscape Guide*. Austin, TX: TX Nursery Landscape Association. 2014.

Keep/Cull Class Reference:

TX FFA Nursery/Landscape CDE revision committee guidelines posted on JudgingCard.com.

Problem Solving Reference:

Georgia Agriculture Curriculum Resource and Reference website: <http://www.gaaged.org/page.aspx?ID=85>

Other Websites:

Aggie Horticulture Picture Pages <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/picturepages/tamuhort.html>

National FFA website www.ffa.org

TNLA TCNP Manual Purchase

Full manual: [https://texasnurserytxassoc.wliinc26.com/cwt/external/wcpages/wcecommerce/ecomlistpage.aspx?](https://texasnurserytxassoc.wliinc26.com/cwt/external/wcpages/wcecommerce/ecomlistpage.aspx?CategoryType=&Keyword=&ItemType=&PageNumber=2)

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7. Contest

- a. Team members must provide their own sharpened pencils for the event. A pencil sharpener may not be available in each event room.
- b. Team members may use their own battery-operated non-programmable calculators. Team members are **not** permitted to share calculators between teammates or among any other contestants.
- c. No allowance will be made for malfunctioning or inoperable calculators. Electrical outlets will not be available for charging batteries, etc.
- d. The "Horticulture" scan sheet will be used for this CDE.
- e. Blank typing paper will be made available by the contest provider.
- f. A copy of the scale will be made available by the contest provider.
- g. Each contestant shall complete the event in the time allotted:
 - i. The identification of plant materials/pests/diseases/tools must be completed in 60 minutes. The identification section will be divided into two - 30-minute rotations.
 - ii. The problem-solving section must be completed in 30 minutes.
 - iii. The Keep/Cull section must be completed in 30 minutes.
 - iv. The written examination must be completed in 30 minutes.
- g. Observers are not permitted in the event area while the event is in progress, but observers may be allowed in the area following the event.
- h. Contest materials will be left in place for one hour following the conclusion of the event to allow teachers and students adequate time for review.

8. Tiebreaker: The following will be the tiebreaker sequence followed for the contest:

- a. ID Total
- b. Problem Solving
- c. Standard Deviation

9. Results: The contest results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

10. Awards:

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy

<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque

High Point Individuals Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

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PLANT LIST	
1	Abelia x grandiflora - Glossy Abelia
2	Acalypha wilkesiana - Copper Plant, Copperleaf
3	Acer palmatum - Japanese Maple
4	Acer rubrum cvs. - Red Maple
5	Agapanthus africanus - African Lily
6	Ajuga reptans - Carpet Bugleweed
7	Angelonia angustifolia - Angelonia
8	Antirrhinum majus cvs. - Snapdragon
9	Aquilegia x hybrida cvs. - Columbine
10	Aucuba japonica 'Variegata' - Gold Dust Aucuba
11	Begonia semperflorens-cultorum cvs. - Wax Begonia
12	Betula nigra - River Birch
13	Bougainvillea spectabilis - Bougainvillea
14	Buxus microphylla - Common Boxwood
15	Caladium x hortulanum cv. - Fancy Leaved Caladium
16	Calibrachoa parviflora - Calibrachoa
17	Callistemon citrinus - Red Bottlebrush
18	Camellia japonica - Japanese Camellia
19	Campsis radicans - Trumpet Vine
20	Canna x generalis - Canna Lily
21	Carya illinoensis - Pecan
22	Catharanthus roseus - Madagascar Periwinkle
23	Cercis canadensis - Eastern Redbud
24	Chilopsis linearis - Desert Willow
25	Chrysanthemum x morifolium cvs. - Chrysanthemum
26	Coleus x hybridus - Coleus
27	Colocasia esculenta - Elephant Ear
28	Cortaderia selloana - Pampas Grass
29	Cuphea hyssopifolia - Mexican Heather
30	Cycas revoluta - Sago Palm
31	Cynodon dactylon cvs. - Bermuda grass
32	Dermatophyllum secundiflorum - Texas Mountain Laurel
33	Dianthus chinensis cv. - Dianthus, Chinese Pinks
34	Echinacea purpurea - Purple Coneflower
35	Elaeagnus pungens - Silverthorn
36	Eriobotrya japonica - Loquat
37	Euonymus japonica cvs. - Japanese Euonymus
38	Evolvulus nuttallianus - Blue Daze
39	Forsythia x intermedia - Forsythia
40	Gardenia spp. - Gardenia
41	Gelsemium sempervirens - Carolina Jessamine
42	Ginkgo biloba - Ginkgo, Maidenhair Tree
43	Hedera helix cvs. - English Ivy
44	Hemerocallis cvs. - Daylily
45	Hesperaloe parviflora - Red Yucca
46	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis - Chinese Hibiscus
47	Hibiscus syriacus - Althaea, Rose of Sharon
48	Hosta cvs. - Hosta, Plantain Lily
49	Hydrangea macrophylla - Hydrangea
50	Ilex cornuta 'Rotunda' - Dwarf Chinese Holly
51	Ilex cornuta "Burfordii Nana" - Dwarf Burford Holly
52	Ilex vomitoria - Yaupon Holly
53	Ilex x 'Nellie R. Stevens' - Nellie R. Stevens Holly
54	Impatiens hawkeri - New Guinea Impatiens
55	Impatiens wallerana - Impatiens
56	Ipomoea batatas - Sweet Potato Vine
57	Iris x germanica - German Bearded Iris
58	Juniperus horizontalis cvs. - Creeping Juniper
59	Lagerstroemia indica cvs. - Crape Myrtle
60	Lantana camara cvs. - Lantana
61	Leucophyllum frutescens cvs. - Texas Sage
62	Ligustrum japonicum - Waxleaf Ligustrum, Privet
63	Liquidambar styraciflua - Sweet Gum
64	Liriope muscari - Liriope, Monkeygrass
65	Lobularia maritima - Sweet Alyssum
66	Lonicera japonica - Japanese Honeysuckle
67	Loropetalum chinense - Chinese Fringe Flower
68	Lupinus texensis - Texas Bluebonnet
69	Magnolia grandiflora cvs. - Southern Magnolia
70	Mahonia aquifolium cv. - Oregon Grape
71	Mandevilla splendens - Mandevilla
72	Miscanthus spp. - Miscanthus grass
73	Muhlenbergia capillaris - Gulf Muhly Grass
74	Myrica pusilla - Dwarf Wax Myrtle
75	Nandina domestica - Heavenly Bamboo
76	Narcissus cvs. - Daffodil, Narcissus
77	Nassella tenuissima - Mexican Feather grass
78	Nerium oleander - Oleander
79	Ophiopogon japonicus - Mondo Grass
80	Parthenocissus quinquefolia - Virginia Creeper
81	Pelargonium x hortorum cvs. - Zonal Geranium
82	Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum' - Purple Fountain Grass
83	Pentas lanceolata - Pentas
84	Petunia x hybrida - Petunia
85	Photinia x fraseri - Redtip Photinia
86	Pinus thunbergiana - Japanese Black Pine
87	Pistacia chinensis - Chinese Pistache
88	Pittosporum tobira cvs. - Pittosporum
89	Platanus occidentalis - Sycamore
90	Plumbago auriculata - Plumbago
91	Podocarpus macrophyllus var. maki - Japanese Yew, Podocarpus
92	Portulaca grandiflora - Portulaca, Moss Rose
93	Prunus cerasifera 'Atropurpurea' - Purpleleaf Plum
94	Pyracantha coccinea cvs. - Firethorn
95	Pyrus calleryana 'Bradford' - Bradford Pear
96	Quercus macrocarpa - Bur Oak
97	Quercus shumardii - Shumard Red Oak
98	Quercus virginiana - Live Oak
99	Raphiolepis indica cvs. - Indian Hawthorn
100	Rhododendron cvs. - Azalea
101	Rosa cvs. - Rose
102	Rosmarinus officinalis - Rosemary

103	Ruellia brittoniana - Dwarf Mexican Petunia
104	Salvia greggi - Autumn Sage
105	Salvia splendens - Scarlet Sage
106	Sedum spectabile - Fall Sedum
107	Senecio cineraria - Dusty Miller
108	Stachys byzantina - Lamb's Ear
109	Stenotaphrum secundatum cvs. - St. Augustine Grass
110	Tagetes cvs. - Marigold
111	Taxodium distichum - Bald Cypress
112	Tecoma stans - Esperanza
113	Ternstroemia gymnanthera - Cleyera
114	Thuja occidentalis - American Arborvitae
115	Trachelospermum asiaticum - Asiatic Jasmine
116	Ulmus crassifolia - Cedar Elm
117	Verbena X hybrida cvs. - Garden Verbena
118	Vinca spp. - Periwinkles
119	Viola tricolor - Viola, Johnny Jump Ups
120	Viola x wittrockiana cvs. - Pansy
121	Vitex agnus-castus - Vitex, Chaste Tree
122	Wisteria sinensis cv. - Chinese Wisteria
123	Zinnia cvs. - Zinnia
124	Zoysia cvs. - Zoysiagrass

PESTS

Aphid - adult stage
Bagworm - larvae stage
Mealybug - adult stage
Scale - adult stage
Snail/Slug - adult stage
Spider Mite - adult stage
Thrips - adult stage
White Grub - larvae stage
Whitefly - adult stage

DISEASES/DISORDERS

Anthrachnose
Black Spot
Fireblight
Powdery Mildew
Nitrogen Deficiency
Iron Deficiency
Anthrachnose

WEEDS

Crabgrass
Dandelion
Henbit

Nutsedge

TOOLS

Anvil & Blade Pruners
Aluminum Grading Rake
Architects Scale
Bow Rake
Bow Saw
Broadcast Spreader
Compressed Air Tank Sprayer
Cut-off Riser
Drain Spade "Sharpshooter"
Drop Spreader
Engineers Scale
Fertilizer
Fixed Riser
Garden Fork
Garden Hoe
Hook & Blade Pruners
Leaf Rake
Loppers
Perlite
Pole Pruner
Pop-up Sprinkler head
Pruning Saw
PVC "Tee"
PVC Coupling
PVC Elbow (ELL)
PVC Pipe Cutter
PVC Pipe Schedule 40 Rated
PVC Pipe, PSI Rated
Reel Mower
Rotary Mower
Rotor Sprinkler Head
Roto-tiller
Round Point Shovel
Shade Fabric
Soil Sampling Tube
Solenoid Valve
Square Point Shovel
String Trimmer
Tree Caliper
T-Square
Vermiculite
Water Breaker

4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest

Superintendents - Dale Hyatt — College Station, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Brett Meisinger — College Station, TX

Wednesday, February 28

Registration:	7 a.m.	Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center – LD Robinson Pavilion
Contest:	8 a.m.	Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center – LD Robinson Pavilion
Results & Awards:	1 p.m.	Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center – LD Robinson Pavilion



Contest Location: Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center - 5801 Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd, Katy, TX 77493

Special Rules for 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contest.
- Conduct of Contestants:** See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests.
 - 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 (ie 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.
- Scoring:** See scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests.
- Classes:** The classes of birds, eggs, market poultry, and poultry examination will be similar to those used in the TX FFA Poultry Career Development Events (judging contests). The manual used in FFA is titled POULTRY SCIENCE MANUAL FOR NATIONAL FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS, 8th Ed. (#0419-7). It may be purchased from Texas A&M AgriLife Library, <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/poultry-science-manual-for-career-developments-7th-edition/01t4x000002dEvP>. Portions of this book are used in the TX FFA Poultry Judging Contest. Slide sets showing essentials for grading eggs, grading carcasses, and selecting and placing birds are available from IMS.

The contest classes are as follows:

Class 1: 4 market broilers for placing (50 points)

Class 2: Four (4) past production egg-type hens for placing (50 points, no oral reasons)

Class 3: Four (4) turkey carcasses for placing (50 points, no oral reasons).

Ten (10) ready-to-cook broiler carcasses graded according to USDA grading standards (50 points).

Ten (10) Chicken eggs for interior quality grading (50 points).

Ten (10) shell eggs for exterior quality grading (100 points).

Boneless further-processed poultry meat products for evaluative criteria. (50 points).

Bone-in further processes poultry meat products for evaluative criteria. (50 points).

Ten (10) poultry carcass parts for identification. (50 points).

Written examination. (120 points).

- Handling:** All live animals, eggs, and carcasses must be handled with the utmost care and respect, or the participant will be removed from the contest and disqualified. Rough handling of materials will result in disqualification from the contest.
- Class Time Limits:** Each participant will have 14 minutes to complete each class. There will be a two-minute warning alerting the participant of the approaching end of the 14-minute period.

Special Rules for 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest

8. **Results:** The results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
9. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded:

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy
<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
<u>High Point Individuals</u> Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

4-H & FFA Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Barron Rector – College Station, TX



Sunday, March 10

Registration: 8 a.m.
 Registration Ends: 8:45 a.m.
 Contest starts: 9 a.m.
 Results and Awards: 11 a.m.

NRG Center – 2nd Floor
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Special Rules for Range and Pasture Plant Identification

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA 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 (ie 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.
4. **Scoring** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests) Contestants will be given a scantron and plant list in their registration packet. Contestants will have 60 seconds per plant to identify the plant and check the characteristics. Scoring will be done by points. If the plant name is incorrect, no credit will be given for characteristics correctly identified. Tie scores will be broken by the score of a pre-determined set of plants previously judged during the contest. This set of ten plants will be determined prior to the contest by Show Management. Judge's decisions will be final.
5. **Equipment** Bring two #2 pencil and a clear, unmarked clipboard, and a magnifying glass.
6. **Plants:**
 - a. Plants may be mounted specimens or live specimens placed on 4 rows of 10 tables (60 plants total).
 - b. Plants will be selected from the Master Plant List prepared by the TX A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Agricultural Science Program, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Show officials.
 - c. Copies of the plant list may be secured by writing to: Extension Range Specialist, TX A&M University, 2138 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2138 or barron.rector@ag.tamu.edu.
7. **Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
8. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded:

Team Placings	Award
Overall Senior High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>Senior High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy
<u>Junior High Point Teams</u> First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy
Senior Individual Placings	Award
Overall Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
Overall Reserve Senior High Point Individual	Plaque

Special Rules for Range and Pasture Plant Identification

Third Place Senior High Point Individual	Plaque
<u>Senior High Point Individuals</u> Fourth thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>Senior High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette
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<i>Junior Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
Overall Reserve Junior High Point Individual	Plaque
Third Place Junior High Point Individual	Plaque
<u>Junior High Point Individuals</u> Fourth thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>Junior High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

4-H & FFA Veterinary Science Contest


Superintendent – Dr. Joe W. Mask – College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendent –David Sessum – Bryan, TX

Thursday, March 14

Registration & Orientation:	7:30 a.m.	NRG Center –Rooms 201 - 203
Contest Begins:	8:30 a.m.	NRG Center – Rooms 201 - 203
<i>(Written Exam, Practicum, Math Practicum, & ID)</i>		
Tabulation:	12 p.m.	
Finals:	1 p.m.	NRG Center – Rooms 201 - 203
<i>(Communication Round for qualifiers only)</i>		
Finals Tabulation:	3 p.m.	
Results and Awards:	3:30 p.m.	NRG Center – Rooms 201 - 203

****Times are tentative and subject to change***

Special Rules for Veterinary Science Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests). Students will only be able to compete in either the 4-H or FFA Veterinary Science Contest.
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 -  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 (ie 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.
- Contest participation:** Entries can be submitted for teams and individual contestants, to be considered a team, a team entry must be submitted. Each team shall consist of three or four members, with the three highest scores being used for team scores. The Communication round (final round) will not count towards team scores.
- Contest Components:** There will be five (5) components or “rounds” to the contest. Each component will be weighted in the following manner for scoring purposes:

Written Exam	200 points	(20%)
ID Exam	150 points	(15%)
Practicum	400 points	(40%)
Math Practicum	100 Points	(10%)
Communication	150 points	(15%)
Total	1000 points	(100%)

The top five (5) participants in the 4-H Division and the top five (5) participants in the FFA Division will advance to the Communication round. Top scores for the finalist in each division will be determined by adding participants' points from the first four (4) contest components (Written Exam, ID Exam, Practicum, and Math Practicum). Total scores to establish final ranking will be determined by adding points earned in all five (5) contest components for a maximum of 1000 points. For the Communication round, the top 5 participants in each division will individually present a 3–5-minute informative speech related to the specified topic without using any outside materials. Each year, a list of five (5) possible topics will be identified so that preparation may begin prior to the contest. From these five (5) topics, one will be selected by contest officials as the Communication round topic for the contest. Participants will receive the selected speech topic the day of the contest and will have no less than 15 minutes to prepare. Judges may ask questions. Spectators and eliminated participants may watch the Communication round, but may not speak, signal, or otherwise communicate with participants. Spectators and eliminated participants may not ask questions. The Communication round will be worth 150 points.

Potential Topics (4-H Division)

- Surgical Instruments and Terminology
- Chemical Poisoning

Potential Topics (FFA Division)

- Special Examinations
- Infectious Diseases: Special Senses & Generalized Conditions

Special Rules for Veterinary Science Contest

- Office Procedures
- Handling & Administering Medications
- Disinfection
- Bacteriologic Tests
- Handling & Restraining Livestock
- Determining the Age of Animals

6. Written Exam: For 4-H and FFA members and team's questions will be written regarding information selected from the Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant and the Texas FFA CDE Vet Science Test bank. Questions may be multiple choice, true/false, matching, identification or short answer. There will be 50 questions, each worth four (4) points, for a total of 200 points.

7. Identification Exam: The Identification Exam will include twenty-five (25) Veterinary Instruments, twenty-five (25) Breeds (cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, dogs, and cats), and twenty-five (25) Parasites and Internal Organs. This portion will be made up of 75 questions worth 2 points each for a total of 150 points.

8. Practicum: The Practicum will be the hands-on component of the contest. Participants will perform the skills individually. The superintendents will select three of the six skills listed below.

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| i. Prescription filling | iv. Applying Elizabethan collar |
| ii. Prepare surgical pack for sterilization | v. Ruminant Halter |
| iii. Restraint of a rabbit | vi. Surgical Site preparation |

At each station, instructions and time constraints will be provided. The practicum will be judged using a rubric for thoroughness, safety, and overall completion of the skill in the allotted time. The Practicum will be worth 400 points total. Each skill may be weighted with different point values depending upon the complexity of the skill.

9. Math Practicum: The math practicum could include conversions, dose calculations, dilutions and cost calculations and invoices. Calculators will be provided for this section. The math practicum will be worth 100 points.

10. Contest resources: Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant; Author: Floron C. Faries, Jr.
<http://aevm.tamu.edu/4-h-veterinary-science/handbook-information/books/> (for 4-H Test questions)

[Texas FFA Veterinary Science CDE test question bank will be used for FFA contest.](https://www.texasffa.org/docs/2017-21%20Vet%20Science%20Sample%20Exam%20REVISED%202.16.17_15207.pdf)
https://www.texasffa.org/docs/2017-21%20Vet%20Science%20Sample%20Exam%20REVISED%202.16.17_15207.pdf

Veterinary Science Career Development Events Handbook; Author: Joe W. Mask, PhD.
 This resource will be helpful with the Identification exam.

All other contest resources will be available on the aevm.tamu.edu website.

11. Tiebreakers: The tiebreaker sequence for this contest will be as follows:

- a. Highest Practicum Score
- b. Highest Sum of Scores
- c. Standard Deviation

12. Awards: Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show. The following awards will be awarded in both 4-H and FFA divisions.

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
First Place	Team Trophy & Rosette for each team member
Second Place	Team Trophy & Rosette for each team member
Third Place	Team Trophy & Rosette for each team member

<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
First Place	Trophy & Banner
Second Place	Plaque & Banner
Third Place	Plaque & Banner
Fourth Place	Plaque & Banner
Fifth Place	Plaque & Banner

4-H Wildlife Contest

Superintendent – Larry Hysmith - College Station, TX

Saturday, March 9

Long Acres Ranch, 2335 Williams Way Blvd, Richmond, TX 77469

Registration:	7 a.m.	Long Acres Ranch
Registration Ends:	7:45 a.m.	Long Acres Ranch
Contest:	8:30 a.m.	Long Acres Ranch
Results and Awards:	Immediately following contest	Long Acres Ranch

Special Rules for 4-H Wildlife Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:**
 - (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - Teams consisting of (2) contestants will be eligible for team awards. Teams will consist of two contestants in the same age division from the same County 4-H Club.
- Maximum Entries:** There is no limit on the number teams or individuals that can be entered by each County 4-H Club.
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - 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 (ie 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.
- Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
- Tie Breakers:**
 - Highest Score on Part A – Wildlife Habitat Management
 - First miss on Part B - Identification & Knowledge
 - Further tie break will be up to the discretion of contest officials.
- Classes:** bring a #2 pencil and unmarked clip board. Contestants will provide an official scantron and are required to mark all their answers on the official scantron.
 - Identification and Knowledge
 - Wildlife Habitat Management
- Contest format:** The contest will follow the Stock Show Wildlife Contest Study Resource found on the Texas 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries page (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/>). Scroll to 'Contests' then under 'Stock Show Wildlife Contests' and click 'Texas Stock Show Wildlife Contest Study Resource' link.
- Contest:** Contestants will compete at an outdoor site on the Long Acres Ranch located at 2335 Williams Way Blvd, Richmond, TX. Contestants are to dress appropriately for the weather conditions and to be in the field. Only severe weather will cancel the event. No type of electronic devices will be allowed in the competition area. Violation by any team member will result in team disqualification. Contestants may carry a small backpack to hold water, extra pencils, erasers, or additional clothing for weather conditions. No extra paper will be allowed on a contestant's clipboard or in a backpack.
- Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
- Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded:

Team Placings	Award
Overall Senior High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>Senior High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy

Special Rules for 4-H Wildlife Contest

<u>Junior High Point Teams</u> First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy
<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
<u>Senior High Point Individuals</u> Second thru Tenth Place	Plaque
Overall Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
<u>Junior High Point Individuals</u> Second thru Tenth Place	Plaque

FFA Wildlife Contest

Superintendent – Terry Blankenship – Sinton, TX

Saturday, March 9

Long Acres Ranch, 2335 Williams Way Blvd, Richmond, TX 77469

Registration:	7 a.m.	Long Acres Ranch
Registration Ends:	7:45 a.m.	Long Acres Ranch
Contest:	8:30 a.m.	Long Acres Ranch
Results and Awards:	Immediately following contest	Long Acres Ranch

Special Rules for FFA Wildlife Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contestants)
 - 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 (ie 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.
- Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contestants). Ties will be broken as per WRM CDE guidelines.
- Classes:** Bring a #2 pencil and a clear, unmarked clipboard. Contestants may have in their possession a clear one-gallon plastic bag, a blank copy of the scan sheet and an unmarked manila folder. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will provide scan sheets for this event.
 - Question 1 – Plant Identification - State Plant List
 - Question 2 – Plant Preferences
 - Question 3 – Biological Facts Quiz
 - Question 4 – Wildlife Habitat Evaluation
 - Question 5 – Wildlife Habitat Practices
 - Question 6 – TX Fish and Game Laws (Current edition, TX Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual Hunting and Fishing Regulation).
 - Question 7 – Hunting, Fishing, Camping Safety, Boating Safety
 - Question 8 – Techniques
- Contest format** will follow the State Wildlife and Recreation Management Study Guide, Catalog Order No. 4400, from Instructional Materials Service, TX A&M University, 2588 TAMUS, College Station, TX 77843-2588. Phone 979-845-6601.
- Contest:** Contestants will compete at an outdoor site at the Long Acres Ranch located at 2335 Williams Way Blvd, Richmond, TX. Contestants are to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Only severe weather will cancel the event. No type of electronic devices will be allowed in the competition area. Violation by any team member will result in team disqualification.
- Results:** The results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

Special Rules for FFA Wildlife Contest

9. Awards: The following prizes will be awarded:

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy

<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
<u>High Point Individuals</u> Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

4-H & FFA Wool Judging Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Shawn Ramsey – Navasota, TX
Assistant Superintendent - Faron Pfeiffer – San Angelo, TX

Monday, March 11

Registration:	11 a.m.	NRG Center – TBD
Contest Begins:	1 p.m.	NRG Center – TBD
Results and Awards	4 p.m.	NRG Center – TBD

Special Rules Wool Judging Contest

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All 4-H and FFA Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Eligibility:** (See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
- Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
 - 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 (ie 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.
- Contest Format:** Contestants will provide an official scantron and are required to mark all their answers on the official scantron. At the conclusion of judging, there will be five (5) minutes to verify all answers have been marked correctly on their scantron; however, contestants **WILL NOT** be allowed to review the fleeces. Contest Officials will not wait on contestants to copy all answers if they have not finished. At the conclusion of five (5) minutes, scantrons will be collected immediately, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

**At the conclusion of the competition, contestants and coaches will be allowed 45 minutes to view the contest.
- Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
- Classes:**
 - 20 fleeces will be evaluated for fineness, length, and yield. Each fleece will be worth 10 points and participants will be given 1.5 minutes per fleece. (200 points)
 - Four or six classes of four fleeces each will be placed, two commercial and two breeds. (200 points)
 - Participants will be asked questions on each class. Participants will be given 15 minutes to place and fill out reasons on each class. (200 points)
 - The use of any type of measuring device will not be allowed. Mishandling of fleeces will cause the team to be disqualified.
- Results:** The contest results, as announced, will be final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
- Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded:

Team Placings	Award
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
<u>High Point Teams</u> Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy
Individual Placings	Award
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
<u>High Point Individuals</u> Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individuals</u> Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

RULES FOR ALL INTERCOLLEGIATE JUDGING CONTESTS

1. Entry:

- a. Paper entry forms will be posted to the Livestock Exhibitor page of the rodeohouston.com website by mid-November.
- b. Entry Deadline is February 1, 2024. Paper entry forms and payment must be mailed to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Offices. All entries must be postmarked by February 1st. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST.**
- c. Entries should be mailed to:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Intercollegiate Judging Entries
NRG Center
3 NRG Park
Houston, TX 77054

2. Conduct of Contestants:

- a. There will be no talking between contestants during the contest. Violating this rule may cause the contestants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
- b. Only contestants and contest officials will be permitted in the contest area during the contest.
- c. Contestants must have their group letter clearly visible on their clothing.
- d. Contestants cannot smoke or use any tobacco products in contest facilities.
- e. Contestants should not monopolize any one exhibit for an unreasonable length of time.
- f. Contestants should not separate themselves from the class on which their group is working.
- g. Contestants should not in any way willfully obstruct the work of another contestant.
- h. If an ineligible contestant is permitted to judge, the team and individual members of that team will be ineligible for prizes. Furthermore, the coach who certified the eligibility of the team members, as well as the college/university, will be ineligible to enter another team for a period of three years.
- i. 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 (ie 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.



- 3. **Scoring:** Scan sheets will be provided. Contestants must provide their own #2 pencil and may bring an unmarked clipboard and/or manila folder for use during the contest. Forms that are bent or abused will not be scored. Ties will be broken on the consistency of judging all classes. If ties still exist, ranking with the ties will be the discretion of the contest superintendent(s).
- 4. **Results:** Results, as announced, are final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.
- 5. **Pictures:** The top three teams and individuals in each contest must have their picture taken.

Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

Junior and Senior

Superintendent – Dr. Chris Skaggs – College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Dr. David Forrest – College Station, TX, **Dr. Brant Poe** – Stephenville, TX,
David Waggoner – Hillsboro, TX, **Rebecca O’Neal** – College Station, TX



Virtual Coaches Meeting	Sunday	March 10	TBD	TBD
Registration:	Monday	March 11	7 a.m.	NRG Arena Sales Pavilion
Contest:	Monday	March 11	7:30 a.m.	NRG Arena – Hall A&B
Reasons:	Monday	March 11	1 p.m.	Crowne Plaza Houston Md Crt – Galleria Area
Awards Breakfast	Tuesday	March 12	8 a.m.	NRG Center

* Coaches who do not attend the Coaches Meeting must notify the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by 5 p.m. Friday, March 10, of their intentions to either enter or to withdraw from the contest. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from this and future contests.

Special Rules for Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

- Rules:**
 - This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Rules for All Intercollegiate Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
 - All Rules are subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Junior College Livestock Coaches' Association and the National Collegiate Livestock Judging Coaches' Association.
- College Eligibility:** Junior colleges in the U.S. with agriculture departments are eligible to enter the Junior contest. Senior colleges in the U.S. which offer a degree in Animal Science are eligible to enter this contest. The entry application must be signed officially by the team coach, certifying that all team members are eligible for entry in this contest. Each college will be permitted to enter one team.
- Entry Fees and Procedures:** An entry fee of \$100 per team (6 members per team) plus \$30 for each additional individual will be charged for entering this contest. Junior and Senior colleges will be allowed to enter additional individual contestants.
- Coaches Meeting:** Coaches will designate their team members the morning of the contest. All scratches must be turned at that time as well. The Coaches' Meeting will take place virtually.
- Junior Eligibility / Team Makeup:** Each Junior team will consist of six members. The five highest scores will count for the team total. Each team member is eligible for individual awards. Junior college individual participants designated as alternates will be eligible for individual overall awards, but ineligible to compete for team or team member individual awards. Contestants must be regularly enrolled in a Junior (2-year program) College and may not have credit for more than 66 semester hours or the equivalent. Contestants must have attended full time the previous semester at the school for which they are competing, or not attended any Junior College the previous semester, in order to be eligible to compete. Students must have a 2.0 GPA on a 4-point scale to be eligible.
- Senior Eligibility/Senior Team:** Each Senior team will consist of six members. The five highest scores will count for the team total. Each team member is eligible for individual awards. Senior college individual participants designated as alternates will be eligible for individual overall awards, but ineligible to compete for team or team member individual awards. Contestants must be regularly enrolled as a full-time student in a Senior College which offers degrees in agriculture. Students who have participated as contestants in Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contests of interstate or international character previous to January 1 are not eligible to enter this contest. Contestants must have been regularly enrolled in their respective colleges the previous semester and must not have served any time as an animal science instructor at any secondary school or college. Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4-point scale and meet criteria established by National Collegiate Livestock Judging Coaches Association to be eligible.
- Future Contests:** Contestants entering this contest will not be eligible to enter future Junior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contests held at the Houston Livestock Show but may be eligible to enter the Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest if they transfer to a Senior College.
- Barn Entry:** No contestant or coach will be permitted to enter the show grounds/NRG Arena 24 hours prior to the contest.

Special Rules for Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

9. **Arena Seating:** Coaches and alternates will not be permitted in the seats of the arena while the contest is in progress. Coaches and alternates may be permitted to see the classes after the judging is completed.
10. **Class Makeup:** The contest will consist of five classes of beef cattle, four classes of sheep and/or goats, and three classes of swine. There will be a minimum of one market beef, market hog, and market lamb or goat class. Performance classes with scenarios will be provided to the contestants on at least three classes, preferably one in each division. This information, along with visual appraisal, will be used to arrive at the final placing and will be included as a portion of the oral reason discussion. Contestants will be briefed on any assumptions to be used in placings prior to the start of the contest.
11. When available, records may be used for evaluation of breeding classes.
12. **Time:** On each class of livestock, 15 minutes will be allowed for the contestants to make their observations, record their placings and take such notes as will assist them in remembering the class when they appear before the judge to present their oral reasons. Contestants will be notified two minutes before the time is up.
13. **Class Change:** Each group of contestants will change to another class as directed by the Superintendent and/or group leader.
14. **Oral Reasons:** After placing all classes in the contest, the contestants will each appear before judges to give oral reasons substantiating their placings. Oral reasons will be given on eight (8) classes (4 cattle, 2 sheep/goats and 2 swine). Each contestant will be allowed two minutes to give his/her reasons on each class. Contestants will not be allowed to hold any paper, card, or device of any kind to assist in reasons presentation.
15. **Dress Code:** No contestant will wear any uniform, college colors or belt buckle, or will in any way signify to the judge his/her identity or the identity of the college represented.
16. **Talking:** While the contest is in progress, there is to be no conferring between contestants or anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his representative.
17. **Rule Violations:** Any coach or contestant who violates any of the rules of this contest will be barred from competing in future contests and their team will be disqualified for any awards.
18. **Ties:** Ties will be broken using species reasons scores, overall reasons scores and overall score when breaking ties within species. Ties within reasons will be broken by overall score and ties within overall score will be broken by overall reasons. Scores tied after application of these tie breakers will be broken by a method determined by contest officials. No duplicate awards will be given.
19. **Scoring:** Scan sheets used for scoring are provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™. Standard rules that apply to optical scanning should be followed (blacken only one bubble per class, completely blacken the bubble, avoid stray marks, do not fold or bend). Each contestant must provide their own #2 pencil and may bring a clipboard for use during the contest. Forms that are bent or abused will not be scored. Team number and contestant number are assigned at registration.
20. **Awards:** Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

Junior College Team Awards

Team Placings	Award
Overall High Point Team	Traveling Trophy, Team Trophy; plaque for each team member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for team coach
<u>High Point Team</u> Second thru Third place teams	Team Trophy
<u>Overall High Point Team in each category:</u> <i>Placings, Oral Reasons, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goat, and Swine</i>	Acrylic Team Trophy *Combined trophy for placings & oral reasons
<u>High Point Team in each category</u> <u>Second thru Third placing teams:</u> <i>Placings, Oral Reasons, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goat, and Swine</i>	Team Trophy
<u>High Point Brahman Cattle Team</u>	Team Trophy (Donated by V8 Ranch)

Special Rules for Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

Junior College Individual Awards

<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle in the name of the Waggoner Family; plaque
<u>High Point Individual</u> Second thru Tenth Placings	Plaque
<u>High Point Individual in each category</u> <u>First thru Third Placing:</u> <i>Placing, Oral Reasons, Sheep & Goat, Beef Cattle, and Swine</i>	Plaque
Top 5 Alternate Individuals	Plaque

** Top Ten individuals in Placing, Oral Reasons, Sheep & Goat, Beef Cattle, and Swine will receive a rosette.*

Senior College Team Awards

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Team	Traveling Trophy, Team Trophy; plaque for each team member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for team coach
<u>High Point Team</u> Second thru Third place teams	Team Trophy
<u>Overall High Point Team in each category:</u> <i>Placings, Oral Reasons, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goat, and Swine</i>	Acrylic Team Trophy *Combined trophy for placings & oral reasons
<u>High Point Team in each category</u> <u>Second thru Third placing teams:</u> <i>Placings, Oral Reasons, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goat, and Swine</i>	Team Trophy

Senior College Individual Awards

<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle in the name of the Waggoner Family; plaque
<u>High Point Individual</u> Second thru Tenth Placings	Plaque
<u>High Point Individual in each category</u> <u>First thru Third Placing:</u> <i>Placing, Oral Reasons, Sheep & Goat, Beef Cattle, and Swine</i>	Plaque
Top 5 Alternate Individuals	Plaque

** Top Ten individuals in Placing, Oral Reasons, Sheep & Goat, Beef Cattle, and Swine will receive a rosette.*

Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest

Martin Foods – 2011 Silver St. Houston, TX 77007

Superintendent – Dr. Joe Harris – College Station, TX

Assistant Superintendents – Scott Langley – Greeley, CO, Jarrett Hudek – Houston, TX and Andrew Fry – Houston, TX

Registration (Senior College):	Saturday	March 2	6 a.m.	Martin Foods
Contest (Senior College):	Saturday	March 2	7 a.m.	Martin Foods
Registration (Junior College):	Saturday	March 2	8 a.m.	Martin Foods
Contest (Junior College):	Saturday	March 2	9 a.m.	Martin Foods
Awards Breakfast	Sunday	March 3	8 a.m.	NRG Arena Rooms 2-3

Special Rules for Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Rules for All Intercollegiate Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligibility:**
 - a. Entry Fees and Procedures: An entry fee of \$100 per team (4 members per team) plus \$30 for each additional individual will be charged for entering this contest. Junior and Senior colleges will be allowed to enter additional individual contestants.
 - b. Schools may enter two (2) teams and as many other individuals as entry fees are paid for.
 - c. All individuals will compete for individual awards and designated teams will compete for team awards.
 - d. Contest is open to agricultural colleges and universities and to any other higher educational institutions where instruction in meat grading and meat judging are included as a regular part of the curriculum. Foreign exchange students who are not currently enrolled in a university program are ineligible to compete. Foreign exchange students enrolled in a university or training in a facility while being coached with a team from that university are eligible.
 - e. There will be two divisions in the contest: Junior College and Senior College. If HLSR is the first contest of the year for an institution, that institution may compete in which ever division it designates. If the institution has already competed in one or more contests within the calendar year, it must enter the same division in which it previously competed. All students from a single institution must compete in the same Division.
 - f. Junior College Division will answer questions on classes from the first part of the contest and will not participate in the specification class.
 - g. Senior College Division will write reasons on classes from the first part of the contest and the specification class will count as part of the overall score.
 - h. A team will consist of four (4) members to be designated by their respective coach at time of registration.
 - i. Any contestant must be an undergraduate student who has not competed in an Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest prior to the current calendar year. Contestants must be a regularly enrolled student in the school they are representing and have successfully completed at least one semester or quarter's work. The contestant must never have served as an instructor in any college, university, or secondary school. Each participating institution shall certify its own contestants and adjudge their eligibility.
3. **Conduct of Contestants:**
 - a. Contestants will move from exhibit to exhibit during the contest in groups.
 - b. A group leader will be provided for each group of contestants. The leader's duty will be to enforce the contest rules and keep the exhibits of the class on which his group is working in an orderly arrangement.

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- c. Contestants will not be permitted to:
 - i. Handle any exhibit.
 - ii. Use any mechanical aid, such as measure or light, etc.
 - iii. Talk to fellow team members at any time during the contest, including the lunch hours.
 - iv. Smoke, except as permitted.
 - v. Monopolize any one exhibit for an unreasonable length of time.
 - vi. Separate themselves from the class on which their group is working.
 - vii. In any way willfully obstruct the work of any other contestant.

4. Writing Reasons and Answering Questions:

- a. Junior College Division will answer questions on the five questions classes. Questions will pertain to the quality, yield, or other logical differences between each carcass or wholesale cut. There will be 10 questions for each of the five classes. Each correct answer will receive five points for a possible total of 50 points per class. Incorrect answers will receive zero points.
- b. Senior College Division will write reasons on each of the five reasons judging classes. Each set of reasons will carry a possible 50 points and will be graded by a member of the official committee.
- c. After all reasons and questions classes have been placed, contestants will retire to a suitable warm area for a review of notes. Junior College Division will be allowed 15 minutes for review of notes. Senior College Division will be allowed 30 minutes for review of notes.
- d. A period of 4 minutes will be allowed to answer each set of questions and fifteen minutes will be allowed to write each set of reasons. All contestants will answer questions on the same class at the same time. Contestants will write reasons in the same order in which they judged the classes.
- e. A period of four minutes between each set of questions and three minutes between each set of reasons will be allowed (with pencils down) to allow contestants to review their notes on the next class. Notes may be referred to during the period reasons are being written, but not while answering questions.
- f. A one-minute warning will be given after three minutes have elapsed for answering questions. A two-minute warning will be given after 13 minutes have elapsed for writing reasons.

- 5. **Supplies:** All blank forms, Placing Cards, Reasons Cards, and notes for reasons or questions sheets will be provided by the contest administration. Clipboards, pens, pencils, frocks, cooler coats, and suitable head cover shall be provided by the contestants or their institution.

6. Time:

- a. 15 minutes will be allowed in the cooler for note taking and placing each of the five reasons and questions classes. Contestants will stand back from all classes for the initial four minutes to review general appearance factors. 15 minutes will also be allowed for beef quality grading with no stand back required. Additionally, two 15-minute periods will be allowed for the Senior College Division to evaluate the specification class, however, once a participant has moved to the second set of specification cuts, they may not go back to the first set.
- b. 10 minutes will be allowed for judging each of the four non-reason placing classes as well as the value based pricing class.
- c. Three 10-minute periods will be allowed for yield grading 15 beef carcasses (5 per period). Contestants may only evaluate the five beef yield grading carcasses in their class and cannot go back or move on to the next set. The yield grading classes do not have to be evaluated consecutively.
- d. A two-minute warning for reasons/questions classes and a one-minute warning for non-reasons/questions classes will be given, at which time contestants must stand back from all placing classes.
- e. **All placing and grading cards will be collected immediately by each group leader after the card has been completed and time has been called.**

Special Rules for Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest

7. Classes and Scoring:

		Possible Placing Score
Beef		
	Reason Beef Carcasses	50
	Beef Value Based Pricing	50
	Reason Beef Cuts	50
	Non-Reason Beef Cuts	50
Pork		
	Reason Pork Carcasses	50
	Non-Reason Pork Carcasses	50
	Fresh Hams	50
	Pork Cuts	50
Lambs and/or Goats		
	Reason Lamb and/or Goat Carcasses	50
	Non-Reason Lamb and/or Goat Carcasses	50
Specifications	(B Division Only)	
	10 Cuts	100
Beef Carcasses	Quality Grade	
	15 Carcasses	150
Beef Carcasses	Yield Grade	
	15 Carcasses	150

Possible Individual Score:

Junior College Division 1050
 Senior College Division 1150

8. **Tiebreaker:** The tiebreaker sequence for this contest is identical to those outlined in the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Officials Handbook and are outlined below for your reference.

Category	#1 Method	#2 Method	#3 Method
Judging Beef, Lamb, & Pork	Reasons for the category involved only	Total Reasons	Total Score
Grading	Quality Grade	Total Score	-----
Specs	Total Grading	Quality Grading	Total Score
Total Placings	Total Score	-----	-----
Total Reasons	Lower of Reasons Classes Placings Scores	Total Placings	Total Score
Total Beef	Total Score	-----	-----
Total Contest	Total Reasons	Total Placings	-----

If the tie cannot be broken, a coin toss is to be used to determine who gets the award.

9. **Awards:** Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

Junior College Awards

Team Placings	Award
Overall High Point Team	John Bellinger – Traveling Trophy, Team Trophy and Plaque; plaque for each team member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for team coach
Overall Reserve High Point Team	Team Trophy
High Point Team in each category: <i>Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, and Total Questions</i>	Team Trophy

Special Rules for Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest

Individual Placings	Award
Overall High Point Individual	Trophy
High Point Individual Second thru Tenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individual in each category:</u> <i>Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, and Total Questions</i>	Trophy
<u>High Point Individuals 2nd through 10th placing in each category:</u> <i>Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, and Total Questions</i>	Plaque

Senior College Awards

Team Placings	Award
Overall High Point Team	James Henderson Award – Traveling Trophy, Team Trophy and Plaque; plaque for each team member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for team coach
Overall Reserve High Point Team	Team Trophy
<u>High Point Team in each category:</u> <i>Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, Specifications, and Total Reasons</i>	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	Award
Overall High Point Individual	Trophy
High Point Individual Second thru Tenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individual in each category:</u> <i>Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, Specifications, and Total Reasons</i>	Trophy
<u>High Point Individuals 2nd through 10th placing in each category:</u> <i>Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, Specifications, and Total Reasons</i>	Plaque

Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Shawn Ramsey – Navasota, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Faron Pfeiffer – San Angelo, TX

Registration:	Monday	March 11	8 a.m.	NRG Center – Room 207
Contest:	Monday	March 11	8:30 a.m.	NRG Center – Rooms 201-203
Reasons:	Monday	March 11	Following Contest	NRG Center – Rooms 204-206
Awards Breakfast:	Tuesday	March 12	6:00 p.m.	NRG Center - TBD

Special Rules for Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, Rules for All Intercollegiate Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligibility:**
 - a. Open to agricultural colleges and universities which offer a degree in animal science.
 - b. Each school will be permitted to enter two teams. The three highest scores will count for all team totals. The low scoring individual will be considered the alternate and will be eligible for any individual awards.
 - c. A team will consist of a minimum of three and maximum of four members. A contestant must have been regularly enrolled in their respective colleges since Oct. 1, 2023. The contestant must never have served as an official instructor at any agricultural college, as a regular Extension Agent, as a regular vocational agricultural teacher, as an official representative of a breed association or officiated as a wool judge in a state, regional or national show. Applications for entry must be signed officially by the team coach, certifying that all team members are eligible for entry in this contest.
 - d. Contestants entering this contest will not be eligible to enter future Wool Judging Contests at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
3. **Entry Fees:** An entry fee of \$100 will be charged for entering this contest. Junior and Senior colleges will be allowed to enter additional Individual contestants for a fee of \$30 per individual.
4. **Conduct of Contestants:**
 - a. Coaches and alternate team members will not be allowed to see the classes until after the official judges have given their reasons. Contestants, coaches and alternate team member will be given 45 minutes to view the classes at the conclusion of the contest.
 - b. Contestants are warned against rough handling of contest fleeces. Any contestant who violates this rule will be asked to place the remainder of the classes without handling. No warning will be given.
 - c. While the contest is in progress, there is to be no conferring between contestants or anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his representative.
 - d. Contestants or coaches violating the rules will be barred from competition and their team disqualified.
 - e. Contestants will provided an official scantron and are required to mark all their answers on the official scantron. At the conclusion of judging, there will be five (5) minutes to verify all answers have been marked correctly on their scantron; however, contestants **WILL NOT** be allowed to review the fleeces. Contest Officials will not wait on contestants to copy all answers if they have not finished. At the conclusion of five (5) minutes, scantrons will be collected immediately, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. **Classes:** The classes to be judged are as follows:
 - a. Three (3) classes of breed fleeces. Fleeces will be placed on the basis of weight, staple length, grade and breed requirements. Reasons to be given on one class.
 - b. Three (3) classes of commercial fleeces. Fleeces will be placed on the basis of weight, staple length, grade, yield and fiber strength. Reasons to be given on one class.
 - c. Three (3) sets of oral reasons shall be presented by each contestant: (1) breeding class (1) commercial class and (1) breeding or commercial class, to be determined by the officials.
 - d. A class of 15 fleeces will be scored for grade, spinning counts present, length, character, purity, and yield. Reasons will not be given on this class. Contestants will submit their findings on an official grading sheet.

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- e. Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for the placing of each class of four (4) fleeces. A maximum of forty-five (45) minutes will be allowed for scoring the class of 15 fleeces. Each contestant will be allowed two and one half (2 ½) minutes per fleece and seven and one half (7 ½) minutes to re-examine any or all of the fifteen (15) fleeces.
- f. Contestants shall be allowed twenty (20) minutes to prepare each set of oral reasons.

6. **Awards:** Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

<i>Team Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
Overall High Point Team	Traveling Trophy, Team Trophy; plaque for each team member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for team coach
Overall Reserve High Point Team	Team Trophy
<i>Individual Placings</i>	<i>Award</i>
<u>High Point Individuals:</u> First thru Tenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individuals in each category</u> <u>First thru Tenth Placing:</u> <i>High Point, Placings & Reasons,</i> <i>Grading, and Value Determination</i>	Plaque

SPECIAL AWARDS

Beefmaster Cattle Shows

Trophy: The Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association will offer a trophy to the exhibitors of the Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Breeding Beefmaster Heifer divisions.

Trophy: The Beefmaster Promotion Group will offer trophies to exhibitors of open show Champion and Reserve Champion female and bull classes.

Buckle: The Beefmaster Promotion Group will offer buckles to open show Grand & Reserve Champions in both females and bulls.

Hereford Junior Breeding Heifer Show

Trophy: The Texas Junior Hereford Association will offer a trophy to the Champion Showman in the Junior Breeding Hereford Heifer division.

Junior Breeding Gilt Show

United Airlines Certificate Vouchers: United Airlines will award three airline travel vouchers to the Supreme Champion Gilt exhibitor and three airline travel vouchers to the Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt exhibitor.

Junior Breeding Heifer Show

United Airlines Certificate Vouchers: United Airlines will award three airline travel vouchers to the exhibitors of each Breed Champion Heifer.

Junior Breeding Sheep Show

United Airlines Certificate Vouchers: United Airlines will award three airline travel vouchers to the Supreme Champion Ewe exhibitor and three airline travel vouchers to the Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe exhibitor.

Junior Dairy Cattle Show

Ribbons and Rosettes: The Holstein Foundation offers ribbons in each Holstein class to the exhibitors of the 1st-5th place animals and presents a special rosette to the exhibitor of the Champion Holstein Female and Reserve Champion Female.

Junior Market Lamb Show

Cash Award: The American Southdown Breeders Association will offer a \$1,000 cash award to the Grand Champion Lamb if it is a Purebred Southdown Lamb. A photo of the lamb and registry number of sire must be provided.

Cash Award: The Texas Lamb Breeders Association will offer cash award to high placing TLBA lambs in each class, if properly validated

4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contests

Cash Awards: N.W. "Dick" Freeman Memorial Awards in the amount of \$500 to the Overall High Point Individuals in 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contests and \$250 to the Reserve Overall High Point Individuals in 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contests. Cash award of \$250 will also be awarded to the Senior High Point individual in the reasons competition.

Montgomery Co. Adult Horse Association will award \$250 to the Junior High Point in the reasons competition.

4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Buckles: Donated by the Waggoner Family to Overall Senior & Junior High Point Individual.

Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

Buckles: Donated by the Waggoner Family to Overall High Point Individual for the Junior and Senior College.

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<https://www.airbnb.com>
<https://www.homeaway.com>

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<https://www.visithoustontexas.com>
<https://www.tripadvisor.com>
<https://www.expedia.com>
<https://www.hotels.com>
<https://www.booking.com>
<https://www.kayak.com>
<https://www.trivago.com>
<https://www.hotwire.com>
<https://www.travelocity.com>
<https://www.priceline.com>

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844-386-1600
<https://www.thepostoakhotel.com>

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Houston, Tx 77056
713-418-1000
<http://www.granducahouston.com>

TownPlace Suite By Marriot Houston Galleria Area
5315 S Rice Ave Houston, Tx 78081
713-664-7494
<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/houll-towneplace-suites-houston-galleria-area/>

The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa
111 N. Post Oak Ln.
Houston Tx 77024
713-680-2626
<http://www.houstonian.com/hotel.aspx>

Doubletree Guest Suites Houston by the Galleria
5353 Westheimer
Houston, Tx 77056
713-961-9000
<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/doubletree-suites-by-hilton-hotel-houston-by-the-galleria-HOUSYDT/index.html>

Hilton Houston Post Oak
2001 Post Oak Blvd
Houston, Tx 77056
713-961-9300
<https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-houston-post-oak-by-the-galleria-IAHWSHH>

Embassy Suites Houston – Near the Galleria
2911 Sage Road
Houston Tx. 77056
713-626-5444
<http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/embassy-suites-houston-near-the-galleria-HOUESES/index.html>

Hotel Indigo At The Galleria
5160 Hidalgo St, Houston Tx, 77056
<http://www.ihg.com/hotelindigo/hotels/us/en/houston/houhs/hoteldetail>
713-621-8988

Hyatt Regency Houston/Galleria
2626 Sage Rd.
Houston, Tx 77056
832-803-1234
<https://houstongalleria.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

Comfort Suites – Near the Galleria
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Houston, Tx 77057
713-787-0004
<http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-houston-texas-TX671>

Omni Houston Hotel
4 Riverway
Houston Tx 77056
713-871-8181
<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/houston>

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713-627-7600
<http://www.sonesta.com/royalhouston/>

Sheraton Suite Houston, Near Galleria
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713-586-2444
<http://www.sheratonsuiteshouston.com/gallery>

TownPlace Suite By Marriott Houston Galleria Area
5315 S Rice Ave Houston, Tx 77081
713-664-7494
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Westin Oaks
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Houston, Tx 77056
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713-960-8100

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5060 West Alabama
Houston Tx 77056
713-960-8100
<http://www.westingalleriahoustonhotel.com/>

La Quinta Inn & Suites – Houston Galleria Area
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Houston, Tx 77027
713-355-3440
<http://laquintahoustongalleriaarea.com/>

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713-871-9911
<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hampton-inn-houston-near-the-galleria-HOUPOHX/index.html>

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Houston, Tx 77057
713-787-0004
<http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-houston-texas-TX671>

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713-963-0700
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Intercontinental Hotel – Med Center
6750 Main St. Houston Tx 77030
713-422-2779

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Staybridge Suites Houston – Medical Center
9000 S Main St Houston Tx 77025
346-319-6461

<https://www.ihg.com/staybridge/hotels/us/en/houston/houst/hoteldetail>

Extended Stay America Houston – Medical Center – Reliant Park
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Houston, Tx 77030
713-794-0800

<http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/hotels/tx/houston/med-ctr-reliant-pk-braeswood-blvd>

Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center
6633 Travis
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713-313-4000

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-houston-plaza-medical-center-HOUMCHF/index.html>

Hotel Ylem
8080 Main St.
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713-665-4439

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Houston, Tx 77002
713-528-7744

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5701 S. Main St.
Houston, Tx 77005
713-526-1991

<http://www.hotelzaza.com/#houston>

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3134 Old Spanish Trail
Houston, Tx 77054
832-201-3131

<http://www.mainstaysuites.com/hotel-houston-texas-TX933>

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6580 Fannin
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713-796-0080

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/houmc-houston-marriott-medical-center/>

Residence Inn – Houston Medical Center/Reliant Park
7807 Kirby Dr.
Houston, Tx 77030
713-660-7993

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Wyndham Houston Medical Center
6800 Main St.
Houston, Tx 77030
713-528-7744
<http://www.wyndhamhoustonmedcenter.com>

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Hilton Houston Southwest
6780 Southwest Fwy.
Houston, Tx 77074
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<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-houston-southwest-HOUSWHF/index.html>

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Four Points By Sheraton Houston Greenway Plaza
2828 Southwest Fwy.
Houston, Tx 77098
713-942-2111
http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1481&language=en_US

Double Tree By Hilton Greenway Plaza Hotel
6 Greenway Plaza E.
Houston, Tx 77046
713-629-1200
<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-houston-greenway-plaza-HOUGWDT/index.html>

Residence Inn by Marriott Houston – West University
2939 Westpark Dr.
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713-661-4660
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The Sam Houston Hotel
1117 Prairie St.
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832-200-8800
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Hotel Icon Houston
220 Main St.
Houston, Tx 77002

281-326-9041
<http://www.hotelicon.com>

Hyatt Regency Houston
1200 Louisiana
Houston, Tx 77002
713-654-1234
<http://houstonregency.hyatt.com>

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Comfort Suites near Texas Medical Center – NRG Stadium
1055 McNee
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713-668-1436
<http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-houston-texas-TX546>

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1303 La Concha Ln
Houston, TX 77054
713-790-9753
<http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/hotels/tx/houston/med-ctr-reliant-pk-braeswood-blvd>

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Houston, Tx 77054
713-797-0040
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Holiday Inn Houston by NRG Park
8111 Kirby Dr.
Houston, Tx 77054
713-790-1900
<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/houston/houad/hoteldetail>

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<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hourp-springhill-suites-houston-medical-center-nrg-park>

Quality Inn & Suites Reliant Park/Medical Center
2364 S. Loop W.
Houston, Tx 77054
832-239-8568
<http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-houston-texas-TXC23>

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10025 S. Main St.
Houston, Tx 77025
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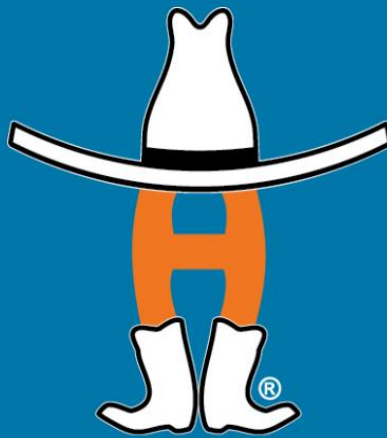
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