



2026 Major Show Updates

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2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™
March 2 – March 22, 2026

Major Show Changes

Entry Fees: Office fees are being removed for junior show entries orders. Most of the junior show departments will have a slight increase in entry fees. The new fees are as follows:

- **Junior Market Steer: \$40**
- **Junior Market Barrow: \$40**
- **Junior Market Lamb: \$40**
- **Junior Market Goat: \$40**
- **Junior Market Broiler: \$35**
- **Junior Market Turkey: \$35**
- **Junior Breeding Beef Heifer: \$40**
- **Junior Breeding Sheep Individual Classes: \$35**
- **Junior Breeding Sheep Group Classes: \$15**
- **Junior Breeding Gilts: \$35**
- **Gilt Showmanship: \$5**
- **Junior Dairy Cattle: \$35**

Health Certificates: Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will no longer be required for any Junior Show entry since all entries are from in state exhibitors.

Junior Breeding Gilts Show: Adding Hereford gilts as a breed. New class format is as follows for the gilt show:

Breed	Classes
Berkshire	6
Chester White	3
Duroc	7
Hampshire	2
Hereford	2

Breed	Classes
Landrace	2
Poland China	2
Spotted	5
Yorkshire	3

Jr. Commercial Steer: Minium weight of 1,200 pounds and updated steer grades points.

Grade	Points
USDA PRIME	
YG 1 or 2	5
YG 3	5
YG 4 or 5	3

Grade	Points
USDA CHOICE	
YG 1 or 2	4
YG 3	3
YG 4 or 5	1

Grade	Points
USDA SELECT	
YG 1, 2, or 3	1
YG 4 or 5	0

Jr. Show Indemnity: The indemnity form for Junior Livestock shows is now 2 pages. Please ensure that parents/guardians and exhibitors initial the first page and then sign the second page in front of a notary. Please also ensure that you, as the AST/CEA, sign as well and make sure the name of the club/chapter is included.

Archery Contest: Adding team award for 4-H/FFA contestants that compete in the competition. More information and details on the award will be available soon.

Junior Market Shows

Market Lamb & Goat Shows: Tuesday, March 10 – Thursday, March 12

- **Auction:** Friday, March 13
- **Judges:**
 - Lambs – Miles Gibbs
 - Goats – Brent Jennings

Market Poultry: Thursday, March 12 – Friday, March 13

- **March 12:** Broiler Show
- **March 13:** Turkey Show, followed by Grand Drive for Broilers & Turkeys
- **Auction:** Saturday, March 14
- **Judges:** TBD

Market Barrow Show – Saturday, March 14 – Thursday, March 19

- **Wave 1:** March 14-16
 - **Show A** – March 15: Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted
 - **Show B** – March 16: Other Crossbred I
- **Wave 2:** March 17-19
 - **Show C** – March 18: Duroc, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Chester White/Landrace
 - **Show D** – March 19: Other Crossbred II
- **Auction:** Friday, March 20
- **Judges:** Brian Arnold and Kane Austin
 - **Note:** Judge selection for Other Crossbred barrows will not be announced until the morning of Show A.

Market Steer Show/Scramble Steer Show: Sunday, March 15 – Friday, March 20

Market Steer Show

- **Wave 1:** March 15 – 17
 - **Show A** – March 16: Charolais, Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis Cross, Simbrah, and Brangus
 - **Show B** – March 17: Brahman Cross, ABC, and Other Cross I
- **Wave 2:** March 18 – 20
 - **Show C** – March 19: Angus, Limousin, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, and Black Cross

- **Show D** – March 20: Red Cross and Other Cross II
- **Auction:** Saturday, March 21
- **Judge:** Blake Nelson

Scramble Steer Show

- **Scramble Steer Schedule**
 - **Wave 1:** March 15 at 5 p.m. (Awards Social to follow show)
 - **Wave 2:** March 18 at 5 p.m. (Awards Social to follow show)
 - **Judges:** TBD

Junior Breeding Shows

Junior Breeding Sheep: Monday, March 2 – Wednesday, March 4

- **Open Show:** Tuesday, March 3
- **Junior Show:** Wednesday, March 4
- **Judge:** TBD

Junior Dairy Heifer Show: Monday, March 2 – Wednesday, March 4

- **Open/Junior Show:** Wednesday, March 4
- **Judge:** TBD

Junior Breeding Gilts: Thursday, March 5 – Friday, March 6

- **Showmanship:** Thursday, March 5
- **Gilt Show:** Friday, March 6
- **Judges:** TBD

Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show/Scramble Heifer Shows: Monday, March 9 – Saturday, March 14

Junior Breeding Heifer Schedule

- **Wave 1:** American Division: March 9 - 11
 - **Show A** – March 10: ARB, Beefmaster, Brangus, Red Brahman, Red Brangus, Simbrah
 - **Show B** – March 11: Santa Gertrudis, Grey Brahman
 - **Open Show Holdover:** some breeds will be able to hold over from the open show to the junior show for Wave 1. More information will be available closer to March.
- **Wave 2:** British & Continental Divisions: March 12 – 14
 - **Show C** – March 13: Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Simmental
 - **Show D** – March 14: Chianina, Limousin, Shorthorn
- **Junior Heifer Judges:** TBD

Scramble Heifer Show

- **American Scramble Heifer Show:** March 10 at 8 a.m. (Awards Social to follow show)
- **British/Continental Shows:** March 13 at 8 a.m. (Awards Social to follow show)

- **Scramble Heifer Judges:** TBD

Contests & Competitions

Archery: Friday, Oct. 10 – Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025

- Location: NRG Center, Hall A
- Entry will be via eyesonscore.com starting the week after Labor Day (link will be posted on our exhibitor page under the shooting sports tab)
- If a contestant has an entry for one portion of the competition made by the deadline, they can later enter another portion up until the day of contest, if space is available.
 - Example: A contestant has an entry in Target, but did not enter 3-D, they can later entry 3-D up until the day of the contest if space is available.

Young Guns Shooting Sports: Friday, Feb. 6 – Sunday, Feb. 8

- Location: Greater Houston Sports Club
- Contest Registration: registration via iClays
- Format: Contest is limited to the first 720 entries with no single division to exceed 360 entries. Event includes Sporting Clay, Skeet, and Whizbang.

Junior Commercial Steer: Sunday, March 8 – Tuesday, March 10

- **Important Dates**
 - **Contest Registration**
 - Entry Opens for Retuning Contestants: Tuesday, July 29
 - Entry Opens for New Contestants: Thursday: July 31
 - Entries capped at 175
 - **August 31:** Last day to purchase and weigh steers
 - **September 15:** Deadline to submit Scale Tickets

Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board & Video Contests: Saturday, March 7

- **Award Presentation:** Saturday, March 7 at NRG Center
- **Registration:** Jr. Show Entry Portal via rodeohouston.com
- Judging will take place prior to March; contestants will be notified prior to the contest if they placed.

4-H & FFA Dairy Judging: Tuesday, March 3

- Location: NRG Center
- Registration via JudgingCard

4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest: Wednesday, March 4

- Location: Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center – LD Robinson Pavilion
- Registration via JudgingCard

4-H & FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl: Friday, March 6

- Location: NRG Center
- Registration via JudgingCard

4-H & FFA Floriculture Contest: Saturday, March 7

- Location: NRG Center
- Registration via JudgingCard

4-H & FFA Nursery Landscape Contest: Saturday, March 7

- Location: NRG Center
- Registration via JudgingCard

4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest: Sunday, March 8

- Location: TBD
- Registration via JudgingCard

Ag Science Fair: Sunday, March 8

- Location: NRG Center
- Registration: via JudgingCard
- Registration Dates: Oct 15 – Dec 1, 2025

4-H/FFA Horse Judging: Monday, March 9

- Location: Great Southwest Equestrian Center
- Registration: via JudgingCard

Ag Public Speaking Contest: Saturday, March 14 – Sunday, March 15

- Preliminary Rounds: Saturday, March 14 at Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus
- Finals: Sunday, March 15 at NRG Center
- Registration: via JudgingCard
- Registration Dates: Oct 15 – Dec 1, 2025

4-H/FFA Wildlife Judging: Saturday, March 14

- Location: Long Acres Ranch
- Registration: via JudgingCard

4-H/FFA Plant ID: Sunday, March 15

- Location: NRG Center
- Registration: via JudgingCard

4-H/FFA Livestock Judging: Monday, March 16

- Location: NRG Arena
- Contests will park at Dick Graves Park Parking Lot located at Reed Road and will be bussed to NRG Park.
- Registration: via JudgingCard

4-H/FFA Wool Judging: Monday, March 16

- NRG Center
- Registration: via JudgingCard

4-H/FFA Food Challenge: Tuesday, March 17

- Location: NRG Arena
- Registration: via JudgingCard

Ag Product ID: Wednesday, March 18

- Location: NRG Center
- Registration: via JudgingCard

Ag Robotics: Wednesday, March 18

- Location: NRG Arena
- Registration: via JudgingCard

4-H/FFA Vet Science Contest: Thursday, March 19

- Location: NRG Center
- Registration: via JudgingCard

Ag Mechanics:

- **Trailer Build-Off Contest**
 - Thursday, October 23, 2025, at HLSR Pavilion at 11645 Almeda Rd., Houston, TX 77045
 - Clubs/Chapters will enter our participant drawing for an opportunity to compete in this year's Trailer Build-off Contest.
 - Enter the drawing, via web form at rodeohouston.com, from 8:00 a.m. Monday, Sept 8th through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10th
 - Limited to the 20 teams
 - Teams will be selected at random after the contest selection form closes
 - The 20 selected teams will be notified on September 11th at 9:00 a.m.
 - Entry fee: \$400
 - Clubs/chapters will have from September 17th through Monday, September 22nd at 5p.m. to pay via Junior Show Entry system.
 - New for 2026: Will be accepting credit cards or school checks as payment types.
 - Equipment drop-off the night before until 9pm.
 - Trailers are eligible for a special class during Ag Mechanics show in March. Your project is not automatically entered for this class. Your ag teacher/agent MUST enter your project into this class in our Junior Show Entry System.
- **State FFA Tractor Tech Contest:** Sunday, March 8 – Monday, March 9
 - **Sunday, March 8th:** Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center – LD Robinson Pavilion
 - Teams must qualify at Area competitions for state contest.
 - **Monday, March 9th:** NRG Center
- **Ag Mechanics Project Show & Tractor Restoration Contest:** Friday, March 20 – Sunday, March 22
 - Location: NRG Center
 - Registration: Jr. Show Entry Portal via rodeohouston.com

Calf Scramble

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- **Current Scrambler Deadlines**
 - Monthly Reports are due on the 10th of every month for the following month. Exhibitors who fail to submit reports every month may become ineligible for the completion bonus.
 - August 1: Steer exhibitors must enter validation EID Tag Number in scramble system.
 - September 1: Initial Assessment of the Business Plan is due
 - September 1: Scramble Certificates and original heifer registration papers are due to Scramble Office
 - October 1: Calf Essay is due.
- **Progress Show:** November 8 -9 at the Washington County Expo
 - Open to all current exhibitors in the calf scramble program
 - Registration: more information will be sent once available
 - No fee to attend
 - Heifers are shown by division, steers are shown by weight
 - Entry will be taken via the calf scramble portal; more information will be sent out directly to scramblers and AST/CEA's in early Fall.
- **Super Scramble**

19 scramblers will compete for \$42,000 in prize money. The first catch winner from the first 19 rodeo performances will be eligible to return on the last Saturday during the rodeo finals. 9 out of the 19 scramblers will have the opportunity to catch a calf. The prize money will be distributed as follows:

 - 1st Catch: \$10,000
 - 2nd Catch: \$6,000
 - 3rd Catch: \$4,000
 - 4th – 9th Catch: \$2,000 each
 - Non-Catchers: \$1,000 each

New Scrambler Reminders:

- Calf Scramble:
 - Open to 4-H/FFA contestants that have reached their 14th, but not their 18th birthday on Jan. 1, 2026 and not enrolled beyond the junior year of high school
 - Certificate Amount: \$2,500 (\$2,000 used toward purchase of a Breeding Beef Heifer or a Market Steer, \$500 will be awarded at donor social the following year once the project is complete.)
- Judging Contests: Certificates are awarded in the Dairy Judging and Livestock Judging Contests. Contestants must adhere to all rules set forth in Scramble rules if they accept certificate.

- **NOTE:** Scramble Certificate winners who initially accept and then decline their Scramble Certificate, may be barred from exhibiting/participating in HLSR competitions/shows. This is at the discretion of Show Management.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Handbook & Entry Forms: Available online 1st part of October

Online Entry: opens October 15th

Entry Deadline: Online entries must be submitted by December 1st

- Late fees apply after this date

Show Entry Forms

Individual Show and Contests entered via the HLSR Junior Show Entry Portal:

- Indemnities: Notorized indemnity forms are required for all shows and contests. **Note:** *Indemnity forms for Ag Mechanics contestants should be brought to the show on the day of move-in.*
 - *Current Calf Scramblers will complete the Jr Show indemnity.*
 - *New Calf Scramble entries will complete the 2026 Calf Scramble indemnity attached to the 2026 Calf Scramble application.*
- Entry Forms: All exhibitors/contestants will need to use the Junior Show Entry Form, for some contests including Ag Mechanics, Poster Board, and Video Contest, an additional form will need to be completed as well.
- W-9's: A paper W-9 will be required for all exhibitors/contestants.

Judging Contest Entry via judgingcard.com:

Entry for judging contests will be taken via judgingcard.com. Entries will open on October 15th and are due on Feb. 1st. **No Late Entries will be accepted!** No paper entry form is required. *Indemnity forms should not be mailed to the show, please bring the completed indemnity forms to the contest.*

Scholarships

Each year, more than 800 scholarships are awarded to Texas students by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™. Please visit rodeohouston.com to learn more about scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors.