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Significant Rule Changes for 2027



Below is a list of significant rule changes for the 2027 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:

- **Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** updated verbiage regarding eligibility of individuals listed on a sex offender database. Please see Rule 32 on pages 37 & 38.
- **Premium Payments:** new format for collecting W-9 forms. Forms will only be collected from exhibitors/contestants that receive premiums. Please see pages 34 & 141

Open Show:

- **Exhibitor Scholarships:** Exhibitor Scholarships are now open to contestants in certain Youth Shows. Please see page 43.
- **Open Cattle Show Schedule:** The Open Cattle Show Schedule has changed for 2027. Please see the rules starting on page 44.
- **Open & Youth Boer Goat Shows:** Percentage Boer Bucks added to the show. Please see rules starting on pages 106 & 109.
- **Youth Breeding Rabbit Show:** new breed distribution per wave. Please see the rules starting on page 126.

Junior Show:

- **Exhibitor Scholarships:** Exhibitor Scholarships are now open to contestants in certain Youth Shows. Please see page 146.
- **Junior Market Auction Premiums:** All Junior Market Auction premiums have increased for 2027. Please see pages 148, 165, 172, 177, 186, & 188.
- **Junior Market Steer Carcass Contest:** updates to rules for the contest. Please see page 160.
- **Junior Market Barrow Show:** updated number of classes and placings for Berkshire and Yorkshire breeds. Please see page 177.
- **Junior Market Broiler & Turkey Shows:**
    - **Sifting:** updated rule regarding sifted birds. Please see pages 186 & 188.
    - **Division Champions:** the 1st and 2nd place broilers and turkeys in each sex division are now denoted as Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The auction premium for these placings has also increased. Please see pages 187 & 189.
- **Junior Breeding Gilt Show:** maximum number of gilt entries changed to 2.
- **Ag Public Speaking & Ag Science Fair Entry Deadlines:** extended entry deadline to Jan. 10th. Please see page 281.
- **Poultry Judging Contest:** Split the contest into two divisions, Junior and Senior for teams and individuals. Please see the rules starting on page 328.

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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 ---------- Dean Fuchs - Burton, TX
Open Dairy Cattle ---------- Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX
Open Breeding Sheep ----------Robbie Eckhoff – Hawley, 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 ---------- Cathie Kindler – Ellijay, GA
----------Kathy Devaul – Cuthbert, GA
----------Kim Kyst – Jefferson, GA
Open and Youth Alpaca Show ---------- DJ Riedel – Conifer, CO
Junior Market Steer ----------Dr. Chris Skaggs – College Station, TX
Junior Market Lamb----------Dr. Shawn Ramsey - Navasota, TX, Marty Gibbs – Ballinger, TX
Junior Market Goat ----------Todd Swift, Johnson City, TX
Junior Market Barrow----------William Kulow – Needville, TX
Junior Market Broiler ---------- Micah Osburn – Somerville, TX
Junior Market Turkey ---------- Micah Osburn – Somerville, TX
Junior Commercial Steer ---------- Al Mahalitc – Eagle Lake, TX, Dr. Jason Cleere – College Station, TX
Junior Breeding Beef Heifer ----------Dr. Steve Fraze – Wolfforth, TX
Calf Scramble Show Steer ----------Dr. Kyle Stutts – Huntsville, TX
Calf Scramble Show Heifer ----------Gerald Young – Katy, TX; Bryan Davis – Marion, TX
Junior Dairy Cattle ---------- Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX
Junior Breeding Sheep----------Robbie Eckhoff – Hawley, 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 – College Station, TX
- Junior Dairy ---------- Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX
- Junior Floriculture ---------- Dr. Michael Maurer – Nacogdoches, TX
- Junior Food Challenge ----------Dr. Julie Gardner – Gatesville, TX

Junior Horse ---------- Mike Heimer – Conroe, TX
Junior Livestock Quiz Bowl ---------- Dr. Stanley Kelley – Yoakum, TX
Junior Livestock Judging ---------- Dr. Larry Boleman – College Station, TX
Junior Meat ---------- Dr. Davey Griffin – College Station, TX
Junior Nursery Landscape ---------- Dr. Jared Barnes – Nacogdoches, TX
Junior Poultry ---------- Dale Hyatt – College Station, TX
Junior Range and Pasture Plant ID ---------- Dr. Barron Rector – College Station, TX
Junior Veterinary Science Contest ---------- David Sessum – Bryan, TX
Junior Wildlife Contest Div. 1 (4-H) ---------- Larry Hysmith – College Station, TX
Junior Wildlife Contest Div. 2 (FFA) ---------- Terry Blankenship – Sinton, TX
Junior 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
---------- Eddie Lero, Bryan, 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**
International 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 ---------- **Ted Dement – Kenney, IL**
Open Breeding Sheep ---------- **TBD**
Boer Goat
Open ---------- **TBD**
Youth ---------- **TBD**
Dairy Goat
Open ---------- **TBD**
Youth ---------- **TBD**
Open & Youth Alpaca Halter & Performance ---------- **TBD**
Open & Youth Llama Halter & Performance ---------- **TBD**
Open & Youth Llama & Alpaca Fleece ---------- **TBD**
Open Cavy ---------- **Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN**
Youth Cavy ---------- **Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN**
Open Breeding Rabbits ---------- **Courtney Collins – Valley Springs, CA**
---------- **Dakota Manning – Sulphur, LA**
---------- **Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN**
---------- **Alan Ormond – Clearfield, UT**
---------- **Bruce Ormsby – Brownsville, IN**
Youth Breeding Rabbits ---------- **Courtney Collins – Valley Springs, CA**
---------- **Wendy Lange – Moses Lake, WA**
---------- **Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN**
---------- **Alan Ormond – Clearfield, UT**
---------- **Bruce Ormsby – Brownsville, IN**

Youth Meat Pen Rabbits---------- **Courtney Collins – Valley Springs, CA**
---------- **Wendy Lange – Moses Lake, WA**
---------- **Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN**
---------- **Alan Ormond – Clearfield, UT**
---------- **Bruce Ormsby – Brownsville, IN**
Junior Market Steer ---------- **Kevin Jensen – Courtland, KS**
Junior Market Lamb---------- **Dan Willoughby – Westfield, IN**
Junior Market Goat ---------- **Brett Carlisle – Leavenworth, KS**
Junior Market Barrow---------- **Cody Hayes – Kinde, LA**
---------- **Ben Bobell – Lincoln, IL**
Junior Market Broiler (Pullets)---------- **Jason Mooney – Saint Hedwig, TX**
Junior Market Broiler (Cockerels) ---------- Dr. **Daniel De Leon – Spring Hill, TN**
Junior Market Turkey (Hens) ---------- **Kyle Morgenroth – Schertz, TX**
Junior Market Turkey (Toms) ---------- **TBD**
Junior Breeding Beef Heifers
- Angus---------- **Will Coor – Greenfield, OH**
- Beefmaster ---------- Dr. **Jon DeClerck – College Station, TX**
- Brangus ---------- **Terri Barber – Corrales, NM**
- Charolais---------- **Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL**
- Chianina ---------- **Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL**
- Grey Brahman---------- **Dr. Jon DeClerk – College Station, TX**
- Hereford---------- **Will Coor – Greenfield, OH**
- Limousin ---------- **Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL**
- Maine-Anjou ---------- **Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL**
- Polled Hereford ---------- **Will Coor – Greenfield, OH**
- Red Angus ---------- **Will Coor – Greenfield, OH**
- Red Brahman---------- Dr. **Jon DeClerck – College Station, TX**
- Red Brangus---------- Dr. **Jon DeClerck – College Station, TX**
- Santa Gertrudis ---------- **Terri Barber – Corrales, NM**
- Shorthorn ---------- **Will Coor – Greenfield, OH**
- Simbrah ---------- **Terri Barber – Corrales, NM**
- Simmental ---------- **Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL**
- Other Registered Breeds ---------- **Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL**
- American Registered Breeds ---------- **Terri Barber – Corrales, NM**

Beef Scramble Heifer
- American ---------- **Harrison Smith – College Station, TX**
- British ---------- **TBD**
- Continental ---------- **TBD**

Scramble Steer – Wave 1 ---------- **TBD**
Scramble Steer – Wave 2 ---------- **TBD**
Junior Breeding Sheep---------- **Eric Zimmerman – Franklin, TX**
Junior Breeding Gilt---------- **Garrit Sproull – Uhrichsville, OH**
Junior Breeding Gilt Showmanship ---------- **Jacob Diezi – Bellville, TX**
Junior Dairy Cattle ---------- **Ted Dement – Kenney, IL**

LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRY DEADLINES

Oct. 1: 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 Breeding Beef Heifer, Junior Beef Scramble Heifer/Steer, Junior Dairy Cattle, Junior Breeding Sheep, Junior Breeding Gilt, Agricultural Mechanics Project Show, Poster Board Contest, and Video Contest.

Dec. 2 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. 10: Ag Public Speaking and Ag Science Fair Contest Entry Deadline, entries via www.judgingcard.com (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Feb. 1: 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: Junior and 4-H/FFA Team Judging Contest Deadline, entries via https://www.judgingcard.com/ (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED)

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).

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: Intercollegiate Judging Contest Entry Deadline (NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FEB. 1).

Feb. 1: Sheep Dog Trials

Feb. 15: Llama/Alpacas Entry Deadline (NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FEB. 15).

SALES AND AUCTIONS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 3

10 a.m. 60th Annual All Breeds Commercial Sale ..... Reliant Arena Sales Pavilion

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

Friday, March 5

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

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

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

Monday, March 8

1 p.m. Junior Commercial Steer Sale..... Reliant Arena Sales Pavilion

Friday, March 12

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

Saturday, March 13

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

Sunday, March 14

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

Friday, March 19

11 a.m. Junior Market Barrow Auction ..... Reliant Arena Sales Pavilion

Saturday, March 20

11 a.m. Junior Market Steer Auction ..... Reliant Arena Sales Pavilion

2027 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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

7 a.m.	Archery Competition Check-in Open – NASP	Reliant Center – Hall A
9 a.m.	Archery Competition – NASP *(Results will be 30 minutes following the last NASP Round)*	Reliant Center – Hall A
1 p.m.	Archery Competition Check-in Opens – Target (Round 1)	Reliant Center – Hall A
5:45 p.m.	Archery Competition Orientation – Target (Round 1)	Reliant Center – Hall A
6 p.m.	Archery Competition – Target (Round 1)	Reliant Center – Hall A

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

7 a.m.	Archery Competition Check-in Opens *Target (Round 2) & 3-D (Round 1)*	Reliant Center – Hall A
7:45 a.m.	Archery Competition Orientation – Target (Round 2)	Reliant Center – Hall A
8 a.m.	Archery Competition Orientation – 3-D (Round 1)	Reliant Center – Hall B
	Archery Competition – Target (Round 2)	Reliant Center – Hall A
8:15 a.m.	Archery Competition – 3-D (Round 1)	Reliant Center – Hall B
9 a.m.	Archery Competition Check-in Opens – 3-D (Round 2)	Reliant Center – Hall A
9:45 a.m.	Archery Competition Orientation – 3-D (Round 2)	Reliant Center – Hall B
10 a.m.	Archery Competition – 3-D (Round 2) *Or 15 minutes following the conclusion of Round 1*	Reliant Center – Hall B
12 p.m.	Archery Competition Check-in Opens *Target (Round 3) & 3-D (Round 3)*	Reliant Center – Hall A
12:45 p.m.	Archery Competition Orientation – Target (Round 3) *Or 30 minutes following the conclusion of Round 2*	Reliant Center – Hall A
1 p.m.	Archery Competition – Target (Round 3)	Reliant Center – Hall A
	Archery Competition Orientation – 3-D (Round 3) *Or 15 minutes following the conclusion of Round 2*	Reliant Center – Hall B
1:15 p.m.	Archery Competition – 3-D (Round 3)	Reliant Center – Hall B
2 p.m.	Archery Competition Check-in Opens – 3-D (Round 4)	Reliant Center – Hall A

2:45 p.m. Archery Competition Orientation – 3-D (Round 4)	Reliant Center – Hall B
3 p.m. Archery Competition – 3-D (Round 4) *Or 15 minutes following the conclusion of Round 3*	Reliant Center – Hall B
3:45 p.m. Archery Competition Check-in Opens – 3-D (Round 5)	Reliant Center – Hall A
4:30 p.m. Archery Competition Orientation – 3-D (Round 5)	Reliant Center – Hall B
4:45 p.m. Archery Competition – 3-D (Round 5) *Or 15 minutes following the conclusion of Round 4*	Reliant Center – Hall B

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

7 a.m. Archery Competition Check-in Opens *Target (Round 4) & 3-D (Round 7)*	Reliant Center – Hall A
7:45 a.m. Archery Competition Orientation – Target (Round 4)	Reliant Center – Hall A
Archery Competition Orientation – 3-D (Round 6)	Reliant Center – Hall B
8 a.m. Archery Competition – Target (Round 4) *Finalist Announcement following the conclusion of Round 4*	Reliant Center – Hall A
Archery Competition – 3-D (Round 6)	Reliant Center – Hall B
10 a.m. Archery Competition – 3-D Finals Announcement	Reliant Center – Hall B
10:45 a.m. Archery Competition Orientation – 3-D Finals	Reliant Center – Hall B
11 a.m. Archery Competition – 3-D Finals *Awards Presentation following Finals*	Reliant Center – Hall B
2 p.m. Archery Competition – Target Finals *Or 30 minutes following the conclusion of the 3-D Awards* *Target Awards Presentation following the conclusion of the Target Finals*	Reliant Center – Hall A

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

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	288 Pavilion
5:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony	

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:30 a.m. Young Guns Shooting Sports Check-in Begins	Greater Houston Sports Club
8 a.m. Young Guns Shooting Sports *(Tournament Begins)*	Greater Houston Sports Club

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 a.m.	Young Guns Shooting Sports Check-in Begins	Greater Houston Sports Club
8 a.m.	Young Guns Shooting Sports *(Tournament Continues)*	Greater Houston Sports Club

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 a.m.	Young Guns Skeet Shoot-Offs	Greater Houston Sports Club
	Young Guns Skeet Championship Round	Greater Houston Sports Club
	Young Guns Skeet Championship Shoot-Offs	Greater Houston Sports Club
10:30 a.m.	Young Guns Modified 5-Stand Shoot-Offs	Greater Houston Sports Club
12:30 p.m.	Young Guns Sporting Clays Championship Round	Greater Houston Sports Club
	Young Guns Sporting Clays Championship Shoot-Offs	Greater Houston Sports Club
3:30 p.m.	Young Guns Shooting Sports Awards Presentation	Greater Houston Sports Club

MONDAY, MARCH 1

6 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Angus, Braford/Braford F-1, Brangus, Simbrah, & Simmental (must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 11 a.m. & checked in by 2 p.m..)*

7 a.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.; Reliant Arena Sales Pavilion)

6:30 p.m. Breeding Sheep Exhibitor Reception — Reliant Center - 2nd Floor Rooms TBD

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

6 a.m. ***Move-In:*** Brahman *(must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 10 a.m. & checked in by 3 p.m.)*

8 a.m.	Open Breeding Sheep Show **Release: Open Breeding Sheep are released upon completion of breed show** *(must be out by 8 p.m. on March 3th)*	Reliant Center – East Arena
	Grade All Breeds Range Bulls & Commercial Females	Reliant Arena Sales Pavilion
10 a.m.	Ranching & Wildlife Expo *(open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)*	Reliant Center – East End, 2nd Floor
1 p.m.	Simmental Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena (East Side)
	Angus Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena (West side)
3:30 p.m.	Simbrah Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena (East Side)
4:30 p.m.	Braford F-1 Show	Reliant Center – Main Areana (West Side)

Braford Show (immediately following Braford F-1 Show) — Reliant Center – Main Areana (West Side)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

7 a.m. ***Release:*** *Angus, Braford/Braford F-1, Simbrah and Simmental (must be out by noon)*

7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Registration: 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest — Gerald D. Young Ag Science Center

8 a.m. Junior Breeding Sheep Show — Reliant Center – East Arena
Release: Junior Breeding Sheep are released upon completion of breed show *(must be out by 8 p.m.)*

International Brangus, Red Brangus, & Ultra Show — Reliant Center – Main Arena (East side)
(Ultra Female Show to immediately follow Brangus Female Show)

4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest — Gerald D. Young Ag Science Center

10:00 a.m. 60th All Breeds Commercial Sale — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

10 a.m. Ranching & Wildlife Expo *(open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)* — Reliant Center – East End, 2nd Floor

4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest Results & Awards — Gerald D. Young Ag Science Center

2:00 p.m. Brahman Show (Group Classes) — Reliant Center – Main Arena (West Side)

7:30 p.m. International Brahman Sale — TBD

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

1 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Junior Breeding Gilts*
(Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire)
(must be in place by 4 a.m. & check in by noon)

7 a.m. ***Release:*** *Brangus (must be out by 1 p.m.)*

Move-In: Santa Gertrudis *(Must be in place by 10 a.m., Checked-in by Noon)*

Beefmaster Cattle for South TX Beefmaster Futurity & Classic Sale
(must be in place at Reliant *Arena by 10 a.m.)*

8 a.m. Brahman Show (Females) — Reliant Center – Main Arena

Agri-Summit — Reliant Arena – Hall B

10 a.m. Ranching & Wildlife Expo *(open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)* — Reliant Center – East End, 2nd Floor

2 p.m. Gilt Showmanship — Reliant Center – East Arena

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

7 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Beefmaster, Charolais, Hereford, and Red Angus (must be in place by 10 a.m. and checked in by Noon)*

7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Registration: Livestock Quiz Bowl — Reliant Center – TBD

8 a.m. Junior Breeding Gilt Show — Reliant Center – East Arena

	Brahman Show (Bulls)	Reliant Center – Main Arena (East side)
	Livestock Quiz Bowl Orientation	Reliant Center – Rooms TBD
8:30 a.m.	Livestock Quiz Bowl Preliminary Rounds *(Finals Round upon completion of Prelims; Awards immediately following Finals)*	Reliant Center – Rooms TBD
	Rabbit Judging Contest	Reliant Arena – Hall B
9 a.m.	South Texas Beefmaster Breeders Magic Sale	Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion
10 a.m.	Ranching & Wildlife Expo *(open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)*	Reliant Center – East End, 2nd Floor
	Release: Jr. Breeding Gilts *(must be out by 8 p.m.)*	
Noon	Ranching & Wildlife Wild Game Auction Buyer Luncheon	Reliant Center – Main Club
1 p.m.	Ranching & Wildlife Auction	
	South Texas Beefmaster Breeders Futurity and Classic Sale	Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

5:30 a.m. Registration: Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest (Senior College) TBD

7 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Youth Meat Pen Rabbits (must be in place at Airport Blvd. by 7 a.m.,* Reliant *Arena – Hall B)*

Move-In: *Youth & Open Cavies (Must be in place by 7 a.m.)*

Move-In: *Boer & Dairy Goats*
(must be in place at Airport Blvd by noon & checked in by 3 p.m.; Reliant *Center – East Arena)*

Release: *Brahman Open Cattle (must be out by 5 p.m.)*

	Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest (Senior College)	TBD
7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Registration: Floriculture Judging Contest	Reliant Center – TBD
	Registration: Nursery Landscape Judging Contest	Reliant Center – TBD
8 a.m.	Santa Gertrudis Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena (East side)
	Charolais Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena (West side)
	Registration: Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest (Junior College)	US Foods
	Floriculture Judging Contest	Reliant Center – TBD
	Nursery Landscape Judging Contest	Reliant Center – TBD
	Youth Meat Pen Show	Reliant Arena – Hall B
9 a.m.	Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest (Junior College)	US Foods

Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board Competition Presentations — Reliant Center – Room 207

Open and Youth Cavy Show — Reliant Arena – Hall B

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

Ranching & Wildlife Expo *(open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)* — Reliant Center – East End, 2nd Floor

11 a.m. Beefmaster Show — Reliant Center – Main Arena (West side)

Noon Floriculture & Nursery Landscape Judging Contest Awards — Reliant Center – TBD

1 p.m. Ranching & Wildlife Video and Poster Awards — Reliant Center – Room 207

1:30 p.m. Red Angus Show — Reliant Center – Main Arena (East side)

3 p.m. Hereford/Polled Hereford Show — Reliant Center – Main Arena (East side)

Santa Gertrudis Show — Reliant Center – Main Arena (West Side)

4 p.m. Celebrity Goat Milking — Reliant Center – East Arena

5 p.m. Youth Meat Pen Awards — Reliant Arena – Hall B

6 p.m. ***Release:*** *Youth Meat Pen Rabbits and Open/Youth Cavies (must be out by 6 p.m.)*

6:30 p.m. Boer/Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception — Reliant Center – Rooms TBD

K9's4Cops: Hard Dog, Fast Dog — Reliant Center – Main Arena

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

4 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Junior Commercial Steers*
(Arrive directly to Gate 5; must be in place at Reliant *Arena by 10 a.m.)*

7 a.m. ***Release:*** *Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Charolais, Hereford and Red Angus (Must be out by 1 p.m.)*

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration: 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest — US Foods

8 a.m. Open Dairy Goat Show — Reliant Center – East Arena
(Youth Dairy Goat Showmanship starts 10 minutes after the end of the open show)

Open Boer Goat Show — Reliant Center – East Arena
(Youth Boer Goat Showmanship starts 10 minutes after the end of the open show)

Youth Breeding Rabbit Show Wave 1 — Reliant Arena – Hall B

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

8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration: Agriculture Science Fair — Reliant Center – TBD

Move-in: *Sheep Dog Trials* — Reliant Center – Main Arena

8:30a.m. Junior Meat Judging Contest — TBD

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

Registration: State FFA Tractor Technician Contest — Gerald D. Young Agricultural Science Center – LD Robinson Pavilion

State FFA Tractor Technician Contest (Parts I & II) — Gerald D. Young Agricultural Science Center – LD Robinson Pavilion

9:30 a.m. Sheep Dog Trails — Reliant Center – Main Arena

10 a.m. ***Move-In:*** Youth Breeding Rabbits Wave 2 (Must be in place by 2 p.m.)

Release: *Open Boer Goats and Open Dairy Goats (must be out by 5 p.m. on March 8th)*

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

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

2 p.m. Junior Meat Judging Contest Awards — US Foods

MONDAY, MARCH 8

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 — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

8 a.m. Youth Boer Goat Show — Reliant Center – East Arena

Youth Dairy Goat Show — Reliant Center – East Arena

Youth Breeding Rabbit Show Wave 2 — Reliant Arena – Hall B

8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Registration: Horse Judging Contest — Great Southwest Equestrian Center

9 a.m. ***Move-In:*** Tractor Tech Teams (Must be in place by 10 a.m.)

9:30 a.m. Horse Judging Contest — Great Southwest Equestrian Center
(Awards following conclusion contest)

10:00 a.m. State FFA Tractor Technician Contestant Check-in — Reliant Center – Room 204

Release: Open/Youth Boer Goats and Dairy Goats *(must be out by 5 p.m.)*

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

Junior Commercial Steer Buyer Reception — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

1 p.m. Junior Commercial Steer Sale — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

3:15 p.m. State FFA Tractor Technician Contest (Part III) — Reliant Center – Main Arena

Results & Awards (following end of contest)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

1 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Junior Market Lambs & Goats (Must be in place by 6 a.m.)*

7 a.m. Junior Commercial Steer Final Interviews — Reliant Arena

8 a.m. American Scramble Heifer Show (Awards Presentation to follow show) — Reliant Center – Main Arena

Junior Market Goats & Lambs Mobile Check-in (Must be checked in by 2:30 p.m.) — Reliant Center – East Arena

Youth Breeding Rabbit Show — Reliant Arena – Hall B
(Release Youth Breeding Rabbits Wave 2, must be out by 2 p.m.)

Junior Breeding Heifers Show (Wave 1) — **Reliant** Center – Main Arena
(East – ARB, Brangus, Simbrah) (West – Beefmaster, Red Brangus, Red Brahman)
Show starts 30 minutes after the completion of the Scramble Heifer Show
NO RELEASES PRIOR TO 1 P.M. for Jr. Breeding Beef Heifers (must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/10)

Noon Junior Commercial Steer Awards Luncheon — **Reliant** Arena – Sales Pavilion

1 p.m. Release: Junior Breeding Heifers *(must be out by 5 p.m on 3/10)*
(ARB, Beefmaster, Brangus, Red Brahman, Red Brangus, Simbrah)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

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

Release: Junior Market Lamb – TACK ONLY

8 a.m. Junior Heifer Show (Wave 1) Continued — Reliant Center – Main Arena
(East- Santa Gertrudis) (West – Grey Brahman)

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

Junior Market Lamb and Goat Opening Ceremonies — Reliant Center – East Arena

8:30 a.m. Junior Market Lamb Show — Reliant Center – East Arena (East Side)
(Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Dorper)

Junior Market Goat Show — Reliant Center – East Arena (West Side)
(Division I & II)

5 p.m. Lil' Rustlers — Reliant Center – Main Arena

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

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* — Reliant Arena – Hall B
(Sift at 6 a.m., must be in place by 6 a.m.)

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

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

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

Noon Release: Junior Market Goat – TACK ONLY

5 p.m. Lil' Rustlers — Reliant Center – Main Arena

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

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

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

Junior Breeding Heifer Show (Wave 2) — Reliant Center – Main Arena
(East – Hereford, Angus, Polled Hereford, Red Angus) (West – Charolais, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Simmental)
Show starts 30 minutes after the completion of the Scramble Heifer Show

9 a.m. Junior Market Turkey Judging (or at completion of sift) — Reliant Arena – Hall B

11 a.m. Junior Market Lamb & Goat Auction — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

Noon Release: *Junior Breeding Heifers upon completion of breed show (must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/13)*

4 p.m. Junior Market Poultry Champion Selection — Reliant Arena – Hall B

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

1 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Junior Market Barrows (must be in place at Airport Blvd by 7 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. – 7:45 a.m. Registration: 4-H/FFA Wildlife Habitat Contest — Long Acres Ranch; Richmond, TX

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

8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Public Speaking Contest Contestant Check-In — Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus

8:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Wildlife Habitat Judging Contest — Long Acres Ranch; Richmond, TX
(Results & Awards upon conclusion of contest)

9 a.m. Public Speaking Contest Orientation — Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus

9:30 a.m. Open Breeding Rabbit Show A&B — Reliant Arena – Hall B
Release: *Open Breeding Rabbits upon completion of awards* *(Must be out by 8 p.m.)*

Public Speaking Contest Preliminary Round — Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus
Finalist Parking Pass Pick Up (upon the competition of finalist announcements)

11 a.m. Poultry Auction — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

Noon: **Release:** *Junior Breeding Heifers* *(must be out by 5 p.m.)*

5 p.m. Lil' Rustlers — Reliant Center – Main Arena

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

1 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *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, Maine-Anjou, Other Cross I, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, and Simmental)

8 a.m. Classify & Show Junior Market Barrow Show — Reliant Center – East Arena
(Show A: Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted)

8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Registration: Range & Pasture Plant ID — Reliant Center – TBD

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Public Speaking Contest Finalist Check-In — Reliant Center – TBD

9 a.m. Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest Begins — Reliant Center – TBD

10 a.m. Public Speaking Contest Finals — Reliant Center – TBD
(Results & Awards upon conclusion of contest)

11 a.m. School Art Auction — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest Awards — Reliant Center – TBD

Noon **Release:** *Junior Market Barrows – TACK ONLY*

Reliant Center – Main Arena

5 p.m. Scramble Steer Show – Wave 1 *(Awards Presentation to follow)* — Reliant Center – Main Arena

MONDAY, MARCH 15

7 a.m. Registration: Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

7:30 a.m. Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest Begins — Reliant Arena – Halls A & B

7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. Registration: Intercollegiate Wool Judging — Reliant Center –Room 207

8 a.m. **Release:** Junior Market Barrows – TACK ONLY

Release: ***Non-Placing Steers; must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/16***
(Exception: Grand/Reserve Breed Champions,1st, & 2nd place steers, steers classified as Red, Black or Other Cross)

Classify & Show Junior Market Barrows — Reliant Center – East Arena
*(**Show B:** Other Crossbred I)*

Junior Market Steer Show – Wave I — Reliant Center – Main Arena
*(**Show A**: Charolais, Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis Cross, Simbrah, Brangus)*

8:30 a.m. Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest Begins — Reliant Center – TBD
Intercollegiate Wool Judging Awards to follow contest

11 a.m. – Noon Registration: Junior Wool Judging Contest — Reliant Center – TBD

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Registration: Junior Livestock Judging Contest — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

Noon Orientation: Junior Livestock Judging — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion
Contestants & Coaches ONLY

12:30 p.m. Junior Livestock Judging Contest Begins — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion
Results & awards no earlier than 4:30 p.m.

1 p.m. Junior Wool Judging Contest — Reliant Center – TBD

Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest Reasons — The KBC Center

4 p.m. Junior Wool Judging Contest Results & Awards — Reliant Center – TBD

6 p.m. Junior Livestock Calf Scramble Reception — Reliant Arena – TBD

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

1 a.m. ***Move-In: Junior Market Barrows*** *(must be in place at Airport Blvd by 7 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 — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

8 a.m. Junior Market Steer Show (Wave 1 continued) — Reliant Center – Main Arena
(**Show B:** Brahman Cross, ABC, Other Cross I)

Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Awards Breakfast — Reliant Center – 600 Series

Noon **Release: *Non-Placing Steers; must be out by 5 p.m.***
(Exception: Breed/Reserve Breed Champions)

2:00 p.m. Food Challenge Preliminary Awards — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

2:45 p.m. Food Challenge Finals Challenge — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

5 p.m. Lil' Rustlers — Reliant Center – Main Arena

5:00 p.m. Food Challenge Finals Awards — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

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 II, Red Angus, Red Cross, and Shorthorn)

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration: Agriculture Product Identification Contest Reliant Center – Rooms 601/602

8 a.m. Junior Market Barrow Show – Wave II — Reliant Center – East Arena
(**Show C:** Duroc, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Chester White/Landrace)

8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Registration: Ag Robotics Contest — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

9 a.m. Ag Robotics Contest Orientation — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

Agriculture Product Identification Contest — Reliant Center – Rooms 600-603
(Awards upon conclusion of contest)

9:45 a.m. Ag Robotics Contest Programming & Practice — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

11:15 a.m. Ag Robotics Contest Competition — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

Noon **Release:** *Barrows – TACK ONLY*

3 p.m. Ag Robotics Contest Awards — Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

5 p.m. Junior Market Scramble Steer Show – Wave 2 — Reliant Center – Main Arena
(Awards Presentation to follow show)

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Registration: Veterinary Science Contest — Reliant Center – Rooms 201 – 203

8 a.m. **Release:** Barrow TACK ONLY
Release: Non-placing Junior Market Steers upon completion of breed show

8 a.m. Junior Market Steer Show – Wave II — Reliant Center – Main Arena
(**Show C**: Angus, Limousin, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Black Cross)

Junior Market Barrow Show — Reliant Center – East Arena
(**Show D:** Other Crossbred II)

8:30 a.m. Veterinary Science Contest — Reliant Center – TBD

10:00 a.m. ***Move-In****: Llama/Alpaca* — Reliant Arena – Hall B
(Must be in place by 4 p.m. and checked in by 5 p.m.)

1 p.m. Veterinary Science Contest Finals — Reliant Center – TBD

2 p.m. Llama Walking Fleece — Reliant Arena – Hall B
(Walking Fleece is done at will before the judge & not in the arena as a regular halter class)

3:30 p.m. Veterinary Science Contest Awards — Reliant Center – TBD

4 p.m. Llama & Alpaca Parade — Reliant Arena – Hall B

6 p.m. Llama/Alpaca Exhibitor Meeting — Reliant Arena – Hall B

7:30 p.m. Junior Market Barrow Champion Selection — Reliant Center – East Arena

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

2 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Ag Mechanics Projects* *(must be in place by 7 a.m. and checked in by 11 a.m.)*

6 a.m. ***Move-In:*** *Dairy Cattle (Must be in place at Airport Blvd. 6 a.m. and checked in by 10 a.m.)*

8 a.m. Junior Market Steer Show – Wave 2) Reliant Center – Main Arena
(**Show D:** Red Cross, Other Cross II)
All placing steers not walking across the auction floor MUST report to TLMA 30 minutes after the last breed show ends.

Open & Youth Llama Shorn Fleece Show Reliant Arena – Hall B

Open & Youth Alpaca Shorn Fleece Show *(following Llama Fleece)* Reliant Arena – Hall B

Llama Open Pack Reliant Arena – Hall B

Llama & Alpaca Open – Obstacles & PR Show *(following Pack)* Reliant Arena – Hall A

Alpaca Walking Fleece Show Reliant Arena – Hall B
(Walking Fleece is done at will before the judge & not in the arena as a regular halter class)

Open Llama Costume Show Reliant Arena – Hall A
(30 minutes following conclusion of Obs & PR)

Youth Llama Costume Show *(following Open Costume)* Reliant Arena – Hall A

11 a.m. Junior Market Barrow Auction Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

1 p.m. ***Release:*** *Non-Placing Steers (must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/20)*

6 p.m. Junior Market Steer Pre-Judging Reliant Center – Main Arena

8:30 p.m. Champion Junior Market Steer Selection Reliant Stadium

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

7 a.m. ***Move:*** *Auction Qualifying Junior Market Steers to* Reliant *Arena Sales Pavilion*

Move-In: *Braunvieh, Braunvieh Beefbuilder, Longhorn & Miniature Zebu Cattle* Reliant *Center*
(Must be in place at Airport Blvd by 9 a.m. & checked in by 11:30 a.m.)

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Registration: Dairy Judging Contest Reliant Center – Main Arena

8 a.m. Ag Mechanics Show Judging Reliant Center – East Arena

Open Llama & Alpaca Showmanship Reliant Arena – Hall A

Dairy Judging Contest Exam Reliant Center – Main Arena

9 a.m. Ag Mechanics Career Fair Reliant Center – East Arena

Release: *Non-placing Junior Market Steers*
(must be out by 5 p.m)

9:30 a.m. Dairy Judging Contest *(Live animal evaluation)* Reliant Center – Main Arena

10:30 a.m. Llama & Alpaca Halter Show Reliant Arena – Hall A

Open Alpaca Costume Show Reliant Arena – Hall A
(30 minutes following conclusion of Halter Show)

	Youth Alpaca Costume Show *(following Open Costume)*	Reliant Arena – Hall A
	Dairy Judging Contest Awards	Reliant Center – Rooms 201 - 203
11 a.m.	Junior Market Steer Auction	Reliant Arena - Sales Pavilion
Noon	Dairy Judging Contest Calf Scramble Reception	Reliant Center – Café on the Park (2nd Floor)
2 p.m.	Lloan-A-Llama	Reliant Arena – Hall A
2:00 p.m.	Youth Texas Longhorn Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena
4 p.m.	Llama & Alpaca Group Classes	Reliant Arena – Hall A
	Llama & Alpaca Lympics Exhibition	Reliant Arena – Hall A

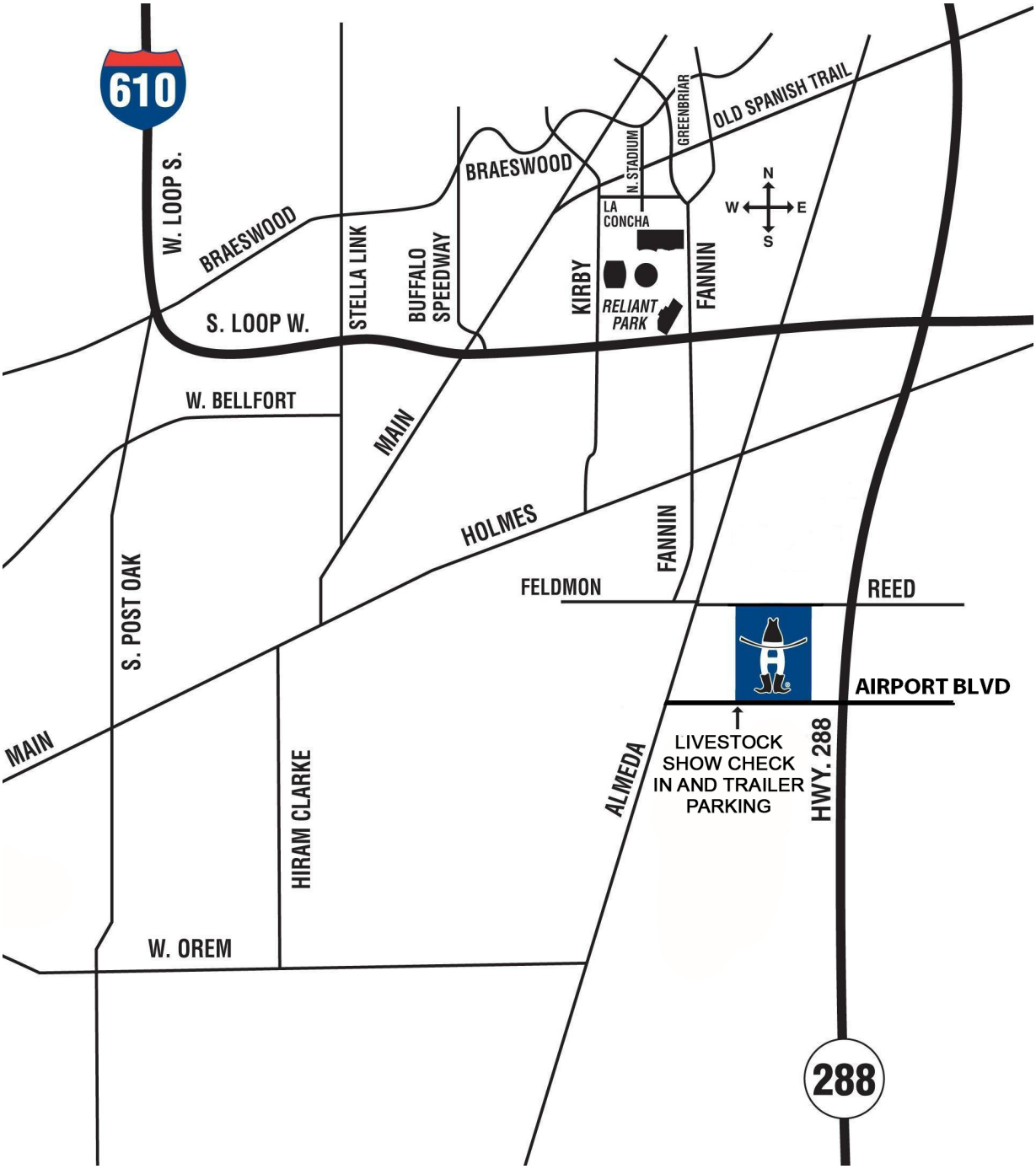
SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8 a.m.	Open/Junior Dairy Cattle Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena (East side)
	Youth Llama & Alpaca Showmanship & Performance *(Performance starting at the conclusion of Showmanship)*	Reliant Arena – Hall B
	Miniature Zebu Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena (West side)
	Ag Mechanics Awards ***Release:*** *Ag Mechanics Projects upon completion of awards (must be out by 5 p.m.)*	Reliant Center – East Arena
9 a.m.	***Release:*** *Llama & Alpaca upon completion of the show (must be out by 5 p.m.)* ***Release:*** *Braunvieh, Braunvieh Beefbuilder, Dairy Cattle, Longhorn, & Miniature Zebu Cattle (Must be out by 7 p.m.)*	
10:30 a.m.	Open Texas Longhorn Show	Reliant Center – Main Arena
3 p.m.	Braunvieh Show (Followed by Braunvieh Beefbuilder Show)	Reliant Center – Main Arena

STAGING AND TRAILER PARKING MAP

All exhibitors (except for Jr. Comm Steer, Poultry & Open Rabbit Show) must enter and stage at AIRPORT BOULEVARD.

Trailer Parking will also be at:
AIRPORT BOULEVARD
1901 Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX 77051



NOTE: Please do NOT lock trailers once parked at Airport Boulevard. 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.**

RELIANT CENTER EXHIBITOR PARKING MAP

Gate 11 Parking Passes: Enter Gate 11 (located off Kirby Dr.) and park in Lot 2. If Lot 2 is full, proceed to Gate 21 (please see instructions below).



Gate 21 Parking Passes: Enter Gate 21 (located off W. Bellfort between Kirby Dr. and Fannin St.) and park in the Exhibitor Lot. Buses will be available 24 hours a day to transport exhibitors to RELIANT Park.



RELIANT ARENA EXHIBITOR PARKING MAP

Gate 5 Parking Passes: Enter Gate 5 (located off 610 frontage road) and park in the Maroon Lot.



GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Force Majeure

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence which makes performance by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo illegal, impossible, inadvisable or, in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's reasonable opinion, unsafe or commercially impracticable, and includes, but is not limited to (i) any breakage or accident to equipment, machinery or facilities; (ii) any strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, directives or rules issued by governmental authorities, including, but not limited to those concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response and/or protection of the environment; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) pandemics, epidemics, quarantines, recognized health threats as determined by the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or state or local government authority or health agencies (including, but not limited to the health threats of COVID-19, H1N1 or other infectious diseases); (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobediences, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) acts of God , fires, floods, national disasters, explosions or inclement weather; (x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depressions, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) any other cause beyond the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's reasonable control.

Reliant Park Emergency Evacuations

Evacuation of Livestock/Equine: During such times as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and/or its officials may evacuate Reliant Park. Incidents such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, fire, etc. will be acted upon in accordance and cooperation with local, state and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life, then livestock and/or equine. In such cases, exhibitors and/or contestants will turn over the care of their livestock or equine to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted, then exhibitors/contestants will be allowed to reenter Reliant Park and claim their livestock or equine.

By making entry into the Show, you authorize the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and its officials to detain your livestock/equine on these premises. Furthermore, you agree to hold harmless and without liability the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, its officials, directors, officers, volunteers, and staff for those animals under the reasonable care of the Show.

Administration of Rules and Regulations

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves to its Executive Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums.

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, 2027. 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 Dairy Cattle Show, Junior Breeding Gilt 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 will be accepted with late fees. Entries submitted on **Dec. 2 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



If paying entries by check, 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), if not paid online.
2. Summary Sheet from the online entry process.

   b. **Junior Judging Contest 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 15, 2026.
      2. Contest Deadlines



         a. Ag Public Speaking and Ag Science Fair: Entry must be submitted prior to midnight, January 10, 2027.
         b. Agriculture Product ID, Ag Robotics Contest, Junior Dairy Judging, Junior Floriculture, Junior Food Challenge, Junior Horse Judging, Junior Livestock Judging, Junior Livestock Quiz Bowl, Junior Meats Judging, Junior Nursery Landscape, Junior Poultry Judging, Junior Range and Pasture Plant ID, Junior Veterinary Science Contest, Junior Wildlife Contest, Junior Wool Judging Entry must be submitted prior to midnight, February 1, 2027.
         c. **No Late Entries will be accepted after the deadline.**
      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 Feb. 1st. **Group Classes:** Must be entered by Feb. 1st.

   f. **Llama & Alpaca Show**: Entries are due on Feb. 15th. No entries will be accepted after Feb. 15th.

   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. 1 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 Breeding Beef Heifer, Junior Beef Scramble Heifer/Steer, Junior Dairy Cattle, Junior Breeding Sheep, Junior Breeding Gilt, Agricultural Mechanics Project Show, Poster Board Contest, and Video Contest.

Dec. 2 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).

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

Jan 10: Ag Public Speaking Contest & Ag Science Fair Contest. Entries via www.judgingcard.com (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED)

Feb. 1: 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: Junior, 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).

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	$ 40
Junior Market Lamb	$ 40
Junior Market Goat	$ 40
Junior Market Barrow	$ 40
Junior Market Turkey	$ 35
Junior Market Broilers, per pen of three	$ 35
Junior Breeding Sheep, per head	$ 35
Junior Breeding Sheep, group classes, per class	$ 15
Junior Breeding Gilts, per head	$ 35
Junior Breeding Beef Heifer	$ 40
Junior Dairy Cattle	$ 35

Open Show:

Open Beef Cattle, per head, individual class	$ 40
Open Beef Cattle, per head, group class, per entry	$ 15
Open Dairy Cattle, per head	$ 35
Open Breeding Sheep, per head, individual class	$ 35
Open Breeding Sheep, group classes, per class	$ 15
Open and Youth Dairy Goats, per head	$ 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:

Youth Breeding Rabbits, per rabbit..... $ 10
Open Youth Rabbits - Meat Pen.....$10
Open & Youth Cavies, per cavy.....$ 8
Open Breeding Rabbits Show A&B Combined.....$16

Contests:

Junior Commercial Steers, per pen of three .....$ 105
Open Sheep Dog Trials, per entry .....$ 80
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)
20 Yard Indoor Target Archery Competition ..... $75 per individual
3-D ASA Style Archery Competition ..... $45 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:

Open Show Processing Fee, per order .....$ 10
Open Show Cattle Tie-out Permits, per head.....$ 10
Junior Show Extra Late Entry Fee (Dec. 2 - 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
Rabbit and Cavy Substitution Fee, per entry……$5

9. Livestock Exhibitor Passes

Open Show

a. Open/Youth Cattle, Open Breeding Sheep, Open/Youth Boer and Dairy Goats, Sheep Dog Trails: one per the first animal entered and one for every additional 2 head beyond the first animal entered.
b. Open/Youth Breeding Rabbits, Open/Youth Cavies, Youth Meat Pen Rabbits: one per the first animal entered and one for every 6 head beyond the first animal entered. For Youth Meat Pen Rabbits, 1 pen equals one head to calculate passes.

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

a. Open/Youth Cattle, Open Breeding Sheep, Open/Youth Dairy and Boer Goats: 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).
b. Sheep Dog Trail: 1 per Exhibitor
c. Open/Youth Breeding Rabbit, Open/Youth Cavy, Youth Meat Pen Rabbit Show: one per the first animal entered and one for every additional 10 head beyond the first animal entered. For Youth Meat Pen Rabbits, 1 pen equals one head to calculate passes.

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. Reliant 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.

NEW! **13. Premium Payments:** W-9 forms must be on file for premium payments to be processed. Once placings/premiums have been finalized, exhibitors/contestants who have won a premium will receive a request to complete an electronic W-9. It is the exhibitor/contestant's responsibility to complete the electronic process to receive premium payments.

Competition

14. Judges:

a. **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.

b. **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.

c. **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.

15. **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.

16. **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.

17. **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.

18. **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.

19. **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.

20. **Animal Handling:** Only experienced handlers may lead livestock within the premises of Reliant 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.

21. **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.

22. **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.

23. 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 Reliant 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 <u>any</u> alteration of the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by <u>any</u> unnatural means. Such alterations do not include common and accepted animal husbandry practices. Animals showing <u>any</u> 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 <u>any</u> 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 Reliant 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.

24. **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. Halters of any material less than ¼ inch in diameter are prohibited for all species, including but not limited to: cable, nylon, string and monofilament.

25. **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.

26. **Exhibitor Grounds Pass:** Anyone abusing the use of or transferring passes will forfeit the pass.

Exhibitor Conduct and Exhibit Area Rules

27. **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.

28. **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 in the aisles. (The aisles are designated for animals and people to walk on, and for emergency evacuation.)

29. **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.*

30. **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.

31. **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.

32. **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.



Exhibitor and parents/guardians recognize that they will have access to and interaction with children attending the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Any person who is listed on any federal, state or local sex offender register or database is ineligible to exhibit at or attend the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

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.

33. **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.

34. **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 Rule 30, Grounds Conduct and Rule 31, Exhibitor Code of Ethics.

35. **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.

36. **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 Reliant Center and Reliant Arena. However, space availability is subject to change depending on arrival numbers.

37. **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.

38. **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.
    f. **Tents**: Livestock exhibitors are not permitted to bring tents on Reliant park premesis.

39. **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. Note: Only small squares bales are allowed on grounds. **Round bales and large square bales are not allowed.**

40. **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.

41. **Livestock Display**: Livestock must be in designated stall or pen between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day of the Show.

42. **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.

43. **Nurse Cows:** Nurse cows are not allowed on Show grounds.

44. **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.

45. **Good Herdsman Awards:** Rules, criteria and prizes for this competition are listed separately in this handbook.

46. **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 Beef Cattle (Intrastate)

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

Out-of-State Origin Breeding Beef 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.
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.
    ii.

TX Origin Dairy Cattle (Intrastate)

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

Out-of-State Origin Dairy Cattle (Interstate)

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI): CVI current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Prior to interstate movement, lactating dairy cattle are required to receive a negative PCR test for Influenza A virus at an approved NAHLN laboratory using a NAHLN approved assay and in accordance with the Federal Order effective April 29, 2024 https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/federal-orderfaq.pdf
3. The HPAI Dairy Testing Protocol requires the following: 1) Sample collection must be performed by a USDA category II accredited veterinarian or a person under the direct supervision of USDA category II accredited veterinarian working for the dairy cattle herd. 2) Milk from each quarter of the individual cow must be pooled together to create a total sample between 3-10 ml of milk. 3) Each lactating dairy cow's sample must be kept individualized. Samples shall not be pooled between cows.

Junior Market Steers/Scramble 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 is not required.

SHEEP

TX Origin Sheep (Intrastate)

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

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 Bucella ovis Test requirement if they are held separate from out-of-state sheep.

Junior Market Lambs

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection not required.

GOATS

TX Origin Goats (Intrastate)

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

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

Junior Breeding Gilts

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

Junior Market Barrows

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

POULTRY

Junior Market Poultry

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection not required.

EXOTICS

Camelidae: includes camels, llamas and alpacas.

TX Origin Camelidae (Intrastate)

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

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 Reliant Park. Certificate must state that rabies vaccination is current.*



EXHIBITOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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Thirty livestock and horse show exhibitors will receive a four-year, $20,000 college scholarship as an additional incentive for participating in the 2027 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 2027 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 1, 2026 and are due by February 2, 2027 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 6, 2027, 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)*
- Youth Breeding Cattle Show
- Youth Meat Pen Rabbit Show
- Youth Breeding Rabbit Show
- Youth Cavy Show
- Youth Boer Goat Show
- Youth Dairy Goat Show

Horse Show

- All-Breed Youth Horse Show
- Cutting Horse 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.

OPEN AND YOUTH CATTLE

Department A

Superintendent – Dean Fuchs – Burton, TX

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Dr. Jason Cleere – College Station, TX
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Dr. Joe Mask – Nacogdoches, TX
Dr. Chase Runyan – San Angelo, TX
Victor Guerra – Linn, TX

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. NEW! Arrival Rates: Exhibitors are required to arrive with a certain percentage of the animal entries (including individual and pair classes) as follows:

Arrival Rate Table

Animal Entries	Arrival Rate
2	50%
3 – 10	75%
11 +	80%

In the event that someone does not adhere to the arrival rates, the following penalties can be enforced:

a. Lose the ability to purchase display space the following year.
b. Stall requests will not be granted the following year, stalling space for the exhibitor will be assigned after all other entries for the breed have been stalled.
c. Lose the ability to purchase tie-outs for the following year.
d. Depending on the severity, a potential one-year ban on entering the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

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5. Exhibitors who have non-approved cattle in the building will be asked to remove such cattle from the premises and will forfeit all prizes.

6. 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.

7. Official photographs of champions of each breed will be made at the end of each sex division. Exhibitors will cooperate with superintendents and photographers.

8. 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.

9. 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.

Special Rules for All Open & Youth Cattle Display Space

1. Display space will be sold to exhibitors at the time of entry **and will be strictly limited to what is purchased in advance**. Space will not be available for purchase once entries close on February 1st.

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 20 feet. In order to receive 20 feet, thirty-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 31 animals to purchase 20' 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.

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.

Display Space Table

Animal Entries	Display Space Available for Purchase in feet	Display Space Cost
5 – 10	8'	$200
11 – 20	12'	$300
21 - 30	16'	$400
31+	20'	$500

Angus Show

Department A

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	February 28th	10 p.m.
NEW! First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 1	6 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 1	11 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	March 1	Noon
Show	Tuesday	March 2	2 p.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	March 3	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	March 3	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 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. Late Fall Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/26 and after	
2. Early Fall heifer Calves	calved 9/1/26 - 10-31-26	
3. FALL HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
4. RESERVE FALL HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
5. Late Summer Heifer Calves	calved 7/1/26 - 8-31-26	
6. Early Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/26 - 6/30/26	
7. SUMMER HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
8. RESERVE SUMMER HEIFER CLAF CHAMPION		(Banner)
9. Late Junior Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 4/30/256	
10. Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	
11. JUNIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
12. RESERVE JUNIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
13. Late Senior Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	
14. Early Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	
15. SENIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
16. RESERVE SENIOR HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
17. Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	
18. Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	
19. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
20. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
21. Late Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	
22. Early Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	
23. JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
24. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
25. Late Senior Yearling Females	calved 11/1/24 - 12/31/24	
26. Early Senior Yearling Females	calved 9/1/24 - 10/31/24	
27. SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
28. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
29. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
30. 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

31. Cow/Calf Class: (3 year old and younger) Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on day of Show.	calved 1/1/24 - 8/31/24	
32. Cow/Calf Class (4 year old and older) Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on day of Show.	calved 12/31/23 or earlier	
33. GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR		(Banner & Trophy)
34. RESERVE CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR		(Banner & Trophy)

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

35. Late Fall Bull Calves	calved 11/1/2026 and after	
36. Early Fall Bull Calves	calved 9/1/26 - 10/31/26	
37. FALL BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
38. RESERVE FALL BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
39. Late Summer Bull Calves	calved 7/1/26 - 8/31/26	
40. Early Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 – 6/31/26	
41. SUMMER BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
42. RESERVE SUMMER BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
43. Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 4/30/26	
44. Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	
45. JUNIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
46. RESERVE JUNIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
47. Late Senior Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	
48. Early Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	
49. SENIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
50. RESERVE SENIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
51. Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	
52. Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	

Special Rules for Open Angus Show

53. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
54. RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
55. Late Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	
56. Early Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	
57. JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
58. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
59. Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	
60. Summer Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/24 - 8/31/24	
61. Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 - 4/30/24	
62. SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
63. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
64. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
65. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

66. 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)
67. Get-of-sire: Four animals by one sire shown in the above classes, both sexes represented. (Banner)
68. Breeders Best Six Head: The exhibitor of the breeders' six head must be the breeder and 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). (Banner)

Beefmaster Promotion Group Open International Show

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....$3,890
Beefmaster Promotion Group.....$3,890
Total Premiums Available.....$7,780

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Friday	March 5	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Friday	March 5	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 5	10 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Friday	March 5	Noon
Show	Saturday	March 6	11 a.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 7	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 7	1 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:	$70	$60	$46

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

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

35.	Early Senior Yearling Females *	calved 9/1/24 – 9/30/24	(Premium A)

Special Rules for Beefmaster Promotion Group Open International Show

36.	CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
37.	RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMAILE		(Banner & Trophy)
38.	Summer Pairs **	calved 8/1/24 – 8/31/24	(Premium A)
39.	Summer Pairs **	calved 7/1/24 – 7/31/24	(Premium A)
40.	Summer Pairs **	caved 6/1/24 – 6/30/24	(Premium A)
41.	Summer Pairs **	calved 5/1/24 – 5/31/24	(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 5/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
47.	Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Premium A)
48.	Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 – 3/31/26	(Premium A)
49.	Junior Bull Calves	calved 2/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
50.	Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 – 1/31/26	(Premium A)
51.	CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner & Trophy)
52.	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner & Trophy)
53.	Late Senior Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
54.	Early Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
55.	Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
56.	Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 – 6/30/25	(Premium A)
57.	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
58.	RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
59.	Spring Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 4/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Premium A)
60.	Late Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 – 3/31/25	(Premium A)
61.	Early Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
62.	CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
63.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
64.	Late Senior Bulls	calved 9/1/24 – 12/31/24	(Premium A)
65.	Summer Senior Bulls	calved 5/1/24 – 8/31/23	(Premium A)
66.	Early Senior Bulls	calved 1/1/23 – 4/30/23	(Premium A)
67.	Senior Bulls	calved 9/1/22 – 12/31/22	(Premium A)
68.	Late Senior Bulls	calved 5/1/22 – 8/31/22	(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.....$910
United Braford Breeders.....$910
Total Premiums Available.....$1,820

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	February 28	10 p.m.
NEW! First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 1	6 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 1	11 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	March 1	2 p.m.
Braford F-1 Female Show	Tuesday	March 2	4:30 p.m.
Braford Show	Tuesday	March 2	Upon completion of Braford F-1 Female Show
Begin Release	Wednesday	March 3	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	March 3	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 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, a certified digital copy, or a certified photocopy 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 Herford 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 1/4 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:	$29	$20	$10

Special Rules for National Braford Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
2.	Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/26- 4/30/26	(Premium A)
3.	Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	(Premium A)
4.	Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/28/26	(Premium A)
5.	Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26	(Premium A)
6.	CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
7.	RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
8.	Winter Heifer Calves	calved 10/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
9.	Senior Heifer Calves	calved 8/1/25 - 9/30/25	(Premium A)
10.	CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
11.	RESERVE CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
12.	Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/25 - 7/31/25	(Premium A)
13.	Late Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
14.	Early Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/25 - 3/31/25	(Premium A)
15.	Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
16.	CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
17.	RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
18.	Late Senior Yearling Females	calved 10/1/24 - 12/31/24	(Premium A)
19.	Early Senior Yearling Females	calved 8/1/24 - 9/30/24	(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 5/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
25.	Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	(Premium A)
26.	Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	(Premium A)
27.	Junior Bull Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
28.	Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26	(Premium A)
29.	CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner)
30.	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner)
31.	Winter Bull Calves	calved 10/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
32.	Senior Bull Calves	calved 8/1/25 - 9/30/25	(Premium A)
33.	CHAMPION FALL BULL CALF		(Banner)
34.	RESERVE CHAMPION FALL BULL CALF		(Banner)
35.	Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 - 7/31/25	(Premium A)
36.	Late Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
37.	Early Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 - 3/31/25	(Premium A)
38.	Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
39.	CHAMPION YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
40.	RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
41.	Late Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 10/1/24 - 12/31/24	(Premium A)
42.	Early Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 8/1/24 - 9/30/24	(Premium A)
43.	Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 - 7/31/24	(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.....$540
United Braford Breeders.....$540
Total Premiums Available.....$1,080

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:	$36	$27	$20

FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
2.	Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	(Premium A)
3.	Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	(Premium A)
4.	Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
5.	Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26	(Premium A)
6.	CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
7.	RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
8.	Winter Heifer Calves	calved 10/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
9.	Senior Heifer Calves	calved 8/1/25 - 9/30/25	(Premium A)
10.	CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
11.	RESERVE CHAMPION FALL HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
12.	Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/25 - 7/31/25	(Premium A)
13.	Late Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
14.	Early Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/25 - 3/31/25	(Premium A)
15.	Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
16.	CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
17.	RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
18.	Late Senior Yearling Females	calved 10/1/24 - 12/31/24	(Premium A)
19.	Early Senior Yearling Females	calved 8/1/24 - 9/30/24	(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/Banners Only
Trophies/Banners donated by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and American Brahman Breeders Association

Judge: P.J. Budler – Fort Worth, TX

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Monday	March 1	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Tuesday	March 2	6 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Tuesday	March 2	10 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Tuesday	March 2	3 p.m.
Group Classes	Wednesday	March 3	2 p.m.
International Brahman Sale	Wednesday	March 3	7:30 p.m. – TBD
Show (Females)	Thursday	March 4	8 a.m.
Show (Bulls)	Friday	March 5	9 a.m.
Begin Release	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Saturday	March 6	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 International Brahman Show

1. The American Brahman Breeders Association (“ABBA”) reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these ABBA Official Show Rules and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, arising therefrom or otherwise connected with or incident thereto, and the right to amend or expand these ABBA Official Show Rules as the ABBA may determine, from time to time. Any violation hereof shall be punishable in such manner as the ABBA shall deem appropriate under the circumstances in the sole discretion of the ABBA. The ABBA Official Show Rules set forth herein shall fully replace, supplant and supersede the prior Rules & Procedures Governing the Showing and Exhibiting of Registered Brahman Cattle as previously adopted and published by the ABBA. In the event a matter or circumstance provided for in the ABBA Official Show Rules set forth herein shall conflict with any other rules of the ABBA (save for the ABBA Constitution only), including, but not limited to, the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics, then the ABBA Official Show Rules set forth herein shall govern. Please visit the ABBA Official Show Rules linked on their website.

2. Subject to the immediately following ABBA Official Show Class Special Conditions, Animals exhibited at both Sponsored and Sanctioned American Brahman Breeders Association ("ABBA") Open Shows shall be presented for judging as Grey Brahman and Red Brahmans classifications within the Official Classes and Divisions set out herein below:

ABBA Official Show Class Special Conditions

A. All Animals exhibited must be registered with the American Brahman Breeders Association ("ABBA") and be appropriately fire branded as provided by ABBA requirements for registration in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook.

B. All Animals exhibited are subject to the ABBA Color Classification Rules as established from time to time. A copy of the most current ABBA Color Classification Rules may be obtained from the ABBA.

C. All animals exhibited are subject to the ABBA DNA Verification Rules as established from time to time. A copy of the most current ABBA DNA Verification Rules may be obtained from the ABBA.

D. All Females exhibited in the Senior Division must either [I] be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy issued by a licensed veterinarian (within 90 days prior to the date of the Show) certifying the Animal is pregnant and such certificate shall be made available for inspection and verification upon request, [2] be in a lactating stage and have her natural, nursing calf at side, which Calf has not exceeded 240 days old as of the date of the Show, or [3] have weaned her natural calf which Calf is registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook and the Calf’s registration certificate is available for inspection and verification upon request.

Special Rules for International Brahman Show

E. All Females exhibited in the Aged Senior Division must either [I] be in a lactating stage and have her natural, nursing calf at side which Calf has not exceeded 240 days old as of the date of the Show, or [2] have weaned her natural calf which Calf is registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook and the Calf's registration certificate is available for inspection and verification upon request.

F. All Bulls must be exhibited with a permanent or temporary nose ring with an appropriate lead attached.

G. All Bulls exhibited in the Senior and Aged Senior Divisions must be accompanied by a valid, satisfactory Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE) certification issued by a licensed veterinarian (within one year prior to the date of the Show) and such certification shall be made available for inspection and verification upon request.

H. 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).

I. All Animals exhibited in the Get of Sire, Natural Produce of Dam and Embryo Produce of Dam Group Classes at an ABBA Approved Show must be exhibited under the registered color of the represented Sire or Dam; NOT the color of the progeny comprising the Group. The Breeders Genetic Group and Breeder's Herd shall be exhibited under the registered color of the individual Animals (which all must be registered as the same color) comprising the Group.

J. All Classes which exceed more than fifteen (15) Animals MAY be broken into smaller Classes each no larger than 15 Animals, at the sole discretion of Show Management, by dividing the Classes as evenly as possible without splitting Animals with the same birth date. Additional Classes resulting from splitting Classes shall be treated as new individual Classes (and not as heats of a single Class) for purposes of class placings, competition within Divisions, and ABBA Register of Renown Points awarded.

All Group Classes Shall Be Exhibited At The Beginning Of The ABBA Approved Show Prior To Any Individual Classes Being Exhibited.

G1. PRO DUCE OF DAM - Two (2) natural born Animals both produced by the same Dam, either or both sexes may be represented. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal. No ownership requirement for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No single Exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one entry per Dam. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judge(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of this Group Class.

G2. EMBRYO PRODUCE OF DAM - Two (2) Animals both produced by the same Dam via embryo transfer, either or both sexes may be represented. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No ownership requirement for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No single Exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one entry per Dam. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judge(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of this Group Class.

G3. GET OF SIRE - Four (4) Animals all by the same Sire from at least two different Dams, both sexes must be represented. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal. No ownership requirement for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No single Exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one entry per Sire. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judge(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of this Group Class.

G4. BREEDER'S GENETIC GROUP-Three (3) genetically similar Animals all by the same Sire and same Dam, either or both sexes may be represented. All individual Animals comprising this Group shall be registered with the ABBA as the same color and shall be exhibited based on the color of the individual Animals comprising the Group as registered with the ABBA. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal. No ownership requirement for the participating individual Animals in the Group. No single Exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one entry per Sire and Dam mating combination. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judges(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of this Group Class.

G5. BREEDER'S HERD - Four (4) Animals, both sexes must be represented. All individual Animals comprising this Group must have the same (Breeder's) holding brand. All individual Animals comprising this Group shall be registered with the ABBA as the same color and shall be exhibited based on the color of the individual Animals comprising the Group as registered with the ABBA. Each Animal in the Group must also be exhibited in the appropriate individual Class for such Animal. All entries in this Class must be placed by the Judges(s). There will be named a Champion and Reserve Champion of this Group Class. NO REGISTER OF RENOWN POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR THIS GROUP CLASS.

Special Rules for International Brahman Show

FEMALE CLASSES

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

41.	Late Summer Bull Calves	calved 7/1/26 and after	(Trophy)
42.	Summer Bull Calves	calved 6/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Trophy)
43.	Early Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 – 5/31/26	(Trophy)
44.	CALF CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
45.	RESERVE CALF CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
46.	Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Trophy)
47.	Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 – 3/31/26	(Trophy)
48.	Late Winter Bull Calves	calved 2/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Trophy)
49.	Winter Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 – 1/31/26	(Trophy)
50.	JUNIOR YEARLING CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
51.	RESERVE JUNIOR YEARLING CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
52.	Early Winter Bull Calves	calved 12/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Trophy)
53.	Late Fall Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 – 11/30/25	(Trophy)
54.	Fall Bull Calves	calved 10/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Trophy)
55.	Early Fall Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 – 9/30/25	(Trophy)
56.	SENIOR YEARLING CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
57.	RESERVE SENIOR YEARLING CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
58.	Late Summer Bulls	calved 7/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Trophy)
59.	Summer Bulls	calved 6/1/25 – 6/30/25	(Trophy)
60.	Early Summer Bulls	calved 5/1/25 – 5/31/25	(Trophy)
61.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)

62.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION	.	(Banner & Trophy)
63.	Late Spring Bulls	calved 4/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Trophy)
64.	Spring Bulls	calved 3/1/25 – 3/31/25	(Trophy)
65.	Late Winter Bulls	calved 2/1/25 – 2/28/25	(Trophy)
66.	Early Winter Bulls	calved 1/1/25 – 1/31/25	(Trophy)
67.	JUNIOR CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
68.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
69.	Late Senior Bulls	calved 11/1/24 – 12/31/24	(Trophy)
70.	Senior Bulls	calved 9/1/24 – 10/31/24	(Trophy)
71.	Early Senior Bulls	calved 7/1/24 – 8/31/24	(Trophy)
72.	SENIOR CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
73.	RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION		(Banner & Trophy)
74.	Late Aged Senior Bulls	calved 5/1/24 – 6/30/24	(Trophy)
75.	Aged Senior Bulls	calved 3/1/24 – 4/30/24	(Trophy)
76.	Early Aged Senior Bulls	calved 1/1/24 – 2/28/24	(Trophy)
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

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, Red Brangus & Ultra Shows

Department A

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....$4,250
International Brangus Breeders Association.....$4,250
Total Premiums Available.....$8,500

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	Feb. 28	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 1	6 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 1	11 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	March 1	2 p.m.
Weigh & Measure Bulls	Tuesday	March 2	10 a.m. – Back Dock
Brangus & Reg Brangus Show (Females)	Wednesday	March 3	8 a.m.
Ultra Show (Females)	Immediately following Brangus & Red Brangus Female Show		
Brangus & Red Brangus Show (Bulls)	Immediately Following the Ultra Female Show		
Ultra Show (Bulls)	Immediately following Brangus & Red Brangus Bull Show		
Begin Release	Thursday	March 4	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Thursday	March 4	1 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 naval) 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. All cattle 18 months (550 days) of age and younger are subject to dental inspection by random check or official protest. Protests can be made at any IBBA show or facilitated by a ranch visit by IBBA Field service representatives. Upon inspection by the ethics committee or IBBA field service representative, photographs of teeth will be taken along with the animal private herd number (tattoo or brand). The photographs will be submitted to a panel of 3 qualified independent specialists that are USDA certified and an accredited veterinarian for final decision. Animals will not be deemed ineligible until the official decisions from the 3 qualified independent specialists is returned to the IBBA. Cattle 18 months (550 days) of age and younger that are inspected and found to have the eruption of ADULT incisors will be subject to disqualification from any IBBA sponsored show. Points accumulated for the present show year by the falsely aged animal will be removed from the SHOW ANIMAL STANDINGS LIST, and that animal will be in eligible for awards.

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

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	$56	$46	$35

COW/CALF CLASSES

1.	Cow/Calf Pairs*	Cows calved 1/1/24 - 8/31/24	(Premium A)
2.	Cow/Calf Pairs*	Cows calved 12/31/23 and older	(Premium A)
3.	GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF		(Banner)
4.	RESERVE CHAMPION COW/CALF		(Banner)

FEMALE CLASSES

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

*Entries in classes 1, 2, 25 & 26 MUST have a calf at side. Calves must be IBBA registered natural calves, not older than 250 days of age on show date.

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BULL CLASSES

31.	Late Summer Bull Calves	calved 7/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
32.	Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 - 6/30/26	(Premium A)
33.	Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	(Premium A)
34.	Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 – 3/31/26	(Premium A)
35.	Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
36.	Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26	(Premium A)
37.	JUNIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
38.	JUNIOR BULL CALF RESERVE CHAMPION		(Banner)
39.	Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
40.	Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
41.	SENIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
42.	SENIOR BULL CALF RESERVE CHAMPION		(Banner)
43.	Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	(Premium A)
44.	Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	(Premium A)
45.	SUMMER CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
46.	SUMMER RESERVE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
47.	Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
48.	Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
49.	YEARLING CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
50.	YEARLING RESERVE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
51.	Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/24 -12/31/24	(Premium A)
52.	Summer Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 5/1/24 - 8/31/24	(Premium A)
53.	Spring Three-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 - 4/30/24	(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.

COW/CALF CLASSES

1.	Cow/Calf Pairs*	Cows calved 1/1/24 - 8/31/24
2.	Cow/Calf Pairs*	Cows calved 12/31/23 and older
3.	GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF	
4.	RESERVE CHAMPION COW/CALF	

FEMALE CLASSES

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

*Entries in classes 1, 2, 25 & 26 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 7/1/26 and after
32.	Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 – 6/30/26
33.	Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26
34.	Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26
35.	Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/29/26
36.	Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26
37.	JUNIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION	
38.	JUNIOR BULL CALF RESERVE CHAMPION	
39.	Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25
40.	Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25
41.	SENIOR BULL CALF CHAMPION	
42.	SENIOR BULL CALF RESERVE CHAMPION	
43.	Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25
44.	Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25
45.	SUMMER CHAMPION BULL	
46.	SUMMER RESERVE CHAMPION BULL	
47.	Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25
48.	Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25
49.	YEARLING CHAMPION BULL	
50.	YEARLING RESERVE CHAMPION BULL	
51.	Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/24 -12/31/24
52.	Summer Two-Year-Old Bulls	calved 5/1/24 - 8/31/24
53.	Spring Three-Year-Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 - 4/30/24
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: Brett Barber – Channing, TX

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd:	Saturday	March 20	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 20	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 20	9 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Saturday	March 20	Noon
Show	Sunday	March 21	3 p.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 21	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 21	7 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. The rules of the Braunvieh Association of America (BAA) and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will govern the show.

2. Animals competing in the Braunvieh Show must be registered in the Braunvieh Association of America (BAA) Herd Book. A copy of the registration may be used for Braunvieh check-in. Each animal must bear a legible tattoo matching its registration paper.

3.Exhibitors must be in good standing with the Braunvieh Association of America.

4. All animals exhibited must have a DNA sample on file with the Braunvieh Association of America. A hair, tissue or blood sample on the subject animal must be received by the BAA or BAA representative prior to the show.

5. All animals exhibited must have a known Braunvieh dam or sire and are subject to being DNA verified to Braunvieh parent(s).

6. Animals must be Fullblood or Purebred to qualify for the FB/PB Braunvieh Show. Braunvieh Beef Builders will be shown in a separate Beef Builder Show. Cattle recorded as “Braunvieh Influence” (a “BI” prefix) are not eligible.

7. The BAA reserves the right to provide the judge and audience with the Expected Progeny Difference (EPDs) values, ultrasound data (collected by a certified technician), scrotal circumference for bulls, weights and ratios for performance and weights with weight per day of age. These performance figures (including weights, hip heights and frame scores) can be presented in their entirety or any combination deemed necessary by the BAA.

8. Heifers born Sept. 1, 202 and after will show in the heifer show but can show with natural calves at side and still be eligible to show for champion heifer.

9. Heifers exhibited at 20 months of age or older (not females in the cow/calf class) must be pregnant and accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy by a licensed veterinarian or show with her natural calf at side. For heifers used in embryo transfer, a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian must be available for inspection.

10. Females born on or prior to Aug. 31, 2024 must show in the cow/calf class with a natural born calf at side. The pair will not be eligible for champion heifer. The registration of the cow (FB/PB or Beef Builder) will determine the division the pair shows in. Calves exhibited in the cow/calf class can be no more than 230 days of age by date of show. Calves from the cow/calf class can be entered as individuals in the show (additional entry fee).

11. Only bulls born on or after January 1, 2024 are eligible to show. 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 must be shown with a nose lead.

12. Altering animals' natural color will not be allowed. Violation will be cause for disqualification.

Special Rules for Open Braunvieh Show

13. No cosmetic surgeries other than surgical dehorning will be allowed. Violation will be cause for disqualification.

14. Only generally accepted fitting practices will be allowed. Violation will be cause for disqualification.

15. Protests can be made to the Show committee with a $150.00 protest fee, within 24 hours of the show or prior to release, whichever is first, in writing to BAA staff or show committee members. Show committee will make rulings on a case-by-case basis. Animals disqualified will forfeit entry fees, awards and show points. If ruling in favor of protest, fee will be refunded. If ruling against, the fee will be forfeited.

16. Appeals can be made to the Show committee with a $150.00 appeal fee. Appeals will be forwarded with all information to the ethics committee and Executive Vice President. If appeal is granted, fee will be returned with reinstatement of show points and any other forfeited entry fees and awards. If appeal is denied, fee will be forfeited.

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

Braunvieh Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd
A:	$TBD	$TBD

Fullblood/Purebred Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Summer Heifer Calves	calved 7/1/26 or after	(Premium A)
2.	Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/26 - 6/30/26	(Premium A)
3.	Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 4/30/26	(Premium A)
4.	Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
5.	CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
6.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
7.	Winter Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
8.	Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
9.	CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
10.	RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
11.	Late Summer Yearling Females	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	(Premium A)
12.	Summer Yearling Females	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	(Premium A)
13.	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE		(Banner)
14.	RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE		(Banner)
15.	Late Spring Yearling Females	calved 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
16.	Yearling Spring Females	calved 3/1/25 - 3/31/25	(Premium A)
17.	Junior Yearling Females	calved 1/1/25 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
18.	CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
19.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
20.	Senior Yearling Females	calved 9/1/24 – 12/31/24	(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

28.	Late Summer Bull Calves	calved 7/1/26 or after	(Premium A)
29.	Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
30.	Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Premium A)
31.	Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
32.	CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
33.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)

Special Rules for Open Braunvieh Show
Fullblood/Purebred Show

34.	Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
35.	Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
36.	CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
37.	RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
38.	Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
39.	Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 – 6/30/25	(Premium A)
40.	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner)
41.	RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner)
42.	Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Premium A)
43.	Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
44.	CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
45.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
46.	Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/24 – 12/31/24	(Premium A)
47.	Summer Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/24 – 8/31/24	(Premium A)
48.	Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 – 4/30/24	(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 7/1/26 or after	(Premium A)
2.	Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
3.	Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Premium A)
4.	Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
5.	CHAMPION JUNIOR CALF		(Banner)
6.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR CALF		(Banner)
7.	Winter Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
8.	Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
9.	CHAMPION SENIOR CALF		(Banner)
10.	RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR CALF		(Banner)
11.	Late Summer Yearling Females	calved 7/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
12.	Yearling Spring Yearling Females	calved 5/1/25 – 6/30/25	(Premium A)
13.	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE		(Banner)
14.	RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE FEMALE		(Banner)
15.	Late Spring Yearling Females	calved 4/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Premium A)
16.	Spring Yearling Females	calved 3/1/25 – 3/31/25	(Premium A)
17.	Junior Yearling Females	calved 1/1/25 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
18.	CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
19.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
20.	Senior Yearling Females	calved 9/1/24 – 12/31/24	(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 7/1/26 or after	(Premium A)
29.	Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
30.	Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Premium A)
31.	Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
32.	CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
33.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
34.	Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
35.	Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
36.	CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
37.	RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL CALF		(Banner)
38.	Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
39.	Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 – 6/30/25	(Premium A)
40.	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner)
41.	RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL		(Banner)
42.	Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Premium A)
43.	Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
44.	CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
45.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
46.	Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/24 – 12/31/24	(Premium A)
47.	Summer Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/24 – 8/31/24	(Premium A)
48.	Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 – 4/30/24	(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 CLASSSES

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.....$900
American-International Charolais Association $900
Total Premiums Available.....$1,800

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Friday	March 5	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Friday	March 5	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 5	10 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Friday	March 5	Noon
Show	Saturday	March 6	8 a.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 7	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 7	1 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 44, 45, 48, 49 and 50 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, 2023. In the cow/calf class, the calf must be purebred and registered with the AICA. Females calved after Sept. 1, 2024, 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

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	$T	$T	$T

FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Summer Heifer Calves	calved 7/1/26 or after	(Premium A)
2.	Late Spring Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/26 - 6/30/26	(Premium A)
3.	Early Spring Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 4/30/26	(Premium A)
4.	Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
5.	JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
6.	RESERVE JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
7.	Winter Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
8.	Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
9.	SENIOR CALF CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
10.	RESERVE SENIOR CALF CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
11.	Late Summer Yearling Females	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	(Premium A)
12.	Summer Yearling Females	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	(Premium A)
13.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
14.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
15.	Late Spring Yearling Females	calved 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
16.	Early Spring Yearling Females	calved 3/1/25 - 3/31/25	(Premium A)
17.	SPRING CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
18.	RESERVE SPRING CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
19.	Late Junior Yearling Females	calved 2/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
20.	Early Junior Yearling Females	calved 1/1/25 - 1/31/25	(Premium A)
21.	JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
22.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
23.	Late Senior Yearling Females	calved 11/1/24 - 12/31/24	(Premium A)
24.	Early Senior Yearling Females	calved 9/1/24 - 10/31/24	(Premium A)
25.	SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
26.	RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
27.	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.

28.	GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE	(Banner & Trophy)
29.	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE	(Banner & Trophy)

BULL CLASSES

30.	Late Summer Bull Calves	calved 7/1/26 or after	(Premium A)
31.	Late Spring Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 - 6/30/26	(Premium A)
32.	Early Spring Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 4/30/26	(Premium A)
33.	Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
34.	JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
35.	RESERVE JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
36.	Winter Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
37.	Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
38.	SENIOR CALF CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
39.	RESERVE SENIOR CALF CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
40.	Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	(Premium A)
41.	Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	(Premium A)
42.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
43.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
44.	Spring Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)

45.	Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
46.	JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)

Special Rules for Class A ROE Charolais Show

47.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
48.	Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	(Premium A)
49.	Summer Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/24 - 8/31/24	(Premium A)
50.	Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 - 4/30/24	(Premium A)
51.	SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
52.	RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
53.	GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
54.	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

GROUP CLASSES

55. 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)
56. 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)
57. 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)
58. 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)
59. 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: Matthew Blakenship – Burlington, NY

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Friday	March 5	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Friday	March 5	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 5	10 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Friday	March 5	Noon
Show	Saturday	March 6	3 p.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 7	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 7	1 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 3/1/26 and after	
2.	Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	
3.	CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
4.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
5.	Senior Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	
6.	Senior Heifer Calves	calved 8/1/25 - 10/31/25	
7.	CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
8.	RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
9.	Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 6/1/25 - 7/31/25	
10.	Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/25 - 5/31/25	
11.	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE HEIFER		(Banner)
12.	RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE HEIFER		(Banner)
13.	Spring Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	
14.	Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/24 - 2/29/25	
15.	Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	
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 240 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. Calf is eligible for individual classes but must be entered in the appropriate class. Starting May 1, 2026 the Cow/Calf division will compete for Overall Champion Herford Female

Special Rules for Open Hereford/Polled Hereford Show

BULL CLASSES

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

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. (Banner)
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. (Banner)
47. Premier Exhibitor* (Banner)
48. Premier Breeder* (Banner)

* 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: Jeff Bedwell – Isabella, OK

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Friday	March 5	5 a.m.
NEW First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Friday	March 5	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 5	10 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Friday	March 5	Noon
NEW Show	Saturday	March 6	1:30 PM
NEW Begin Release	Sunday	March 7	7 a.m.
NEW Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 7	1 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

6. 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 5/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
2.	April Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	(Premium A)
3.	March Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	(Premium A)
4.	SPRING CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 1-3)		(Banner)
5.	RESERVE SPRING CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
6.	February Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
7.	January Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26	(Premium A)
8.	JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 6-7)		(Banner)
9.	RESERVE JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
10.	Winter Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
11.	Senior Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
12.	FALL CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 10-11)		(Banner)
13.	RESERVE FALL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
14.	Summer Yearlings	calved 7/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
15.	Late Summer Yearlings	calved 5/1/25 – 6/30/25	(Premium A)
16.	April Spring Yearlings	calved 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
17.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION (winners from classes 15-16)		(Banner)
18.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION		(Banner)
19.	March Yearlings	calved 3/1/25 - 3/31/25	(Premium A)
20.	February Yearlings	calved 2/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
21.	January Junior Yearlings	calved 1/1/25 - 1/31/25	(Premium A)
22.	JUNIOR CHAMPION (winners from classes 19-21)		(Banner)
23.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION		(Banner)
24.	Senior Yearlings	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	(Premium A)
25.	Two Year Old Female with Calf*	calved after 1/31/24	(Premium A)
26.	Mature Cow & Calf*	calved before 1/31/24	(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 5/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
32.	April Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	(Premium A)
33.	March Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	(Premium A)
34.	SPRING CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 31-33)		(Banner)
35.	RESERVE SPRING CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
36.	February Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
37.	January Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26	(Premium A)
38.	JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 36-37)		(Banner)
39.	RESERVE JUNIOR CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
40.	Winter Calves	calved 11/1/25 -12/31/25	(Premium A)
41.	Senior Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
42.	FALL CALF CHAMPION (winners from classes 40-41)		(Banner)
43.	RESERVE FALL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
44.	Summer Yearlings	calved 7/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
45.	Late Summer Yearlings	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	(Premium A)
46.	April Spring Yearlings	calved 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
47.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION (winners from classes 41-46)		(Banner)
48.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION		(Banner)
49.	March Yearlings	calved 3/1/25 - 3/31/25	(Premium A)
50.	February Yearlings	calved 2/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
51.	January Junior Yearlings	calved 1/1/25 - 1/31/25	(Premium A)
52.	JUNIOR CHAMPION (winners from classes 49-51)		(Banner)
53.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION		(Banner)
54.	Senior Yearlings	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	(Premium A)
55.	Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 - 8/30/24	(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: Webb Fields – College Station, TX

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Thursday	March 4	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Thursday	March 4	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	March 4	10 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Thursday	March 4	Noon
Show	Saturday	March 6	8 a.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 7	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 7	1 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

1. All exhibits of Santa Gertrudis breeding cattle must be registered or recorded (50% to 75% with one parent a registered Santa Gertrudis), 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.

2. Each owner must be a member in good standing with SGBI. No outstanding balances on an active or junior members account.

3. **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.

4. 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. All bulls twenty-four (24) months of age or older must provide a passing BSE test per show season.

5. All bulls eleven (11) months of age and older must be exhibited with a permanent nose ring.

6. All animals must be registered or recorded and PERMANENTLY identified **before the show** with a brand ID or an ear tattoo.

7. FITTING
   a. 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. Hair may not be trained upwards or forwards and/or pulled upwards or forwards on any part of the animal's body. 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.*

8. Each animal exhibited must be exhibited with the correct age and shown in the class corresponding with their correct age.

9. Entries in each class will be placed 1, 2, 3, etc. Animals are to be presented in descending order according to age.

10. 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.

11. Classes with over thirty (30) entries should be divided into sections and section winners return for final placing.

12. The judge **SHOULD** be an SGBI approved judge.

13. Dress for exhibitors participating in SGBI sanctioned Open and Junior shows shall be of neat and clean clothing of collared shirts with sleeves, belts, no midriffs showing and appropriate footwear – no tennis shoes. Exhibitors may wear hats or go bareheaded - no caps.

14. 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, air 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.

15. 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 sand 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. PROCEDURE TO FILE PROTEST:

1. File Protest with show that infraction occurred. Follow their protest rules.
2. File the same protest with the Shows and Exhibits Committee. Contact the Chairman.
3. Three (3) SGBI members in good standing must sign the protest.
4. All protests must be in writing and accompanies by a deposit of $100 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 Shows and Exhibits Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the occasion for such protest.
5. Order of hearing a protest:
    a. Chairman of Shows and Exhibits Committee
    b. Action by Shows and Exhibits Committee
    c. Final action by Board of Directors
    d. Follow appeal procedure as outlined in Rules and Regulations
    e. All rules and regulations that have been properly protested to the Shows and Exhibits Committee shall be subjected to the following penalties:
        i. Loss of premium money
        ii. Lost 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.

19. 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.

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.

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20. 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.
    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

21. 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.

22. 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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23. **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 SGBI.

Santa Gertrudis Show Premium Schedule

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

FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Early Summer Heifer Calf	calved 5/1/26 or after	
2.	Late Junior Heifer Calf	calved 3/1/26 - 4/30/26	
3.	Early Junior Heifer Calf	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	
4.	Late Senior Heifer Calf	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	
5.	Early Senior Heifer Calf	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	
6.	CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
7.	RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner)
8.	Late Summer Yearling Heifer	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	
9.	Early Summer Yearling Heifer	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	
10.	Late Junior Yearling Heifer	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	
11.	Early Junior Yearling Heifer	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	
12.	CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
13.	RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER		(Banner)
14.	Late Senior Yearling Heifer	calved 10/1/24 -12/31/24	
15.	Early Senior Yearling Heifer	calved 7/1/24 - 9/30/24	
16.	Late Two-Year-Old Heifer *	calved 4/1/24 - 6/30/24	
17.	Early Two-Year-Old Heifer *	calved 1/1/24 - 3/31/24	
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. *(Group class fee applies)*		(Banner)

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

BULL CLASSES

23.	Early Summer Bull Calf	calved 5/1/26 or later	
24.	Late Junior Bull Calf	calved 3/1/26 or 4/30/26	
25.	Early Junior Bull Calf	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	
26.	Late Senior Bull Calf	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	
27.	Early Senior Bull Calf	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	
28.	CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner)
29.	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner)
30.	Late Summer Yearling Bull	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	
31.	Early Summer Yearling Bull	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	
32.	Late Junior Yearling Bull	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	
33.	Early Junior Yearling Bull	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	
34.	CHAMPION YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
35.	RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING BULL		(Banner)
36.	Late Senior Yearling Bull	calved 10/1/24 - 12/31/24	
37.	Early Senior Yearling Bull	calved 7/1/24 - 9/30/24	
38.	Late Two-Year-Old Bull	calved 4/1/24 - 6/30/24	
39.	Early Two-Year-Old Bull	calved 1/1/24 - 3/31/24	
40.	Aged Bull	calved 7/1/24 - 12/31/24	
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. *(Group class fee applies)*		(Banner)

GROUP CLASSES

46.	Produce-of-Dam: Two (2) purebred Santa Gertrudis offspring of one dam; all shown in individual age class; may consist of 2 females and 1 bull or vice versa; Dam must be named.	(Banner)
47.	Get-of-Sire: Three (3) purebred Santa Gertrudis offspring of one sire; all shown in individual age class; may consist of 2 females and 1 bull or vice versa; Sire must be named.	(Banner)

Simbrah Show

Department A

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	February 28	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 1	6 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 1	11 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	March 1	2 p.m.
Show	Tuesday	March 2	3:30 p.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	March 3	7 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Wednesday	March 3	12 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.

Special Rules for Open Simbrah Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/26 or after	
2.	Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	
3.	Late Junior Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	
4.	Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/29/26	
5.	Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26	
6.	HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
7.	RESERVE HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
8.	Late Senior Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	
9.	Early Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	
10.	Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	
11.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
12.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
13.	Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	
14.	Late Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	
15.	Early Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	
16.	JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
17.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
18.	Late Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	
19.	Early Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/24 - 8/31/24	
20.	Two Year Old Heifers	calved 1/1/24 - 4/30/24	
21.	SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
22.	RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
23.	GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
24.	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

Special Rules for Open Simbrah Show

BULL CLASSES

25.	Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 or after	
26.	Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	
27.	Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	(Premium A)
28.	Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	(Premium A)
29.	BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
30.	RESERVE BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
31.	Late Senior Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	(Premium A)
32.	Early Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	(Premium A)
33.	Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	(Premium A)
34.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
35.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
36.	Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	(Premium A)
37.	Late Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	(Premium A)
38.	Early Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
39.	JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
40.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
41.	Late Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	(Premium A)
42.	Early Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/24 - 8/31/24	(Premium A)
43.	Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 - 4/30/24	(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

Judge: TBD

	Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	February 28	10 p.m.
NEW!	First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 1	6 a.m.
	Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 1	11 a.m.
	Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Monday	March 1	2 p.m.
	Show	Wednesday	March 3	8 a.m.
	Begin Release	Wednesday	March 3	Upon completion of show
NEW!	Must Be Out By	Wednesday	March 3	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 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.

Special Rules for Open Simmental Show

FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Summer Heifer Calves	calved 5/1/26 or after	
2.	Spring Heifer Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	
3.	Late Junior Heifer Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	
4.	Early Junior Heifer Calves	calved 2/1/26 - 2/29/26	
5.	Junior Heifer Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 1/31/26	
6.	HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
7.	RESERVE HEIFER CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
8.	Late Senior Heifer Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	
9.	Early Senior Heifer Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	
10.	Late Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	
11.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
12.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
13.	Early Summer Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	
14.	Late Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	
15.	Early Junior Yearling Heifers	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	
16.	JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
17.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER		(Banner)
18.	Late Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	
19.	Early Senior Yearling Heifers	calved 5/1/24 - 8/31/24	
20.	Two Year Old Heifers	calved 1/1/24 - 4/30/24	
21.	SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
22.	RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner)
23.	GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
24.	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

Special Rules for Open Simmental Show

BULL CLASSES

25.	Summer Bull Calves	calved 5/1/26 or after	
26.	Spring Bull Calves	calved 4/1/26 - 4/30/26	
27.	Late Junior Bull Calves	calved 3/1/26 - 3/31/26	
28.	Early Junior Bull Calves	calved 1/1/26 - 2/29/26	
29.	BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
30.	RESERVE BULL CALF CHAMPION		(Banner)
31.	Late Senior Bull Calves	calved 11/1/25 - 12/31/25	
32.	Early Senior Bull Calves	calved 9/1/25 - 10/31/25	
33.	Late Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 7/1/25 - 8/31/25	
34.	INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
35.	RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
36.	Early Summer Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/25 - 6/30/25	
37.	Late Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 3/1/25 - 4/30/25	
38.	Early Junior Yearling Bulls	calved 1/1/25 - 2/28/25	
39.	JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
40.	RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL		(Banner)
41.	Late Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 9/1/24 - 12/31/24	
42.	Early Senior Yearling Bulls	calved 5/1/24 - 8/31/24	
43.	Two Year Old Bulls	calved 1/1/24 - 4/30/24	
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.....$500
TX Longhorn Breeders Association of America.....$500
Total Premiums Available.....$1,000

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 20	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 20	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 20	9 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Saturday	March 20	11:30 a.m.
Show	Sunday	March 21	10:30 a.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 21	Upon completion of show
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 21	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 $8.00 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:	$18	$15	$10

Special Rules for Open Texas Longhorn Show

JUNIOR FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Females	calved 9/1/26 – 12/31/26	(Premium A)
2.	Females	calved 7/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
3.	Females	calved 5/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
4.	Females	calved 3/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Premium A)
5.	Females	calved 1/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
6.	CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
7.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)

SENIOR FEMALE CLASSES

8.	Females	calved 9/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
9.	Females	calved 5/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
10.	Females	calved 1/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Premium A)
11.	Females	calved 1/1/24 – 12/31/24	(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 1/1/20 – 12/31/24	(Premium A)
17.	Females	calved 12/31/19 and before	(Premium A)
18.	CHAMPION MATURE FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)
19.	RESERVE CHAMPION MATURE FEMALE		(Banner & Trophy)

JUNIOR BULL CLASSES

20.	Bulls	calved 9/1/26 – 12/31/26	(Premium A)
21.	Bulls	calved 7/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
22.	Bulls	calved 5/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
23.	Bulls	calved 3/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Premium A)
24.	Bulls	calved 1/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
25	CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)
26.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL		(Banner)

SENIOR BULL CLASSES

27.	Bulls	calved 9/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
28.	Bulls	calved 5/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
29.	Bulls	calved 1/1/25 – 4/30/25	(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 1/1/24 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
35.	Steers	calved 1/1/22 – 12/31/23	(Premium A)
36.	CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner)
37.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner)

SENIOR STEER CLASSES

38.	Steers	calved 1/1/18 – 12/31/21	(Premium A)
39.	Steers	calved 12/31/17 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 (*ET calf not eligible*).	(Banner)
45.	Get-of-Sire: Three animals, natural birth, both sex; two or more different dams; can have different owners (*ET calves are not eligible*).	(Banner)

Youth Texas Longhorn Show

Department A1

TX Longhorn Breeders Association of America

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....$500
TX Longhorn Breeders Association of America.....$500
Total Premiums Available.....$1,000

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 20	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 20	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 20	9 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Saturday	March 20	11:30 a.m.
Show	Saturday	March 20	2:00 p.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 21	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 21	7 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 $8.00 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	2nd	3rd
A:	$15	$13	$10

JUNIOR FEMALE CLASSES

1. Females	calved 9/1/26 – 12/31/26	(Premium A)
2. Females	calved 7/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
3. Females	calved 5/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
4. Females	calved 3/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Premium A)
5. Females	calved 1/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
6. CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)
7. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE		(Banner)

SENIOR FEMALE CLASSES

8. Females	calved 9/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
9. Females	calved 5/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
10. Females	calved 1/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Premium A)
11. Females	calved 1/1/24 – 12/31/24	(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 9/1/26 – 12/31/26	(Premium A)
17. Bulls	calved 7/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
18. Bulls	calved 5/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
19. Bulls	calved 3/1/26 – 4/30/26	(Premium A)
20. Bulls	calved 1/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
21. Bulls	calved 9/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
22. GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
23. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL		(Banner & Trophy)

YOUNG STEER CLASSES

24. Steers	calved 10/1/26 – 12/31/26	(Premium A)
25. Steers	calved 7/1/26 – 9/30/26	(Premium A)
26. Steers	calved 4/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
27. Steers	calved 1/1/26 – 3/31/26	(Premium A)
28. CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner)
29. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner)
30. Steers	calved 9/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
31. Steers	calved 5/1/25 – 8/30/25	(Premium A)
32. Steers	calved 1/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Premium A)
33. Steers	calved 1/1/24 – 12/31/24	(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 1/1/26 – 12/31/26	(Premium A)
39. Miniature Steers	calved 1/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
40. Miniature Steers	calved 1/1/24 – 12/31/22	(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.....$1,120
National Zebu Cattle Club. $1,120
Total Premiums Available.....$2,240

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 20	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 20	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 20	9 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Saturday	March 20	11:30 a.m.
Show	Sunday	March 21	8 a.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 21	Upon completion of show
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 21	7 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, 2027. March 1, 2027 will be the date by which the age will be determined.

3. 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:	$38	$28	$20

Special Rules for Open Miniature Zebu Show

Date for determining age is March 1, 2027

FEMALES

Heifer Division (never freshened)

1. Heifer, 0 to under 4 months	calved 11/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
2. Heifer, 4 to under 8 months	calved 7/1/26 – 10/31/26	(Premium A)
3. Heifer, 8 to under 12 months	calved 3/1/26 – 6/30/26	(Premium A)
4. Heifer, 12 to under 18 months	calved 9/1/25 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
5. Heifer, 18 to under 24 months	calved 3/1/26 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
6. Heifer, 24 to under 30 months	calved 9/1/24 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
7. Heifer, 30 to under 42 months	calved 9/1/23 – 8/31/24	(Premium A)

**Heifers 42 months and older many not be shown until they have calved and can then be shown in the cow classes.*

8. GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER	(Banner & Trophy)
9. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER	(Banner & Trophy)

Cow Division (freshened)

10. Cow, under 3 years old	calved 3/1/24 and after	(Premium A)
11. Cow, 3 to under 4 years	calved 3/1/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
12. Cow, 4 to under 5 years	calved 3/1/22 – 2/29/23	(Premium A)
13. Cow, 5 to under 6 years	calved 3/1/21 – 2/29/22	(Premium A)
14. Cow, 6 years and older	calved 2/28/20 and older	(Premium A)
15. GRAND CHAMPION COW		(Banner & Trophy)
16. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW		(Banner & Trophy)
17. CHAMPION CHALLENGE FEMALE		(Banner)

(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.)

BULLS

Bull Calf Division

18. Bull Calf, 0 to under 6 months	calved 9/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
19. Bull Calf, 6 to under 12 months	calved 3/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
20. Bull Calf, 12 to under 18 months	calved 9/1/25 – 2/28/26	(Premium A)
21. Bull Calf, 18 to under 24 months	calved 3/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
22. GRAND CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner & Trophy)
23. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL CALF		(Banner & Trophy)

Senior Bull Division

24. Bull, 2 to under 3 years	calved 3/1/24 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
25. Bull, 3 to under 4 years	calved 3/1/23 – 2/28/24	(Premium A)
26. Bull, 4 to under 5 years	calved 3/1/22 – 2/29/23	(Premium A)
27. Bull, 5 years and older	calved 2/28/22 and older	(Premium A)
28. GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
29. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR BULL		(Banner & Trophy)
30. CHAMPION CHALLENGE MALE		(Banner)

(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.)

STEERS

Steer Division

31. Steer, 0 to under 6 months	calved 9/1/26 and after	(Premium A)
32. Steer, 6 to under 12 months	calved 3/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
33. Steer, 12 to under 18 months	calved 9/1/25 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
34. Steer, 18 to under 24 months	calved 3/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
35. GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner & Trophy)
36. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER		(Banner & Trophy)
37. Steer, 2 to under 3 years	calved 3/1/24 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
38. Steer, 3 years and older	calved 2/28/24 and older	(Premium A)
39. GRAND CHAMPION STEER		(Banner & Trophy)
40. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER		(Banner & Trophy)
41. CHAMPION CHALLENGE STEER		(Banner)

(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.)

ALL BREEDS REGISTERED RANGE BULL & COMMERCIAL FEMALE SALE

Department B

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	February 28	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 1	6:30 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 1	3 p.m.
Grading	Tuesday	March 2	8:30 a.m.
Awards Ceremony	Tuesday	March 2	5 p.m.
Bull Sale	Wednesday	March 3	10 a.m.
Female Sale	Wednesday	March 3	12:30 p.m.
Begin Release	Wednesday	March 3	4 p.m.
Must be out by	Wednesday	March 3	11 p.m.

This sale 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

1. **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.

2. **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, 2024 and October 31, 2025 (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, March 2, 2027.

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
- Red Angus

Placing	***Award***
First Place	$400
Second Place	$300
Third Place	$250
Fourth Place	$200
Fifth Place	$150

Premiums will be paid out as follows per breed:

High Grading Premiums:

Overall high grading bull will receive an additional premium of $1,250.00.
2nd place high grading bull will receive an additional premium of $1,000.00.

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, 2025. 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, March 3, 2027.

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.*
Brahman X Females: Females that are more than 1/2 Brahman Influence.

***The Show reserves the right to add judging classes prior to January 1, 2027, in response to entries received by that date.*

Breeds will be broken down further in to the following Divisions if needed based on consignments:
Bred, Open and Pairs.

Any breed division with five or more pens consigned by three or more consignors will be eligible for premium payouts. Any pen of females that does not qualify for a judging class is still eligible for Overall and 2nd Place High Grading Pen Awards.

Premiums will be paid out as follows per breed division:

Placing	***Award***
Champion BxH F-1 Pairs	$400
Champion English	$400
Champion BxA F-1 Females	$400
Champion Brangus	$400
Champion BxH F-1 Open	$400
Champion Hereford	$400
Champion Brahman	$400
Brahman X	$400

Overall high grading pen of females will receive an additional premium of $1,250.00.
2nd place high grading pen of females will an additional premium receive $1,000.00.

DAIRY CATTLE

Department C

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.....$7,500

Superintendent – Ron Woolley - Stephenville, TX
Assistant Superintendents - Larry Woolley – Cleburne, TX; **Kate Mulcock** – Abernathy, TX

Judge: Ted Dement – Kenney, IL

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Friday	March 19	6 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Friday	March 19	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 19	7 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent's Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Friday	March 19	10 a.m.
Show:	Sunday	March 21	8 a.m.
Release:	Sunday	March 21	*Released upon completion of breed show*
All Animals Must be Out By:	Sunday	March 21	7 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

1. **Junior Entries:** Entries in the Junior Dairy Show are allowed to enter in this department.

2. **Arrival:** Dairy exhibitors must move-in on Friday, March 19th at 7 a.m. **All trailers with dairy cattle MUST report to Airport Boulevard for staging.**

3. **Number of Entries**: There is no limit on the number of dairy cattle entries an exhibitor may enter.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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.

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

FEMALE CLASSES

1.	Heifers	calved 9/1/26 - 10/16/26	(Premium A)
2.	Heifers	calved 6/1/26 - 8/31/26	(Premium A)
3.	Heifers	calved 3/1/26 - 5/31/26	(Premium A)
4.	Heifers	calved 12/1/25 - 2/28/26	(Premium A)
5.	Heifers	calved 9/1/25 - 11/30/25	(Premium A)
6.	Heifers (not in milk)	calved 6/1/25 - 8/31/25	(Premium A)
7.	Heifers (not in milk)	calved 12/1/23 - 5/31/25	(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 9/1/24 - 11/30/24	(Premium A)
11.	Three -Year-Old Cow	calved 9/1/23 - 8/31/24	(Premium A)
12.	Four-Year-Old Cow	calved 9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(Premium A)
13.	Five-Year-Old Cow	calved 9/1/21 - 8/31/22	(Premium A)
14.	Aged Cow	calved 8/31/21 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 – Robbie Eckhoff – Hawley, TX
Assistant Superintendents –Donnie Eckhoff – College Station, TX,
R. G. Reeder, Jr. - Dickenson, TX, and John Osbourne – Menard, TX

Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	February 28	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 1	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 1	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Monday	March 1	3 p.m.
Breeding Sheep Exhibitor Reception – Room TBD	Monday	March 1	6:30 p.m.
Show:	Tuesday	March 2	8 a.m.
Release:	Tuesday	March 2	*10 a.m.*
All Animals Must be Out By:	Wednesday	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 Open Breeding Sheep Show

1. **Junior Entries:** Entries in the Junior Breeding Sheep Show may enter the Open Breeding Sheep Show by completing an Open entry application.

2. **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.

3. **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 Classes),* Registered Hair Breeds (*Royal White, Texel, and Katahdin are the only breeds allowed in the Registered Hair Breeds Classes*), Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, and White Dorper.

4. **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.

5. **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 Reliant Center.

6. **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.

7. **Breeding Ages:** For the purpose of this show, the following will apply regarding ages of breeding sheep: Toothing 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.

   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 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.

Special Rules for Open Breeding Sheep Show

8. **Defects:** Sheep showing pronounced defect or abnormality will be barred from showing in the breeding 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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant 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 in the event that entry/entries posted are in the incorrect class. All changes must be made prior to 8 am on Tuesday.

13. Exhibitors must wear back numbers while in show ring.

14. **Show Order:** Dorper, White Dorper, Registered Hair Breeds, Rambouillet, Registered Finewool Breeds, 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

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

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

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.

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: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 6	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 6	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Saturday	March 6	3 p.m.
Celebrity Dairy Goat Milking Contest	Saturday	March 6	4 p.m.
Boer & Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception: Room TBD	Saturday	March 6	6:30 p.m.
Show:	Sunday	March 7	9 a.m.
Release:	Sunday	March 7	*Released upon completion of breed show*
All Animals Must be Out By:	Monday	March 8	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

1. **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.

4. **Number of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of dairy goat entries an exhibitor may enter.

5. **Class Number:** Class number for the animal shall be determined by the date listed in the classes of the premium book.

6. **Registry:** All dairy goats must be registered with the ADGA, the American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society.

7. **Ineligible Animals:** Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown unless she is in milk.

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **Substitutions:** Substitutions are NOT allowed between Open and Youth dairy goat entries.

11. **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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.

12. **Check In:** All Open and Youth Dairy Goat exhibitors must be checked in 3 p.m. 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.

13. **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	3/01/25 and after	(Premium A)
2.	Doe, 2-3 years	3/01/24 – 2/29/25	(Premium A)
3.	Doe, 3-5 years	3/01/22– 2/29/24	(Premium A)
4.	Doe, 5 years and over	2/28/22 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)
8.	Senior Get of Sire (3 milking does, same sire)		(Trophy)
9.	Dairy Herd (4 in milk, owned by 1 exhibitor)		(Trophy)

JUNIOR CLASSES – Non-Milking

10.	0-3 Months	12/01/26 – 2/28/27	(Premium A)
11.	3-6 Months	9/01/26 – 11/30/26	(Premium A)
12.	6-12 Months	3/01/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
13.	12-19 Months	9/01/25 – 2/28/26	(Premium A)
14.	19-24 Months	3/01/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A)
15.	GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
16.	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE		(Premium B, Banner & Trophy)
17.	BEST JUNIOR DOE-IN-SHOW		(Premium C & 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 – TBD;
Showmanship Judge – TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 6	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 6	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Saturday	March 6	3 p.m.
Celebrity Dairy Goat Milking Contest	Saturday	March 6	4 p.m.
Boer & Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception: Room TBD	Saturday	March 6	6:30 p.m.
Showmanship:	Sunday	March 7	10 minutes after the completion of the Open Show
Show:	Monday	March 8	8 a.m.
Release:	Monday	March 8	*Released upon completion of breed show*
All Animals Must be Out By:	Monday	March 8	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

1. **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.

2. **Number of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of dairy goat entries an exhibitor may enter.

3. **Class Number:** Class number for the animal shall be determined by the date listed in the classes of the premium book.

4. **Registry:** All dairy goats must be registered with the ADGA, the American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society.

5. **Ineligible Animals:** Any doe 24 months of age or over that has never freshened shall not be shown unless she is in milk

6. NEW! **Exhibitor Eligibility:** To be eligible to exhibit in the Youth Dairy Goat Show, youth must be between the ages of 5 & 20 as of March 6th.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **Substitutions:** Substitutions are NOT allowed between Open and Youth dairy goat entries.

10. **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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Special Rules for Youth Dairy Goat Show

11. **Check In:** All Open and Youth Dairy Goat exhibitors must be checked in 3 p.m. 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 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.

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		

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Junior (5 to 10 years old)
2. Intermediate I (11-13 years old)
3. Intermediate II (14-16 years old)
4. Senior (17-20 years old) NEW!

SENIOR CLASSES - Milking

1.	Doe, under 2 years	3/01/25 and after	(Premium A)
2.	Doe, 2-3 years	3/01/24 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
3.	Doe, 3-5 years	3/01/22– 2/28/24	(Premium A)
4.	Doe, 5 years and over	2/28/22 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	12/01/26 – 2/28/27	(Premium A)
8.	3-6 Months	9/01/26 – 11/30/26	(Premium A)
9.	6-12 Months	3/01/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
10.	12-19 Months	9/01/25 – 2/28/26	(Premium A)
11.	19-24 Months	3/01/25 – 8/31/25	(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 6	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 6	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Saturday	March 6	3 p.m.
Boer & Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception:	Saturday	March 6	6:30 p.m.
Show:	Sunday	March 7	9 a.m.
Release:	Sunday	March 7	*Released upon completion of breed show*
All Animals Must be Out By:	Monday	March 8	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

1. **Entry:** This department is open to all exhibitors.

2. **Age of Animals:** Age of animals shall be computed from March 1, 2027. Birth dates as listed on the registration certificate will be used to determine class entries.

3. **Registration:** Recognized associations include the American Boer Goat Association. The original registration certificate is required. Information on transfers is not acceptable.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **Heelers:** Heelers will not be allowed in the show ring.

7. **Fitting:** Fitting will be left up to the discretion of the exhibitor. No artificial coloring will be allowed.

8. **Females**: Any female over 24 months of age, that has not kidded will not be allowed to show.

9. **Substitutions:** Substitutions are NOT allowed between Open and Youth Boer goat entries.

10. **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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.

11. **Check In:** All Open and Youth Boer Goat exhibitors must be checked in 3 p.m. 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

Special Rules for Open Boer Goat Show

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

PERCENTAGE BLOOD BOER DOES

Junior Division

1.	Percentage Doe Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/26 – 2/28/27	(Premium A)
2.	Percentage Doe Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/26 – 11/30/26	(Premium A)
3.	Percentage Doe Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
4.	Percentage Doe Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/26 – 5/31/26	(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)	11/1/25 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
8.	Percentage Yearling Does (16-20 months)	7/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
9.	Percentage Two Year Old Does (20-24 months)	3/1/25 – 6/30/25	(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)	3/1/24 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
13.	Percentage Aged Does (36 months and older)	2/28/24 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)	12/1/26 – 2/28/27	(Premium A)
19.	Fullblood Doe Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/26 - 11/30/26	(Premium A)
20.	Fullblood Doe Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
21.	Fullblood Doe Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/26 – 5/31/26	(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)	11/1/25 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
25.	Fullblood Yearling Does (16-20 months)	7/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
26.	Fullblood Two Year Old Does (20-24 months)	3/1/25 – 6/30/25	(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)	3/1/24 – 2/28/25	(Premium A)
30.	Fullblood Aged Does (36 months and older)	2/28/24 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)



PERCENTAGE BLOOD BOER BUCKS

Junior Division

35.	Percentage Buck Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/26 – 2/28/27	(Premium A)
36.	Percentage Buck Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/26 – 11/30/26	(Premium A)
37.	Percentage Buck Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
38.	Percentage Buck Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/26 – 5/31/26	(Premium A)
39.	GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR PERCENTAGE BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
40.	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR PERCENTAGE BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)

Senior Division

41.	Percentage Yearling Buck (12-16 months)	11/1/25 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
42.	Percentage Yearling Buck (16-20 months)	7/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)

43. Percentage Two Year Old Buck (20-24 months)	3/1/25 – 6/30/25	(Premium A)
44. GRAND CHAMPION YEARLING PERCENTAGE BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
45. RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING PERCENTAGE BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
46. Percentage Three Year Old Buck (24-36 months)	3/1/24 - 2/28/25	(Premium A)
47. Percentage Aged Buck (36 months and older)	3/1/24 or before	(Premium A)
48. GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR PERCENTAGE BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
49. RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR PERCENTAGE BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
50. OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION PERCENTAGE BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
51. OVERALL RESERVE CHAMPION PERCENTAGE BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)

FULLBLOOD BOER BUCKS

Junior Division

52. Fullblood Buck Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/26 – 2/28/27	(Premium A)
53. Fullblood Buck Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/26 – 11/30/26	(Premium A)
54. Fullblood Buck Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
55. Fullblood Buck Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/26 – 5/31/26	(Premium A)
56. GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
57. RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)

Senior Division

58. Fullblood Yearling Bucks (12-16 months)	11/1/25 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
59. Fullblood Yearling Bucks (16-20 months)	7/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
60. Fullblood Two Year Old Bucks (20-24 months)	3/1/25 – 6/30/25	(Premium A)
61. GRAND CHAMPION YEARLING FULLBLOOD BUCK		(Trophy & Banner)
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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
Showmanship Judge: TBD

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 6	5 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 6	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Saturday	March 6	3 p.m.
Boer & Dairy Goat Exhibitor Reception: Room TBD	Saturday	March 6	6:30 p.m.
Showmanship:	Sunday	March 7	10 minutes after the completion of the Open Show
Show:	Monday	March 8	8 a.m.
Release:	Monday	March 8	*Released upon completion of breed show*
All Animals Must be Out By:	Monday	March 8	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

1. **Entry:** This department is open to all youth exhibitors.
2. **Age of Animals:** Age of animals shall be computed from March 1, 2027. Birth dates as listed on the registration certificate will be used to determine class entries.
3. **Registration:** Recognized associations include the American Boer Goat Association. The original registration certificate is required. Information on transfers is not acceptable.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** To be eligible to exhibit in the Youth Boer Goat Show, youth must be between the ages of 5 & 21 as of March 6th.
7. **Heelers:** Heelers will not be allowed in the show ring, for the Junior Division. Heelers will be allowed for the Senior Division.
8. **Fitting:** Fitting will be left up to the discretion of the exhibitor. No artificial coloring will be allowed.
9. **Females:** Any female over 24 months of age, that has not kidded will not be allowed to show.
10. **Substitutions:** Substitutions are NOT allowed between Open and Youth Boer goat entries.
11. **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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.
12. **Check In:** All Open and Youth Boer Goat exhibitors must be checked in 3 p.m. on Saturday. 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

Youth Boer Goat Premium Schedule

	1st	2nd	3rd
A:	$18	$12	$7

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Novice (5-7 years old)
2. Junior (8-12 years old)
3. Intermediate (13-16 years old)
4. Senior (17-21 years old)

PERCENTAGE BLOOD BOER DOES

Junior Division

1.	Percentage Doe Kids (0-3 months)	12/1/26 – 2/28/27	(Premium A)
2.	Percentage Doe Kids (3-6 months)	9/1/26 – 11/30/26	(Premium A)
3.	Percentage Doe Kids (6-9 months)	6/1/26 – 8/31/26	(Premium A)
4.	Percentage Doe Kids (9-12 months)	3/1/26 – 5/31/26	(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)	11/1/25 – 2/29/26	(Premium A)
8.	Percentage Yearling Does (16-20 months)	7/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
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NEW! **PERCENTAGE BLOOD BOER BUCKS**

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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)

Superintendents:
Kathy Devaul – Cuthbert, GA
Kim Kyst – Jefferson, GA
Cathi Kindler – Ellijay, GA

Judge – Halter & Performance – TBD
Judge – Llama Fleece – TBD

Reliant Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival	Thursday	March 18	10 a.m.
In Place (Arrival to Airport Blvd.)	Thursday	March 18	4 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Parade	Thursday	March 18	4 p.m.
Check-In Completed	Thursday	March 18	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday	March 18	6 p.m.
Llama Walking Fleece	Friday	March 19	8 a.m.
Llama Shorn Fleece	Friday	March 19	Following Walking Fleece
Llama Open Pack	Friday	March 19	8 a.m.
Llama Open – Obs and PR	Friday	March 19	Following Pack
Llama Group Classes	Friday	March 19	following Llama & Alpaca Halter
Open Costume – Llama	Friday	March 19	30 mins following conclusion of Group Classes
Youth Costume – Llama	Friday	March 19	following Open Llama Costume
Llama Open Pack	Saturday	March 20	8 a.m.
** Order will be Female, Non-breeder, Male - Color Classes will follow ALSA standards			
Llama Open – Obs & PR	Saturday	March 20	following Pack
Lloan-A-Llama	Saturday	March 20	2 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Llympics	Saturday	March 20	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Dinner and Awards	Saturday	March 20	7 p.m.
Llama Youth Showmanship	Sunday	March 21	8 a.m.
Llama Youth Performance	Sunday	March 21	following showmanship
Begin Release	Sunday	March 21	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 21	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

1. **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.

   ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM (WWW.ALPACAREG.COM/START/HLSR). CHECK PAYMENT WILL NEED TO BE SENT BY FEBRUARY 17TH TO THE SHOW OFFICES WITH A COPY OF THE ENTRIES.

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 17th.** 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 17th 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

Open Llama 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
Reliant Center
3 Reliant Park
Houston, TX 77054

Llama Shorn Fleece Classes

Class Ages at time of shearing not at date of show.

Juvenile	5 to 12 months
Yearling	12 to 24 months
Two-Year-Old	24 months to 36 months
Adult	36 months and older

Fiber Length:
Minimum fleece length to be 3 inches with no maximum for Juvenile and Yearling Llamas at the time of shearing.
Minimum fleece length to be 3 inches for Two-Year-Old, Adult and Mature 24 months and older with maximum of 8 inches including guard hair.

1.	Double Coat	Juvenile	(Premium A)
2.	Double Coat	Yearling	(Premium A)
3.	Double Coat	Two-year-old	(Premium A)
4.	Double Coat	Adult	(Premium A)
5.	Champion Double Coat		(Trophy)
6.	Reserve Champion Double Coat		(Trophy)

7.	Single Coat	Juvenile	(Premium A)
8.	Single Coat	Yearling	(Premium A)
9.	Single Coat	Two-year-old	(Premium A)
10.	Single Coat	Adult	(Premium A)
11.	Champion Single Coat		(Trophy)
12.	Reserve Champion Single Coat		(Trophy)
13.	Suri Coat	Juvenile	(Premium A)
14.	Suri Coat	Yearling	(Premium A)
15.	Suri Coat	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
16.	Suri Coat	Adult	(Premium A)
17.	Champion Suri Coat		(Trophy)
18.	Reserve Champion Suri Coat		(Trophy)

Walking Fleece Classes

Llama Walking Fleece Classes

101.	Double Coat	Juvenile	(Premium A)
102.	Double Coat	Yearling	(Premium A)
103.	Double Coat	2 years old	(Premium A)
104.	Double Coat	Adult	(Premium A)
105.	Champion Double Coat		(Trophy)
106.	Reserve Champion Double Coat		(Trophy)
107.	Single Coat	Juvenile	(Premium A)
108.	Single Coat	Yearling	(Premium A)
109.	Single Coat	2 years old	(Premium A)
110.	Single Coat	Adult	(Premium A)
111.	Champion Single Coat		(Trophy)
112.	Reserve Champion Single Coat		(Trophy)
113.	Suri Coat	Juvenile	(Premium A)
114.	Suri Coat	Yearling	(Premium A)
115.	Suri Coat	2 years old	(Premium A)
116.	Suri Coat	Adult	(Premium A)
117.	Champion Suri Coat		(Trophy)
118.	Reserve Champion Suri Coat		(Trophy)

Judges Choice Award is an award going to the Llama and Alpaca Fleece that is the Judge's Overall Favorite and is not based on the placement of the Fleece.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Open Halter Classes

Showmanship: This class is for the exhibitor to exhibit showing skills and training of the animal.

201.	ALSA Open Showmanship – Llama	(Premium A)

Llama Halter Classes: Breeding quality male and female llamas. The judging criteria are based on soundness and conformation. Class ages are:

Juvenile	5 to 12 months
Yearling	12 to 24 months
Two-Year-Old	24 to 36 months
Adult	36 months and older

Special Rules for Open Llama Show

Suri Wool Halter: Suri breed
Light Wool Halter: Minimal neck and body wool, and smooth leg wool.
Medium Wool Halter: Moderate neck and body wool, and moderate leg wool.
Heavy Wool Halter: Abundant body and neck wool with minimal to abundant leg wool. Shorn llamas MUST be shown in the wool division in which they would have been shown prior to shearing.
Non-Breeding Halter: For geldings, vasectomized males, and spayed or non-reproductive females, these llamas are suitable for purposes other than breeding. Vet certificate verifying the stated condition must accompany show registration.
Non-Breeder halter has no sex or wool division.

203. Suri Wool Female	Juvenile	(Premium A)
204. Suri Wool Female	Yearling	(Premium A)
205. Suri Wool Female	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
206. Suri Wool Female	Adult	(Premium A)
207. Champion Suri Wool Halter Female		(Trophy)
208. Reserve Champion Suri Wool Halter Female		(Trophy)
209. Light Wool Female	Juvenile	(Premium A)
210. Light Wool Female	Yearling	(Premium A)
211. Light Wool Female	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
212. Light Wool Female	Adult	(Premium A)
213. Champion Light Wool Halter Female		(Trophy)
214. Reserve Champion Light Wool Halter Female		(Trophy)
215.Medium Wool Female	Juvenile	(Premium A)
216. Medium Wool Female	Yearling	(Premium A)
217. Medium Wool Female	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
218. Medium Wool Female	Adult	(Premium A)
219. Champion Medium Wool Halter Female		(Trophy)
220. Reserve Champion Medium Wool Halter Female		(Trophy)
221. Heavy Wool Female	Juvenile	(Premium A)
222. Heavy Wool Female	Yearling	(Premium A)
223. Heavy Wool Female	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
224. Heavy Wool Female	Adult	(Premium A)
225. Champion Heavy Wool Halter Female		(Trophy)
226. Reserve Champion Heavy Wool Halter Female		(Trophy)
227. Non-Breeding Yearling		(Premium A)
228. Non-Breeding Two-Year-Old		(Premium A)
229. Non-Breeding Adult		(Premium A)
230. Champion Non-Breeding Llama		(Trophy)
231. Reserve Champion Non-Breeding Llama		(Trophy)
232. Suri Wool Male	Juvenile	(Premium A)
233. Suri Wool Male	Yearling	(Premium A)
234. Suri Wool Male	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
235. Suri Wool Male	Adult	(Premium A)
236. Champion Suri Wool Halter Male		(Trophy)
237. Reserve Champion Suri Wool Halter Male		(Trophy)
238. Light Wool Male	Juvenile	(Premium A)
239. Light Wool Male	Yearling	(Premium A)
240. Light Wool Male	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
241. Light Wool Male	Adult	(Premium A)
242. Champion Light Wool Halter Male		(Trophy)
243. Reserve Champion Light Wool Halter Male		(Trophy)

Special Rules for Open Llama Show

244.	Medium Wool Male	Juvenile	(Premium A)
245.	Medium Wool Male	Yearling	(Premium A)
246.	Medium Wool Male	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
247.	Medium Wool Male	Adult	(Premium A)
248.	Champion Medium Wool Halter Male		(Trophy)
249.	Reserve Champion Medium Wool Halter Male		(Trophy)

250.	Heavy Wool Male	Juvenile	(Premium A)
251.	Heavy Wool Male	Yearling	(Premium A)
252.	Heavy Wool Male	Two-Year-Old	(Premium A)
253.	Heavy Wool Male	Adult	(Premium A)
254.	Champion Heavy Wool Halter Male		(Trophy)
255.	Reserve Champion Heavy Wool Halter Male		(Trophy)

Group Classes: Entries should be made in ***the name of the sire or dam***. The llamas shown in the Get or Produce entry teams ***must be shown in this show in their appropriate halter class age division***. There may be more than one entry per Sire or Dam; however, only the top placing team will earn ALSA points.

256. Get of Sire: Each entry must include only 3 offspring by the same sire.
May be any offspring from sire and ***must be from at least 2 different dams.***
The sire will not be shown in this class. (Premium A)

257. Champion Get of Sire (Trophy)
258. Reserve Champion Get of Sire (Trophy)

259. Produce of Dam: Each entry must include only 2 offspring by the same dam.
The Dam will not be shown in this class. (Premium A)

260. Champion Produce of Dam (Trophy)
261. Reserve Champion Produce of Dam (Trophy)

Special Rules for Open Llama Show

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Open Performance Classes

**Llamas and Alpacas will show in classes under ALSA Performance Rules

Open Llama/Alpaca Performance Classes: These classes are open to all exhibitors 7 years and older. However, a Youth entering open classes may not show the same animal(s) the Youth showed in the Youth Division Classes of this Show. Performance classes are designed to present or simulate conditions and obstacles that would be encountered in certain situations when llamas/alpacas are required to perform. These classes demonstrate the intelligence and versatility of the llama and alpaca. Entries will be disqualified if the animal is uncooperative.

The Show also offers the **ALSA Performance Champion Award for Llama and Alpaca Divisions:** Tabulations are made using the ALSA Point Chart. **Animals must show in the appropriate Obstacle Class, the Public Relations Class and the Pack Class.** A minimum of 8 animals must exhibit in the Open Obstacle Class for the award to be given. Champion accumulates the most points.

ALSA Pack Class: This class is designed to present or simulate the conditions and obstacles actually encountered when packing llamas on the trail. Animals must be at least 5 months to compete and be fitted with a two-cinch system. Animals 5 to 36 months carry no weight but must use fill material to simulate a full pack. Animals 37 months and over must carry 20 lbs. of weight.

Obstacle Class: The purpose of Obstacle Class is to demonstrate the well-trained animal's obedience and willingness to complete the activities requested by the handler.
Public Relations Class: This class is for the animal that participates in community activities.

501. ALSA Master Pack - Llama	(Premium A)
502. ALSA Advanced Pack - Llama	(Premium A)
503. ALSA Novice Pack - Llama	(Premium A)
504. ALSA Open Pack – Alpaca	(Premium A)
505. ALSA Master Public Relations – Llama	(Premium A)
506. ALSA Advanced Public Relations - Llama	(Premium A)
507. ALSA Novice Public Relations – Llama	(Premium A)
508. ALSA Open Public Relations – Alpaca	(Premium A)
509. ALSA Master Obstacle – Llama	(Premium A)
510. ALSA Advanced Obstacle – Llama	(Premium A)
511. ALSA Novice Obstacle – Llama	(Premium A)
512. ALSA Open Obstacle – Alpaca	(Premium A)

ALSA Llama Performance Champion Award (see rules above)

513. LLAMA MASTER PERFORMANCE CHAMPION AWARD	(Premium D & Trophy)
514. LLAMA MASTER PERFORMANCE RESERVE CHAMPION AWARD	(Premium D & Trophy)
515. LLAMA ADVANCED PERFORMANCE CHAMPION AWARD	(Premium D & Trophy)
516. LLAMA ADVANCED PERFORMANCE RESERVE CHAMPION AWARD	(Premium D & Trophy)
517. LLAMA NOVICE PERFORMANCE CHAMPION AWARD	(Premium D & Trophy)
518. LLAMA NOVICE PERFORMANCE RESERVE CHAMPION AWARD	(Premium D & Trophy)



ALSA Alpaca Performance Champion (see rules above under Performance)

519. ALPACA OPEN PERFORMANCE CHAMPION	(Premium D & Trophy)
520. ALPACA OPEN PERFORMANCE RESERVE CHAMPION	(Premium D & Trophy)
560. Best of Show Llama	(Trophy & Premium B)

This is the Champion of All Champions, all Wool Champions will return to the ring and the Judge will choose the Grand Champion Llama for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, no entry is required

ALSA Llama and Alpaca Open Costume – Exhibits the basic skills in fitting, grooming, following directions and style of presenting the animal to the judge for evaluation. The animal's conformation is not considered.

601. Llama Open Costume	(Premium C)

YOUTH LLAMA AND ALPACA

Department II

Superintendents:
Kathy Devaul – Cuthbert, GA
Kim Kyst – Jefferson, GA
Cathi Kindler – Ellijay, GA

Judges: TBD

Reliant Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival	Thursday	March 18	10 a.m.
In Place (Arrival to Airport Blvd.)	Thursday	March 18	4 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Parade	Thursday	March 18	4 p.m.
Check-In Completed	Thursday	March 18	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday	March 18	6 p.m.
Youth Costume – Llama	Friday	March 19	following Open Llama Costume
Lloan-A-Llama	Saturday	March 20	2 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Llympics	Saturday	March 20	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Dinner and Awards	Saturday	March 20	7 p.m.
Llama Youth Showmanship	Sunday	March 21	8 a.m.
Llama Youth Performance	Sunday	March 21	following showmanship
Begin Release	Sunday	March 21	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 21	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, 2027, 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 and Alpaca Show

Youth Showmanship: Judged on the ability to show his/her animal to its best advantage at halter and the exhibitor's basic skills in fitting, grooming, following directions and style of presenting the animal to judge for evaluation. The animal's conformation is not considered.

701. ALSA Llama Senior Showmanship (Premium A)
702. ALSA Alpaca Senior Showmanship (Premium A)

703. ALSA Llama Intermediate Showmanship (Premium A)
704. ALSA Alpaca Intermediate Showmanship (Premium A)

Special Rules for Youth Llama and Alpaca Show

705. ALSA Llama Junior Showmanship	(Premium A)
706. ALSA Alpaca Junior Showmanship	(Premium A)
707. Llama Sub-Junior Showmanship	(Premium A)
708. Alpaca Sub-Junior Showmanship	(Premium A)
709. ALSA Llama Senior Pack	(Premium A)
710. ALSA Llama Intermediate Pack	(Premium A)
711. ALSA Llama Junior Pack	(Premium A)
712. ALSA Llama Senior Public Relations	(Premium A)
713. ALSA Alpaca Senior Public Relations	(Premium A)
714. ALSA Llama Intermediate Public Relations	(Premium A)
715. ALSA Alpaca Intermediate Public Relations	(Premium A)
716. ALSA Llama Junior Public Relations	(Premium A)
717. ALSA Alpaca Junior Public Relations	(Premium A)
718. ALSA Llama Sub-Junior Public Relations	(Premium A)
719. ALSA Alpaca Sub-Junior Public Relations	(Premium A)
720. ALSA Llama Senior Obstacle	(Premium A)
721. ALSA Alpaca Senior Obstacle	(Premium A)
722. ALSA Llama Intermediate Obstacle	(Premium A)
723. ALSA Alpaca Intermediate Obstacle	(Premium A)
724. ALSA Llama Junior Obstacle	(Premium A)
725. ALSA Alpaca Junior Obstacle	(Premium A)
726. ALSA Llama Sub-Junior Obstacle	(Premium A)
727. ALSA Alpaca Sub-Junior Obstacle	(Premium A)

ALSA Llama Youth Performance Champion: Tabulated using the ALSA Point Chart, awarded for the most points earned for his/her Age Division in required Obstacle, Pack and Public Relations Class. The same animal must be shown in all 3 classes unless the animal is less than 12 months, at which time the Youth may use a second animal for Pack Class. No entry is required for this class, exhibitors must check in with the show desk to verify qualification and entry is automatic for those with the required entries.

ALSA Alpaca Youth Performance Champion: Tabulated using the ALSA Point chart awarded for the most points earned for his/her age division in required Showmanship, Obstacle and Public Relations. Ties will be broken by the placing in the Showmanship Class. No entry is required for this class, exhibitors must check in with the show desk to verify qualification and entry is automatic for those with the required entries.

728. INTERMEDIATE YOUTH LLAMA GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Trophy)
729. INTERMEDIATE YOUTH LLAMA RESERVE CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Banner)
730. INTERMEDIATE YOUTH ALPACA GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMACE	(Premium D, Trophy)
731. INTERMEDIATE YOUTH ALPACA RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Banner)
732. JUNIOR YOUTH LLAMA GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Trophy)
733. JUNIOR YOUTH LLAMA RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Banner)
734. JUNIOR YOUTH ALPACA GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMACE	(Premium D, Trophy)
735. JUNIOR YOUTH ALPACA RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Banner)
736. SUB- JUNIOR YOUTH LLAMA GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Trophy)
737. SUB-JUNIOR YOUTH LLAMA RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Banner)
738. SUB-JUNIOR YOUTH ALPACA GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMACE	(Premium D, Banner)
739. SUB- JUNIOR YOUTH ALPACA RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE	(Premium D, Banner)

740. SENIOR YOUTH LLAMA GRAND CHAMPION (Premium D, Trophy)
741. SENIOR YOUTH LLAMA RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION (Premium D, Banner)

742. SENIOR YOUTH ALPACA GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMACE (Premium D, Trophy)
743. SENIOR YOUTH ALPACA RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMANCE (Premium D, Banner)

Special Rules for Youth Llama and Alpaca Show

ALSA Youth Champion Awards: Exhibitors must compete in Showmanship, Public Relations, Obstacle and, for Llamas only, Pack classes to be eligible. No entry is required for this class, exhibitors must check in with the show desk to verify qualification and entry is automatic for those with the required entries.

744. LLAMA YOUTH CHAMPION AWARD (Trophy, Premium B)
745. LLAMA YOUTH RESERVE CHAMPION AWARD (Trophy, Premium B)

746. ALPACA YOUTH CHAMPION AWARD (Trophy, Premium B)
747. ALPACA YOUTH RESERVE CHAMPION AWARD (Trophy, Premium B)

ALSA Llama Youth Costume: Ages 7 through 18, an ALSA Optional Class, no ALSA points awarded. Entertaining for the basic skills in fitting, grooming, following directions and style of presenting the animal to judge for evaluation. The animal's conformation is not considered.

801. Llama Youth Costume (Premium C)

ALSA Alpaca Youth Costume: Ages 7 through 18, an ALSA Optional Class, no ALSA points awarded. Entertaining for the basic skills in fitting, grooming, following directions and style of presenting the animal to judge for evaluation. The animal's conformation is not considered.

802. Alpaca Youth Costume (Premium C)

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 2027 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 2027 Lloan-A-Llama Show will be available on our Exhibitor page under Open Show or by clicking the lick 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)

Halter Superintendent – DJ Riedel – Conifer, CO
Fleece Superintendent – Andy Riedel – Conifer, CO

Judges: TBD

Reliant Arena – Hall A & B

Begin Arrival	Thursday	March 18	10 a.m.
In Place (Arrival to Airport Blvd.)	Thursday	March 18	4 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Parade	Thursday	March 18	4 p.m.
Check-In Completed	Thursday	March 18	5 p.m.
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday	March 18	6 p.m.
Alpaca Walking Fleece	Friday	March 19	8 a.m.
(Walking Fleece is done at will before the judge in the staging area			
Alpaca Shorn Fleece	Friday	March 19	Following Walking Fleece
Alpaca Open Showmanship	Friday	March 19	9:30 a.m.
Alpaca Halter	Friday	March 19	Following Alpaca Showmanship
Alpaca Group Classes	Friday	March 19	Following Alpaca Halter
Alpaca Obs, Pack & PR	Saturday	March 20	Following Llama Pack
Open Costume – Alpaca	Saturday	March 20	Following Obs and PR
Youth Costume – Alpaca	Saturday	March 20	Following Open Alpaca Costume
Lloan-A-Llama	Saturday	March 20	2 p.m.
Llama & Alpaca Llympics	Saturday	March 20	6 p.m.
Exhibitor Dinner and Awards	Saturday	March 20	7 p.m.
Begin Release	Sunday	March 21	9 a.m.
Must Be Out By	Sunday	March 21	6 p.m.

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

AOA Handbook: https://www.alpacainfo.com/show/handbook

Special Rules for Open Alpaca Show

1. **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.

   ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM (WWW.ALPACAREG.COM/START/HLSR). THE LINK WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. CHECK PAYMENT WILL NEED TO BE SENT BY FEBRUARY 17TH TO THE SHOW OFFICES WITH A COPY OF THE ENTRIES.

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 CLCR 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 17th.** 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'.

Special Rules for Open Alpaca Show

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 17th 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 alpacas and will be set based on AOA Guidelines. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enter the correct class; however, the judge will have final decision. 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:** 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. Classes: Classes for the Halter and Fleece will be based on the AOA handbook and can be found there. Classes for the Performance will remain ALSA sanctioned and can be found in the Open Llama Show Section of this handbook.
16. **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

Open 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

SHEEP DOG TRIALS

Department SD

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

Move-in:	Sunday, March 7	8 a.m.
Trials begin:	Sunday, March 7	9 a.m.
Must be out by:	Sunday, March 7	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 $80 per entry. One entry fee is valid for the eligibility in both trials. Entry deadline is Feb. 1, 2027.

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 Reliant Center, the staging area, and the Main arena during competition. Dogs are not permitted in other areas of Reliant 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 Reliant Center. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until 9 a.m.

OPEN BREEDING RABBITS

* DOUBLE SHOW *

Superintendent – Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN
Secretary – Debbie Mott – Temple, TX

Judges:
Courtney Collins – Valley Spring, CA
Dakota Manning – Sulphur, LA
Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN
Alan Ormond – Clearfield, UT
Bruce Ormsby – Brownsville, IN

Reliant Arena – Hall A&B

Begin Arrival:	Saturday	March 13	6 a.m.; *Arrive directly to Gate 5 Reliant Arena*
In Place By:	Saturday	March 13	8 a.m.
Show A:	Saturday	March 13	9:30 a.m.
Show B:	Saturday	March 13	Upon Conclusion of Show A
Awards:	Saturday	March 13	Conclusion of Judging
Begin Release:	Saturday	March 13	Conclusion of Breed
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Saturday	March 13	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

1. **Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules.

2. **Sanctioned Breeds:**
   a. 4 Class – American Sable, Dutch, English Angora, French Angora, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Mini Lop, Mini Satin, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Satin Angora, Silver, Tan
   b. 6 Class – Californian, Cinnamon, English Lop, French Lop, Giant Angora, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin
   c. There is no Meat Pen division in the Open Breeding Rabbit Show.
   d. 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 2027 Houston Livestock Show™ can be found on the following website. https://arba.net/national-specialty-clubs/

3. **Entry Requirements:** The entry fee is $16 per rabbit and will include both Shows A and B. One rabbit must be shown to receive an exhibitor grounds pass.

4. **Arrival and Check-In:** All exhibitors must arrive directly to Reliant 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.

5. **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.**

6. **Substitutions:** 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. The Substitution Fee is $5 per animal.

7. **Identification:** Rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in the left ear. No animal will be checked in without a permanent tattoo.

8. **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.

Special Rules for Open Breeding Rabbit Show

9. **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.

10. **Payments:** Checks will not be issued for premiums less than $5.00.

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
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.

YOUTH BREEDING RABBITS

Superintendent – Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN
Secretary – Deanna Burton – Tomball, TX

Judges:
Courtney Collins – Valley Spring, CA
Wendy Lange – Moses Lake, WA
Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN
Alan Ormond – Clearfield, UT
Bruce Ormsby – Brownsville, IN

Reliant Arena – Hall A & B

Wave 1



(American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox)

Staging Lot Opens:	Saturday	March 6	5 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Begin Arrival (Release):	Saturday	March 6	8 a.m. – *From Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
In Place By	Saturday	March 6	10 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Costume Contest:	Saturday	March 6	3:30 p.m.
Show:	Sunday	March 7	8 a.m.
Breed Awards:	Sunday	March 7	After Conclusion of Each Breed
Begin Release:	Sunday	March 7	After Conclusion of Breed
All Non-Champion Animals Must Be Out By:	Sunday	March 7	5 p.m.

Wave 2



(Dutch, Havana, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Polish, Rex)

Staging Lot Opens:	Sunday	March 7	8 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Begin Arrival:	Sunday	March 7	Noon - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
In Place By:	Sunday	March 7	3 p.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Show:	Monday	March 8	8 a.m.
Begin Release:	Monday	March 8	After Conclusion of Breed
Costume Contest	Monday	March 8	5:30 p.m.
Breed Awards:	Monday	March 8	After Conclusion of Each Breed
All Non-Champion Animals Must Be Out By:	Monday	March 8	5 p.m.

Special Rules for Youth Breeding Rabbit Show

Wave 3


(American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Checkered Giant, Czech Frosty, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Lop, English Spot, Flemish Giant, Florida White, French Angora, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, Harlequin, Himalayan, Lilac, Netherland Dwarf, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta, Velveteen Lop, and any other breeds not listed for waves 1 or 2)

Staging Lot Opens:	Monday	March 8	5 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Begin Arrival:	Monday	March 8	11 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Costume Contest	Monday	March 8	4:30 p.m.
In Place By:	Monday	March 8	3 p.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Show	Tuesday	March 9	8 a.m.
Breed Awards:	Tuesday	March 9	After Conclusion of Each Breed
Begin Release:	Tuesday	March 9	After Conclusion of Breed
Overall Awards:	Tuesday	March 9	After Conclusion of the Show
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Tuesday	March 9	1 hr following conclusion of the Awards

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.

1. **Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules.

2. **Sanctioned Breeds:** The following breeds will be sanctioned. All other breeds can be shown but will be unsanctioned.
    a. 4 Class – American Sable, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, French Angora, Havana, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan
    b. 6 Class – American, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Cinnamon, English Lop, French Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin
    c. 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 2027 Houston Livestock Show™ can be found on the following website. https://arba.net/national-specialty-clubs/

3. **Entry Limit:** There will not be a limit on entries for 2027

4. **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.

5. **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 Reliant Arena and enter through Gate 5. Exhibitors must have a move-in tag to enter Gate 5. Exhibitors may begin arrival no earlier than the times in the schedule and must be in place by the times listed in the schedule.
    a. Animals will be inspected at check-in. Animals showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later must leave the Show grounds.
    b. Exhibitors must obtain a release form from the rabbit office prior to removing these animals.

6. **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.**

7. **Substitutions:** 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. The Substitution Fee is $5 per animal.

8. **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.

Special Rules for Youth Breeding Rabbit Show

9. **Care of Animals**: Exhibitors must bring water and feed containers. Exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.

10. **Show Competition:** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to get their rabbit to the Show Table. Animals in locked cages, at show time will not be shown.

11. **Arena Entry Restrictions:** Only 1 adult will be allowed to enter the arena, we will require a wrist band for 2027 Show to enter the arena.

12. **Carry Cages and Wagons:** All Carry Cages and wagons should be stored under the cage tables. Please be aware **of other** people and try to limit supplies that need to be stored

13. **Sales:** Rabbits cannot be sold on HLSR property.

14. **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.

15. **Payments:** Checks will not be issued for premiums less than $5.

16. **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.

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.

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1-3	$10.00				
4-5	$12.00	$11.00	$10.00		
6-7	$14.00	$13.00	$12.00	$11.00	
8-9	$15.00	$14.00	$13.00	$12.00	$11.00
10-14	$18.00	$16.00	$15.00	$14.00	$13.00
15+	$23.00	$21.00	$20.00	$19.00	$18.00

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.

YOUTH MEAT PEN RABBITS

Superintendent – Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN
Secretary – Deanna Burton – Tomball, TX

Judges:
Courtney Collins – Valley Spring, CA
Wendy Lange – Moses Lake, WA
Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN
Alan Ormond – Clearfield, UT
Bruce Ormsby – Brownsville, IN

Reliant Arena – Hall A & B

Staging Lot Opens:	Saturday	March 6	5 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Begin Arrival:	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Must be on staging lot:	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
In Place at Reliant Arena:	Saturday	March 6	8 a.m.
Show:	Saturday	March 6	8 a.m.
Awards	Saturday	March 6	1 hour after judging

ONLY THE TOP 30 MEAT PENS WILL BE PLACED AND AWARDED,
ALL MEAT PENS TO BE RELEASED SATURDAY, MARCH 7 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

1. **Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules.

2. **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).

3. **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.

4. **Age:** Rabbit age limit is 10 weeks.
   a. Breeding date of November 27, 2026, should be used.

5. **Weights:** 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.
   a. At least the top 60 pens will be weighed before placing begins

6. **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.

7. **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 youth 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.

8. **Ownership Date**: The feeding and fitting period should begin on or before the ownership date. Meat Pen Rabbits must be owned by the validation date of **February 6, 2027.** ***NOTE:*** *Exhibitors are no longer required to own the doe or does from which they pick their meat pens.*

Special Rules for Youth Meat Pen Rabbit Show

9. **Validation:** 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 6, 2027. Tentative tattoo locations include Belton, Ft. Worth, Houston, Nacogdoches, and San Antonio. Locations are subject to change. Your location will be sent to you by email. Rabbits must be handled by the exhibitor or a supervising adult at validation.

10. **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 Reliant 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 8. Animals will be inspected at check-in. Animals showing symptoms of any contagious disease at check-in or later must leave the Show grounds. Exhibitors must obtain a release from the rabbit office prior to removing these animals.

11. **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.**

12. **Care of Animals:** Exhibitors must bring water and feed containers. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own rabbits.

13. **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.

14. **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.

15. **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

YOUTH RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendent – Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN

Reliant Arena – Hall B

Friday, March 5

Check-In	**7 a.m. – 8 a.m.**
Contest Starts	**8:30 a.m.**
Awards	**2 p.m.**

This Contest 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.

1. **Entry:** Entries will be taken via the Rabbit Show Entry site. Entries open on Nov. 15, 2026, and close on Feb. 1, 2027.
    a. Individual: Entry fee will be $5 per individual
    b. Team: Entry fee will be $20 per team
        i.
    c. No entries will be accepted after the entry deadline.

2. **Team Entry:** You must designate that you are entering a team at entry.

    a. Each team will consist of three to four youth exhibitors.
        i. Top 3 scores will be used for placings
    b. Teams will compete it the age division that the oldest team member qualifies for.
    c. You must sign up for your own team or you will compete as an individual.
    d. Exhibitors must designate team members at the time of registration.

3. **Divisions:** Exhibitors will be grouped by age into divisions based on their age as of August 31, 2026.

    a. Junior Division Contest: Contestants 8 to 10 years of age
    b. Intermediate Division Contest: Contestants 11 to 13 years of age
    c. Senior Division Contest: Contestants 14 to 18 years of age

4. **Contest Format:**

    a. Breed Identification: 25 Breeds – 2 point per breed (50 pts)
    b. Test: 25 question – 2 points per question (50 pts)
    c. Placings: 2 classes of rabbits – (25 points per class)
        i. Seniors judge 2 classes (50 pts total)
        ii. Junior and Intermediate judge 1 class (25 pts total)

5. **Awards**: will be presented to first, second and third-place winners in both the individual and team contests.

    a. First place Individuals will receive a buckle
    b. Second & Third will receive a plaque
    c. First Place Teams will receive 4 belt buckles
    d. Second & Third will receive 4 plaques each

YOUTH RABBIT/CAVY COSTUME CONTEST

Superintendent – Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN

Reliant Arena – Hall B

Saturday, March 6

Online Check-In	**12 p.m. – 1 p.m.**
Contest Starts	**3:30 p.m.**

Monday, March 8

Online Check-In	**1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**
Contest Starts	**4:30 p.m.**

This Contest 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.

1. **Entry:** Entries will be taken via the Rabbit Show Entry site. Entries open on November 15, 2026, and close on Feb. 1, 2027.
    a. Entry fee will be $5 per Entry
    b. Exhibitors are only allowed one entry per exhibitor.
        i. Each day is limited to 100 entries.
        ii. Exhibitor may only enter one day for the costume contest
    c. Exhibitors must have an entry in the Youth Breeding Rabbit Show or Youth Cavy show to participate.
    d. No entries will be accepted after the entry deadline.
    e. Exhibitors will choose their category at the time of entry.

2. **Categories:** The rabbit and cavy costume cost will consist of 5 categories;
    a. Best Rodeo Theme
    b. Most Elaborate Costume
    c. Funniest Costume
    d. Best Character Impersonation
    e. Most Colorful Costume

3. All placings will be determined at the judges' discretion and will be considered final.

4. **Display:** Each display must fit within a 2 ft x 2 ft area and display their official Entry Number.

5. **Awards**:
    a. 1st and 2nd in each category will receive trophies
    b. 3rd through 5th in each category will receive plaques
    c. Best overall will receive a belt buckle
        i. Chosen from the 1st place in each category

YOUTH RABBIT/CAVY SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Superintendent – Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN

Reliant Arena – Hall B

Saturday, March 6 and Monday, March 8

Contest is at will between 9 am and 11 am and 1 pm 4 pm on contest days

This Contest is subject to the ARBA Showmanship Rules, 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.

1. **Entry:** Entries will be taken via the Open/Youth Show Entry site. Entries open on November 15, 2026, and close on Feb. 1, 2027.

    a. Entry fee will be $5 per Entry
    b. Exhibitors are only allowed one entry per exhibitor.
    c. Exhibitors must have an entry in the Youth Breeding Rabbit Show or Youth Cavy show to participate.
    d. No entries will be accepted after the entry deadline.

2. Contest Format: Contest will use the rules of the ARBA and is scored based on the ARBA Showmanship Scorecard for Rabbits.

3. **Divisions:** Exhibitors will be grouped by age into divisions based on their age as of August 31, 2026.

    a. Junior Division Contest: Contestants 8 to 10 years of age
    b. Intermediate Division Contest: Contestants 11 to 13 years of age
    c. Senior Division Contest: Contestants 14 to 18 years of age

4. Awards:
    a. First Place in each division will receive a belt buckle

OPEN CAVIES

Superintendent – Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN
Secretary – Debbie Mott – Temple, TX

Judges
Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN

Reliant Arena – Hall A & B

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

1. **Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules.

2. **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.

3. **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 Reliant 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. Exhibitors must obtain a release form from the rabbit office prior to removing these animals.

4. **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.**

5. **Substitutions:** 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. The Substitution Fee is $5 per animal.

6. **Identification:** Cavies must have a permanent ear tag in the left ear. No entry will be checked in without an ear tag.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **Payments:** Checks will not be issued for premiums less than $5.

1. **Prizes:** Breeds with 1-9 animals shown in previous year will be eligible for class premiums and rosettes; 10+ animals in the previous year 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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
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 CAVIES

Superintendent – Gordon Williams – Cloverdale, IN
Secretary – Debbie Mott – Temple, TX

Judges
Todd Naragon – Huntington, IN

Reliant Arena – Hall A & B

Staging Lot Opens:	Saturday	March 6	5 a.m. - *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Begin Arrival	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m. – *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
In Place By:	Saturday	March 6	7 a.m. – *Airport Blvd. Staging Lot*
Show:	Saturday	March 6	9 a.m.
Awards:	Saturday	March 6	Upon Completion
Costume Contest	Saturday	March 6	3:30 p.m.
Begin Release:	Saturday	March 6	After Awards Ceremony
All Animals Must Be Out By:	Saturday	March 6	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

2. **Show Sanctioning:** This show is officially sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is conducted in accordance with its latest revised rules.

3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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 Reliant 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. Exhibitors must obtain a release form from the rabbit office prior to removing these animals.

6. **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.**

7. **Substitutions:** 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. The Substitution Fee is $5 per animal.

8. **Identification:** Cavies must have a permanent ear tag in the left ear. No entry will be checked in without an ear tag.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **Payments:** Checks will not be issued for premiums less than $5.

Special Rules for the Youth Cavy Show

12. Prizes: Breeds with 1-9 animals shown in previous year will be eligible for class premiums and rosettes; 10+ animals in the previous year 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.

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1-3	$10.00				
4-5	$12.00	$11.00			
6-7	$14.00	$13.00	$12.00		
8-9	$15.00	$14.00	$13.00	$12.00	
10+	$18.00	$16.00	$15.00	$14.00	$13.00

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

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.

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 (this includes homeschool). Students must be between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before Aug. 31, 2026. 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 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, deadline Clay Shoot, Young Guns Skeet Shoot, Archery, Poster Board contest, Video Competition, and Judging Contest contestants. The test can be found at https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO.

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. Entries may be paid online (via credit card) or by check made payable to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Entries paid by check must be accompanied by the online entry summary sheet.

6. **Late Entries:** Junior Show entries submitted after midnight, Dec. 1 until closing of check-in for individual species will automatically be charged a $500 extra late 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 species). 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, dairy cattle, 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	two entries of 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, Tractor Tech, Trailer Build-Off, and Judging Contests.

12. **Exhibitor Grounds Passes:** One complimentary per exhibitor. Two complimentary Exhibitor Grounds Passes will be offered to each county or chapter entry. Any additional exhibitor grounds passes needed should be purchased at the time of 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:

    a. When an exhibitor has more than one entry in the Junior Show and cannot be present to show their animal in another department
    b. When an exhibitor is sick **(must be accompanied by a signed statement from a doctor)**
    c. 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. 31	Junior Breeding Sheep	YES
Oct. 31	Junior Market Lambs	YES
Oct. 31	Junior Market Goats	YES
Oct. 31	Junior Breeding Beef	YES
Nov. 30	Junior Market Barrows	YES
Nov. 30	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 Reliant 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.

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



23. **Premium Payments:** W-9 forms must be on file for premium payments to be processed. Once placings/premiums have been finalized, exhibitors/contestants who have won a premium will receive a request to complete an electronic W-9. It is the exhibitor/contestant's responsibility to complete the electronic process to receive premium payments.

24. **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.

25. **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.

26. **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.

27. **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. Note: Only small squares bales are allowed on grounds. Round bales and large square bales are not allowed.**

28. **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. The Junior Exhibitor and Parent or Guardian must sign the form in the presence of a Notary Public. Health papers are not required on Junior Market or Junior Breeding animals.

29. **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.

30. **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.

31. **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 Reliant 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 Reliant 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.

32. **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.

33. **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.

34. **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 31 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.

35. **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.

36. **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 (NALSRMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID). The exhibitor agrees that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSRMA.
37. **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.

38. **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 handless phone devices.

39. **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. Halters of any material less than ¼ inch in diameter are prohibited for all species, including but not limited to: cable, nylon, string and monofilament.

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 the 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, implemented in 2024, additional premiums have been discontinued.*



EXHIBITOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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Thirty livestock and horse show exhibitors will receive a four-year, $20,000 college scholarship as an additional incentive for participating in the 2027 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 2027 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 1, 2026 and are due by February 2, 2027 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 6, 2027, 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)*
- Youth Breeding Cattle Show
- Youth Meat Pen Rabbit Show
- Youth Breeding Rabbit Show
- Youth Cavy Show
- Youth Boer Goat Show
- Youth Dairy Goat Show

Horse Show

- All-Breed Youth Horse Show
- Cutting Horse 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

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Wave 1
(ABC, Brahman Cross, Brangus, Charolais Cross, Maine-Anjou, Other Cross I, Santa Gertrudis Cross, Simbrah, Simmental)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 13	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Sunday	March 14	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Sunday	March 14	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Sunday	March 14	11:30 a.m.
Show A:	Monday	March 15	8 a.m.
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Monday	March 15	7 a.m.
Show B:	Tuesday	March 16	8 a.m.
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Tuesday	March 16	**No earlier than NOON; must be out by 5 p.m.**

Show A: Charolais, Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis Cross, Simbrah, Brangus
Show B: Brahman Cross, ABC, Other Cross I

Wave 2
(Angus, Black Cross, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Limousin, Other Cross II, Shorthorn, Red Angus, Red Cross)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Tuesday	March 16	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Wednesday	March 17	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Wednesday	March 17	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Wednesday	March 17	11:30 a.m.
Show C:	Thursday	March 18	8 a.m.
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Thursday	March 18	8 a.m.
Show D:	Friday	March 19	8 a.m.
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Friday	March 19	**1 PM; must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/20**
Grand Champion Pre-Judging:	Friday	March 19	6 p.m.
Grand Champion Selection	Friday	March 19	8:30 p.m. – Reliant Stadium
Begin Release of Non-Placing Steers:	Saturday	March 20	**9 a.m. –** ALL STEERS MUST BE OUT BY 5 P.M.
Auction	Saturday	March 20	11 a.m.

Show C: Angus, Limousin, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Black Cross
Show D: Red Cross, Other Cross II

Special Rules for Junior Market Steer 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.

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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	$100,000
Reserve Grand Champion Steer	$65,000
Breed Champion Steers	$40,000
Reserve Breed Champion Steers	$30,000
Remaining First Place Steers	$15,000
Remaining Second Place Steers	$13,000
Third Place Steers	$12,000
Fourth Place Steers	$11,000
All Remaining Placing Steers	$10,000

* 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 and second 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 13 at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 16 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 11 a.m. on the day of move-in at the Veterinarian Station by the Main Arena in Reliant 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 6 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 in 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.

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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.

	Light	*Heavy Light*	*Medium*	*Light Heavy*	*Medium Heavy*	*Heavy*	*Total*
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 I	6	-	6	-	-	6	18
Other Cross II	9	9	9	9	9	9	54
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

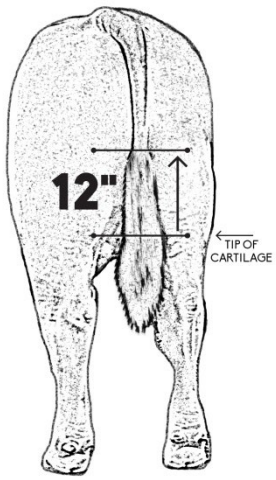
9. **Weight:** Steers must weigh a minimum 1,000 pounds.
   a. Exhibitors must declare animal weight and breed during mobile check-in. The weight listed will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for weighing back and selling purposes.
   b. After judging of each class is completed, 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.

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, 2026 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. Steers will be checked for hair length during staging for each class. 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.** 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 show are ineligible.

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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:** *Steers will be classified at the time of judging.* Breed classification will be submitted in the self/mobile check-in system. The breed must be declared upon 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. The judgment of the sifting committee and classifiers is final and not subject to protest.

    With the addition of the Other Cross I breed to Wave 1, all steers that classify out of breeds from Wave 1 will show in Wave 1. 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.

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 Reliant 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 and random drug tested steers 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 20th. 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. Random drug tested steers will be transported to the Sales Pavilion after drug testing has been completed.

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 in 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 18 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 19 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 Reliant 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 Reliant 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 Guidelines

**For full details of 2024-2028 Texas Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines please visit, https://agrilifelearn.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-cased 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 lover 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:
  - Dish
  - Excessive long head
  - Roman nose
  - 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.

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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.
- 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
  - Dish head
  - Excessive long head
  - Roman nose
  - 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.

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.

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)

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.
- 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

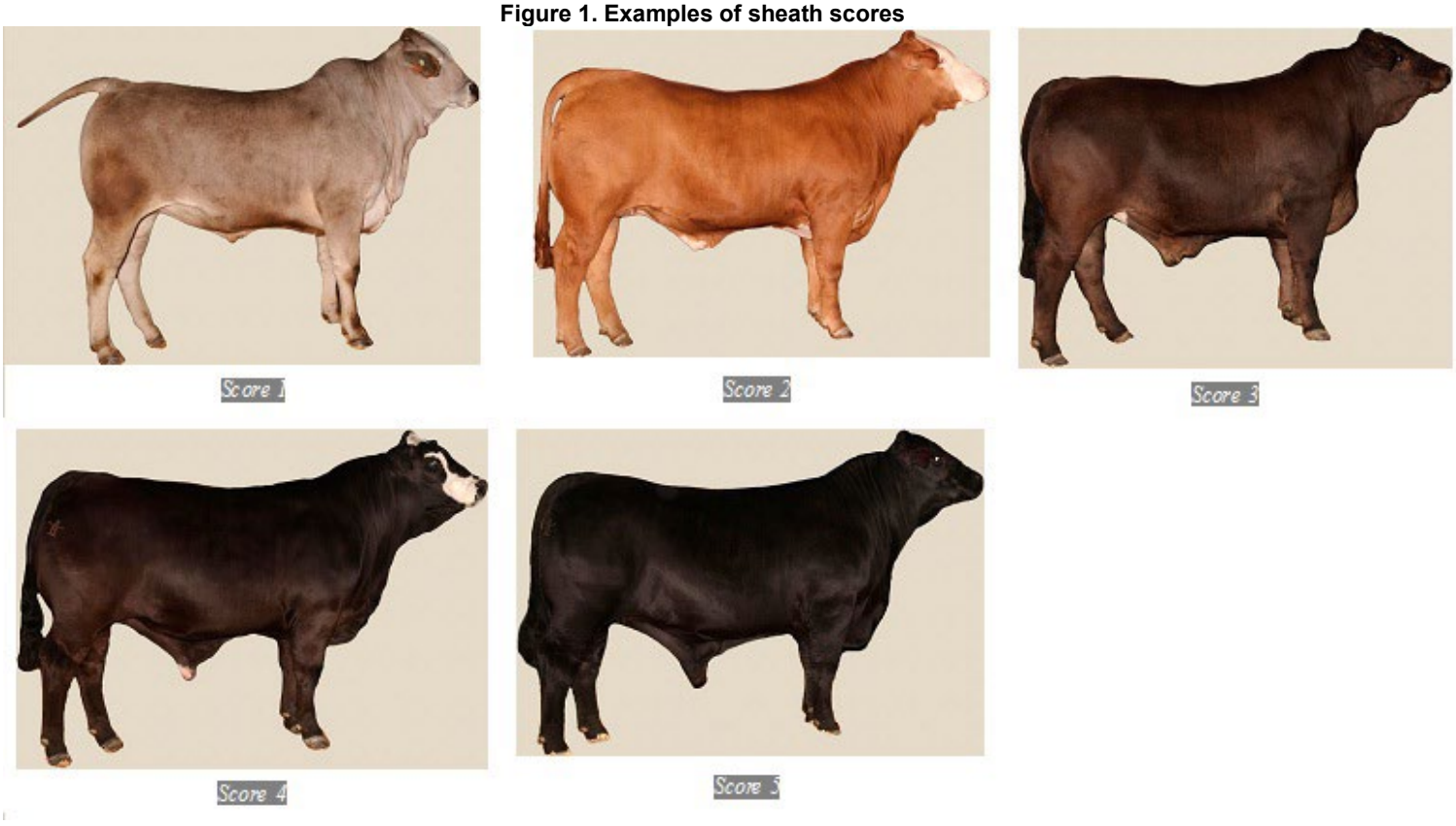




Figure 2. Examples of non-Brahman-influence ears for American breeds cross.

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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).
- 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

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).
- 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.

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.

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

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.

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

Simbrah:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- A sheath score of 2 or greater
- With *Bos inducus* 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
- 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
  - Eye(s) – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigmentation around eye on reds.
  - Poll – Typically have a wider poll.
  - Ear(s) – Tends to be smaller and set lower on head.
  - Muzzle – Tends to be short.
  - Sheath – Tends to have a forward angle.
- Legs/foot
  - Tends to be smooth-jointed.
  - Tends to be flat-boned.
  - 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.

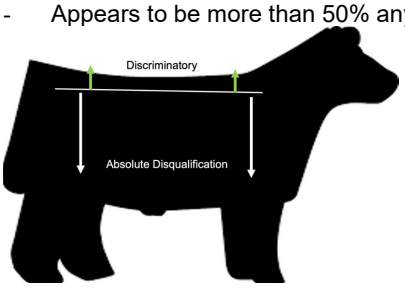


Figure 3. Maine-Anjou brindling guidelines

Junior Market Steer Classification Guidelines

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:
  - Solid black or red.
  - Red and white, black and white, or yellow and white.
  - Bald, blaze, or streak-face.
  - 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:
  - White is a continuation of the feathering.
  - White is at the fore and/or rear flanks (similar to Hereford pattern).
  - White spotting not 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 is 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.

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:
  - White is a continuation of the feathering.
  - White is at the fore and/or rear flanks (similar to Hereford pattern).
  - White spotting not 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 is 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.

Other Cross Divisions:

- Steers of any coloration pattern are acceptable.



Figure 4. Black cross cattle (and other examples)

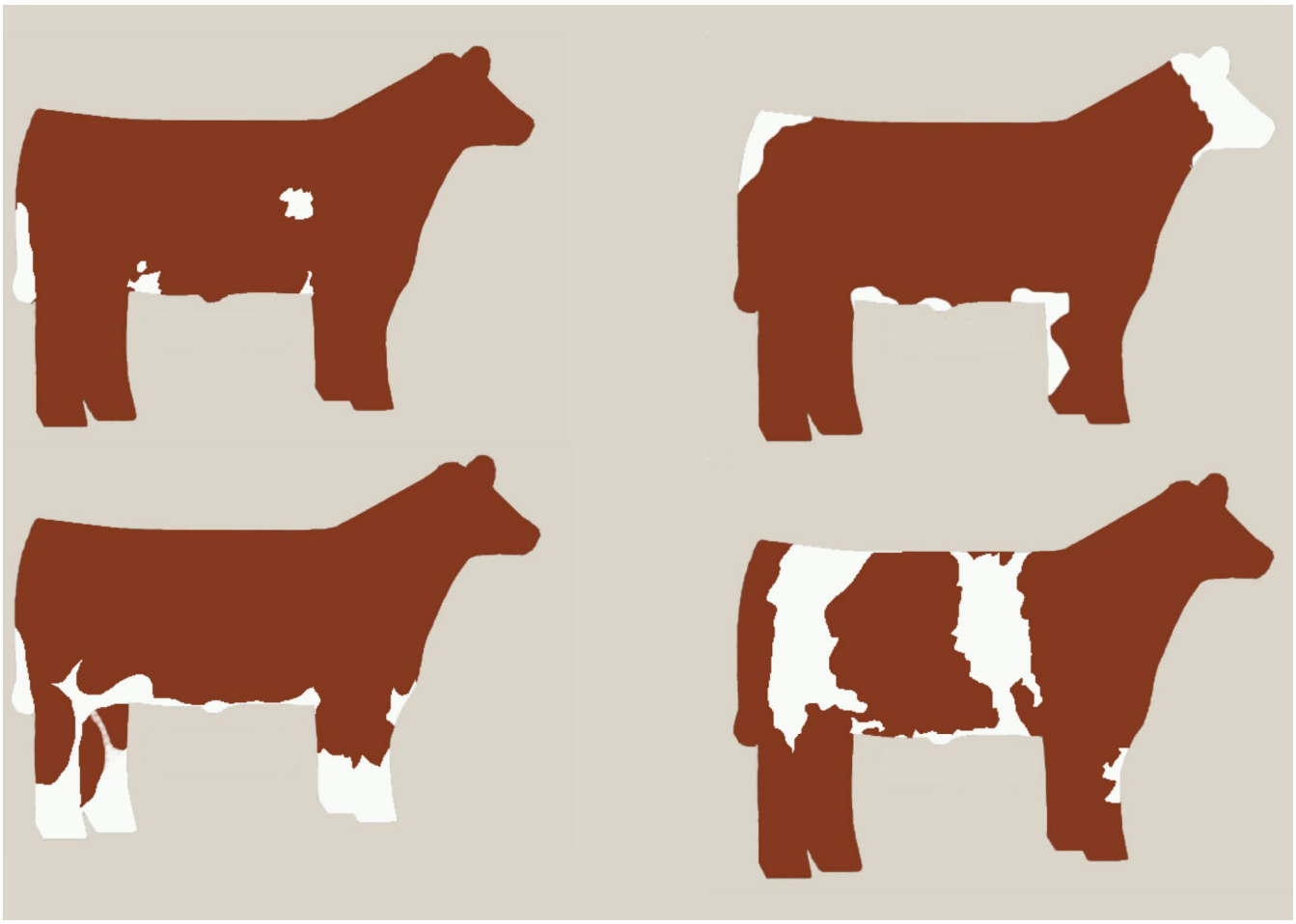


Figure 5. Red cross cattle (and other examples)

Junior Market Steer Classification Guidelines

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 1,050 pounds, respectively.
2. Minimum fat thickness – .25 inches.
3. Minimum ribeye area – 11.0 square inches.
4. Maximum USDA Yield Grade – 3.9.
5. Maximum USDA maturity – A^{100}.
6. Minimum USDA marbling requirement – $Slight^{00}$.
7. Minimum USDA Quality Grade – $Select^{00}$.
8. Any carcass determined to be 30 months or greater by detention will be disqualified from placing.
9. "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).
10. 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:

Steer Carcass Contest Awards

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th – 10th
$500	$400	$300	$200	$100

1st place – belt buckle

SCRAMBLE STEER SHOW

Department SS

Superintendent – Dr. Kyle Stutts – Huntsville, TX

Judge Wave 1 & 2 – TBD

Wave 1

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

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Saturday	March 13	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Sunday	March 14	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Sunday	March 14	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Sunday	March 14	11:30 a.m.
Scramble Steer EID Validation	Sunday	March 14	2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Scramble Steer Show:	Sunday	March 14	5 p.m.
Scramble Steer Awards and Donor Social	Sunday	March 14	Awards presentation to follow show
Begin Release of Scramble Non-Placing Steers:	Monday	March 15	8 a.m.
All Steers Must Be Out By:	Tuesday	March 16	5 p.m.

Wave 2

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

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Tuesday	March 16	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Wednesday	March 17	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Wednesday	March 17	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Wednesday	March 17	11:30 a.m.
Scramble Steer EID Validation	Wednesday	March 17	2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Scramble Steer Show:	Wednesday	March 17	5 p.m.
Scramble Steer Awards and Donor Social	Wednesday	March 17	Awards presentation to follow show
Begin Release of Scramble Non-Placing Steers:	Thursday	March 18	8 a.m.
All Steers Must Be Out By:	Saturday	March 20	5 p.m.

Special Rules for Scramble Steer Show

1. **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.

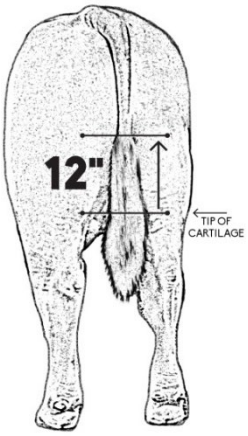
2. **Entry:** Scramble classes are limited to 2026 Calf Scramble certificate winners. Scramble steer entry fees have been waived. Calf Scramble exhibitors are strongly encouraged to enter their Scramble Steer in the Junior Market Steer Show with an entry fee of $40. However, Calf Scramble exhibitors are only allowed one entry in the Junior Market Steer Show and it must be their Scramble Steer.

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. **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 13 at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 16 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 starting at 1 a.m. on Sunday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 18. 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 15 and Wednesday, March 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 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 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 15 for Wave 1 and Wednesday, March 18 for Wave 2 at the Veterinarian Station by the Main Arena in Reliant 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 6 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 in 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. Steers will be checked for hair length during staging for each class. 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. 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. **Scurs:** The presence of scurs will be allowed.

15. **Health Certificate:** None required.

16. **Classification:** All scramble steers arriving in Wave 1 will show as Wave 1 Scramble Steers. All steers arriving in Wave 2 will show as Wave 2 Scramble Steers. Any steer that leaves the grounds from Wave 1 will not be permitted to re-enter the grounds and will be considered disqualified.

17. **Weight:** Steers must weigh a minimum 1,000 pounds.

    a. 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.
    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.

Special Rules for Scramble Steer Show

18. **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.

19. **Exhibitor Back Numbers:** During judging, exhibitors must wear the correct back number corresponding with the Show entry number.

20. **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.

21. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be judged during the Scramble Steer Show and awarded at the Scramble Steer Awards Ceremony and Donor Social.

GRAND CHAMPION SCRAMBLE STEER – Wave 1	($750, Banner & Buckle)
RESERVE CHAMPION SCRAMBLE STEER - Wave 1	($500, Banner & Buckle)
GRAND CHAMPION SCRAMBLE STEER – Wave 2	($750, Banner & Buckle)
RESERVE CHAMPION SCRAMBLE STEER - Wave 2	($500, Banner & Buckle)

Scramble Steer Show Premium Schedule

	1st Trophy	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
A:	$200	$175	$150	$125	$100

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW

Department M

Superintendent – Dr. Shawn Ramsey – Navasota, TX **and Marty Gibbs –** Ballinger, TX

Assistant Superintendents –Harvey Buehring – Robstown, TX; **Watt Wardlaw** – San Antonio, TX

Judge: Dan Willoughby – Westfield, IN

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Monday	March 8	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Tuesday	March 9	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Tuesday	March 9	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Closes:	Tuesday	March 9	2:30 p.m. **ALL LAMBS MUST BE CHECKED IN**
Open Ceremonies:	Wednesday	March 10	8 a.m.
Show A:	Wednesday	March 10	8:30 a.m.
Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Dorper			
Begin Release **TACK ONLY**:	Wednesday	March 10	7 a.m.
Show B:	Thursday	March 11	8 a.m.
Medium Wool			
Begin Release **TACK ONLY**:	Thursday	March 11	**No earlier than NOON**
Grand Champion Selection:	Thursday	March 11	7:30 p.m.
Auction:	Friday	March 12	11 a.m.

Special Rules for Junior Market Lamb 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.



PLACE	**GUARANTEE**
Grand Champion Lamb	$50,000
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb	$35,000
Breed Champion Lambs	$15,000
Reserve Breed Champion Lambs	$10,000
First Place Lambs	$8,000
Second Place Lambs	$7,000
Third Place Lambs	$6,000
Fourth Place Lambs	$5,000
Fifth Place Lambs	$4,000
Sixth Place Lambs	$3,500
All Remaining Placing Lambs	$3,000

*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 2:30 p.m. on the day of move-in at the East Arena of the Reliant 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 6 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 in 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 2:30 p.m. on March 9 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 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday. 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 342:** Each breed will be divided into three weight groups for prejudging. A judge will select the top 342 lambs for premium sale. A distribution of numbers to compete for the 342 sale places are:

	Light	Medium	Heavy	Total
Southdown	19	19	19	57
Finewool	15	15	15	45
Finewool Cross	16	16	16	48
Dorper	10	10	10	30
Medium Wool		(sell 18 in 9 classes)		162

7. **Ear Tags:** State validation tags will be used for 2027. 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, 2026 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 on grounds (this includes in camping areas).

    a. We will allow mountable headstands without any base and cordless handheld blowers. These items may only be used within your assigned pen space.

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.

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 8th 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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant 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 2:30 p.m. on March 10. The breed must be declared upon check-in; however, final determination of breed classification will be made by classifiers appointed by the Show Management. The judgment of the sifting committee and classifiers is final and not subject to protest.

    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.

Junior Market Lamb Classification Guidelines

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 toe or hooves.
- Black lambs.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Head, ear and/or horn shape non-typica to the Finewool breeds (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds).

Finewools classed out will be assigned to either the Finewool Cross or Medium Wool breeds at the determination of the classifiers.

Finewool Cross:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- The standard for Finewool Crosses is a Finewool Ewe (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds) bred to a Hamshiore or Suffolk Rams only.
- 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.
- Birthmarks.
- Scurs are acceptable.

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.
- White-faced or ring-eyed crosses.
- Moderately coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Horns are discriminatory on finewool crosses (except classed out finewools with horns indicative of acceptable finewool breeds).

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.
- Birthmarks.

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white color or dark chocolate color on muzzle and/or head.
- Coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Predominately pink nose with few black spots.
- Excessive black pigmentation on ears.
- 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.

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.
- Excessive ear size and length not in proportion to head.
- Head, ear shape non-typical to the Southdown breed.

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.
- Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm, and britch).
- Wool forward of poll.
- Heavy horns.

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 black fibered spots on body and underline behind heart girth exceeding a cumulative total of the size of a softball.
- Black below the knee/hock to the dewclaw.
- Tri-colored sheep
- A white sheep with black hooves (stripes or solid) and/or black on nose.
- Solid brown, red, rust colored head.
- Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper, including but not limited to characteristics such as long pendulous ears and long narrow muzzle.
- Head, ear shape non-typical of the Dorper or White Dorper breed.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Evidence of color alterations.

Junior Market Lamb Classification Guidelines

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 2027 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The recipient will be announced following opening ceremonies of the Lamb & Goat Show on Wednesday, March 10.

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 on December 1, 2026 and are due by February 2, 2027 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 6, 2027, 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. USDA Yield Grade = 0.4 + (10 x 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 X hot carcass weight, pounds)
   - (4.376 X adjusted fat thickness, 12th rib, inches)
   - (3.530 X body wall thickness, inches)
   + (2.456 X 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.

Lamb Carcass Contest Awards

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th – 10th
$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: Brett Carlisle – Leavenworth, KS

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Monday	March 8	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Tuesday	March 9	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Tuesday	March 9	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Closes:	Tuesday	March 9	2:30 p.m. **ALL GOATS MUST BE CHECKED IN**
Open Ceremonies:	Wednesday	March 10	8 a.m.
Show (Division I & II):	Wednesday	March 10	8:30 a.m.
Begin Release **TACK ONLY**:	Wednesday	March 10	7 a.m.
Show B (Divisions III & IV):	Thursday	March 11	8 a.m.
Begin Release **TACK ONLY**:	Thursday	March 11	**No earlier than NOON**
Grand Champion Selection:	Thursday	March 11	7:30 p.m.
Auction:	Friday	March 12	11 a.m.

Special Rules for Junior Market Goat 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 listing in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.

2. **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	$50,000
Reserve Grand Champion Goat	$35,000
Division Champions	$15,000
Reserve Division Champions	$10,000
Remaining First Place Goats	$8,000
Remaining Second Place Goats	$7,000
Third Place Goats	$6,000
Fourth Place Goats	$5,000
Fifth Place Goats	$4,000
Sixth Place Goats	$3,500
All remaining places	$3,000

* 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 Reliant 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 6 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 in 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 2:30 p.m. on March 9. Goats must weigh between 65 and 120 pounds.

    a. Exhibitors must have check-in completed by 2:30 p.m. on March 9. 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 2027. 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, 2026 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.

Special Rules for Junior Market Goat Show

16. **Equipment:** All feed, tack, and equipment must be stored above pens. No trimming/blocking stands, show rails or blow dryers are allowed on grounds (this includes in camping areas).

    a. We will allow mountable headstands without any base and cordless handheld blowers. These items may only be used within your assigned pen space.

17. Grooming: No grooming materials are allowed.

18. **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.

20. **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.

21. **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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced

22. **Pens:** Exhibitors will be asked to share pens with other exhibitors. Exhibitors may wish to bring panels which can be used to subdivide existing pens.

23. **Terminal Show:** All entries arriving must be sold, including sifted, non-placing and ribbon goats, according to 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 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.

24. **Ownership:** Market animals do not become property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo until that animal can advance no further in competition.

25. **Stalling: The Airport Boulevard staging area will open beginning on Monday, March 8th at 5 p.m.** Trailers will not be staged prior to these times.

26. **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.

27. **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. Drew Cassens - 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: %BCTRC = 49.936 - (.0848 x hot carcass weight, lbs.)
   - (4.376 x adjusted 12th rib fat thickness, inches)
   - (3.530 x body wall thickness, inches)
   + (2.456 x ribeye area, square inches.)

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.

Goat Carcass Contest Awards

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th – 10th
$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: Cody Hayes – Kinde, LA
Berkshire, Hampshire, Yorkshire
Judge: Ben Bobell – Lincoln, IL
Chester White/Landrace, Duroc, Poland China, Spotted
Judge: TBA at Wave 1
Other Crossbred I & II

Reliant Center, East Arena

Wave 1
(Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted, Other Crossbred I)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Friday	March 12	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Saturday	March 13	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Saturday	March 13	7 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Closes:	Saturday	March 13	12:30 p.m. **ALL BARROWS MUST BE CHECKED IN**
Show A: *(Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted)*	Sunday	March 14	8 a.m.
Begin Release **TACK ONLY**:	Sunday	March 14	**No earlier than NOON**
Show B: *(Other Crossbred I)*	Monday	March 15	8 a.m.
Begin Release **TACK ONLY**:	Monday	March 15	8 a.m.

Wave 2
(Berkshire, Chester White/Landrace, Duroc, Yorkshire, Other Crossbred II)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Monday	March 15	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Tuesday	March 16	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Tuesday	March 16	7 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Closes:	Tuesday	March 16	12:30 p.m. **ALL BARROWS MUST BE CHECKED IN**
Show C: *(Duroc, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Chester White/Landrace)*	Wednesday	March 17	8 a.m.
Begin Release **TACK ONLY**:	Wednesday	March 17	**No earlier than NOON**
Show D: *(Other Crossbred II)*	Thursday	March 18	8 a.m.
Begin Release **TACK ONLY**:	Thursday	March 18	8 a.m. (all tack must be out of designated areas by 6 p.m.)
Grand Champion Selection:	Thursday	March 18	7:30 p.m.
Auction:	Friday	March 19	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.

PLACE	GUARANTEE	PLACE	GUARANTEE
Grand Champion Barrow	$50,000	First Place Barrows	$4,000
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow	$35,000	Second Place Barrows	$3,800
Breed Champion Barrows	$15,000	Third Place Barrows	$3,500
Reserve Breed Champion Barrows	$10,000	Fourth Place Barrows	$3,200
Division Champion Barrows	$7,500	All Remaining Placing Barrows	$3,000
Reserve Division Champion Barrows	$6,500		

*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.**

3. **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 14th and Tuesday, March 17th in the East Arena of Reliant Center.

4. **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	5	9	45
Yorkshire	4	10	40
Chester White/Landrace	3	11	33
Other Crossbred II	14	11	154



5. **Ear Tags:** State Validation tags will be used for 2026. 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.

6. **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 6 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 in 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

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **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 12th and Monday, March 15th beginning at 5 p.m. for trailers to be staged.**

10. **Exhibitor Back Numbers:** During judging, exhibitors must wear the correct back number corresponding with the Show entry number.

11. **Feeding:** All barrows must have been placed on feed by November 30, 2026, and the feeding period shall continue through opening day of the Show.

12. **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.

13. **Scales:** Scales will be provided throughout the barn. No other scales are allowed.

14. **Grooming:** Only water may be applied to market barrows. No other grooming materials are allowed.

15. **Health Certificate:** None required.

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. **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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.

18. **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.

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19. **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.

20. **Classification:** Breed classification will be submitted to the self-check-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.

21. **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.

22. **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:
https://www.texasffa.org/docs/Swine%20Classification%20%20Guidelines%20final.2%20(3)_69061.pdf

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.

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POLAND CHINA:

Ideal:
- Predominately black possessing Poland China breed character.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

OTHER CROSSBRED:

Barrows of any coloration pattern or pigmentation are eligible for entry in this breed.

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Junior Market Barrow Classification Guidelines

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.
- 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
    - White splash extends from rear leg to upper hip.
- White skin or hair that continuously encircles the boy 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

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.
    - 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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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):
    - Two individual pigmentation spots of which neither can be larger than a U.S. minted dime.
    - 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.

OTHER CROSSBRED:

Barrows of any coloration pattern or pigmentation are eligible for entry in this breed.

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Junior Market Barrow Show Classes

SHOW A CLASSES

HAMPSHIRE	*(10 classes)*		
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
1	1st through 9th	**11**	Medium Weight Division Reserve Champion
2	1st through 9th	**12**	1st through 9th
3	1st through 9th	**13**	1st through 9th
4	1st through 9th	**14**	1st through 9th
5	Light Weight Division Champion	**15**	Heavy Weight Division Champion
6	Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	**16**	Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion
7	1st through 9th	**17**	Champion Hampshire
8	1st through 9th	**18**	Reserve Champion Hampshire
9	1st through 9th		
10	Medium Weight Division Champion		

POLAND CHINA (*2 classes)*			
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
19	1st through 12th	**21**	Champion Poland China
20	1st through 12th	**22**	Reserve Champion Poland China

SPOTTED	*(4 classes)*		
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
23	1st through 12th	**26**	1st through 12th
24	1st through 12th	**27**	Champion Spotted
25	1st through 12th	**28**	Reserve Champion Spotted

SHOW B CLASSES

OTHER CROSSBRED I (*15 classes)*			
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
29	1st through 10th	**41**	Medium Weight Division Champion
30	1st through 10th	**42**	Medium Weight Division Reserve Champion
31	1st through 10th	**43**	1st through 10th
32	1st through 10th	**44**	1st through 10th
33	1st through 10th	**45**	1st through 10th
34	Light Weight Division Champion	**46**	1st through 10th
35	Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	**47**	1st through 10th
36	1st through 10th	**48**	Heavy Weight Division Champion
37	1st through 10th	**49**	Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion
38	1st through 10th	**50**	Champion Other Crossbred I
39	1st through 10th	**51**	Reserve Champion Other Crossbred I
40	1st through 10th		

SHOW C CLASSES

DUROC	*(8 classes)*		
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
52	1st through 10th	**59**	1st through 10th
53	1st through 10th	**60**	1st through 10th
54	1st through 10th	**61**	1st through 10th
55	1st through 10th	**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	1st through 10th	**65**	Reserve Champion Duroc

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SHOW C CLASSES

BERKSHIRE	*(4 classes)*		
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
66	1st through 10th	**69**	1st through 10th
67	1st through 10th	**70**	Champion Berkshire
68	1st through 10th	**71**	Reserve Champion Berkshire

YORKSHIRE	*(5 classes)*		
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
72	1st through 9th	**78**	1st through 9th
73	1st through 9th	**79**	Heavy Weight Division Champion
74	1st through 9th	**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	1st through 9th		

CHESTER WHITE/LANDRACE *(3 classes)*			
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
83	1st through 11th	**86**	Champion Chester White
84	1st through 11th	**87**	Reserve Champion Chester White
85	1st through 11th		

SHOW D CLASSES

OTHER CROSSBRED II *(14 classes)*			
Class	***Placing***	***Class***	***Placing***
88	1st through 11th	**99**	1st through 11th
89	1st through 11th	**100**	Medium Weight Division Champion
90	1st through 11th	**101**	Medium Weight Division Reserve Champion
91	1st through 11th	**102**	1st through 11th
92	1st through 11th	**103**	1st through 11th
93	Light Weight Division Champion	**104**	1st through 11th
94	Light Weight Division Reserve Champion	**105**	1st through 11th
95	1st through 11th	**106**	Heavy Weight Division Champion
96	1st through 11th	**107**	Heavy Weight Division Reserve Champion
97	1st through 11th	**108**	Champion Other Crossbred II
98	1st through 11th	**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. Drew Cassens – 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 X 10^{th} rib fat depth, inches
   b. + 3.005 X 10^{th} rib loin muscle area, inches^2
   c. + 0.465 X 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

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th – 10th
$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 – Saint Hedwig, TX
Cockerels: Dr. Daniel De Leon – Spring Hill, TN

Reliant Arena

Staging Lot Opens at 610:	Thursday	March 11	2 a.m.
First release from 610 lot to Gate 5:	Thursday	March 11	4 a.m.
Must be in place at 610 lot no later than:	Thursday	March 11	6 a.m.
Sift Begins:	Thursday	March 11	6 a.m.
Broiler Show:	Thursday	March 11	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 12**	**4 p.m.**
Auction:	Saturday	March 13	11 a.m.

Special Rules for Junior Market Broiler 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. **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 Reliant Arena and enter through Gate 5.

3. **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	$45,000
Reserve Grand Champion Broilers	$25,000
Division Champion	$10,000
Reserve Division Champion	$10,000
3rd – 10th Place Broilers (of each sex)	$7,500
11th – 15th Place Broilers (of each sex)	$5,000
16th – 25th Place Broilers (of each sex)	$4,500
26th – 50th Place Broilers (of each sex)	$4,000
51st – 75th Place Broilers (of each sex)	$3,500
76th – 100th Place Broilers (of each sex)	$3,000

*** All exhibitors qualifying for the Auction are required to be in attendance.**

5. **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 website.



6. **Sifting:** All birds shown must be a Grade A bird based on USDA grading standards. 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 3-10 in each sex..... (Banner)
Exhibitors placing 11-15 in each sex..... (Rosette)
Champion in each sex……..….(Banner & Buckle)
Reserve Champion in each sex……(Banner & Buckle)
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: Kyle Morgenroth – Schertz, TX
Toms: Dustin Morgenroth – Saint Hedwig, TX

Reliant Arena

Staging Lot Opens at 610:	Friday	March 12	2 a.m.
Frist release from 610 lot to Gate 5:	Friday	March 12	4 a.m.
Must be in place at 610 lot no later than:	Friday	March 12	6 a.m.
Sift begins:	Friday	March 12	6 a.m.
Turkey Show:	Friday	March 12	9:00 a.m.
(Turkey exhibitors are released upon completion of show. All exhibitors qualifying for the Auction are required to attend the Auction)			
Champion Selection:	**Friday**	**March 12**	**4 p.m.**
Auction:	Saturday	March 13	11 a.m.

Special Rules for Junior Market Turkey 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 listing in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.

2. **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 Reliant Arena and enter through gate 5.

3. **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	$45,000
Reserve Grand Champion Turkey	$25,000
Division Champion	$10,000
Reserve Division Champion	$10,000
3rd – 12th Place Turkeys (of each sex)	$7,500
13th – 24th Place Turkeys (of each sex)	$5,000
25th – 36th Place Turkeys (of each sex)	$3,500
37th – 50th Place Turkeys (of each sex)	$3,000

*** All exhibitors qualifying for the Auction are required to be in attendance.**

5. **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 website.

6. **Sifting:** All birds shown must be a Grade A bird based on USDA grading standards. 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.

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.

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 of 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 3- 12 in each sex.....(Banner)
Exhibitors placing 13-24 in each sex.....(Rosette)
Champion in each sex……..….(Banner & Buckle)
Reserve Champion in each sex……(Banner & Buckle)
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
Texas Farm Bureau .....Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion Buckles

Superintendent – Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Larry Woolley – Cleburne, TX; **Kate Mulcock** – Abernathy, TX

Judge: Ted Dement – Kenney, IL

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Friday	March 19	6 a.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Friday	March 19	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 19	7 a.m.
Check-In at Livestock Superintendent's Office on east side of Main Cattle Arena:	Friday	March 19	10 a.m.
Show:	Sunday	March 21	8 a.m.
Release:	Sunday	March 21	*Released upon completion of breed show*
All Animals Must be Out By:	Sunday	March 21	7 p.m.

Special Rules for Junior Dairy Cattle 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. **Arrival:** Dairy exhibitors must move-in on Sunday, March 19th starting at 7 a.m. **All trailers with dairy cattle MUST report to Airport Boulevard for staging.**

3. **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, 2026.

4. **Number of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of dairy cattle an exhibitor may enter.

5. **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.

6. **Dress Code:** Exhibitor clothing in the Show arena may not bear any insignia or writing other than FFA or 4-H.

7. **Classes:** Each of the four breeds competing in the Junior Dairy Show is divided into 14 classes. The breed shows are Brown Swiss, Jersey, Holstein, and Milking Shorthorn. Class schedules, numbers, and age requirements are the same for all breeds.

8. **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 9/1/26 - 10/16/26	(Premium A & Trophy)
2.	Heifers	calved 6/1/26 - 8/31/26	(Premium A & Trophy)
3.	Heifers	calved 3/1/26 - 5/31/26	(Premium A & Trophy)
4.	Heifers	calved 12/1/25 - 2/29/26	(Premium A & Trophy)
5.	Heifers	calved 9/1/25 - 11/30/25	(Premium A & Trophy)
6.	Heifers (not in milk)	calved 6/1/25 - 8/31/25	(Premium A & Trophy)
7.	Heifers (not in milk)	calved 12/1/24 - 5/31/25	(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 9/1/24 - 11/30/24	(Premium A & Trophy)
11.	Three-year-old cow	calved 9/1/23 - 8/31/24	(Premium A & Trophy)
12.	Four-year-old cow	calved 9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(Premium A & Trophy)
13.	Five-year-old cow	calved 9/1/21 – 8/31/22	(Premium A & Trophy)
14.	Aged Cow	calved 8/31/21 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 – Robbie Eckhoff – Hawley, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Donnie Eckhoff – College Station, TX,
R. G. Reeder, Jr. - Dickenson, TX, and John Osbourne – Menard, TX

Judge: Eric Zimmerman – Franklin, TX

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	February 28	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 1	7 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 1	Noon
Check-In at Superintendent Bldg at East Arena:	Monday	March 1	3 p.m.
Breeding Sheep Exhibitor Reception: Room TBD	Monday	March 1	6:30 p.m.
Show:	Wednesday	March 3	8 a.m.
Release:	Wednesday	March 3	Released upon completion of breed show
All Animals Must be Out By:	Wednesday	March 3	8 p.m.

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Sheep 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. **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.

3. **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 Classes),* Registered Hair Breeds (*Royal White, Texel, and Katahdin are the only breeds allowed in the Registered Hair Breeds Classes*), Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, and White Dorper.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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 31, 2026. **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.

8. **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:

   a. The last 6 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
   b. 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 in 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.

9. **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.

10. **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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant Center. In an effort to free up pen space, outside shavings are prohibited. This rule will be strictly enforced.

11. **Back Numbers:** Exhibitors must wear back numbers issued by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, corresponding with entry in the show ring.

12. **Breeding Ages:** For the purpose of this show, the following will apply regarding ages of breeding sheep: Toothing 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 toothing 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.

13. **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.

14. **Show Order:** The show order is as follows: Dorper, White Dorper, Registered Hair Breeds, Rambouillet, Registered Finewool Breeds, 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, March 1 in the event that entry/entries posted are in the incorrect class. All changes must be made prior to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd. **No changes will be made after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd.**

15. **Premium Awards:** 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

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

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

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

Show Judge: Garrit Sproull – Uhrichsville, OH
Showmanship Judge: Jacob Diezi – Bellville, TX

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Wednesday	March 3	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Thursday	March 4	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	March 4	4 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Deadline:	Thursday	March 4	Noon
Gilt Showmanship	Thursday	March 4	2 p.m.
Show:	Friday	March 5	8 a.m.
Release:	Friday	March 5	Upon completion of breed show
All Animals Must be Out By:	Friday	March 5	8 p.m.

Special Rules for Breeding Gilt 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. **Registration:** All animals must be registered in the Herdbook of their Association. Purchase, delivery, possession, and registration must all occur on or before November 30 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.

3. **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.

4. **Number of Animals:** Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of two (2) head in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show.

5. **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.

6. **Ear Tags:** State Validation tags will be used. 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.

7. **Showmanship:** Showmanship classes will be divided into Junior and Senior Divisions.
   a. Junior Division: Grades 3rd – 8th
   b. Senior Division: Grades 9th – 12th
   c. For schools that don't follow traditional grades levels, the following levels will be used:
      i. Junior Division Contestants must be 8 years of age and not over 13 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
      ii. Senior Division Contestants must be 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.

Special Rules for Breeding Gilt Show

8. **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:
    a. The last 6 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
    b. Animal Name
    c. Breed
    d. Registry Number
    e. Date of Birth
    f. Sex

    The Exhibitor will be responsible for making sure the information entered in 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 once the Feed Store opens at Reliant 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), Hereford (2), Landrace (2), Poland China (2), Spotted (5), and Yorkshire (3).
    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, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, and Yorkshire.

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 Fraze – Wolfforth, TX
Assistant Superintendents –Dr. Marcy Beverly – Huntsville, TX**; Dr. Lance Kieth,** Canyon, TX**;**
Dr. Randall Williams – San Antonio, TX**; and Dr. Stanley Kelley – Yoakum**, TX

Judge: Dr. Jon DeClerck – College Station, TX
Beefmaster, Red Brangus, Red Brahman, Grey Brahman

Judge: Terri Barber – Corrales, NM
ARB, Brangus, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis

Judge: Will Coor – Greenfield, OH
Hereford, Angus, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn

Judge: Mark Hoge – Good Hope, IL
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 7	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 8	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 8	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Monday	March 8	1 p.m.
Show A:	Tuesday	March 9	30 minutes after the completion of the Scramble Heifer Show
Begin Release of Shown Breeds:	Tuesday	March 9	**No earlier than 1 p.m. must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/10**
Show B:	Wednesday	March 10	8 a.m.
Champion American Heifer Drive	Wednesday	March 10	Upon completion of show
Begin Release of Shown Breeds:	Wednesday	March 10	**7 a.m.; must be out by 5 p.m.**
ARB, Breefmaster, Brangus, Simbrah, Red Brangus, & Red Brahman cattle will be released starting at 1 p.m. on 3/9 and 7 a.m. on 3/10. 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 10	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Thursday	March 11	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	March 11	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Thursday	March 11	1 p.m.
Show C:	Friday	March 12	30 minutes after the completion of the Scramble Heifer Show
Begin Release of Shown Breeds:	Friday	March 12	**No earlier than NOON must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/13**
Show D:	Saturday	March 13	8 a.m.
Champion British & Continental Heifer Drives	Saturday	March 13	Upon completion of show
Begin Release of Shown Breeds:	Saturday	March 13	**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 3/12. Cattle showing Saturday will be released upon the completion of their breed show. NO CATTLE WILL BE RELEASED PRIOR TO NOON on 3/13 (NO EXCEPTIONS). Note: Trailer Lot Closes at 9 p.m.			

Show C:	
East Arena *Hereford, Angus, Polled Hereford, Red Angus*	West Arena *Charolais, Maine-Anjou, ORB, Simmental*
Show D:	
East Arena *Shorthorn*	West Arena *Limousin, Chianina*

Special Rules for Junior Breeding Beef Heifer 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 and for each breed. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules will prevail.

2. **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.

3. **Partnerships:** Original registration papers must be solely in the name of the exhibitor. Partnerships of any form will not be allowed.

4. **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 **October 31,** in order to be eligible for participation in the 2027 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show.

5. **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.**

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. **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 7th and Wednesday, March 10th. 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.

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 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.

   The exhibitor will need the following information:
   a. The last 6 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
   b. Animal Name
   c. Breed
   d. Registry Number
   e. Date of Birth

9. **Show Requirements:** Exhibitors are required to bring the original registration paper that was uploaded to Texas Validation to the show ring. Exhibitors must keep the paper in their possession while exhibiting the heifer.

10. **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.

11. **Horns:** Heifers must be dehorned.

12. **Scurs:** The presence of scurs will be allowed if allowed by the breed association.

13. **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.

14. **Grooming Material:** No grooming material is allowed (this includes conditioner). No painting or dyeing is allowed.

15. **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.

16. **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	4/1/26 & After	(Premium A & Trophy)
2.	Early Spring Heifer Calves	3/1/26 – 3/31/26	(Premium A & Trophy)
3.	Late Winter Heifer Calves	2/1/26 – 2/29/26	(Premium A & Trophy)
4.	Early Winter Heifer Calves	1/1/26 – 1/31/26	(Premium A & Trophy)
5.	CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner & Trophy)
6.	RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		(Banner & Trophy)

JUNIOR HEIFERS

7.	Late Fall Junior Heifers	11/1/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A & Trophy)
8.	Early Fall Junior Heifers	9/1/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A & Trophy)
9.	Late Summer Junior Heifers	7/1/25 – 8/31/25	(Premium A & Trophy)
10.	Early Summer Junior Heifers	5/1/25 – 6/30/25	(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	3/1/25 – 4/30/25	(Premium A & Trophy)
14. Winter Senior Heifers	1/1/25 – 2/29/25	(Premium A & Trophy)
15. Fall Senior Heifers	9/1/24 – 12/31/24	(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 DIVISON 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. 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.

4. 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	$1650
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 13, 2027. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

Beefmaster 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 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, it 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:	$50	$40	$35	$25		
B:	$750	$500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 10, 2027. 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	$500
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	$1,250
Total Premiums Available		**$3,350**

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:	$60	$55	$45	$35		
B:	$750	$500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 10, 2027. 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	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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.

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 and be in good standing 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	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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	$1650
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 10, 2027. 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	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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	$TBD
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 Limousin Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Limousin Association, TLA PO Box 50, Allison, TX 79003 or e-mail txlimo@aol.com.

2. Eligibility requirements for all cattle shown as Limousin, including calves at side of the dam, must be:

a) 75% Limousin (NALF percentage, not actual) or greater, as indicated on orange NALF registration certificates, or

b) Purple-papered Lim-Flex cattle as indicated by NALF registrations certificates.

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:	$50	$40	$35	$25		
B:	$750	$500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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	$TBD
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 the section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Maine-Anjou Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Maine-Anjou Association,TXMaineanjou@outlook.com; 903-286-4633.

2. 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.

3. Junior Maine Anjou Heifer Exhibitors agree that each animal shown in this show and recorded with the American Maine Anjou Association (AMAA) will be subject to a DNA test to verify accuracy of parentage. DNA will be collected from the Champion and Reserve Champion Heifers. The collection of DNA will be done by a nonpartisan individual designated by the Texas Maine Anjou Association (TMAA)

Maine-Anjou 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	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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	$TBD
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 Angus Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Red Angus Association, PO Box 725; Justin, TX 7624. 940-390-3700.

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:
   a. White pigment in front of the navel or above the underline or on the legs
   b. 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
   c. Any female shown with a calf at side, the calf must be her natural born calf and be nursing

3. 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.

4. 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:	$50	$40	$35	$25		
B:	$750	$500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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	$1650
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 10, 2027. 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	$500
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	$1,250
Total Premiums Available		**$2,150**

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:	$60	$55	$45	$35		
B:	$750	$40 $500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 10, 2027. 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		$TBD
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 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:	$50	$40	$35	$25		
B:	$750	$500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 10, 2027. 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	$TBD
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 Shorthorn Beef Heifer Show

1. Questions concerning association rules may be directed to: TX Shorthorn Association or American Shorthorn Association, 4750 County Rd 2664; Royse City, Tx 75189; (214) 771-6245.

2. 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.

3. Females competing in class 15 must meet one of the following criteria:
   a. be accompanied by an affidavit from a non-owner licensed veterinarian stating the female is safe in calf, or
   b. 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:	$50	$40	$35	$25		
B:	$750	$500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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	$600
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	$1,250
Total Premiums Available		**$3,500**

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:	$68	$56	$45	$35		
B:	$750	$500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 10, 2027. 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	$600
TX Farm Bureau	Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion	$1,250
Total Premiums Available		**$3,500**

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:	$68	$56	$45	$35		
B:	$750	$500				
C:					$2.500	$1650
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 13, 2027. 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

1. 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 October 31 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	$1650
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 10, 2027. 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

1. 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 October 31 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.
   - MaineTainer - Must be 25% to 62.5% Maine-Anjou.
   - Percentage Charolais – Must have certificate of recordation with AICA.
   - Percentage Limousin – less than 75% Limousin (NALF percentage, not actual, as indicated on orange NALF registration certificates
   - 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	$1650
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 13, 2027. Exhibitors not in compliance with these guidelines will forfeit all premium monies.

SCRAMBLE BEEF HEIFER SHOW

Department S

Superintendent: Gerald Young – Katy, TX; **Bryan Davis** – Marion, TX

Judges:
American Breeds – Harrison Smith – College Station, TX
British Breeds – TBD
Continental Breeds – TBD

Wave 1
(American Scramble Heifers)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Sunday	March 7	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Monday	March 8	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Monday	March 8	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Monday	March 8	1 p.m.
Scramble Help Desk (Behind West Bleachers, Main Arena)	Monday	March 8	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Beef Heifer Scramble Show:	Tuesday	March 9	8 a.m.
Beef Heifer Awards and Donor Social:	Tuesday	March 9	Immediately following the show
Begin Release:	Tuesday	March 9	**No earlier than 1 p.m. must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/10**
All Heifers Must be Out By:	Wednesday	March 10	**5 p.m.**

Wave 2
(British & Continental Scramble Heifers)

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Wednesday	March 10	5 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Relaint:	Thursday	March 11	1 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Thursday	March 11	6 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-in Closes:	Thursday	March 11	1 p.m.
Scramble Help Desk (Behind West Bleachers, Main Arena)	Thursday	March 11	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Beef Heifer Scramble Show	Friday	March 12	8 a.m.
Beef Heifer Awards and Donor Social	Friday	March 12	Immediately following the show
Begin Release:	Friday	March 12	**No earlier than NOON; must be out by 5 p.m. on 3/13**
All Heifers Must be Out By:	Saturday	March 13	**5 p.m.**

East Arena
British

West Arena
Continental

Special Rules for Scramble Beef Heifer Show

1. **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.
2. **Entry:** Scramble classes are limited to 2026 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 $40. 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 **Oct. 31** in order to be eligible for participation in the 2027 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. **Horns:** Heifers must be dehorned.

9. **Scurs:** The presence of scurs will be allowed if allowed by the breed association.

10. **Arrival:** Wave 1 heifers can begin staging at Airport Blvd beginning at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 7th and Wave 2 heifers can begin staging at Airport Blvd at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10th. No heifers will be allowed on the lot before that time. Release from staging lines will begin at 1 a.m. on Monday, March 8th and Thursday, March 11th.

11. **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 7th and Wednesday, March 10th. 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

12. **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.

    The exhibitor will need the following information:
    b. The last 6 digits of the animal's state validation tag number
    c. Animal Name
    d. Breed
    e. Registry Number
    f. Date of Birth

13. **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.

14. **Grooming Material:** No grooming material is allowed (this includes conditioner). No painting or dyeing is allowed.

Special Rules for Scramble Beef Heifer Show

15. **Classes:** Beef scramble heifers will not show by individual breed. Heifers will show in their respective American, British or European divisions. 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.

16. **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				
A:	$200	$175	$150	$125	$100

CLASSES

West side of Main Arena

AMERICAN BREEDS

1.	Scramble Heifers	04/01/26 – 04/30/26	(Premium A)
2.	Scramble Heifers	03/16/26 – 03/31/26	(Premium A)
3.	Scramble Heifers	03/01/26 – 03/15/26	(Premium A)
4.	Scramble Heifers	02/01/26 – 02/29/26	(Premium A)
5.	Scramble Heifers	01/16/26 – 01/31/26	(Premium A)
6.	Scramble Heifers	01/01/26 – 01/15/26	(Premium A)
7.	Scramble Heifers	12/01/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
8.	Scramble Heifers	11/01/25 – 11/30/25	(Premium A)
9.	Scramble Heifers	10/01/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
10.	Scramble Heifers	09/01/25 – 09/30/25	(Premium A)
11.	Scramble Heifers	05/01/25 – 08/31/25	(Premium A)
12.	Scramble Heifers	01/01/25 – 04/30/25	(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	04/01/26 – 04/30/26	(Premium A)
2.	Scramble Heifers	03/01/26 – 03/31/26	(Premium A)
3.	Scramble Heifers	01/01/26 – 02/29/26	(Premium A)
4.	Scramble Heifers	11/01/25 – 12/31/25	(Premium A)
5.	Scramble Heifers	10/01/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
6.	Scramble Heifers	09/01/25 – 09/30/25	(Premium A)
7.	Scramble Heifers	07/01/25 – 08/31/25	(Premium A)
8.	Scramble Heifers	01/01/25 – 06/30/25	(Premium A)
9.	Champion Female		($350 Buckle, & Banner)
10.	Reserve Champion Female		($250 Buckle, & Banner)

CONTINENTAL BREEDS

1.	Scramble Heifers	04/01/26 – 04/30/26	(Premium A)
2.	Scramble Heifers	03/01/26 – 03/31/26	(Premium A)
3.	Scramble Heifers	02/01/26 – 02/29/26	(Premium A)
4.	Scramble Heifers	12/01/25 – 01/31/26	(Premium A)
5.	Scramble Heifers	11/01/25 – 11/30/25	(Premium A)
6.	Scramble Heifers	09/19/25 – 10/31/25	(Premium A)
7.	Scramble Heifers	08/12/25 – 09/17/25	(Premium A)
8.	Scramble Heifers	01/01/25 – 08/11/25	(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 – Matt Kubala – Schulenburg, TX
Contest Superintendent - Dr. Jason Cleere – College Station, TX

DEADLINES

Entry Opens for Returning Contestants……..July 14
Entry Opens for New Contestants……..July 16
Entry Deadline…….. Aug. 15
Last Day to Purchase and Weigh Steers for Beginning Weights……... Aug. 31
DNA Samples and Weight Slips Due……... Sept. 15
Final Record Book Due…..……..Feb. 26

Begin Arrival *Arrive directly to Gate 5, Reliant Arena	Sunday	March 7	4 a.m.
In Place by	Sunday	March 7	9 a.m.
Exhibitor Check-In	Sunday	March 7	6 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Welcome and Introductions	Sunday	March 7	9 a.m.
Written Test & Meats Quiz	Sunday	March 7	9:15 a.m.
Weigh & Grade Steers	Sunday	March 7	10:00 a.m.
Closeout Pen of Steers/Records *Exhibitors must complete this form after their steers have been weighed and graded.	Sunday	March 7	*
Interview Skills & Meat ID	Monday	March 8	6:30 a.m.
Buyer's Reception	Monday	March 8	noon
Sale (Cattle Grading Choice & Above)	Monday	March 8	1 p.m.
2nd Interviews (Finalist)	Tuesday	March 9	7 a.m.
Awards Luncheon	Tuesday	March 9	2 p.m.

Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Maximum Exhibitors:** A maximum of 175 exhibitors will be allowed to compete in the contest. The first 175 exhibitors to submit their entries will be eligible for the contest.
5. **Entry:** Entries for the 2027 Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest are available at www.rodeohouston.com starting on July 29, 2026 at 9 a.m. for returning contestants and will open on July 31, 2026 at 9 a.m. for anyone wishing to submit for any remaining spots and will remain open until the earlier of (i) 175 completed entries received or (ii) August 15, 2026.
    a. Online Entries will be completed by the AST/CEA and can be paid by a single check from the school or club or by a single credit card.
    b. Entry fee for 2027 will remain $105
    c. There will not be a separate Intent Form process for 2027
    d. Paperwork can be submitted along with other Junior Show Entries in the Fall
    e. If an entry cancels before the entry deadline, that spot will become available online.
    f. Returning Contestants are defined as those who completed the contest in the previous show year. If you dropped from the contest for any reason, you will be considered new again.

Special Rules for Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Contest

6. **Purchasing Cattle:** Once an exhibitor receives confirmation of their entry being accepted on the website, the exhibitor may purchase steers for the 2027 Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show.

7. **Scale Tickets:** Scale Tickets will be uploaded in the online record book system starting on September 1, 2026, and must be done by September 15, 2026. **NOTE: All steers must be purchased and weighed on the same date; this must take place on or before August 31, 2026.** 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 are 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.**

8. **Record Books:** Exhibitors must submit their online record books by 11:59 PM Friday, February 26, 2027 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 22, 2027.

9. **Steers:** 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.**

10. **Ear Tags and DNA Samples:** Exhibitors will receive ear tags and DNA kits after submission of their Entry. 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.

11. **DNA Verification:** DNA will be sampled and verified for randomly selected pens. DNA Samples not matching will result in disqualification and forfeiture of premiums.

12. **Arrival:** Arrival instructions will be sent out closer to the contest.

13. **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.

14. **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.

15. **Divisions:** Students between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 13 on or before Aug. 31, 2026, 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, 2026 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.

16. **Weighing:** Cattle must be weighed individually on a certified livestock scale by a certified weigher starting on February 19, 2027 through February 26, 2027.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.

17. **Sale Weights:** Steers must weigh **a minimum of 1,200 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.

18. **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.

19. **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.

20. **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.**

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21. **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.

22. **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.

23. **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.

24. **Scoring Systems:** The official scoring system is based on 100 points, allocated as follows:

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.*

25. **Contest Completion:** Exhibitors must complete all phases of the contest and score a minimum of 25 points in order to receive premium cash awards.

26. **Ineligible Steers for Points:** For steers that have been determined to have horns or scurs (see Rule 16), weigh less than 1,200 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.

27. **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 1,200 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 9th. 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.

28. **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. Amounts bid over the cap amount will be transferred to the premium cash award pool for the current show year payout.

29. **Commission:** Exhibitors will be assessed a $50 auction commission per head sold.

30. **Best Pen of Steers:** This is determined by the total steer grade points. Ties will be broken

31. **Ribbons will be awarded to steers grading as follows:**

LIVE GRADES	RIBBON	POINTS PER STEER
USDA PRIME		
• Yield Grade 1 or 2	Purple	5
• Yield Grade 3	Purple	4
• Yield Grade 4 or 5	Purple	3
USDA CHOICE		
• Yield Grade 1 or 2	Blue	5
• Yield Grade 3	Blue	4
• Yield Grade 4 or 5	Blue	3
USDA SELECT		
• Yield Grade 1, 2 or 3	Red	1
• Yield Grade 4 or 5	Red	0



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32. 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	5 pts.	=	25 pts.
Prime, yield grade 4 or 5	3 steers	X	3 pts.	=	9 pts.
Choice, yield grade 1 or 2	150 steers	X	4 pts.	=	600 pts.
Choice, yield grade 3	94 steers	X	3 pts.	=	282 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	4 steers	X	0 pts.	=	0 pts.
	300 steers				980 pts.

$2,000 divided by 980 = $2.0408 per point (Approx.)

Prime, yield grade 1 or 2	$2.0408	X	5 pts.	=	$10.20/steer
Prime, yield grade 3	$2.0408	X	5 pts.	=	$10.20/steer
Prime, yield grade 4 or 5	$2.0408	X	3 pts.	=	$6.12/steer
Choice, yield grade 1 or 2	$2.0408	X	4 pts.	=	$8.16/steer
Choice, yield grade 3	$2.0408	X	3 pts.	=	$6.12/steer
Choice, yield grade 4 or 5	$2.0408	X	1 pts.	=	$2.04/steer
Select, yield grade 1, 2 or 3	$2.0408	X	1 pts.	=	$2.04/steer
Select, yield grade 4 or 5	$2.0408	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.

33. 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.

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2027 Awards

TOP OVERALL PLACING AWARDS:

1st Place
2026 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

HIGHEST FINAL INTERVIEW SCORE:

1st Place
$500 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: Johnny Stockshow Buyer: Rancher, Bob Animal ID: 52 Weighmaster Signature: Weigh Master

Weight:	Date:	*(Serial # Optional)* No. 000002
642	09/14/17	Sold By: Johnny Stockshow Buyer: Rancher, Bob Animal ID: 53 Weighmaster Signature: Weigh Master

Weight:	Date:	*(Serial # Optional)* No. 000003
641	09/14/17	Sold By: Johnny Stockshow Buyer: Rancher, Bob Animal ID: 54 Weighmaster Signature: Weigh Master

TARGET ARCHERY COMPETITION

Superintendent – Rick Stonebraker – Houston, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Joe Cashuric – Houston, TX

Premiums

TX Farm Bureau …….. $10,000

Location:
Hall A – NRG Center

NASP Check in Opens:	Friday, October 9	7 am (must check in 15 minutes before round)
NASP Rounds:	Friday, October 9	9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, and 2 pm
NASP Results	Friday, October 9	30 minutes following the last NASP Round
Round 1 Check in:	Friday, October 9	1 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Round 1 Orientation:	Friday, October 9	5:45 p.m.
Round 1 Begins:	Friday, October 9	6:00 p.m.
Round 2 Check in:	Saturday, October 10	7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Round 2 Orientation:	Saturday, October 10	7:45 a.m.
Round 2 Begins:	Saturday, October 10	8 a.m.
Round 3 Check in:	Saturday, October 10	12 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Round 3 Orientation:	Saturday, October 10	12:45 p.m.
Round 3 Begins:	Saturday, October 10	1 p.m. *or 30 minutes following the conclusion of round 1*
Round 4 Check in:	Sunday, October 11	7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Round 4 Orientation:	Sunday, October 11	7:45 a.m.
Round 4 Begins:	Sunday, October 11	8 a.m.
Finalist Announcement:	Sunday, October 11	*Following the Conclusion of Round 4*
Finals Begins:	Sunday, October 11	2 p.m. *or 30 minutes following the conclusion of the 3-D Awards*
Awards Presentation:	Sunday, October 11	*Following Conclusion of Finals*

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.

Special Rules for Target Archery Competition

1. **Participation:** Participation in the Archery competition is limited to TX resident students, who are members of a TX 4-H Club, TX FFA Chapter, NFAA, ASA, USA Archery or TX NASP Team, 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, 2026. Each organization must be a member in good standing with its state and National affiliates.

   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/. Entries will close on October 1, 2026, or when the max entries is met. (See rule 6 for details)
   a. **NASP entries will be through the nasptourna**

Special Rules for Target Archery Competition

3. **Event Format**
    a. **Targets**
        i. All archers shall shoot at the 40 cm 5-color 10-ring target face. 40 cm quintuple (5-spot) faces shall be available.
        ii. Contestants may elect to switch from a quintuple face to a single face, or vice versa, at any time during the preliminary rounds.

    b. **Divisions**
        i. Senior: 15 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
        ii. Senior Female: 15 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
        iii. Intermediate Male: 12 to 14 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
        iv. Intermediate Female: 12 to 14 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
        v. Junior Male: 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade to 11 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
        vi. Junior Female: 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade to 11 years of age as of August 31, 2026.

    c. **Classes:** Contestants shall compete in the below classes based upon what bow(s) they will be shooting with. All classes are available for all time slots.
        i. Compound
        ii. Compound Fixed Pins
        iii. Recurve
        iv. Barebow

4. **NASP – See section 10.**
    a. NASP - High School aged shooters can compete in the stand alone NASP division on Friday.
    b. Friday NASP Competition is only open to NASP shooters and can only be registered through a BAI Certified NASP Instructor
    c. NASP Shooters can also compete in the other Target rounds as a barebow
    d. Check in at least 15 minutes before your round.

5. **Equipment**
    a. **General**
        i. All equipment must be inspected prior to orientation.
        ii. Contestants must provide their own quivers. **Quivers will not be provided by HLSR.**
        iii. **A maximum draw weight of 60 lbs. shall be allowed for the competition.** Draw weight shall be verified at equipment inspection. Any contestant found to exceed the maximum draw weight during the competition shall be subject to disqualification.
        iv. Permitted accessories include arm guards, chest protectors, bow slings, finger slings, and belt, hip, or ground quivers.
        v. Binoculars may be used for spotting arrows.
        vi. Should the contestant need to cover the non-sighting eye and/or glasses lens, film or tape may be used to obscure vision, or an eye patch or blinder may be used.
        vii. No electric or electronic devices that can be attached to the contestant's equipment are permitted, unless specifically allowed in these rules.
        viii. The use of any electronic voice communication device, headsets, headphones, earphones, or noise reduction devices is prohibited.
    b. **Compound:** For Compound, the following equipment is described. All types of additional devices are permitted, unless they are electric, electronic, compromise safety, or create unfair disturbance to other contestants.
        i. A Compound Bow, which may be of a shoot-through type riser, is one where the draw is mechanically varied by a system of pulleys or cams. The bow is braced for use by cables or bowstring(s) attached directly to the cams, the string nocks of the bow limbs, cables or by other means as may be applicable to the design. No equipment may be electric or electronic
            1. Cable guards are permitted.
            2. A riser brace or split cables are permitted, provided they do not consistently touch the contestant's hand, wrist, or bow arm.

3. A bowstring of any type which may include multiple serving(s) to accommodate nocking point and include other attachments such as a lip mark (e.g. kisser button), a nose mark, a peephole, a peephole 'hold-in-line' device, D-loop bowstring, string silencers, bowstring weights, and any other attachments are permitted, provided none of the attachments are electric or electronic.
4. The pressure point of the arrow rest which can be adjustable shall be placed no further than 6 cm (inside) from the throat of the handle (pivot point of the bow grip).
5. Any number of stabilizers are allowed but may not touch anything but the bow.

ii. Draw check indicators, audible, tactile, and/or visual, may be used provided they are not electric or electronic.
iii. A bow sight attached to the bow which may allow for windage and elevation adjustments and may also incorporate a levelling device and/or magnifying lenses and/or prisms. The sight points may be fiber optic. Sight lights may be used.
iv. A release aid may be used provided it is not attached in any way to the bow. Any type of finger protection may be used.

c. **Compound Fixed Pins:** Fixed Pins will use the Compound equipment specifications with the following exceptions:
i. The bow sight shall not have more than five fixed reference points and shall not have any magnification. Sight lights may be used. Clarifiers and verifiers will be permitted in the peephole. No adjustments to equipment are permitted during a round. Once the preliminary round begins, no further adjustments are allowed. Each match during the finals is its own "round" and adjustments may be made after each match.
ii. A front stabilizer (or a system including quick releases, accessories, and/or weights) may be used, but may not exceed twelve inches in total length from the tip of the stabilizer (or system) to the point of attachment on the front of the riser provided by the manufacturer. A single rear stabilizer or a single counterbalance weight system may be used, with no restriction in length as measured from the point of attachment on the riser.

d. **Recurve:** For Recurve, the following items are permitted:
i. A bow of any type provided it complies with the common meaning of the word "bow" as used in target archery, that is, an instrument consisting of a handle/riser and grip, (no shoot-through type) and two flexible limbs each ending in a tip with a string nock. The bow is braced for use by a single string attached directly between the two string nocks, and in operation is held in one hand by its handle (grip) while the fingers of the other hand draw and release the string.
ii. A bowstring of any number of strands, which may be of multi-colored strands and serving and the material chosen for the purpose. It may have a center serving to accommodate the drawing fingers, a nocking point to which may be added serving(s) to fit the arrow nock as necessary, and, to locate this point, one or two nock locators may be positioned. At each end of the bowstring there is a loop which is placed in the string nocks of the bow when braced. In addition, one attachment is permitted on the string to serve as a lip or nose mark. The serving on the string shall not end within the contestant's vision at full draw. The bowstring shall not in any way assist aiming through the use of a peephole, marking, or any other means.
iii. An arrow rest, which can be adjustable and have more than one vertical support, is permitted. Any moveable pressure button, pressure point, or arrow plate may be used on the bow provided they are not electric or electronic and do not offer any additional aid in aiming. The pressure point may be placed no further back than 4 cm (inside) from the pivot point of the grip.
iv. One draw check indicator, audible, tactile, and/or visual, may be used provided it is not electric or electronic.
v. A bow sight is permitted, but at no time may more than one such device be used.
1. It shall not incorporate a prism, magnifying lens/lenses, or any magnifying device, levelling, electric or electronic devices, nor shall it provide for more than one sighting point.
2. The overall length of the sighting circle or point (hood, tunnel or tube, sighting pin or other corresponding component) shall not exceed 2 cm in the line of vision of the contestant. Long fiber optic pins must bend after 2 cm with the opposite end of the fiber optic pin outside the contestant's line of vision.
3. A sight attached to the bow may have windage and elevation adjustment and is subject to the following provisions:
a. A bow sight extension is permitted.
b. A scale or tape with distance marking may be mounted on the sight as a guide for distance markings but shall not in any way offer any additional aid.

vi. Stabilizers and vibration dampeners on the bow are permitted. They may not serve as a string guide, touch anything but the bow, or represent any danger or obstruction to other contestants.
vii. Finger protection in the form of finger tape, shooting glove (wrist strap allowed), finger tab, or a combination of finger protection to draw and release the bowstring is permitted, provided they do not incorporate any device that assists the contestant to draw and release the bowstring.
    1. Finger protection may incorporate an anchor plate for anchoring, thumb or finger rests for non-drawing fingers, finger straps around fingers to secure finger protection to the hand, finger separator between fingers to prevent pinching the arrow, tab plate(s) for securing tab materials/layers together and plate extensions for consistent hand placement may be used. Finger protection may be made of any number of layers and material. No part of the finger protection may extend around the hand between thumb and fingers or beyond the wrist joint or restrict wrist movement. On the bow hand, an ordinary glove, mitten, or similar item may be worn but shall not be attached to the grip of the bow.

e. **Barebow:** For Barebow, the following items are permitted:
i. A bow of any type provided it complies with the common meaning of the word bow as used in target archery, that is, an instrument consisting of a handle/riser and grip (no shoot through type) and two flexible limbs each ending in a tip with a string nock. The bow is braced for use by a single string attached directly between the two string nocks, and in operation is held in one hand by its grip while the fingers of the other hand draw and release the string. The bow as described above shall be bare except for the arrow rest and free from protrusions, sights or sight marks, marks or blemishes or laminated pieces (within the bow window area) which could be of use in aiming. The unbraced bow complete with permitted accessories shall be capable of passing through a hole or ring with a 12.2 cm inside diameter ±0.5 mm.
    1. Multi-colored bow risers and trademarks located on the inside of the upper and lower limb or on the riser are permitted. However, if the area within the sight window is colored in such a way that it could be used for aiming, then it must be taped over.
    2. Also includes the Genesis bows.
ii. A bowstring of any number of strands, which may be of multi-colored strands and serving and the material chosen for the purpose. It may have a center serving to accommodate the drawing fingers, a nocking point to which may be added serving(s) to fit the arrow nock as necessary, and, to locate this point, one or two nock locators may be positioned. At each end of the bowstring there is a loop which is placed in the string nocks of the bow when braced. No lip or nose mark is permitted. The bowstring shall not in any way assist aiming through the use of a peephole, marking, or any other means. The end of the center serving where it transitions to bowstring material shall not end within the contestant's plane of vision at full draw.
iii. An arrow rest, which can be adjustable and have more than one vertical support, is permitted. Any moveable pressure button, pressure point, or arrow plate may be used on the bow provided they are not electric or electronic and do not offer any additional aid in aiming. The pressure point may be placed no further back than 2 cm (inside) from the pivot point of the grip.
iv. No draw check device may be used.
v. Face and string walking are permitted.
vi. No stabilizers are permitted.
vii. Vibration dampeners and weights are permitted. They may be installed in the riser by the manufacturer or by attaching aftermarket dampeners directly to the riser or to weight(s). Any combination of weight(s) and vibration dampener(s) must pass through a ring with an inside diameter of 12.2 cm ±0.5 mm without having to flex vibration dampeners to fit through the 12.2 cm ring. A riser manufacturer's angled stabilizer insert(s) are allowed, but angular brackets or connectors are not permitted. Weight(s) and dampener(s) may be added below and above the riser's grip but must not aid the contestant in aiming or ranging in any way.
viii. Finger protection in the form of finger stalls or tips, gloves, or shooting tab or tape, to draw and release the string is permitted, provided they do not incorporate any device that shall assist the contestant to hold, draw, and release the string. A separator between the fingers to prevent pinching the arrow may be used. An anchor plate or similar device attached to the finger protection (tab) for the purpose of anchoring is permitted. The stitching shall be uniform in size and color. Marks or lines may be added directly to the tab or on a tape placed on the face of the tab. These marks shall be uniform in size, shape, and color and may have up to two different lengths. Additional memoranda are not permitted. On the bow hand an ordinary glove, mitten, or similar item may be worn but shall not be attached to the grip of the bow.

f. **Arrows**
   i. An arrow consists of a shaft with a tip (point), nock, fletching, and, if desired, cresting.
   ii. All arrows of every contestant shall be marked with the contestant's name or initials on the shaft.
   iii. All arrows used in any end shall be identical in appearance and shall carry the same pattern and color(s) of fletching, nocks, and cresting, if any.
   iv. Tracer nocks (electrically/electronically lighted nocks) are not permitted.
   v. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts shall not exceed 9.3 mm (arrow wraps shall not be considered as part of this limitation but may not extend further than 22 cm 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 shall not exceed 9.4 mm in diameter.

6. Shooting and Range Control

a. There is a time limit for a contestant to shoot an end.
   i. An arrow shot before the start signal or after the stop signal, or out of sequence in alternating shooting, shall cause the contestant to lose the highest scoring arrow of that end which shall be scored as a miss.
   ii. In the event of an equipment failure, verified by a Judge, 15 minutes shall be given to make the necessary repairs or change the damaged equipment. However, the maximum number of ends of make-up arrows allowed is 3 ends of arrows. The contestant shall make up the appropriate number of arrows at the earliest opportunity under the supervision of a Judge.
   iii. In the event of a medical issue, reported to a Judge and verified by medical personnel, extra time shall be given for medical personnel to determine the problem and decide whether the contestant is fit to continue competing unassisted. However, the maximum number of ends of make-up arrows allowed is 3 ends of arrows. The contestant shall make up the appropriate number of arrows at the earliest opportunity under the supervision of a Judge.
b. Contestants may not raise the bow arm until the signal to start shooting is given.
c. Except for contestants with disabilities, contestants shall shoot from a standing position and without support, with their body above the shooting line.
d. Under no circumstances may an arrow be re-shot.
   i. An arrow may be considered not to have been shot if:
      1. The arrow falls from the bow or is mis-shot and any part of the arrow lies within the zone between the shooting line and the 3m line, and provided the arrow has not rebounded;
      2. The target face or butt falls over. The Judges shall take whatever measures they deem necessary and compensate adequate time for shooting the relevant number of arrows. If the butt only slides down, it shall be left to the Judges to decide what action to take, if any.
e. **A contestant 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. However, non-verbal communication of where an arrow has landed ("spotting") is allowed.
f. No contestant may touch the equipment of another without the latter's consent. Serious cases may least to penalties being applied.
g. **Absolutely no sky drawing will be allowed.** Any contestant seen sky drawing will be immediately disqualified.
h. Visual and acoustic time control shall be employed as follows:
   i. RED & two audio signals shall signal the designated contestants (A/B or C/D) to occupy the shooting line all together.
   ii. 10 seconds later, GREEN & one audio signal shall signal for shooting to begin.
   iii. YELLOW shall indicate 30 seconds before the end of the time limit, except in alternate shooting.
   iv. RED & two audio signals shall signal that shooting is to stop, even if all arrows have not been shot. Any contestant still on the shooting line shall immediately go back behind the waiting line. The other designated contestants (C/D or A/B) shall move up to the shooting line.
   v. 10 seconds later, GREEN & one audio signal shall signal for shooting to begin.
   vi. YELLOW shall indicate 30 seconds before the end of the time limit, except in alternate shooting.
   vii. RED & three audio signals shall signal that shooting is to stop, even if all arrows have not been shot. Scoring shall commence at this time.
   viii. At any point, 5 or more audio signals or the verbal command "CEASEFIRE!" shall indicate that shooting is to immediately stop. The end in progress shall resume once the situation requiring a ceasefire has been resolved.

7. Preliminary Rounds

a. The preliminary rounds shall consist of 12 ends of 5 arrows for a total of 60 arrows. There will be two practice ends prior to the commencement of scoring. There will be a short break (approximately 10 minutes) between ends 6 and 7. **There will be no practice ends after the break; scoring end 7 shall commence immediately at the conclusion of the break.**

b. Contestants shooting on the bottom target faces shall always shoot first, followed by contestants shooting on the top target faces. At the break between ends 6 and 7, target face positions will switch (the top targets will move to the bottom and the bottom targets will move to the top).

c. The time allowed to shoot an end shall be 240 seconds.

d. Any ties in the preliminary rankings shall be decided first by the greatest number of X's, then the greatest number of 10's. Any ties remaining after this shall be determined to be equal and share a ranking, unless the tie affects the ranking for the finals. Such a tie shall be resolved for the finals ranking by a one-arrow shoot off, with the arrow closest to the center being ranked higher.



e. Any division which has more than 24 registered contestants shall have 8 finalists. Any division with less than 24 registered contestants shall have 4 finalists.

8. Finals

a. The finals shall be a bracketed shoot-off with the contestants designated as finalists.

b. All finals rounds shall consist of 3 ends of 5 arrows each.

c. The time allowed to shoot an end shall be 240 seconds.

d. The contestant with the higher cumulative score in each match shall be the winner.

e. Any ties shall be decided by a one arrow shoot-off for score on a new target face. The arrow closest to the center shall resolve the tie. If the distance is within 1 mm, a reshoot shall be required.

f. Final rankings for 5th through 8th place shall be based on the cumulative scores from the quarterfinal matches.

g. Archers 5th through 8th will turn in their score cards and wait as a group to determine if there are any ties in accumulated scores. If there is a tie, a one-arrow shoot off will ensue immediately on a designated target.

9. Scoring

a. Scorers shall enter onto the scorecards the value of each arrow in descending order as called out by the contestant to whom the arrows belong (or the athlete's agent). Other contestants on that target shall check the value of each arrow called out and in case of disagreement call a Judge who shall make the final decision. The decision by a Judge on the value of an arrow is final and cannot be appealed.

b. The scoring zones on the single spot target face are as follows, beginning from the center: X, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

c. The scoring zones on the quintuple spot target face are as follows, beginning from the center: X, 10, 9, 8, 7.

d. A miss shall be recorded as "M" on the scorecard.

e. An arrow shall be scored according to the position of the shaft in the target face. If the shaft of the arrow touches two colors or touches any of the dividing lines between two scoring zones, that arrow shall score the higher value of the two zones involved.

f. None of the arrows, the target face, or the target butt shall be touched until the value of all the arrows on the butt have been recorded.

g. If more than five arrows are found in the target butt or on the ground near the butt, or in the shooting lanes, only the lowest five in value shall be scored and a warning given to the contestant. Contestants found to repeat this offence may be disqualified.

h. Contestants using the quintuple face may shoot the spots in any order and shoot as many arrows into any spot as the contestant desires, not to exceed five arrows per end.

i. All arrow holes in the target face must be marked by the contestants every time the arrows are removed from the target face.

j. Any arrow embedded in the butt and not showing on the face can only be scored by a Judge.

k. An arrow hitting:

   i. The target butt and rebounding shall score according to the mark it makes on the target face, provided that all the other arrow holes have been marked and an unmarked hole or mark can be identified.

   ii. The target butt and hanging from the target shall score as it lies in the target face. Should the hanging arrow fall during the course of shooting, it shall be scored as a bounce-out.

   iii. The target butt and passing completely through the butt shall score according to the unmarked hole in the target face, provided that all other arrow holes have been marked and an unmarked hole can be identified.

   iv. Another arrow and remaining embedded therein shall score the same value as the arrow struck.

v. Another arrow and deflecting into the target face shall be scored as it lies in the target face.
vi. Another arrow and rebounding shall score the value of the struck arrow, provided the damaged arrow can be identified.
vii. Outside the outermost scoring zone of the target face shall score as a miss.

l. When a bounce-out occurs, the contestant with the bounce-out must alert a Judge prior to scoring that end.
m. If arrows are accidentally left in the target butt, the affected contestant shall notify a Judge before scoring begins. The contestant shall make up the arrows lost. A Judge shall participate in the scoring of that end, ensuring that the arrows which have remained in the target butt from the previous end are not scored again.
n. Scorecards must be signed by the scorer and contestant, indicating that the contestant agrees with the value of each arrow, the total, the number of X's, and the number of 10's.

10. **Consequences of Breaking Rules**
    a. Disqualification
        i. Any contestant found to be using equipment contravening these rules may be disqualified.
        ii. Contestants repeatedly found shooting more than the permitted number of arrows per end may be disqualified.
        iii. Anyone who alters without authorization, or falsifies, a score or knowingly has a score altered or falsified, shall be disqualified.
        iv. If a contestant repeatedly withdraws arrows from the target before they are scored, the contestant may be disqualified.
        v. Any contestant who persists in sky drawing shall be asked to stop shooting immediately and shall be disqualified.
    b. Losing the score of arrows
        i. An arrow shot before the start signal or after the stop signal, or out of sequence in alternating shooting, shall be considered as being part of that end and shall cause the contestant to lose the highest scoring arrow of that end, which shall be scored as a miss.
        ii. An arrow shot on the competition field after the Director of Shooting has officially closed the practice session on the competition field (which is after the pulling of the practice arrows) or during the breaks between rounds shall cause the contestant to lose the highest scoring arrow of the next scoring end.
        iii. If more than the required number of arrows should be found in the target butt, or on the ground near the target butt, or in the shooting lanes, only the five lowest in value shall be scored.
        iv. An arrow not hitting a scoring zone or hitting a target face other than the contestant's own target face shall be considered as part of that end and scored as a miss.
    c. Warnings
        i. Contestants who have been warned more than once and who continue breaking the rules or who do not follow decisions and directives of the Judges may be disqualified.
        ii. Warnings may be issued for the following reasons:
            1. Touching the equipment of another without consent.
            2. Drawing a bow, with or without an arrow, except when standing on the shooting line.
            3. Occupying the shooting line out of turn, except contestants with a qualified disability.
            4. Raising the bow arm before the signal to begin shooting is given.
            5. Touching the arrows, target faces, or butt until all the arrows on that target butt have been scored.
            6. Drawing the bow in any manner that, in the opinion of the Judges, is unsafe.
            7. Any other issue of safety or range control, in the opinion of the Judges.

Special Rules for Target Archery Competition

11. **NASP** – The NASP event will be held on Friday only and is subject to the NASP National Bullseye rules.
    Only High School division shooters will be eligible.
    A brief synopsis is found below but for more information,
    visit: naspschools.org/download/national-rules-bullseye/?wpdmdl=2392

    National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) rules focus on safety, standardized equipment, and fairness, using Genesis bows and 80cm targets at 10 and 15 meters. Key rules include strict four-whistle commands, shooting 5-arrow ends, and mandatory team composition (12–24 members, including opposite genders). Only bare-bows are permitted; no sights, stabilizers, or release aids are allowed.

    i. Whistle Commands (Safety & Flow):
        1. 2 Whistles: Approach the shooting line and get bows.
        2. 1 Whistle: Begin shooting arrows.
        3. 3 Whistles: Proceed to the target to retrieve arrows.
        4. 4+ Whistles: EMERGENCY STOP (immediately stop, return bow to rack).

    ii. Shooting Procedure:
        1. Archers shoot in 5-arrow ends. A tournament typically consists of 15-meter and 10-meter rounds, each with 5 practice arrows and 15 scored arrows (total 30 arrows, maximum 300 points).

    iii. Equipment Regulations:
        1. Only the standard Mathews Genesis bow and aluminum Easton 1820 arrows are allowed. No sights, sights-marks, stabilizers, or mechanical releases are permitted.
        2. Scoring:
        3. Arrows touching a line receive the higher value. If an arrow passes through or bounces out, it can be replaced, provided a lane official is notified.
        4. Range Safety:
        5. Archers must stay behind the "wait" (waiting) line until the 2-whistle command. All personnel must remain on their feet when scoring.
        6. Synonyms and Related Terms for NASP Rules NASP Tournament Guidelines, NASP Tournament Handbook Procedures, Standardized School Archery Regulations, NASP Safety Protocols, and NASP Tournament Manual.

12. **Top Archer Award:** A Top Archer award will be handed out for the top male and top female score, determined by combining the qualifying score from the Target Competition and the 3-D score.
    a. Shooters must compete in the 40-yard 3-D line to be eligible for the Top Archer award.
        i. Shooters in lower age divisions may shoot “up” to compete for the Top Archer award but will also compete in the higher division for the overall tournament. Shooters may not compete in two age divisions. Ties will be broken by combined count of x’s from Target and 12’s from 3-D.
13. **Club/Chapter Award:** 4-H Club and FFA Chapters with registered archers will be competing for team style awards listed below. Individuals registered through any other organization will not be eligible.
    a. Most Registered Archers combined between 3-D and Target: $750 Lancaster Gift Card i. Entries are counted separately for 3-D and Target, if you enter more than one bow class, they will be counted as one entry
    b. Most Finalists combined between 3-D and Target: $750 Lancaster Gift Card i. Individuals who don’t have a finals for their class but receive a premium in 3-D will be counted as finalists. 11. Awards: The following prizes will be awarded to each class. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of HLSR.
14. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded to each class. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of HLSR.
    a. **Cash Prizes:** Amounts will be based on the number of shooters in a class and will be announced after registration closes.
    b. **Per IRS regulations**, prizes and awards totaling at least $2,000 to a single exhibitor in a calendar year will result in a 1099MISC filing for that exhibitor. Prizes and awards include all monetary and nonmonetary items received by the exhibitor unless declined at the time of the award.
    c. **W-9s** will be collected at the time of the awards ceremony. Any W-9 not turned into the Staff Coordinator at that time will be the responsibility of the contestant to get it turned into the HLSR Staff Coordinator for payment to be issued.
15. **Contact:** Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: livestock@rodeohouston.com or (832) 667-1125.

3-D ARCHERY COMPETITION

Superintendents:
Brad Timmerman & Terra Timmerman

Location:
Hall B – NRG Center (Enter through Hall A)

Round 1 Check in:	Saturday, October 10	7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.
Round 1 Orientation:	Saturday, October 10	8:00 a.m.
Round 1 Begins:	Saturday, October 10	8:15 a.m.
Round 2 Check in:	Saturday, October 10	9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.
Round 2 Orientation:	Saturday, October 10	9:45 a.m.
Round 2 Begins:	Saturday, October 10	10 a.m. or 15 *minutes following the conclusion of round 3*
Round 3 Check in:	Saturday, October 10	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Round 3 Orientation:	Saturday, October 10	1:00 p.m.
Round 3 Begins:	Saturday, October 10	1:15 p.m. or 15 *minutes following the conclusion of round 4*
Round 4 Check in:	Saturday, October 10	2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Round 4 Orientation:	Saturday, October 10	2:45 p.m.
Round 4 Begins:	Saturday, October 10	3:00 p.m. or 15 *minutes following the conclusion of round 5*
Round 5 Check in:	Saturday, October 10	3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Round 5 Orientation:	Saturday, October 10	4:30 p.m.
Round 5 Begins:	Saturday, October 10	4:45 p.m. or 15 *minutes following the conclusion of round 5*
Round 6 Check in:	Sunday, October 11	8:00 a.m.- 8:45 a.m.
Round 6 Orientation:	Sunday, October 11	8:45 a.m.
Round 6 Begins:	Sunday, October 11	9:00 a.m.
3D Finals:	Sunday, October 11	10:00 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.
3D Finals Orientation:	Sunday, October 11	10:45 a.m.
3D Finals Begin:	Sunday, October 11	11 a.m.
Awards Presentation:	Sunday, October 11	*Following Finals*

NO LATE ARRIVALS FOR CHECK IN WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO EXCEPTIONS!

3-D Archery Competition Special Rules

1. **Participation:** Participation in the Archery competition is limited to TX resident students, who are members of a TX 4-H Club, TX FFA Chapter, NFAA, ASA, USA Archery or TX NASP Team, 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, 2026. Each organization must be a member in good standing with its state and National affiliates.

2. **Format:**
   a. Each competition round will consist of one (1) round of twenty individual 3D targets.
   b. Shooters will be permitted 90 seconds to range the target and execute the shot. Any arrow not fired by the end of the time will be scored as a zero (0).
   c. Targets will be grouped into sets of 4 with shooters assigned to a target within the set. Shooters will shoot their first target in the set and rotate through the set. Arrows will be scored at the conclusion of the set. Shooters will then move to the next set, assume their beginning spots in the set and continue the process. Each shooter will need a minimum of 4 arrows.

3-D Archery Competition Special Rules

3. **Entry:** Entries will be made through the Eyes on Score system at https://www.eyesonscore.com/. Entries will close on October 1, 2026, or when the max entries is met. (See rule 4 for details)

4. **Entry Limits:** There is no limit to the number of individuals each group may enter. The right is reserved, by Management, to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds.
   - **a.** Exhibitors may only have one entry.
     - **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 Friday, four rounds on Saturday and one round Sunday morning for up to 80 Exhibitors per round.
     - i. 20 spots will be available per distance.
     - **ii.** Additional rounds will be added based on need and at the discretion of the Superintendent and Show Officials.



5. **Divisions**
   - a. Senior: 15 years old through 18 years old as of Aug 31, 2026
   - b. Intermediate: 12 years old through 14 years old as of Aug 31, 2026
   - c. Junior: 8 years old through 11 years old as of Aug 31, 2026

6. **Bow Classes:** Contestants shall compete in the below bow classes based upon what bow(s) they will be shooting with.
   - a. Multiple Bow Classes: If you enter multiple bow classes and qualify for multiple finals, you will have to pick one bow class to compete in the finals for. The spot vacated will be filled with the next placing.
   - b. Senior

i.	Open Compound Female	40 yards
ii.	Pins Compound Female	40 yards
iii.	Open Compound Male	40 yards
iv.	Pins Compound Male	40 yards
v.	Olympic Recurve	30 yards
vi.	Barebow Recurve	30 yards

****If in the opinion of the Range Official anyone is having difficulty drawing and controlling the bow, they will be required to decrease the poundage to allow them to properly draw and shoot the bow to be able to participate.**

   - c. Intermediate

i.	Open Compound Boys	30 yards
ii.	Open Compound Girls	30 yards
iii.	Pins Compound Boys	30 yards
iv.	Pins Compound Girls	30 yards
v.	Olympic Recurve	25 yards
vi.	Barebow Recurve	25 yards

   - d. Junior

i.	Open Compound Boys	25 yards
ii.	Open Compound Girls	25 yards
iii.	Pins Compound Boys	20 yards
iv.	Pins Compound Girls	20 yards,
v.	Recurve **	20 yards

**Junior Recurve allows the use of Barebow Recurve, Olympic Recurve, Traditional/Longbow, or a universal one-size fits all bow approved for use in NASP competition with a maximum draw weight of 20# along with Easton XX75 Genesis Series aluminum arrows.

3-D Archery Competition Special Rules

7. **Equipment:**
    a. The event will adhere to a maximum draw weight for each shooter of 60 LBS. (See rule 5)
    b. Use of a sight light is permitted.
    c. Range finders are permitted but not required. Each target distance will be marked. Each round will be all known distance.
    d. Each shooter must be able to draw their bow under control and without undue difficulty. Sky Drawing is not allowed.
    e. Cell Phones and other electronic devices are to be silenced and their use for communication or accessing apps is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, sight mark applications.
    f. Only one arrow, per shooter, per target will be shot from the designated stake. Anyone shooting the wrong target will receive a zero (0) for the target which should have been shot.
    g. An arrow that drops while being nocked onto the string in preparation for a shot may be picked up and shot with no penalty. If, in the process of letting down, an arrow drops off the bow or is jarred off by hand contact with the bow, it may be picked up and shot with no penalty. The shooter is responsible for always maintaining control of the arrow and an arrow must not be released or otherwise propelled by the string or it will be scored as a zero.
    h. Lighted arrow nocks are not permitted.
    i. **Open Class Equipment Rules for all classes**:
        i. May use any compound or recurve bow, sight, release, stabilizer, or equipment unless specifically prohibited in any other part of these rules or by a ruling of the Competition Committee. HLSR reserves the right to review any equipment / accessories and determine its suitability for competition.
    j. Fixed Pin Equipment Rules for all classes:
        i. **Sights -** All pins classes use fixed pins with no pin limit. A movable sight may be used but must be locked down into a fixed position that will be verified by the group prior to competing. Magnification is permitted in 40-yard classes. Clarifiers or verifiers in the peep are not considered magnification and are permitted in all classes.
        ii. **Stabilizers -** A front stabilizer or a system including quick releases, enhancers and/or weights may be used, but may not exceed twelve inches (12”) in total length from the tip of the stabilizer (or system) to the point of attachment on the front of the riser of the bow. A single rear stabilizer up to twelve inches (12”) in length (including weights) may be used regardless of the point of attachment to the bow.

    k. **Arrow Rule for all classes:**
        i. The maximum diameter of arrow shafts will not exceed 9.3mm or .366"; and the field or glue-in point for these arrows will have a maximum diameter of 9.4 mm or .370”. No changes or alterations to the manufacturer’s exterior finish and markings are permitted, except for the addition of fletching wraps or that occur during use.

8. **Draw Weight:** A **maximum draw weight of 60 lbs.** will be allowed for the competition. Draw weight will be verified on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Superintendent. You will be asked your draw weight during Bow Check. Anyone found to exceed the draw weight during competition will be subject to disqualification.

9. Junior Recurve allows the use of Barebow Recurve, Olympic Recurve, Traditional/Longbow or a universal one-size fits all bow approved for use in NASP competition with a maximum draw weight of 20# along with Easton XX75 Genesis Series aluminum arrows.
    a. If in the opinion of the Range Official anyone is having difficulty drawing and controlling the bow, they will be required to decrease the poundage to allow them to properly draw and shoot the bow, regardless of arrow speed, to be able to participate.

10. **Equipment Failure:** There is no allowance for equipment failure during the round. Competitors in Fixed Pins classes may make one gang adjustment of their sight during the competition.

11. **Scoring Rules**
    a. Official Scores will be kept by a volunteer scorekeeper assigned to each group. Contestants will not be handling scoring but can request clarification or correction if they think there is an issue.
    b. All information on the scorecard must be accurate with all information completely and properly filled in. Information blocks and signatures that are incorrect or incomplete will result in a deduction of ten points. If the score was incorrect the ten (10) point deduction will be taken from the correct score.
    c. If the number of 12 Rings™ is left blank, it will be scored as zero.

d. Scorekeepers will maintain the official-colored scorecard for each shooter and be responsible for recording each arrow on the corresponding target number and maintaining the running total. Scorekeepers will confirm with the shooter that their total score and number of 12 Rings™ is correct at the end of the round.

12. **Scoring**
    a. All arrows must remain in the target until all arrows are scored:
    b. The arrow shaft must be touching a portion of the next highest scoring line to be scored for the higher value.
    c. Scorers are allowed to use their binoculars and may also reflect or shine a light on the target at the time of scoring to aid in the process.
    d. The status of any doubtful arrows must be determined before drawing any arrow from the target.
    e. The score is based on the status of the arrow while all other arrows remain in the target.

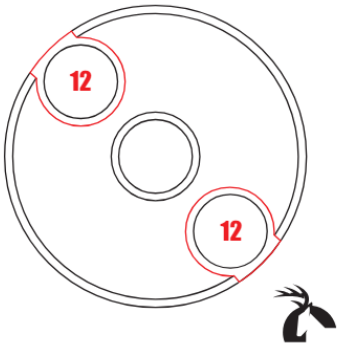
    f. Arrows may not be removed until a scoring judgment has been made and no changes may be made to the score after removal of an arrow.
    g. Targets may not be moved or dislodged for scoring purposes and shall be returned to their proper upright position upon removal of the arrows.
    h. Scorers will agree on a score for each arrow and call out the results to be recorded on the respective shooter's scorecards by their Scorekeepers.
        i. If the two designated scorers cannot agree on a score another member of the group will break the tie other than the shooter whose arrow is being scored.
        ii. In classes with only three shooters in the group the shooter will receive the higher score of the two scorers.
        iii. Range Officials will not make arrow calls except when a group has only two shooters, or during special competitions.
    i. Target "Pass Through" or "Rebound" without striking another arrow:
        i. Arrows passing through the front of, but still in, the target will be pushed back and scored;
        ii. If the group agrees that an arrow passed through the targets insert seam the shooter will be given a score based on the point of pass through not to exceed eight (8) points;
        iii. If the group agrees and confirms that the arrow actually passed through the target scoring area due to the high number of arrows that had been shot at the target, the range official is to be notified to have the core replaced and the shooter will be allowed to take the score where the "pass-through" occurred as determined by the group up to a maximum score of ten (10) points; and
        iv. If the group agrees that the arrow rebounded out of the target without striking another, the shooter can take the score up to a maximum of ten (10) points. Special Note: A score of 12 will not be permitted under sections 2, 3 or 4 of this paragraph.
    j. An arrow that **glances off** and goes past the target will be scored as a "0" (includes glancing off a plastic leg.)
    k. Any arrow **embedding** ("Robin Hood") in the nock of another arrow will be scored the same as the arrow it is embedded in.
    l. Any arrow **rebounding** backward off another Arrow (a "Robin Hood" that strikes and damages another arrow and does not proceed toward the target but bounces back) will be scored the same as the arrow it struck, provided the damaged arrow can be identified.
    m. Any arrow **deflecting** by contact with another arrow already in the target and still proceeding toward the target will be scored where it lies in the target, or a maximum of five (5) points if it is not in the target. n. Arrows in the corresponding area of the target will be scored with point values of 5, 8, 10, or 12.

13. Finals Round
    a. Finals rounds will be completed in classes with 15 or more shooters in qualification rounds.
    b. Designated classes may have a maximum of five participants. If there is a tie for score and bonus rings that would exceed five shooters the "Closest-to-the-Center of the10-ring" tie-break procedure will be used to determine the fifth position.
    c. If you enter multiple bow classes and qualify for multiple finals, you will have to pick one bow class to compete in the finals for. The spot vacated will be filled with the next placing.
    d. 14-rings will be in play for all divisions for the finals round only.
    e. The group will have one minute to shoot their respective target. Anyone not shooting within the allotted one minute will be given a zero for that target.
    f. Shooters will remain at their stake until their arrow is scored before moving to the next target.

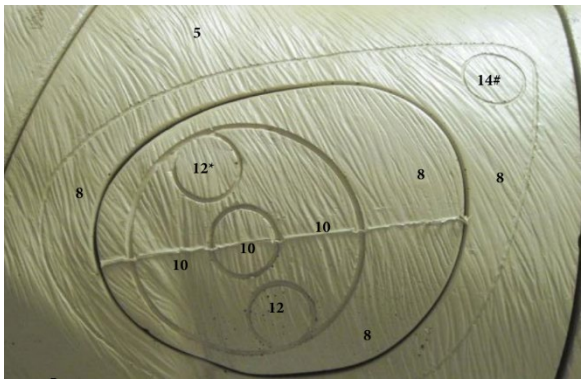
g. Shooters are responsible for having enough arrows to complete the initial round of five targets.
h. Upon completion of the fifth and final arrow there will be a clear order of finish for first, second and third place with bonus rings breaking a tie in total score. If shooters are tied for score and bonus rings for first, second or third the "Closest-to-the-Center of the 10-ring" tie-break procedure will be used with the winner receiving an additional bonus ring to break the tie. A coin toss will determine the order of shooting.
i. Final placing will be determined by adding the total number of points from the finals round to the total from the qualification round.

Scoring Diagrams:

12 Ring Diagram



Sample Target Scoring



14. **Awards:** Cash Awards will be issued based on the number of shooters in each class. Additional awards will be given at the discretion of HLSR.

Compound Classes

Place	Award
Champion	$750
Reserve Champion	$600
Third Place	$400

Recurve Classes

Place	Award
Champion	$750
Reserve Champion	$600

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b. **W-9s** will be collected at the time of the awards ceremony. Any W-9 not turned into the Staff Coordinator at that time will be the responsibility of the contestant to get it turned into the HLSR Staff Coordinator for payment to be issued.

3-D Archery Competition Special Rules

15. **Top Archer Award:** A Top Archer award will be handed out for the top male and top female score, determined by combining the qualifying score from the Target Competition and the 3-D score.
    a. **Shooters must compete in the 40-yard 3-D line to be eligible for the Top Archer award.**
        i. Shooters in lower age divisions may shoot "up" to compete for the Top Archer award but will also compete in the higher division for the overall tournament. Shooters may not compete in two age divisions. Ties will be broken by combined count of x's from Target and 12's from 3-D.

16. **Club/Chapter Award:** 4-H Club and FFA Chapters with registered archers will be competing for team style awards as listed below.
    b. Most Registered Archers combined between 3-D and Target: $750 Lancaster Gift Card
        i. Entries are counted separately for 3-D and Target, if you enter more than one bow class, they will be counted as one entry
    c. Most Finalists combined between 3-D and Target: $750 Lancaster Gift Card
        i. Individuals who don't have a finals for their class but receive a premium in 3-D will be counted as finalists.

WILDLIFE POSTER BOARD COMPETITION

Project due in HLSR Office:	January 10, 2027
Finalist Notification:	February 15, 2027
Presentations by Finalists:	Saturday, March 6, 2027 - 9:00 a.m.
Awards Presentation:	Saturday, March 6, 2027 - 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 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026

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, 2026. Entries submitted after December 1 will incur a $500 late fee per entry. No entry will be accepted unless entry fees accompany entry forms.
      i) Late entry must be made by the time posters are due for delivery
   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 be uploaded before entry is made
      iii) Entries will not be accepted via paper entry.
      Refunds -There will be no refunds of fees for accepted entries.

5. **Originality:** Every effort should be used to create a unique and original product. This will be at the determination of Contest Superintendents.

6. **Project Guidelines:**
   a. Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) project. Project topic cannot be the same for poster and video entries for the same person.
   b. **Topic Divisions:** All poster boards 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:
      a. 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.

   b. 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.
   c. 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.
   d. Species that have been extirpated from the state will not be allowed (i.e. Elk, Red Wolf, Jaguar, etc.).
   e. No projects focused solely on domesticated farm animals or exotic species will be allowed (i.e. Axis Deer, Feral Hogs, etc.).
   f. 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.
   g. Naturalized, non-native, wildlife species (i.e. honeybees, 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.
   h. 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.

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Display and Future Usage Rights: Participant and parents/guardian understand, that as a condition of participation in the contest, they are granting HLSR permission to display the participant’s project, including during the Ranching and Wildlife Expo; and to photograph, film, or otherwise record the participant’s project. **Participant and parent and guardian waive and release any and all rights to inspect/approve the final product, and they release, discharge, and hold harmless HLSR from any liability by virtue of the use of participant’s project.** All projects will remain in the possession of HLSR and will not be returned.

8. **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?

Special Rules for Wildlife Poster Board Competition

9. **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

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
Reliant Center
3 Reliant 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, 2027	11:59 p.m.
Finalist Notification:	February 15, 2027	11:59 p.m.
Awards Presentation:	March 6, 2027	2 p.m.

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 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**
   a. See Eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Judging Contests
   b. Only Senior Division Participants are eligible. Participants must be 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.

4. **Rules of Entry:**
   a. **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, 2026. Entries submitted after December 1 will incur a $500 late fee per entry. No entry will be accepted unless entry fees accompany entry forms.
      i. Late entry must be made before video submission deadline.
   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 Submission:** Each exhibitor must submit the following in advance to be eligible for competition:
      i. 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 between the dates of December 15, 2026 and January 10, 2027. AA
      ii. 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.
   e. **Entry Limitation:** There is no limit on the number of completed videos that a county or chapter may submit, but no member may produce more than one video entry.
      i. Entry forms are available online at http://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Livestock-Show
      ii. Indemnity form for each participant must arrive with entry packets.
      iii. Entries will not be accepted via paper entry.
      iv. All entries must be on an individual basis, while the contestant may have help with production (i.e. someone holding and operating the camera), they must write the script and complete editing and all on screen and off screen speaking themselves.
      v. Refunds -There will be no refunds of fees for accepted entries.

Special Rules for Wildlife Video Competition

5. **Project Guidelines:**
    a. Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) project. Project topic cannot be the same for poster and video entries for the same person.
    b. **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, Reliant Center, Three Reliant Park, Houston, TX 77054 or can be dropped off at the office no later than February 25, 2026.
    c. **Music:** If music is used, it MUST be licensed or royalty free. Entries containing unlicensed music will be declined.
    d. **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.
    e. **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:
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        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.
        iv. Species that have been extirpated from the state will not be allowed (i.e. Elk, Red Wolf, Jaguar, etc.).
        v. No projects focused solely on domesticated farm animals or exotic species will be allowed (i.e. Axis Deer, Feral Hogs, etc.).
        vi. 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.
        vii. Naturalized, non-native, wildlife species (i.e. honeybees, 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.
        viii. All videos submitted will be judged together and will not be evaluated by division. Videos cannot show animals or people in harmful situations.

6. **Originality:** Every effort should be used to create a unique and original product. Videos that mimic or resemble previously submitted videos may lose points. This will be at the determination of Contest Superintendents.

7. **Content:** HLSR reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.

8. **Copyright:** HLSR respects the rights related to copyright laws and intellectual property. Use of copyrighted material without proper credit, permission, or licensing can violate the law, even if such use is unintentional or for non-commercial use. This applies to both physical and digital content, including images found online. Use of a video or photos (or other media imagery) from sources/people without permission is not allowed.

Special Rules for Wildlife Video Competition

9. **Display and Future Usage Rights:** Participant and parents/guardians understand, that as a condition of participation in the contest, they are granting HLSR permission to use their video for television, film, video, visual, printed media, promotional publications, and other media in whole, in part or composite, in each case, without compensation. **Participant and parent/guardian waive and release any rights to inspect/approve the final product, and they release, discharge, and hold harmless HLSR from any liability by virtue of the use of participant's video.** Entries will not be returned.

10. **Judging Criteria:** Each contestant will be judged on the following criteria:
    a. **Impact:** 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. (15 Points)
    b. **Creativity:** Creativity is the original, fresh, and innovative selection of topic and video content to convey an idea, message or thought. (10 Points)
    c. **Technical:** Technical is the quality of the image itself as it is presented for viewing, which includes the following aspects: (30 Points)
        i. allowable amounts of retouching and adjustments
        ii. sharpness and correct color balance.
        iii. lighting, which includes the use and control of light.
        iv. posing and capturing of the video
    d. **Composition:** 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. (30 Points)
    e. **Storytelling:** 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. (15 Points)
11. **Results:** The top twelve (12) contestants will be notified of their placing via email by February 15, 2027. 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.

12. **Awards:** Awards for the top twelve (12) contestants will be presented on March 7, 2027 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

Special Rules for Wildlife Video Competition

Competition Tips:

Some Video Production Techniques, Tools and Additional Resources:
http://internettv.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://internettv.tamu.edu/category/wildlife-and-fisheries/
http://internettv.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-I8QtjjHAxc

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 5 & Saturday, February 6	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 5 & Saturday, February 6	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *except during Orientations*
Orientations *Must complete orientation before shooting any event*	Friday, February 5 & Saturday, February 6	Flight 1 7:30 a.m. Flight 2 10:45 a.m.
Tournament Begins	Friday, February 5	8:00 a.m.
SKEET - Qualifying Rounds	Friday, February 5 & Saturday, February 6	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 1 round starts every hour on the hour
SPORTING CLAYS - Qualifying Rounds	Friday, February 5 & Saturday, February 6	Flight 1 8:00 a.m. Flight 2 11:15 a.m. Flight 3 2:15 p.m.
MODIFIED 5-STAND - Qualifying Rounds	Friday, February 5 & Saturday, February 6	Rounds throughout the day based on your timeslot
MODIFIED 5-STAND - Qualifying (Field Rotation - Senior Males)	Friday, February 5 & Saturday, February 6	30 minutes following last round
Champion Qualifier Announcement	Saturday, February 6	5:00 p.m. *(or at the conclusion of all shooting for the day)*
SKEET - Shoot-Offs	Sunday, February 7	8:00 a.m.
SKEET - Championship Round	Sunday, February 7	Following Shoot-Offs
SKEET - Championship Shoot-Offs	Sunday, February 7	Following the Skeet Championship Round
MODIFIED 5-STAND - Shoot-Offs	Sunday, February 7	10:30 a.m.
SPORTING CLAYS Championship Round	Sunday, February 7	12:30 p.m.
Awards Presentation	Sunday, February 7	3:30 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.

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.

a. **Sporting Clays:** http://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/
b. **Skeet:** http://mynssa.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/
c. **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 Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports

1. **Participation:** This is a shotgun Sporting Clay, Skeet and Modified 5-Stand competition only. Entries will be by division (Jr. Female, Jr. Male, Sr. Female, Sr. Male) based on age.

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, 2026. 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, 2026
    b. Senior Participant Classification **–** 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026
    c. 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.

Special Rules for Young Guns Shooting Sports

6. **Entry Format:** Entry will open in mid-October and will close on January 15, 2027 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
    a. **Late Entry:** After January 15 through the close of check-in you may register but there will be a late fee of $500 added to the registration fee.
    a. Each Individual will select to compete on Either Friday or Saturday in Sporting Clays, Skeet and Modified 5-Stand
    b. At the time of entry you will select your Sporting Clays Flight which will determine the Skeet and Modified 5-Stand rotations available to you as listed below both Friday and Saturday will use the same breakdown (Skeet and Modified 5-Stand rotations will be assigned based on the Sporting Clays Rotation chosen)
        i. We will not accept changes after the entry deadline.
        ii. 8:00 a.m. Sporting Clays is paired with Modified 5-Stand Rotations from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Skeet Rotations from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
        iii. 11:15 a.m. Sporting Clays is paired with Modified 5-Stand Rotations from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Skeet Rotations from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
        iv. 2:15 p.m. Sporting Clays is paired with Modified 5-Stand Rotations from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Skeet Rotations from 11 a.m. to 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. The list of shooters who advance to the Championship Round will be announced on Saturday, 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, 2026)
            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, 2026)
            3. Senior Female (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026)
            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, 2026)
        iii. **Championship Round** – 100 targets per shooter
    b. **Skeet:**
        i. **Targets** – 50 targets per shooter
        ii. Classes
            1. Senior Male (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026)
            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, 2026)
            3. Senior Female (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026)
            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, 2026)
        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 targets per shooter
   ii. **Classes**
      1. Senior Male (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026)
         a. The size of this division requires 2 Modified 5-Stand layouts to allow enough spots within the given time frame. This means that half will shoot Layout "A" and half shoot Layout "B".
         b. To establish the Top 10 Senior Males for Modified 5-Stand the following procedure will be followed.
            i. The top 10 shooters each day from Layout "A" and the top 10 shooters each day from Layout "B" will return to the Modified 5-Stand venue to shoot another 50-target round after the final preliminary round.
            ii. Those that shot Layout "A" will shoot Layout "B" and those that shot Layout "B" will shoot Layout "A".
            iii. This 50-target score will be added to their first 50 target score for a total out of 100 targets.
            iv. The totals out of the 100 targets will determine the top 10 Senior Boys Modified 5-Stand placings.
               1. *Ties at 10th place will have a regular shoot off prior to the additional 50 target round to determine the top 10 from either layout.
         c. **The additional 50 targets shot will not be included for the Individual HOA award.
      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, 2026)
      3. Senior Female (14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026)
      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, 2026)



   iii. Rules: The HLSR Young Guns Modified 5-Stand event is specific to the Young Guns shoot, and as such, HLSR specific rules will be used to govern the event. These are:
      1. All rotations will be 30 minutes long
      2. 50 targets will be shot at one time without breaks or leaving the field
         a. Shooters are required to bring three boxes of shells with them to the field and keep them within reach
         b. Shooters will shoot five pairs of targets per station at each of the five stations
      3. Show targets will be single targets only except for the first rotation
         a. The first rotation of the day will be given five show pairs before starting their round
      4. Any style of gun mount is allowed
      5. Shooters must always display their shooter number
      6. Shooters must follow all safety guidelines described in this Handbook
   iv. **Championship Round:** There will not be a championship round for Modified 5-Stand
      1. Ties will be broken by shootoffs

d. **High Overall Award**
   i. HOA calculation will include the Finals Scores from Sporting Clays and Skeet as well as the score from Modified 5-Stand (excludes the additional 50 targets for the Senior Male top 10)
   ii. Only one HOA will be calculated including the individuals from all 4 classes (Senior Male, Senior Female, Junior Male and Junior Female).

8. **Shoot-offs/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 shoot-offs/tie breakers in Sporting Clays and Modified 5-Stand.

b. NSSA procedures will be followed for any necessary shoot-offs/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. **Late Arrivals to the Event:** If a shooter is not present at the beginning of the round in the event [American Skeet, Modified 5-Stand, or Sporting Clays] there will be a set of three last calls given one minute apart. If the shooter fails to appear **by one minute after the third last call**, they will be disqualified from that specific event.

10. **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.
    a. 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.

11. **Appeals:** A shooter may appeal a ruling on the field immediately if he/she feels a referee has made an incorrect call. If the shooter has any questions about the state of the target, they must be addressed at the time the target has been attempted. 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.
    a. Parent/coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted.

12. **Acceptance of Scores:** Shooters must acknowledge their score to show acceptance of his or her score. For American Skeet and Modified 5-Stand this will occur at the end of each round and for Sporting Clays this will occur after completing each station.
    a. Accepted scores will be considered fine and are not eligible for appeal.
    b. Shooters are not allowed to take possession of the score devices at any time but are allowed to have a courtesy check of their score upon request. All courtesy checks should occur at a time which will not interrupt the flow of the shooting and/or squad movement.

13. **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. Protests will be accepted prior to, during and within 2 hours immediately following the occasion that prompted the protest. 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. 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.

14. Check-In: All shooters must check-in prior to attending a 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!**

15. **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.

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16. **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, by February 5. ***Contestants should check periodically, as updates/changes may be made even after this date.***

17. **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

18. **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.
    a. In sporting clays the gun must be loaded after the muzzle is already over the railing and between the uprights while pointed downrange. Rail is between 36" & 42" depending on the station.

19. **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. 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.

20. **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.

21. **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.

22. **Firearms:** Any 12 gauge or smaller fired from the shoulder shotgun, which conforms to NSCA rules.

23. **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 ½.
    c. All loads must contain lead shot.

24. **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.

25. **Weather/Emergency Contingency:** The shoot will take place rain or shine. In the event that the shoot is shut down for unavoidable inclement weather or other situations beyond our control, the event will start back up once it is safe to do so and we are allowed by GHSC Staff. In the event that events must be postponed, we will work with GHSC staff to reschedule. In the event that a reschedule is impossible, full or partial refunds will be granted to those unable to participate in an event. The awards will be distributed based on those who completed their rounds in each event.

26. **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.

27. **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.

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28. **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.

29. **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.

30. **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.

31. **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.

32. **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.

33. **Accommodations:** Lodging is the responsibility of the shooter's party and will not be arranged by the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Shooting Sports.

34. **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.

35. **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.

36. **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.

37. **Driving Carts:** Anyone driving a cart on GHSC grounds must be 16 years of age or older and posses a valid drivers license. Violation of this rule can mean expulsion from GHSC grounds for the driver and the owner of the vehicle.

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38. **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.

39. **Personal Carts:** Personal motorized carts will be allowed with valid proof of insurance. Proof of insurance will be verified at the Event Check-In.

40. **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@greaterhoustonsportsclub.com. Push carts will be allowed. Cart rental deadline is February 1.

41. **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 Modified 5-Stand practice.

42. **Awards:** The following cash prizes will be awarded to each division (Jr. Female, Jr, Male, Sr. Female, Sr. Male).
    a. Additional Awards will also be given based on the Lewis Class System for Sporting Clays utilizing contestants' preliminary scores.
    b. Additional awards may 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

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 29, 2026
Airport Road 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 contest are limited to TX FFA and 4-H members. Each team is allowed up to four team members. Team members must be TX residents and from the same TX FFA Chapter or 4-H Club, and in good standing with its state and National affiliates. Participants 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, 2026. All drawing submissions must be submitted exclusively by the AST/CEA. Any submissions received from third parties will be deemed invalid and excluded from consideration.



3. **Entry Selection:** Entries will be limited to 20 teams.
   a. All interested teams will enter a drawing for a chance to take part in the 2027 Trailer Build-off. The drawing form will be closed on Thursday, September 17 th .
   b. 20 teams will be drawn from the registration pool for participation and be notified on September 21, 2026.
   c. Each Chapter or County will be eligible for one entry into the trailer build-off contest.
   d. Each selected team must pay the $400 entry fee through the Junior Entry system.
   e. The payment window, for selected teams closes on September 24th at 5:00 p.m.
   f. Accepted payment methods include credit card or “to be invoiced” (school check). All checks must be postmarked by September 24th. We recommend using FedEx or USPS tracking.
   g. More information, exact dates, times, and web address for registration can be found at: https://www.rodeohouston.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2026-Trailer-Build-Off-Contest-AST_CEA-InfoSheet.pdf

4. **Staging and Arrival:** All teams must arrive at the Airport Road 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. 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 feasible. 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. Abrasive type chop saws are allowed, but dry cold-cut saws are encouraged. All tools and equipment must be contained inside the designated work and equipment space.

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.

8. **Safety Meeting:** A safety meeting will be held before any work begins. All team members and advisors must attend the safety meeting. Special instructions for the day of procedures and any updates will be given at 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 once the build-off begins. 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 outside of the 15-minute consultation time. Repeated coaching from the fence will result in penalties. Repeated coaching from the fence will result in disqualification.

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 typical industry safety procedures for metal working. Appropriate PPE must be used at all times by those in the work zone. Typical PPE would include, but not limited to (gloves, safety glasses, cotton clothing, face shields, closed toe shoes, etc.). Additionally, site cleanliness and teamwork will also be evaluated 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.

14. **HLSR Ag Mechanics Project Show:** Trailers built during the build off will be eligible for entry in the upcoming HLSR Ag Mechanics Project Show. All trailers returning must meet the HLSR Ag Mechanics Project show rules. All trailers for the build-off will need to be entered into the dedicated trailer build-off class. Entry is not automatic and will need to be completed through the typical Ag Mechanics Project Show Entry process. Each trailer is expected to have minimum modifications to the structure. Items expected to be completed at the time of the HLSR project show would be paint, flooring, and lighting. Further, teams are allowed to add tailgates, ramps, steps, additional lighting, toolboxes, or other convenience features as long as the main function of the trailer does not change. If teams elect to change the function of the trailer it would need to show in the appropriate class. For example: if a team turns the build-off trailer into a welding trailer, it will need to show in the welding trailer class.

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 18	10 p.m.
First release from Airport Blvd. to Reliant:	Friday	March 19	2 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 19	9 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Deadline:	Friday	March 19	1 p.m. **ALL PROJECTS MUST BE CHECKED IN**
Projects Judged	Saturday	March 20	8 a.m.
Awards Breakfast	Sunday	March 21	7 – 7:45 a.m.
Awards Ceremony	Sunday	March 21	8 a.m.
Release immediately following Awards*	Sunday	March 21	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. on Thursday, March 18. **No projects will be allowed to stage prior to 10 p.m.** Projects will be begin releasing from the Staging Lot to Reliant 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 Reliant 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.

Special Rules for Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

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.

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 20 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:
    a. Display and presentation of projects to show officials, judges, and the general public
    b. Housekeeping around projects
    c. Exhibitor's dress and professionalism
    d. 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 FIELD AND SHOP EQUIPMENT CLASSES

1. Hay Processing and Tillage Equipment
2. Material Processing, Sprayers, and PTO Driven Field Equipment
3. Front Mounted Agricultural Machinery and Equipment
4. 3 Point mounted Non-PTO driven equipment
5. Shop Tables (Non-CNC-type tables)
6. Shop Fabrication Equipment
7. Teaching Stations and Shop Support Equipment
8. 1st place project for Division
9. 2nd place project for Division

AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE, EQUIPMENT, AND ACCESSORIES

10. **On-Road** Vehicle Bumpers, grill guards, and Headache Racks
11. **Off-Road** equipment Bumpers, Grill Guards, and Headache Racks.
12. Replacement Ranch and Livestock Beds
13. Replacement Welding, Dump, and Service Beds

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT CLASSES

16. Entry Gates and Panels
17. Livestock Restraining and Handling Equipment
18. Livestock Show Equipment
19. Livestock Feeders (no wildlife feeders)
20. 1st place project for Division
21. 2nd place project for Division

BUMPER PULL TRAILER CLASSES

22. Utility and Lowboy Trailers – 10 ft. but less than 13 ft. in length (length of cargo space)
23. Utility and Lowboy Trailers –13 ft. but less than 15 ft. in length (length of cargo space)
24. Utility and Lowboy Trailers –15 ft. but less than 17 ft. in length (length of cargo space)
25. Utility and Lowboy Trailers – Over 17 ft. in length (length of cargo space)
26. Welding and Service Trailers – all lengths
27. Modified Utility, Modified Implement, Stock, Cargo, Dump, and Special Purpose Trailers – all lengths

28. HLSR Trailer Build-off projects – Only trailers constructed during HLSR Trailer Build-off eligible. (eligible for class prizes only, not division or champion prizes)
29. 1st place project for Division
30. 2nd place project for Division

Special Rules for Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

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 **processin**g 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.

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

Staging Lot Opens at Airport Blvd.:	Thursday	March 18	10 p.m.
Tractor Judging Begins:	Friday	March 19	7:30 a.m.
Must be in place at Airport Blvd. no later than:	Friday	March 19	10 a.m.
Self/Mobile Check-In Deadline:	Friday	March 19	1 p.m. **ALL TRACTORS MUST BE CHECKED IN**
Judging Tractors	Saturday	March 20	8 a.m.
Awards Breakfast	Sunday	March 21	7:30 a.m.
Awards Ceremony	Sunday	March 21	9 a.m.
Release immediately following Awards*	Sunday	March 21	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 10 p.m. on Thursday, March 18. **No projects will be allowed to stage prior to 10 p.m.** Projects will be begin releasing from the Staging Lot to Reliant Center at 2 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
c. Exhibitor's dress and professionalism
d. 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

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 Texas FFA

Sunday, March 7
Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center – LD Robinson Pavilion
5801 Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd, Katy, TX 77493

Registration	9 a.m.	Gerald D. Young Agricultural Science Center – LD Robinson Pavilion
Introductions	10 a.m.	Gerald D. Young Agricultural Science Center – LD Robinson Pavilion
Contest (I & II)	10:30 a.m.	Gerald D. Young Agricultural Science Center – LD Robinson Pavilion

Monday, March 8
Reliant Center, Reliant Park
3 Reliant Park, Houston, TX 77054

Contest Check-in	10:00 a.m.	Reliant Center – 2nd Floor Room 204
Contest (III)	3:15 p.m.	Reliant Center 1st Floor Main Arena
Results & Awards	following contest	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. Teams representing an area must have participated in an area elimination contest in order to compete in the state contest.
      ii. 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 megaohms 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

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	March 2
Rodeo Performance 2:	Wednesday	March 3
Rodeo Performance 3:	Thursday	March 4
Rodeo Performance 4:	Friday	March 5
Rodeo Performance 5:	Saturday	March 6
Rodeo Performance 6:	Sunday	March 7
Rodeo Performance 7:	Monday	March 8
Rodeo Performance 8:	Tuesday	March 9
Rodeo Performance 9:	Wednesday	March 10
Rodeo Performance 10:	Thursday	March 11
Rodeo Performance 11:	Friday	March 12
Rodeo Performance 12:	Saturday	March 13
Rodeo Performance 13:	Sunday	March 14
Rodeo Performance 14:	Monday	March 15
Rodeo Performance 15:	Tuesday	March 16
Rodeo Performance 16:	Wednesday	March 17
Rodeo Performance 17:	Thursday	March 18
Rodeo Performance 18:	Friday	March 19
Rodeo Performance 19:	Saturday	March 20

Special Rules for Calf Scramble

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 Requirements:** Calf scramble online entry will be available to Clubs/Chapters by Oct. 15, at www.rodeohouston.com. All entries must be submitted by AST/CEA only by Dec. 1.
    a. 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.
    b. Participants are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. AST/CEAs may enter calf scramble participants and alternates online beginning Oct.15, and reenter the system at a later date to submit the remainder of their junior livestock show entries prior to the December 1 deadline.
    c. Applications must be uploaded during the online application process.
    d. Once the necessary paperwork has been 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.
    e. W-9's will not be collected in advance; they will be requested electronically scramble results have been finalized. Only scramblers that receive a certificate will receive the electronic request for a W-9 via email.
3. **Eligibility Requirements:**
    a. 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.**
    b. Applicants must be enrolled in and attending a public or private secondary school in the state of TX.
    c. Applicant must have reached their 14th, but **NOT** their 18th birthday on Jan. 1, 2027 and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
    d. 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/
    e. 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.
    f. Applicant must be able to provide suitable facilities for caring and developing a breeding heifer or market steer.
    g. Applicant must be able to devote the appropriate time and attention to the calf and return to the 2027 Show with a heifer or steer that all parties involved will be proud to display.
    h. 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 2027 Show. They must also have the required time it takes to submit all monthly reports, essays and business plan.

Special Rules for Calf Scramble

4. **Physical Requirements:**
    a. Participants must be able to run and perform procedures necessary to scramble.
    b. Applicant must weigh at least **100 pounds.**

5. **No Call/No Show:** If a scrambler is unable to attend their assigned scramble date, written notice must be provided to the Scramble Office no later than 24 hours prior to their scheduled scramble. Failure to provide timely notice may result in the suspension of that club or chapter's scramble entry eligibility for the 2027 Show. This is at the discretion of Show Management.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **Substitutions:** If a participant is unable to scramble for any reason, an alternate will be assigned by the Calf Scramble Office.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **Results:** All results called on the dirt are final. No instant replay, no appeals.

SUPER SCRAMBLE

Super Scramble/Finals Rodeo Performance:	Sunday	March 21

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 21st.

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 21st 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 21st .

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.

Placing	Amount
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 21st.

   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 2026 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 **$2,500**, $2,000 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 2027 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled. Purchase certificates in the amount of $2,000 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, 2026 and Apr. 30, 2027.

   All steers must be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA steer validation program by June 30, 2027 and the electronic identification number must be entered in the "Animal Details" section of the monthly reporting system on or before August 1, 2027. 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 October 31, 2027, 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 2027 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 2027 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, 2026, for the exhibitor to show in the 2027 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
   Reliant Center
   3 Reliant 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), or 4-H club/FFA chapter. Winners cannot purchase animals from their 4-H/FFA advisor or the 4-H/FFA advisor's immediate family members (spouse, 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). Winner cannot purchase animals from their Donor or their Donor's immediate family members (spouse, 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). Winners may not purchase heifers previously exhibited through any Calf Scramble program. Payments will not be issued to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents, supervisors or Donors.

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 $2,000 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, 2026 and Apr. 5, 2027 as long as the animal is brought back to the Houston Livestock Show in 2027. 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 Oct. 31, 2027) 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 2027 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 2027 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scramble Steer or Scramble Beef Heifer Shows will be required to re-pay the certificate value and/or any Super Scramble Premiums already received by the contestant 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.

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 (plus Super Scramble premium balance, if applicable) received upon completion of the 2027 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 (NALF percentage, not actual, as indicated on orange NALF registration certificate.)	European	Limousin
Limousin – Percentage	North American Limousin Foundation	Registered on orange papered w/ less than 75% Limousin blood (NALF percentage, not actual, as indicated on orange NALF registration certificate.)	European	ORB
Lim-Flex	North American Limousin Foundation	Registered on purple NALF 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 Simmmental 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 Simmmental Association	must be a Purebred Simmental	European	Simmental
Simmental - Percentage	American Simmmental 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 JUNIOR 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. 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. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   g. Enrollment: All participants must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including home school) in TX.
   h. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   i. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)
   j. For schools that don't follow traditional grade levels the following levels will be used:
      a. Junior Division: 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, 2026.
      b. Senior Division: must be 14 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   k. 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.
   k. 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 online at http://www.judgingcard.com by the supervising AST/CEA for the County 4-H Club/FFA Chapter. Entries open on October 15, 2026, must be submitted prior to midnight, Jan. 10.
      ii. Contests include Agricultural Public Speaking and Agricultural Science Fair.
      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.
   b. Teams Contests:
      i. Entries MUST be submitted online at http://www.judgingcard.com by the supervising AST/CEA for the County 4-H Club/FFA Chapter. Entries open on October 15, 2026, must be submitted prior to midnight, February 1, 2027.
      ii. Contests include Agriculture Product ID, Ag Robotics Contest, Junior Dairy Judging, Junior Floriculture, Junior Food Challenge, Junior Horse Judging, Junior Livestock Judging, Junior Livestock Quiz Bowl, Junior Meats Judging, Junior Nursery Landscape, Junior Poultry Judging, Junior Range and Pasture Plant ID, Junior Veterinary Science Contest, Junior Wildlife Contest, Junior 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 are required to display their assigned group sticker prominently and visibly on the front of their shirt throughout the contest.
   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. All participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect toward fellow contestants, contest officials, and volunteers. Contestants shall treat fellow participants, officials, and volunteers with dignity and respect. Disruptive, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike behavior, including inappropriate language or gestures, will not be tolerated. At the discretion of contest officials and HLSR management, any demonstration of unsportsmanlike conduct may result in warnings, individual or team disqualification from the contest.
   j. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to

contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.



4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with medical, physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **Scoring:** Scan sheets will be provided. **CONTESTANTS MUST USE THE HLSR PROVIDED, PRE-CODED SCANTRONS OR THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** 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**. See each individual contest on specific tiebreakers that will be used if ties still exist, ranking with the ties will be the discretion of the contest superintendent(s).

6. **Results:** Results, as announced, are final. Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

7. **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.....$18,000
Total Payout Available **$18,000**

Superintendent – David Waggoner – Hillsboro, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Chad Wootton – College Station, TX

Saturday, March 13
Contest Location – Houston Community College – Alief Hayes Campus, 2811 Hayes Rd., Houston, TX 77082

Contestant Check-in:	8 a.m. – 8:45 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	*completion of Preliminary Round via JudgingCard.com*	
Finalist Parking Pass Pick Up:	*Completion of finalist announcements*	

Sunday, March 14
Reliant Center – 2nd Floor 200 series rooms

Finalists Check-in:	9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	TBD
Final Round Presentations:	10 a.m.	TBD
Contestant Lunch:	11 a.m.	TBD
Results & Awards	*completion of Final Round*	TBD

Special Rules for Agricultural Public Speaking Contest

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 by an AST/CEA. **Entries must be submitted prior to midnight, January 10, 2027**. Each exhibitor is limited to one (1) entry.

3. **Eligibility:** See Eligibility Rules for All Junior 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.
   c. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   d. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   e. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   f. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

4. **Conduct of Contestants** – See Rules for All Junior Judging Contests
   a. Communication (cell phones, tablets, smartphone-style watches, fitness trackers, and any other similar devices) and audio listening devices are not permitted to be in the possession of the contestant for the duration of the contest, except devices that are required for medical reasons (i.e., blood sugar monitors/apps/hearing aids). Medical-device needs must be identified in advance to the contest Superintendents through the accommodation-request process described below. Violation by any contestant can result in disqualification.
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5. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

6. **Contest Format:** The event will be conducted using the following format:
   a. 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 13, 2027, 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 14, 2027, at Reliant Center in the 200 series rooms.
   b. 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.
      i. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
      ii. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)
   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.

7. **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 13th 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.



8. Documentation: Each contestant must bring a completed Release of Liability and Indemnity Form with them to the contest and to be turned in at registration. Cash award winners will be required to complete and return a W-9 form to a JCC rep on contest day or e-mail to Barnes@hlsr.com within two weeks of the contest.



9. Contestants are required to upload an Abstract, and a Statement of Originality Form as one PDF file electronically to the JudgingCard.com website between the dates of December 15, 2026, and January 10, 2027. The documentation must be submitted by the AST/CEA. 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, 2027, are ineligible to compete. A list of contestants, along with their age division, who have submitted all required documentation will be posted on http://www.JudgingCard.com following submission of contestant abstracts.

   a. Abstract: The Abstract will be provided to the judges for informational purposes only. A maximum 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.
   b. Statement of Originality Form: This form (PDF fillable format) must be signed by the contestant, parent/legal guardian, and AST/CEA (or teacher).
   c. Click here to access the required documents to be completed by contestants.



10. If a contestant does not follow the documentation guidelines above, point deductions can be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent, Show Management, and judges
11. **Dress Attire:** Contestants should wear presentable attire. Business attire or Official 4-H or FFA attire is recommended.

12. **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 Division contestants will be given a discreet two-minute warning by the timekeeper before the eight-minute time limit expires.

13. **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.

Special Rules for Agricultural Public Speaking Contest

14. **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.

15. **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.
    - ***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.

16. **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).

17. **Contestant Lunch:** A free lunch will be provided for each contestant.

18. **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.

19. **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).

20. **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.

21. **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 7

Contestant Check-in: 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Start Contest: 9:00 AM
Awards: Following conclusion of judging: Room TBD

Special Rules for Agricultural Science Fair

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 by an AST/CEA. Entries must be submitted prior to midnight, **January 10, 2027**.

3. **Eligibility:** See Eligibility Rules for All Junior 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.
   c. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   d. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   e. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   f. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

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 Junior Judging Contests
   a. Personal electronic devices (such as iPads, tablets, computers, and other Wi-Fi devices) can *only* be used as part of a contestant's research project, subject to the prior approval of the Contest Superintendent.
   b. Communication devices (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) are not allowed in the contest room.
   c. Devices which are required for medical reasons (i.e. blood sugar monitors/apps) are permitted. Convey medical device needs to the Contest Superintendent in advance. Violation by any individual contestant may result in disqualification.

6. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

7. **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.

8. **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:

- 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 and sustainable solutions for pest control and integrated pest management; the study of crops, turf grass, forestry, horticulture, shrubs and/or ornamental plants, hydroponics, agronomy, and ecological planning; and the study of sustainable and resilient landscape design

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, artificial intelligence, 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

9. **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

Special Rules for Agricultural Science Fair

10. **Documentation:** Each contestant must bring a completed Release of Liability and Indemnity Form with them to the contest and to be turned in at check-in. Cash award winners will be required to complete and return a W-9 form to a JCC representative on contest day or e-mail to Barnes@hlsr.com within two weeks following the contest.

    a. **Contestants are required to upload an Abstract and a Statement of Originality Form electronically as a single PDF file to www.JudgingCard.com by January 10, 2027. The documentation must be submitted online by the AST/CEA.** Documentation should be saved as a single PDF file. The file must be named using the following format: "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 who fail to submit all required documentation by **January 10, 2027**, are ineligible to compete. **(A list identifying each contestant who submitted all required documentation and the contestant's age division will be posted on http://www.JudgingCard.com following submission of contest abstracts).**

    b. Research Project Abstract -- The Abstract template (fillable PDF format) will be used by all contestants. Be sure to save a completed copy of the Abstract for your reference.

    c. Statement of Originality Form -- This form (fillable PDF format) must be signed by the contestant, parent/legal guardian, and AST/CEA (or teacher).

    d. Click the following link to access the required documents to be completed by contestants, Abstract & Statement of Originality.

    Contestants must use fillable templates that are provided in the links above and **NOT** submit screenshots or photocopies of required documents. If the contestant does not follow the guidelines outlined above, points may be deducted at the discretion of the Contest Superintendents or Show Management.

11. **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). Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Contest Superintendent.
    e. Contestants must provide all supplies needed for their project display. 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.

12. **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.

13. **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.

Special Rules for Agricultural Science Fair



14. **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 – Click here to access the Abstract Scoring Rubric
    c. Presentation Scoring Rubric - Click here to access the Presentation Scoring Rubric



15. **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.

16. **Contest Results**: The contest results, as announced, will be final. Results will be posted on www.JudgingCard.com.

17. **Contestant Lunch:** a free lunch will be provided for each contestant.

18. **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).

19. **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:

Place	***Award***
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 17

Team Registration	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Room: TBD
Contest Start	9 a.m.	Room: TBD
Awards Presentation:	following contest	Room: TBD

Special Rules for Agriculture Product Identification 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 Junior Judging Contests, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

2. **Eligibility:** (See Eligibility in Rules for All Junior Judging Contests)
   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including home school) in TX.
   c. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   d. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Entry:** (See Entry in Rules for All Junior Judging Contests)

4. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all Junior Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

5. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with medical, physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

6. **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.

7. **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

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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.

Special Rules for Agriculture Product Identification Contest

Teams	*Award*
Overall High Point	$400 Amazon gift card, Team Trophy and banner; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member
Second Place	$300 Amazon 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

Individual Placings	*Award*
First thru Tenth Place	Rosette

Ag Robotics Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Toby Lepley – College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Allen Malone – Las Cruses, NM

Wednesday, March 17

Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion

Registration	8 a.m. – 8:45 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	12:30 p.m.
Final Round	2 p.m.
Team Clean-up/Packing	2:30 p.m.
Results & Awards	3 p.m.

2027 SPECIAL CONTEST NOTE:
The Pitsco Titan kit (https://www.pitsco.com/pages/titan) is being added as an approved option for the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Ag Robotics contest to help ensure the long-term sustainability of the contest as LEGO phases out its current robotics kits and support. Teams are not required to purchase a Titan kit and may continue using any LEGO kit permitted under the contest rules. Titan robots may incorporate approved LEGO-compatible pieces using the included adapters, provided the completed robot complies with all contest requirements. The Titan is expected to become the primary kit used in future contests (2028 and beyond).

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 Junior 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 Junior Contests).

   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including home school) in TX.
   c. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   d. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all Junior Contests).
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below Accommodations section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with medical, physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. Only contestants will be allowed to participate in building, programming, and tournament play of the robots.

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8. CONTEST FORMAT/RULES OF PLAY:

a. Teams must pre-build and program a robot prior to the competition.
b. The contest will consist of no more than 8 challenges.
c. Pre-released challenges will be available on December 1, 2026, by emailing Dr. Toby Lepley at toby.lepley@gmail.com (on or after 12-1) requesting the contest site link where all up-to-date information can be found.
d. Teams will report to the designated location of the contest for check-in and to submit their robot and additional pieces/equipment for inspection.
e. Each team will be assigned a team table (one 6' or 8' table and chairs). Each table will have access to electricity to power laptops and robot batteries.
f. A coach's orientation will be held via Zoom after entries for the 2027 contest have closed. This will allow coaches to ask questions concerning the pre-released challenges and any contest clarifications. Questions and clarifications will be accepted December 1st and will be posted in a community forum document located on the contest site so all teams can be informed.
g. A "day of" orientation will be provided for all participants and coaches where contest officials will review the day of challenges and clarify any contest questions.
h. Each team will have one and one-half hours for additional designing, building, programing, and testing of their robot.
i. A match will be approximately 3 minutes in length, depending upon the challenges. The specific time limit will be noted in the game release document.
j. Depending on the challenges, contest officials may provide non-Lego items that can be incorporated into the design of the robot.
k. Teams must pre-build and program a robot prior to the competition.
l. Teams will practice and compete on the same game table.
m. Teams must report immediately to their assigned game table when called.
n. Teams can reconfigure their robot between matches using only the parts used on their robot presented at check-in.
o. Only 1 EV3, Spike Prime, or Robot Inventor brick can be used in the construction and autonomous control of the robot.
p. The robot must be 100% controlled autonomously by the onboard EV3, Spike Prime, or Robot Inventor brick. No remote controls of any type are allowed.
q. Teams are not required to purchase a Pitsco Titan and may continue using any kit permitted under the contest rules.
r. There is no limit to the number of Lego brand sensors or motors.
s. Only Ag Robotics contestants and contest officials will be allowed in the Robot Challenge areas.
t. Teams that may experience any equipment malfunction(s) may not replace the equipment with supplies outside the contest area (from leaders, coaches, volunteers, county extension agents, teachers 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.
u. Throughout the tournament, and at the beginning of each match, the robot (body and attachment(s)) must be able to fit inside a 12"x12" square box. There is no height limit. The robot may autonomously expand to any size once the round starts.
v. Coaches will be permitted to meet with their team for a 15-minute time period prior to programming and practice. This time should be used to help team members develop a plan associated for the "day of" challenges.
w. 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).
x. Teams will have two preliminary matches in which to earn points. The sum score of the two matches will determine teams that qualify for the finals. The top 5 teams in each age division will advance to the final match.
y. 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.
z. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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, Pitsco Robotic Kit, 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

11. **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
NEW! Laptop computer or tablet with CURRENT AND UPDATED 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.	

12. **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.

13. **Scoring:** Point values for each separate challenge may vary, depending on the level of challenge difficulty. Penalties maybe included depending upon challenge design, but examples may include: knocking over pieces, restricted human interaction with robot or game
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.

14. **Tie Breaker**: Tie breakers for the contest will be a sudden death match until the tie is broken.

15. **Participants with Disabilities:** Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the Livestock Office at least two weeks before the competition.

16. **Rules of Play:** The official rules of play will be released with the challenge in mid-February 2027.

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17. **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.

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

Dairy Judging Contest

Superintendent – Ron Woolley – Stephenville, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Larry Woolley – Cleburne, TX; **Kate Mulcock** – Abernathy, TX

Saturday, March 20

Registration	8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Reliant Center – Main Arena
Contest starts (with exam):	9:00 a.m.	Reliant Center – Main Arena
Live Judging	9:30 a.m.	Reliant Center – Main Arena
Results and Awards	11:30 a.m.	TBD
Calf Scramble Reception	1:00 p.m.	Reliant 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 Junior 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 Junior Contests)

   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   c. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   d. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all Junior Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below ***Accommodations*** section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **Scoring:** (See Scoring for all Junior Contests)

6. **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.

7. **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.

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. **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 $2500, $2,000 of which will be used to purchase the heifer or market steer and $500 of which will be received after the banquet at the 2027 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled.

e. Purchase certificates in the amount of $2,000 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, 2025, and April 30, 2026.

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.

10. 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
Senior High Point Team Second thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy
Junior High Point Team First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
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

Floriculture Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Michael Maurer – Nacogdoches, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Candis Scallan – Nacogdoches, TX

Saturday, March 6

Registration	7 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Reliant Center – 2nd Floor Outside Room 205
Contest starts:	8 a.m.	Room: TBD
Results and Awards:	Noon	Room: 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 Junior 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 Junior Contests)

a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
b. Enrollment: Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.

in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification

Conduct of Contestants: (See Conduct of Contestants for all Junior Contests)
Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

Accommodations: We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

Contest:

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:**
   1. Team members must provide their own sharpened No. 2 pencils for the event. A pencil sharpener may not be available in each event room.
   2. 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.
   3. 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.
   4. Team members are **not** permitted to share calculators between teammates or among other contestants.
   5. No allowance will be made for malfunctioning or inoperable calculators.
   6. The “Universal Form C” scan sheet will be used for this CDE.

c. **Event Schedule:**
   1. 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 will be divided into two (30 minute) rotations.
b. The problem-solving section must be completed in 30 minutes
c. 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.
d. 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.
e. The written examination must be completed in 30 minutes.

2. 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.
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 200 plants/tools/pests/diseases listed on the Texas FFA 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, except for seeds. The plant must match the plant listed on the Texas FFA Floriculture CDE list.
   a. Bulbs or tubers can be used for the following specimens:
   i. 009 - Anemone coronaria L - Anemone,
   ii. 041 - Dahlia cv.- Dahlia
   Iii. 067 - Gladiolus x hortulanus cv.- Gladiolus
   iv. 074 - Hippeastrum x hybridum v.- Amaryllis
   v. 076 - Hyacinthus orientalis cv.- Hyacinth
   vi. 079 - Iris spp.- Iris
   vii. 094 - Narcissus hybrid- Daffodil
   viii. 111 - Ranunculus asiaticus- Ranunculus
   ix. 131 - Tulipa cv. Tulip
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. Contestants 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 must be labeled by type (symmetrical, asymmetrical, round, horizontal/vertical line, crescent, or Hogarth curve).
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
- Saintpaulia ionantha cv. – African Violet
- Chrysanthemum x morifolium cv. – Florist's chrysanthemum
- Begonia tuberhybrida cv. – Tuberous begonias
- Pelargonium x hortorum – Geraniums
- Antherium
- Florist's Cyclamen
- Hydrangea
- Phalaenopsis Orchid

One class of foliage container plants, which may include:

- Epipremnum aureum cv. – Golden pothos, devil's ivy
- Nephrolepis exaltata cv. – Boston fern
- Spathiphyllum spp. – Spathiphyllum, Peace lily
- Codiaeum variegatum cv – Croton
- Hedera helix cv - English ivy
- Parlor Palm
- Dracena
- ZZ Plant
- Prayer Plant

One class of floral designs, which may include the following design styles:

- Symmetrical triangle
- Asymmetrical triangle
- Round
- Horizontal or Vertical Line
- Cresent
- Hogarth curve

f. **Cut Flower Keep/Cull Classes (150 points)**

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. Example (If roses are used as a class, each of the 8 vases will only contain 1 rose to evaluate).

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
- Liatris spicata – Liatris
- Matthiola incana – Stock
- Campanula/Bellflower
- Amaranthus sp.- Amaranthus, Amaranthus cv.

One class of cut form flowers which may include:

- Zantedeschia aethiopica - Calla
- Lilium cv.
- Protea cv. - Protea
- Oncidium Orchid
- Freesia x hybrida- Freesia
- Eustoma grandiflorum – Lisianthus
- Alstroemeria aurantiaca – Alstroemeria
- Scabiosa cv.- Scabiosa/Pincushion Flower

One class of cut mass flowers which may include:

- Chrysanthemum morifolium cv. – Mass Type

- Dianthus caryophyllus cv. – Standard carnation
- Rose cv. – Rose
- Ranunculus asiaticus- Ranunculus
- Helianthus annuus cv. - Sunflower
- Gerbera jamesonii cv. - Gerbera
- Dahlia cv.- Dahlia

g. **General Knowledge Examination (150 points)**

i. Contestants will complete a 50 question multiple choice exam.

ii. Questions will be taken from the resources in the resource section. Topics for the exam will rotate as follows:

EVEN YEARS

- Principles and Elements of Design
  - Principles of Floral Design - Chapters 8 & 9
  - The Art of Floral Design - Section 3 - Chapters 7 - 1
- Wedding, Wearable Florals and Types of Arrangements
  - Principles of Floral Design - Chapters 12, 14, 15
  - The Art of Floral Design - Chapters 15, 17, 22

ODD YEARS

- Processing and Handling of Flowers
  - Principles of Floral Design - Chapter 7
  - The Art of Floral Design - Chapter 1, 5, 6
- Careers, History and Sympathy Flowers
  - Principles of Floral Design - Chapter 2, 3,17
  - The Art of Floral Design - Chapter 3, 19, 22

iii. Contestants are given 30 minutes to complete the examination

iv. Three points are awarded for each question answered correctly.

h. **Practicum (100 points)**

This practicum is designed to evaluate participants' knowledge and ability to accurately determine the retail price of floral products. Contestants will be provided with a written scenario with wholesale costs and other pricing details and must calculate the correct retail price by applying standard industry markups, labor charges, taxes, and delivery fees when applicable.

a. Contestants will complete 10 multiple-choice questions.

b. Contestants are given 30 minutes to complete the problem-solving.

c. 10 points are awarded for each question answered correctly.

Practicum Expectations- Participants will be given 30 minutes to solve 10 pricing questions involving unit cost, markup, labor, and tax/final price calculations. All questions are designed to be completed by high school students within the time limit.

1. Unit Cost Calculations (2 questions)

Figuring out the cost of one item when buying in bulk.

- **Price per unit:** Cost ÷ number of units enclosed
- **Price per stem:** Cost ÷ number of stems
- **Price per yard:** Cost ÷ number of yards per roll

Example Questions

- A box of 12 glass bud vases costs $36. What is the cost per vase?
- A bunch of 25 roses costs $37.50. What is the cost per stem?
- A 50-yard roll of satin ribbon costs $24. What is the cost per yard?

2. Markup Calculations (3 questions)

Turning wholesale cost into retail price.

- **Hardgoods markup (2.5×):** Containers, ribbons, etc.
- **Softgoods markup (3.5×):** Fresh/perishable items (flowers, greens)
- **Formula:** Cost × markup ratio = Retail price

Example Questions

- A ceramic container costs $8.50 wholesale. What is the retail price?
- A bunch of daisies costs $6.40 wholesale. What is the retail price?
- A basket costs $12 wholesale. What is the retail price?
- A roll of ribbon costs $9.20 wholesale. What is the retail price?

3. Labor Calculations (3 questions)

Adding the shop's labor charge.

- Labor Rate: 30%
- Formula: Retail price × 0.30 = Labor cost

Example Questions

- A design's retail price is $85. What is the labor cost?
- A wrapped bouquet's retail price is $42. What is the labor charge?

- A centerpiece's retail price is $120. What is the labor cost?
- A boutonniere has a retail price of $24. What is the labor charge?

4. Tax & Final Price Calculations (1 questions)

Figuring out what the customer actually pays.

- Tax: (Retail price + labor) × 0.0825 = Tax cost
- Adjusted retail price: Retail price + labor + tax

Example Questions

- A corsage retails for $28.50 and labor is $8.55. What is the sales tax?
- A centerpiece retails for $60.00 with $18.00 labor. What is the final adjusted retail price?

5. Full Invoice (1 multi-step question)

Example Question

A bride orders a wedding bouquet using the following materials. Calculate the final adjusted retail price for the order.

- 5 roses (25 @38.80/bunch)
- 3 peonies (5 @ 39.69/bunch)
- 3 spray roses (10 @ 12.90/bunch)
- 5 ranunculus (10 @ 24.50/bunch)
- 3 blue thistle (5 @ 11/50/bunch)
- 4 wax flower (5 @ 14.25/bunch)
- 15 silver dollar eucalyptus (10 @ 7.99/bunch)
- 4 ruscus (7 @ 5.45/bunch)
- Foam Bouquet Holder (6 @ 27.50/box)

5. **Scoring**

2 rotations @ 30 minutes each Identification of Plant Materials	600 points
3 rotations @ 15 minutes each Placing Classes	150 points
3 rotations @ 15 minutes each Cut Flower Keep/Cull Classes	150 points
30 minutes General Knowledge Examination	150 points
30 minutes Problem Solving ……	100 points
Total Points (Individual) ……	**1,200 points**
Team ……	**3,600 points**

6. Tiebreakers

1. Team ties will be broken using the following criteria, alternate scores will not be used:
   a. Collective Score on Identification
   b. Collective Score on Practicum
   c. Collective Score on Placing Classes
   d. Collective Score on Exam e. Collective Score on Keep/Cull
2. Individual ties will be broken using the following criteria:
   a. Highest Score on Identification
   b. Highest Score on Practicum
   c. Highest Score on Placing Classes
   d. Highest Score on Exam
   e. Highest Score on Keep/Cull

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.

Special Rules for Floriculture Contest

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

7. **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
9844 Practice Horticultural Plant Identification, CEV

Computer Software

9430NC - Floriculture CDE Placing Classes, CEV

General Knowledge and Problem-Solving Resources

1. Principles of Floral Design, Pat Diehl Scace, James M. Del Prince – Goodheart Wilcox Publisher. 3rd Edition https://www.g-w.com/principles-of-floral-design-2025

2. The Art of Floral Design, Norah T. Hunter, Delmar Cengage Publisher, 3rd Edition https://www.cengage.com/c/the-art-of-floral-design-3e-hunter/9781418063030/

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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

PLANT LIST

ID	Description (Scientific- Common)
001	Adiantum spp.- Maidenhair Fern
002	Agapanthus africanus- African Lily, Lily of the Nile
003	Aglaonema commutatum cv.- Aglaonema, Chinese Evergreen
004	Allium spp. - Allium
005	Alpinia purpurata- Red Ginger
006	Alstroemeria aurantiaca- Alstroemeria
007	Amaranthus sp.- Amaranthus, Amaranthus cv.
008	Ammi majus- Queen Anne's Lace
009	Anemone coronaria L - Anemone, Wild Flower
010	Anthurium andraeanum- Anthurium
011	Asparagus densiflorus 'Myriocladus'- Ming Fern
012	Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri'- Sprengeri Fern
013	Asparagus setaceus- Plumosa Fern
014	Asparagus setaceus 'Pyramidalis'- Tree Fern
015	Asplenium cv. - Bird's Nest Fern
016	Aster pringlei- Monte Cassino Aster
017	Astible spp - Astible
018	Astrantia major - Astrantia
019	Beaucarnea recurvata- Ponytail Palm
020	Begonia x tuberhybrida cv.- Tuberous Begonia
021	Brassaia actinophylla- Schefflera, Octopus Tree
022	Brassaia oleracea (Acephala Group) - Flowering Kale
023	Bupleurum rotundifolium - Bupleurum
024	Calathea roseopicta- Calathea
025	Callistephus chinensis hybrids- Chinese Aster, Matsumoto Aster
026	Campanula medium "Champion Series" - Campanula
027	Capsicum annuum- Ornamental pepper
028	Celosia argentea cv. Celosia, Cockscomb
029	Chamaedorea elegans- Parlor Palm, Commodore Palm
030	Chamelaucium uncinatum- Waxflower
031	Cholorphytum comosum var.- Spider Plant
032	Chrysanthemum x morifolium cv.- Florist's Chrysanthemum
033	Codiaeum variegatum cv.- Croton
034	Consolida ajacis cv.- Larkspur
035	Cordyline - Ti Plant
036	Cortaderia selloana - Pampas Grass
037	Craspedia globosa - Billy Balls, Billy Buttons
038	Crassula argentea- Jade Plant
039	Cyclamen persicum cv.- Florist's Cyclamen
040	Cymbidium cv.- Cymbidium Orchid
041	Dahlia cv.- Dahlia
042	Delphinium cv. - Delphinium
043	Dendrobium spp.- Dendrobium Orchid
044	Dianthus caryophyllus cv. Florist's Carnation
045	Dianthus barbatus - Green Trick
046	Dieffenbachia spp.- Dumbcane
047	Dizygotheca elegantissima- False Aralia
048	Dracaena cv.- Dracaena
049	Dracaena marginata var.- Red-margined Dracaena
050	Epipremnum aureum cv.- Golden pathos, Devil's Ivy
051	Erica carnea- Heather
052	Eryngium planum- Blue Thistle
053	Eucalyptus cv.- Eucalyptus
054	Euphorbia milii var.- Crown of Thorns
055	Euphorbia pulcherrima cv.- Poinsettia
056	Eustoma grandiflorum- Lisianthus, Bluebell gentian
057	Ficus benjamina cv. - Benjamin Fig, Weeping Fig
058	Fatsia japonica - Fatsia, Japanese Aralia
059	Ficus elastica 'Decora'- Rubber Tree
060	Ficus Lyrata- Fiddle Leaf Fig
061	Forsythia x intermedia- Forsythia
062	Freesia x hybrida- Freesia
063	Galax urceolata- Galax
064	Gardenia jasminoides- Gardenia
065	Gaultheria shallon- Salal
066	Gerbera jamesonii cv.- Gerbera, Transvaal Daisy
067	Gladiolus x hortulanus cv.- Gladiolus
068	Gomphrena globosa - Gomphrena, Globe Amaranth
069	Grevilla robusta "Ivanhoe" - Grevillea, Ivahoe
070	Guzmania lingulata - Vase Plant, Bromeliad
071	Gypsophila cv.- Baby's Breath Gypsophila
072	Hedera helix cv.- English Ivy
073	Helianthis annuus cv.- Sunflower
074	Hippeastrum x hybridum- Amaryllis
075	Hoya carnosa cv.- Wax Plant
076	Hyacinthus orientalis cv.- Hyacinth
077	Hydrangea macrophylla- Hydrangea
078	Hypericum spp.- Hypericum Berries
079	Iris spp.- Iris
080	Kalanchoe blossfeldiana cv.- Kalanchoe
081	Leucopermum hybrid cv.- Pin Cushion Protea
082	Liatris spicata- Liatris, Blazing Star, Gay Feather
083	Lilium (Asiatic/Oriental hybrids)-Lily
084	Lilium longiflorum cv.- Trumpet Easter Lily
085	Limonium ferulaceum- Caspia, Misty Blue
086	Limonium sinuatum cv.- Statice
087	Liriope muscari cv. - Lily Grass
088	Maranta leuconeura cv.- Prayer Plant
089	Matthiola incana- Stock
090	Moluccella laevis- Bells of Ireland
091	Monstera deliciosa- Split-leaf Philodendron
092	Myrtus communis- Myrtle
093	Nageia nagi - Nagi
094	Narcissus hybrid- Daffodil
095	Nephrolepis exaltata cv.- Boston Fern
096	Olea europaea - Olive Branch
097	Oxypetalum coeruleum - Tweedia
098	Ozothamnus diosmifolium- Rice Flower
099	Pachystachys lutea- Shrimp Plant
100	Paeonia lactiflora cv.- Peony
101	Panicum elegans "Frosted Explosion Grass" - Explosion Grass
102	Pedilanthus tithymaloides- Zigzag Plant, Redbird Plant
103	Pelargonium x hortorum- Zonal Geranium
104	Peperomia cv.- Peperomia
105	Phalaenopsis cv.- Phalaenopsis, Butterfly Orchid
106	Philodendron scandens oxycardium- Heartleaf Philidendron
107	Pittosporum tobria cv.- Pittosporum
108	Plectranthus australis- Swedish Ivy
109	Protea cynaroides/magnifica- King/Queen Protea
110	Proteaceae Leucadendron cv. 'Safari Sunset'- Safari Sunset
111	Ranunculus asiaticus- Ranunculus
112	Rhododendron cv.- Azalea
113	Rosa cv.- Hybrid Tea Rose
114	Rumohra adiantiformis- Leatherleaf Fern
115	Ruscus danae racemosa- Italian Ruscus
116	Ruscus hypophyllum- Israeli Ruscus, Butcher's Broom Ruscus
117	Saintpaulia ionantha cv.- African Violet
118	Salix discolor cv.- Pussy Willow
119	Salix matsudana cv.- Curly Willow
120	Sansevieria cv.- Sansevieria, Snake Plant
121	Scabiosa cv.- Scabiosa/Pincushion Flower

122	Schlumbergera cv. Thanksgiving/Christmas/Easter Cactus
123	Senecio cineraria- Dusty Miller
124	Smilax smallii - Smilax
125	Solidago canadensis- Solidago, Goldenrod
126	Spathiphyllum spp. Spathiphyllum, Peace Lily
127	Strelitzia reginae- Bird of Paradise
128	Syngonium podophyllum- Nephthytis
129	Tagetes spp. - Marigold
130	Tradescantia spp. - Inch Plant, Wandering Dude
131	Tulipa cv. Tulip
132	Vaccinium ovatum - Huckleberry, Huck
133	Veronica cv.- Veronica, Speedwell
134	Viburnum opulus L - Snowball, Viburnum
135	Xerohyllum tenax- Bear Grass
136	Zamioculcas zamiifolia- ZZ Plant
137	Zantedeschia cv - Calla
138	Zinnia elegans cv - Zinnia

PEST LIST

ID	Description
139	Aphid- Adult Stage
140	Fungus Gnat- Adult Stage
141	Leaf Miner- Adult Stage Damage
142	Leafhopper- Adult
143	Mealybug- Adult Stage
144	Scale- Adult Stage
145	Snail/Slug- Adult Stage
146	Spider Mite- Adult Stage
147	Thrip- Adult Stage
148	Whitefly- Adult Stage

DISEASE LIST

ID	Description
149	Black Spot- Damage
150	Botrytis- Damage
151	Damping Off- Damage
152	Iron Deficiency
153	Mosaic Virus- Damage
154	Nitrogen Deficiency
155	Phosphorous Deficiency
156	Powdery Mildew- Damage

TOOLS LIST

ID	Description
157	#18 Florist's Wire
158	#24 Florist's Wire
159	#28 Florist's Wire
160	#3 Ribbon
161	#9 Ribbon
162	#40 Ribbon
163	Anchor Tape
164	Bouquet Sleeve
165	Bulb Planter
166	Bullion Wire
167	Candle Pick/Holder
168	Cardette/Card Holder
169	Casket Saddle
170	Cellophane
171	Chenille Stems
172	Corsage/ Boutonniere Pin
173	Dixon Pin
174	Dry Foam
175	Enclosure Card
176	Aluminum Decorative Wire
177	Floral Cage
178	Floral Knife
179	Floral Tape
180	Foam Bouquet Holder
181	Glue Gun
182	Greening Pins
183	Hyacinth Stake
184	Lomey dish
185	Pick Machine & Metal Picks
186	Pin Holder (Frog)
187	Polyfoil
188	Rose and Stem Flower Stripper
189	Sheet Moss
190	Spanish Moss
191	Stem Cutter
192	Tulle
193	Water Picks
194	Water Tubes
195	Wet Floral Foam (Oasis)
196	Wire Cutter
197	Wire Easel
198	Wooden Pick
199	Wrist Corsage Holder

Food Challenge

Superintendent – Dr. Julie Gardner – Gatesville, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Sonja Stueart-Davis – Houston, TX

Tuesday, March 16
Reliant **Arena – Sales Pavilion**

Group 1 Check In	7:30 a.m.
Group 1 Contest Begins	8:10 a.m.
Group 2 Check In	8:40 a.m.
Group 2 Contest Begins	9:20 a.m.
Group 3 Check In	10:00 a.m.
Group 3 Contest Begins	10:40 a.m.
Group 4 Check In	11:10 a.m.
Group 4 Contest Begins	11:50 a.m.
Preliminary Awards	2:00 p.m.
Final Challenge	2:45 p.m.
Final Challenge Awards	5:00 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 Food Challenge

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All Junior 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 Junior Contests).
   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   c. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   d. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

2. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all Junior Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

3. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **Entry fee:** (See Entries for All Junior Contests)

7. **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.

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8. **Resource materials:** Printed resource materials will be provided for each team at the contest. These include, Dietary Guidelines for Americans, Fight Bac - Fight Foodborne Bacteria Brochure, Know Your Nutrients, Food and Kitchen Safety Fact Sheet, and The Science and Function of Ingredients and Cooking**.** No other resource materials will be allowed. Teams may not use their personal copies of the resources during the contest.

9. **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 the last page of the Junior 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 possession of supplies not on the official supply list may be disqualified. e. Large, moving type dollies may not be used to transport boxes. Smaller carts that can remain under that cart in the preparation area may be used

   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.

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **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.
    a. Teams are challenged with being creative and developing their own recipe with the ingredients provided.
    b. Teams will determine the exact amount of each ingredient used based on their original recipe.
    c. The key ingredient provided to and/or grocery store items selected by each team may also be used to garnish the dish.
    d. 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.

13. **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 include hairnets, bandana with hair pulled completely back, chef hat with hair restrained inside, or a cap with hair completely tucked inside.

Jewelry and Artificial Nails: Team members should refrain from wearing any type of jewelry and/or artificial nails during the contest.

14. **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.

15. Contest Challenge. Contest officials may include an additional contest challenge during the preparation phase of the contest. This may consist of requiring teams to perform a specific task or skill, use an additional key ingredient, use a specific kitchen gadget or kitchen equipment supplied by the contest committee, or other related to food preparation. All teams would be required to participate in the additional challenge, and the challenge would be the same for all teams.

16. **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.

17. 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. Teams should remember 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: Food Preparation Princiiples, Safety Concerns and Practices, Dish and Serving Size Information, Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and Nutrition Knowledge.

    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.

18. **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***.

19. **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.

20. **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.

21. **Tie breakers**: The tie breaker sequence will be 1. Presentation score; 2. Preparation score; 3. Questions section of the Presentation scorecard Additional tie breakers determined by contest superintendents may be utilized if necessary.

22. **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.

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 the box is on wheels, the height of the wheels is not included in the dimensions. Large, moving type dollies may not be used to transport boxes. Smaller carts that can remain under that cart in the preparation area may be used. ***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:

Bench Scraper	Potato Peeler
Bowls (up to 4 – any size)	Rolling Pin
Can Opener	Sanitizing Wipes (1 container)
Colander	Serving Platter or Plate
Cookie Cutters (up to 2 – team choice)	Serving Bowl
Cutting Boards (up to 4)	Serving Utensil
Disposable Tasting Spoons (no limit)	Skewers (6 maximum)
Dry Measuring Cups (1 set)	Spatulas (up to 2)
Electric Skillet	Stirring Spoon
Extension Cord (multiple outlet or strip style)	Plastic Storage Bags (1 box maximum)
First Aid Kit	Tongs (up to 2)
Food Thermometer	Toothpicks (no limit)
Fork	Electric Hot Plate (single or double burner)
Gloves (disposable and food safe)	Whisk
Grater	Skillet with Lid
Hand Sanitizer	
Hot Pads (up to 5)	PANTRY ITEMS
Kitchen Shears (1 pair)	The following items should be included in the equipment box and can be used during the contest. Teams may be asked to remove these items if they advance to the Final Challenge. • Salt • Pepper • 3 Dried Herbs, Spices, or Seasonings (up to 3 oz each – team choice) • Non-stick Cooking Spray • Cooking Oil (up to 17 oz) • 1 Jar of Chicken Bouillon • 1 Medium Onion • 2 Can (up to 16 oz each) • Vegetables and/or Fruit (team choice) • Uncooked/Dried Rice or Pasta (up to 16 oz – team choice) • Cornstarch or Flour (up to 1 lb -team choice)
Kitchen Timer	
Knives (up to 6)	
Liquid Measuring Cups (up to 2)	
Manual Pencil Sharpener	
Measuring Spoons (1 set)	
Meat Tenderizing Mallet	
Note Cards - BLANK (up to 1 package – no larger than 5x7)	
Paper Towels (1 roll)	
Pancake Turner (up to 2)	
Pencils (no limit)	
Plastic tub and/or trash bags for dirty equipment	
Pot with Lid	
Potato Masher	

Horse Judging Contest Div. 1 (4-H)

Superintendent – Mike Heimer – Conroe, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Jennifer Zoller – College Station, TX
Sarah Schobert Moriarty – College Station, TX
Brent Sherrod – Huntsville, TX

Monday, March 8

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 Horse Evaluation Div. 1 (4-H)

1. **Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, Rules for All Junior 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 Junior Contests) Students judging in the FFA Horse Judging Contest may not compete in the 4-H Horse Judging Contest.
   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   c. Must be a member of 4-H.
   d. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   e. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all Junior Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

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, Reining, Ranch Trail or Ranch Rail. (Classes will be judged according to current AQHA Handbook of Rules and Regulations and the American Paint Horse Association Handbook – Stock Horse Pleasure Only).
   d. 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.
   e. Questions are no longer a part of the 4-H Horse Judging Contest
   f. 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 for the contest will be as follows:
   a) Highest reasons score.
   b) Lower placings in reasons classes
   c) Standard deviation.

d) If still tied, Superintendents will identify a procedure to break ties.

Special Rules for Horse Evaluation Div. 1 (4-H)

Ties to teams will be broken as follows:
a) Highest reasons score.
b) Lower placings in reasons classes
c) Standard deviation.
d) If still tied, Superintendents will identify a procedure to break ties.

9. 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
Senior High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy and ribbon for each team member
Junior High Point Teams First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy and rosette for each team member
Junior High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy and ribbon for each team member

Senior Individual Placings	***Award***
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
Senior High Point Individuals Third thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Senior High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette
Overall Senior Reasons Individual	N.W. “Dick” Freeman Memorial Cash Award in the amount of $1,250 and plaque
Senior Reasons Individuals Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Senior Reasons Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

Junior Individual Placings	***Award***
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
Junior High Point Individuals Third thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Junior High Point Individuals 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
Junior Reasons Individuals Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Junior Reasons Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

Horse Judging Contest

Superintendent – Mike Heimer – Conroe, TX
Assistant Superintendents – Jennifer Zoller – College Station, TX
Sarah Schobert Moriarty– College Station, TX
Brent Sherrod – Huntsville, TX

Monday, March 8

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 Horse Evaluation Div. 2 (FFA)

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.
   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   c. Must be a member of FFA.

4. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

5. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

6. **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, Reining, Ranch trail or Ranch Rail. (Classes will be judged according to current AQHA Handbook of Rules and Regulations and the American PaintHorse 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.

7. **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/.

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. **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:
   e) Highest questions score.
   f) Lower placings in question classes

g) Standard deviation.
h) If still tied, Superintendents will identify a procedure to break ties.

Ties to teams will be broken as follows:

e) Highest questions score.
f) Lower placings in question classes
g) Standard deviation.
h) If still tied, Superintendents will identify a procedure to break ties.

10. Awards: The following prizes will be awarded to FFA Contestants:

Team Placings	***Award***
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

Individual Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Individual	Cash Award in the amount of $1,500 and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Overall Reserve High Point Individual	Cash award in the amount of $750 and plaque
High Point Individual Third thru Fifteenth Placing	Plaque
High Point Individual Sixteenth thru Twentieth Placing	Rosette

Junior Livestock Judging Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Larry Boleman – College Station, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Billy Zanolini – College Station, TX; **Dr. Karl Harborth** – Bryan, TX,

Monday, March 15

Contest Location: Reliant **Arena – Sales Pavilion**

Registration	11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion
Orientation for **Contestants and Coaches ONLY**	Noon	Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion
Please note all parents and non-contestants must be out of the sales pavilion & contest area at start of orientation.		
Contest Starts	12:30 p.m.	Reliant Arena – Hall A & B
Results and Awards	Start no earlier than 4:30 p.m.	Reliant Arena – Sales Pavilion
Calf Scramble Reception	5 p.m.	Reliant Arena – TBD

Special Rules for Junior Livestock Judging

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)
   a. 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.
   b. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   

   c. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   d. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   e. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
   

   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)

6. **Classes:**
   a. Eight live animal classes (400 points). One set of ten questions (50 points). Contest will consist of (450 points).
   b. Animals within a class will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4.
   c. No oral reasons for this contest. Questions come from at least 3 of the placing classes.
   d. The species that will make up the contest include beef cattle, swine, sheep, and meat goats.

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. **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

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. Total award for all Calf Scramble Certificate recipients is $2,500, $2,000 of which will be used to purchase the heifer or market steer and $500 of which will be received after the banquet at the 2027 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled.

f. Purchase certificates in the amount of $2,000 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, 2026, and Apr. 30, 2026.

g. Contestants are not required to accept a Calf Scramble Certificate.

h. Contestants who accept a Calf Scramble Certificate will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Calf Scramble and Purchase Certificate Rules.

9. 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.

10. 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
Senior High Point Team Second thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy
Junior High Point Team First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
Overall Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Overall Reserve Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Senior High Point Individuals Third thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Senior High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette
Overall Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt; plaque
Overall Reserve Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle; plaque
Junior High Point Individuals Third thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Junior High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Stanley Kelley – Yoakum, TX
Assistant Superintendents – **Jana Barrett** – College Station, TX, **Cory Hundl**– College Station, TX

Friday, March 5

Quiz Bowl Registration:	7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD
Orientation	8 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD
Preliminary Rounds: 8:30 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD	
Finals:	Upon completion of prelims	
Awards Presentation:	Upon completion of finals	Reliant Center – TBD

Special Rules for Livestock Quiz Bowl 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. **Eligible Entries:** (See eligibility for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
   a. Each county or FFA chapter is invited to enter an unlimited number of teams of up to four (4) contestants per team.
   b. 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.
   c. Any contestant enrolled in post-secondary education must submit a transcript of completed and/or enrolled coursework with entry materials.
   d. 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.
   e. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   f. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.

3. **Maximum Entries**: A team will consist of three (3) or four (4) contestants. (This differs from the Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide rules).

4. **Entry: (**See Entry for all 4-H and FFA Contests)

5. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening devices are not permitted to be in the possession of the contestant in the contest room, except those devices which are required for medical reasons (ie blood sugar monitors/apps/hearing aids). Devices may be permitted within the holding room between matches, except in instances where contest Superintendents determine, at their discretion, that a ban is warranted. Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.
   b. All participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect toward fellow contestants, contest officials, and volunteers. Contestants shall treat fellow participants, officials, and volunteers with dignity and respect. Disruptive, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike behavior, including inappropriate language or gestures, will not be tolerated. At the discretion of contest officials and HLSR management, any demonstration of unsportsmanlike conduct may result in warnings, individual or team disqualification from the contest.

6. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

7. **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.
   a. 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.

b. Only the contestants and contest officials are allowed in the contest room during the preliminary matches. During the Final Round(s), Coaches of the competing teams will be allowed in the room but will sit with the audience, only. Any audience member making excessive noise or movement that could influence a team to answer will be asked to leave the contest.

8. **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.

9. **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.



10. **Viewing:** Audience access to the contest room shall be restricted until the commencement of the championship round. Prior to the finals, only designated contest officials and registered team members shall be permitted entry. 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.

11. **Awards:** Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

Placing Team	***Award***
First Place	$400 gift card; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member; Team trophy and banner
Second Place	$300 gift card; Plaque for each team member; Team trophy and banner
Third Place	$200 gift card; Team trophy, and banner
Fourth Place	$100 gift card; Team trophy, and plaque

High Point Individuals	***Award***
Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Senior Reserve High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle
Junior Reserve High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle

Meat Judging Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Davey Griffin – College Station, TX

Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Dan Hale – College Station, TX, **Andrew Fry** – Houston, TX, **Dr. Drew Cassens** – College Station, TX

Contest Location: US Foods, 13400 Hollister Dr., Houston, TX 77086

Sunday, March 7

Registration:	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	US Foods
Contest starts:	8:30 a.m.	US Foods
Results and Awards:	2:00 p.m.	US Foods

Special Rules for 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.

NEW! Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
NEW! Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.

2. **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.)
   NEW! d. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

3. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

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:**

	FFA	4-H
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

Special Rules for Meat Judging Contest

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*
   g. 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:

Division 1: 4-H

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.

Division 2: FFA

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:

Team Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
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

Nursery Landscape Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Jared Barnes – Nacogdoches, TX
Assistant Superintendent – **Kendal Gulley** – Nacogdoches, TX

Saturday, March 6

	Registration:	7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD
Contest Begins:	8 a.m.		TBD
Results and Awards:	noon		Reliant 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)
   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **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.

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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 competed 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 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 TNCP 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)**

<u>Groundcovers/wines, which may include:</u>

Hedera helix cvs.- English ivy
Ipomoea batatas - Sweet potato vine

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Juniperus horizontalis cvs. – Creeping juniper
Liriope muscari – Liriope, Lilyturf,
Lonicera japonica – Japanese honeysuckle
Trachelospermum asiaticum – Asiatic jasmine
Vinca spp. - Periwinkle

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 angustiolia - 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 wittrockianna 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.

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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.
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?CategoryType=&Keyword=&ItemType=&PageNumber=2
2022 Chapter 6 content:

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.

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10. Awards:

Team Placings	*Award*
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	*Award*
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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TX NURSERY/LANDSCAPE PLANT LIST

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 illinoinensis - 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 Guiena 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
Anthracnose
Black Spot
Fireblight
Powdery Mildew
Nitrogen Deficiency
Iron Deficiency
Anthracnose

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

Poultry Judging Contest

Superintendents - Dale Hyatt – College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Brett Meisinger – College Station, TX

Wednesday, March 3

Registration:	7 a.m. – 7: 45 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:	2 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 Poultry 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 Contest.

   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   c. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   d. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests.
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **Scoring:** See scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests.

6. **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 or carcass parts 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).



- Senior Competition: 25 questions from manual, 5 math questions.
- Junior Competition: 30 questions from manual (no math calculations)

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **Tiebreakers:**

Ties for team awards shall be broken as follows:

a. The **team** with the higher written exam score will place higher.
b. If still tied, the team with the higher ready to cook and further processed products will place higher.
c. If still tied, the team with the higher score in the Live Poultry Evaluation will place higher.
d. If still tied, the team with a higher score in shell eggs will place higher.

Ties for individual awards shall be broken as follows:

a. The individual with the higher written exam score will place higher.
b. If still tied, the individual with the higher ready to cook and further processed products will place higher.
c. If still tied, the individual with the higher score in the Live Poultry Evaluation will place higher.
d. If still tied, the individual with a higher score in shell eggs will place higher.

11. **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
Senior High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
Overall Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
Senior High Point Individuals Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Senior High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

Team Placings	***Award***
Overall Junior High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
Junior High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***

Overall Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
Junior High Point Individuals Second thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Junior High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Barron Rector – College Station, TX

Sunday, March 14

Registration:	8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD
Contest starts:	9 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD
Results and	11 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD

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)
   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   c. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   d. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below ***Accommodations*** section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.
   b. For contestants to enter the contest area, they must wear their plant ID number and name tag sticker on their shoulder for the duration of the contest.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests) Contestants will be given a scantron and plant number code 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.

6. **Equipment:** ***Bring two #2 pencils and a clear***, ***unmarked clipboard***, ***and a magnifying glass***. No other items, such as folders, plant lists, or additional photocopy scantron forms can be brought into the contest area.

7. **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 email barron.rector@ag.tamu.edu.

8. **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.

9. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded:

Special Rules for Range and Pasture Plant Identification

Team Placings	*Award*
Overall Senior High Point Team	Team Trophy and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
Senior High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy
Junior High Point Teams 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
Third Place Senior High Point Individual	Plaque
Senior High Point Individuals Fourth thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Senior High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

Junior Individual Placings	*Award*
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
Junior High Point Individuals Fourth thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
Junior High Point Individuals Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

Veterinary Science Contest

Superintendent – David Sessum – Bryan, TX
Assistant Superintendent –Shelby Santoy – Hockley, TX

Thursday, March 18

Registration & Orientation:	7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Reliant Center –TBD
Contest Begins:	8:30 a.m.	Reliant Center –TBD
(Written Exam, Practicum, Math Practicum, & ID)		
Tabulation:	12 p.m.	
Finals:	1 p.m.	Reliant Center – TBD
(Communication Round for qualifiers only)		
Finals Tabulation:	3 p.m.	
Results and Awards:	3:30 p.m.	Reliant Center – TBD

Times are tentative and subject to change

Special Rules for Veterinary Science 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 Junior Judging Contests). Students will only be able to compete in either the junior or senior divisions of the Veterinary Science Contest.



   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   c. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   d. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)



   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **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.

5. **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%)**	

These four components are used to calculate individual finalists and team scores.

Communication 150 points (100%)

Total 1150 points (100%) Communication round added to finalists score to determine overall finalists

The top five (5) participants in the junior Division and the top five (5) participants in the senior 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 1150 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 (Junior Division)	Potential Topics (Senior Division)
• Client Communications - Clinical	• Clinic Infectious Disease Control-Clinical
• Storage of Foods	• Anatomy and Physiology of Animals
• Reading Animal Behaviors	• Determining the Age of Animals
• Introduction to Handling and Restraining Animals	• Handling and Restraining Livestock
• Post Mortem Examinations	• Fecal, Blood and Urine Examinations

6. **Written Exam:** For Junior and Senior 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 implemented using videos of the three selected skills. Participants will review videos and answer multiple choice questions related to the videos of the practicum skills. The superintendents will select three of the six skills listed below.

   a. Administering an Oral/Tablet Capsule

   b. Administering Ophthalmic Medication

   c. Applying an Electronic Ear Tag to Livestock

   d. Fecal flotation with fecalyzer

   e. Applying a cat muzzle, Haltering a Horse, Restraint of a Small Dog for Jugular Venipuncture, Using a Microscope-Dry.

   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: Please use the following resources as guides to study for the contest components.**

Texas FFA Veterinary Science CDE 2027-2031 Identification List

Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant: Author: Florion C. Faries, Jr.

2023 Veterinary Science CDE Test Bank 2023 (Chapters 1,3,5 and 7)

2024 Veterinary Science CDE Test Bank 2024 (Chapters 10, 12, 14 and 16)

2025 Veterinary Science CDE Test Bank (Chapters 9,11,13, 15 and 17)

2026 Veterinary Science CDE Test Bank (Chapters 2,4,6 and 8)

Veterinary Science Career Development Events Handbook: Author: Joe W. Mask, PhD

Veterinary Science Career Development Event Student Handbook; Author: Texas A&M AgriLIfe Extension

This resource will be helpful with the Identification exam

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 Junior and Senior divisions.

Team Placings	***Award***
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

Individual Placings	***Award***
First Place	Trophy & Banner
Second Place	Plaque & Banner
Third Place	Plaque & Banner
Fourth Place	Plaque & Banner
Fifth Place	Plaque & Banner

Wildlife Contest Div. 1 (4-H)

Superintendent – Larry Hysmith - College Station, TX

Saturday, March 13

Long Acres Ranch, 2335 Williams Way Blvd, Richmond, TX 77469

Registration:	7 a.m. – 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 Wildlife Contest Div. 1 (4-H)

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:**
   a. (See Eligibility for all Junior Judging Contests)
   b. 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.
   c. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   d. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   e. Junior Division Contestants (grades 3rd – 8th)
   f. Senior Division Contestants (grades 9th – 12th)

3. **Maximum Entries:** There is no limit on the number teams or individuals that can be entered by each County 4-H Club.

4. **Conduct of Contestants: (**See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below ***Accommodations*** section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

5. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

6. **Scoring: (**See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)

7. **Tie Breakers:**
   a. Highest Score on Part A – Wildlife Habitat Management
   b. First miss on Part B - Identification & Knowledge
   c. Further tie break will be up to the discretion of contest officials.

8. **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.
   a. Identification and Knowledge
   b. Wildlife Habitat Management

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **Awards:** The following prizes will be awarded:

Special Rules for Wildlife Contest Div. 1 (4-H)

Team Placings	***Award***
Overall Senior High Point Team	Team Trophy; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for each team member and coach
Senior High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy
Junior High Point Teams First thru Fifth Place	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
Overall Senior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
Senior High Point Individuals Second thru Tenth Place	Plaque
Overall Junior High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
Junior High Point Individuals Second thru Tenth Place	Plaque

Wildlife Contest Div. 2 (FFA)

Superintendent – Terry Blankenship – Sinton, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Stephen Fuqua – Yancey, TX

Saturday, March 13

Long Acres Ranch, 2335 Williams Way Blvd, Richmond, TX 77469

Registration:	7 a.m. – 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 Wildlife Contest Div. 2 (FFA)

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 Junior Judging Contests)
   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.
   c. Must be a member of FFA.

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contestants)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contestants). Ties will be broken as per WRM CDE guidelines.

6. **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.
   a. Question 1 – Plant Identification - State Plant List
   b. Question 2 – Plant Preferences
   c. Question 3 – Biological Facts Quiz
   d. Question 4 – Wildlife Habitat Evaluation
   e. Question 5 – Wildlife Habitat Practices
   f. Question 6 – TX Fish and Game Laws (Current edition, TX Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual Hunting and Fishing Regulation).
   g. Question 7 – Hunting, Fishing, Camping Safety, Boating Safety
   h. Question 8 – Techniques

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **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 Wildlife Contest Div. 2 (FFA)

10. 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
High Point Teams Second thru Fifth Place Teams	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
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

Wool Judging Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Shawn Ramsey – Navasota, TX
Assistant Superintendent - Darrell Keese – Brady, TX**; Whitney Whitsel –** San Angelo, TX; **Carson Millican** – San Angelo, TX

Monday, March 15

Registration:	11 a.m. - Noon	Reliant Center – TBD
Contest Begins:	1 p.m.	Reliant Center – TBD
Results and Awards	4 p.m.	Reliant Center – TBD

Special Rules Wool 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 Junior Judging Contests)
   a. Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
   b. Enrollment: Contestant must be enrolled in and attending public or private elementary or secondary schools (including homeschool) in TX.

3. **Conduct of Contestants:** (See Conduct of Contestants for all 4-H and FFA Contests)
   a. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

4. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. **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.

6. **Scoring:** (See Scoring for all 4-H and FFA Contests)

7. **Classes:**
   a. 30 fleeces will be evaluated for fineness, length, and yield. Each fleece will be worth 10 points and participants will be given 1 minute per fleece. (200 points)
   b. Four or six classes of four fleeces each will be placed, two commercial and two breeds. (200 points)
   c. 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)
   d. The use of any type of measuring device will not be allowed. Mishandling of fleeces will cause the team to be disqualified.

8. **Tiebreakers**:

In the event of two or more teams results in a tie, the following procedures will be used as a tie breaker:
   a. The team with the highest total score on the grading rail will be the higher placing team.
   b. The team with the highest total reasons score will be the higher placing team.
   c. The team with the highest total class placings score will be the higher placing team.
   d. The team with the highest dropped score will be the higher placing team.

In the event of two or more individuals results in a tie, the following procedures will be used as a tie breaker:
   a. The contestant with the highest grading rail score will be the higher placing individual.
   b. The contestant with the highest reasons score will be the higher placing individual.
   c. The contestant with the highest placings score will be the higher placing individual.
   d. The contestant with the highest reasons score for the toughest placing class will be the higher placing individual.

Special Rules Wool Judging Contest

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:** 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 Tenth Place Teams	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle and plaque
<u>High Point Individuals in each category:</u> *Overall, Grading, Placing, and Reasons* First thru Fifteenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individuals in each category:</u> *Overall, Grading, Placing, and Reasons* Sixteenth thru Twentieth Place	Rosette

RULES FOR ALL INTERCOLLEGIATE JUDGING CONTESTS

1. **Entry:**
   a. Entries will be taken via online registration site. A link to the online entry system will be posted to the Livestock Exhibitor page of the rodeohouston.com website by mid-November. Paper entry forms will not be accepted.
   b. Entry Deadline is February 1, 2026.
   c. Payment must be completed either via online registration or mailed to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Offices. All entries must be postmarked by February1st. ***NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST.***
   d. Checks should be mailed to:

      Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
      Attn: Intercollegiate Judging Entries
      Reliant Center
      3 Reliant 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 **Paul Maulsby –** College Station, TX
Assistant Superintendents - Dr. Karl Harborth – Bryan, TX **David Waggoner** – Hillsboro, TX, **Paul Maulsby –** College Station, TX, **Rebecca O'Neal** – College Station, TX

Virtual Coaches Meeting	Sunday	March 14	TBD	Link will be sent to coaches
Registration:	Monday	March 15	7 a.m.	Reliant Arena Sales Pavilion
Contest:	Monday	March 15	**7:30 a.m.**	**Reliant Arena – Hall A&B**
Reasons:	Monday	March 15	1 p.m.	TBD
Awards Breakfast	Tuesday	March 16	8 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD

* Contest Coordination: Please direct any questions regarding the contest, as well as any other contest-related communications, to Paul Malsby at pmaulsby@americanbrahman.org.

* Coaches who do not attend the Coaches Meeting must notify the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by 5 p.m. Friday, March 12, 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

1. **Rules:**
   a. 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.
   b. 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.



2. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.



3. **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **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.

Special Rules for Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

9. **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.

10. **Barn Entry:** No contestant or coach will be permitted to enter the show grounds/Reliant Arena 24 hours prior to the contest.

11. **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.

12. **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.

13. When available, performance information may be used for evaluation of breeding classes.

14. **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.

15. **Class Change:** Each group of contestants will change to another class as directed by the Superintendent and/or group leader.

16. **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.

17. **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.

18. **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.

19. **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.

20. **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.

21. **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.

22. **Awards:** Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Only teams will be seated and served meals at awards ceremony. Remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

Junior College Team Awards

Team Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; plaque for each team member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for team coach
High Point Team Second thru Third place teams	Team Trophy
Overall High Point Team in each category: *Placings, Oral Reasons, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goat, and Swine*	Acrylic Team Trophy *Combined trophy for placings & oral reasons
High Point Team in each category Second thru Third placing teams: *Placings, Oral Reasons, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goat, and Swine*	Team Trophy
High Point Brahman Cattle Team	Team Trophy (Donated by V8 Ranch)

Junior College Individual Awards

Individual Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Individual	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle in the name of the Waggoner Family; plaque
High Point Individual Second thru Tenth Placings	Plaque
High Point Individual in each category First thru Third Placing: *Placing, Oral Reasons, Sheep & Goat, Beef Cattle, and Swine*	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

Team Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; plaque for each team member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for team coach
High Point Team Second thru Third place teams	Team Trophy
Overall High Point Team in each category: *Placings, Oral Reasons, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goat, and Swine*	Acrylic Team Trophy *Combined trophy for placings & oral reasons
High Point Team in each category Second thru Third placing teams: *Placings, Oral Reasons, Beef Cattle, Sheep & Goat, and Swine*	Team Trophy
High Point Brahman Cattle Team	Team Trophy (Donated by V8 Ranch)

Senior College Individual Awards

Individual Placings	***Award***
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> *Placing, Oral Reasons, Sheep & Goat, Beef Cattle, and Swine*	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

Superintendent – Dr. Joe Harris – College Station, TX

Assistant Superintendents – Scott Langley – Greeley, CO, **Jarrett Hudek** – Houston, TX and **Andrew Fry** – Houston, TX

Contest Location: US Foods, 13400 Hollister Dr., Houston, TX 77086

Registration (Senior College):	Saturday	March 6	5:30 a.m.	US Foods
Contest (Senior College):	**Saturday**	**March 6**	**7 a.m.**	**US Foods**
Registration (Junior College):	Saturday	March 6	8 a.m.	US Foods
Contest (Junior College):	**Saturday**	**March 6**	**9 a.m.**	**US Foods**
Awards Breakfast	Sunday	March 7	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 in the division being entered (e.g., Junior or Senior). 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.

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.



d. Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below ***Accommodations*** section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.



4. Accommodations: We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.**

8. **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	Senior 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

9. **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.

10. **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	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: *Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, and Total Questions*	Team Trophy

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Individual Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Individual	Trophy
High Point Individual Second thru Tenth Place	Plaque
High Point Individual in each category: *Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, and Total Questions*	Trophy
High Point Individuals 2nd through 10th placing in each category: *Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, and Total Questions*	Plaque

Senior College Awards

Team Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Team	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: *Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, Specifications, and Total Reasons*	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Individual	Trophy
High Point Individual Second thru Tenth Place	Plaque
High Point Individual in each category: *Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, Specifications, and Total Reasons*	Trophy
High Point Individuals 2nd through 10th placing in each category: *Overall Beef, Beef Judging, Beef Grading, Lamb/Goat Judging, Pork Judging, Total Placing, Specifications, and Total Reasons*	Plaque

Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest

Superintendent – Dr. Shawn Ramsey – Navasota, TX
Assistant Superintendent – Darrell Keese – Brady, TX**; Whitney Whitsel –** San Angelo, TX; **Carson Millican** – San Angelo, TX

Registration:	Monday	March 15	7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.	Reliant Center – TBD
Contest:	**Monday**	March 15	**8:30 a.m.**	**Reliant Center – TBD**
Reasons:	Monday	March 15	Following Contest	Reliant Center – TBD
Awards Dinner:	Monday	March 15	Following Contest	Reliant 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, 2026. 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**.
   f. NEW! Communication (cell phone, tablets, smart watches, fitness trackers, and any other smartphone style watch devices) and audio listening 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/hearing aids). Convey medical device needs to contest superintendents in advance via the accommodations request in the below *Accommodations* section. Violation by any team member or individual contestant will result in disqualification.

5. NEW! **Accommodations:** We will consider requests to accommodate a student with physical or mental impairments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the contest Superintendents. Accommodation requests should be submitted to the Livestock Office at least 14 days prior to the contest event date via online form. The Livestock Department will follow up on all submitted requests.

6. **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.

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.

7. Tiebreakers:

In the event of two or more teams results in a tie, the following procedures will be used as a tie breaker:

a. The team with the highest total score on the grading rail will be the higher placing team.
b. The team with the highest total reasons score will be the higher placing team.
c. The team with the highest total class placings score will be the higher placing team.
d. The team with the highest dropped score will be the higher placing team.

In the event of two or more individuals results in a tie, the following procedures will be used as a tie breaker:

e. The contestant with the highest grading rail score will be the higher placing individual.
f. The contestant with the highest reasons score will be the higher placing individual.
g. The contestant with the highest placings score will be the higher placing individual.
h. The contestant with the highest reasons score for the toughest placing class will be the higher placing individual.

8. Awards: Contestants must be present to receive their awards. Any remaining awards will not be mailed following the show.

Team Placings	***Award***
Overall High Point Team	Team Trophy; plaque for each team member Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo belt buckle for team coach
Overall Reserve High Point Team	Team Trophy

Individual Placings	***Award***
<u>High Point Individuals:</u> First thru Tenth Place	Plaque
<u>High Point Individuals in each category</u> <u>First thru Tenth Placing:</u> *High Point, Placings & Reasons, Grading, and Value Determination*	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

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Buckles: Donated by the Waggoner Family to Overall High Point Individual for the Junior and Senior College.

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3802 Joe Dr
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2919 W Orem Dr
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7118 Bertner Ave
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10025 Main St
713.665.3300

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713.668.1436

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6221 Richmond Ave
713.787.0004

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7702 Main Street
713.668.4500

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2929 Westpark Drive
713.523.8448

DoubleTree by Hilton – Med Center
6800 Main St
713.528.7744

DoubleTree by Hilton – Greenway Plaza
6 E Greenway Plaza
713.629.1200

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1303 La Concha
713.790.9753

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1301 S. Braeswood Blvd
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1715 Old Spanish Trail
713.797.0040

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4500 Post Oak Pkwy
713.871.9911

Hilton Houston Post Oak - Galleria
2001 Post Oak Blvd
713.931.9300

Hilton Houston Plaza/Med Ctr
6633 Travis St
713.313.4000

Holiday Inn & Reliant Park
8111 Kirby Drive
713.790.1900

Holiday Inn Express
9300 S Main Street
832.371.9300

Home2Suites – Medical Center
6840 Almeda Rd
346.433.8200

Houston Marriott – Med Center
6580 Fannin St
713.796.0080

Hyatt Place – Houston Medical Center
7329 Fannin St
346.502.4703

Hyatt House Houston/Galleria
3440 Sage Road
713.629.9711

Intercontinental Hotel – Med Ctr
6750 Main Street
713.422.2779

La Quinta Inn & Suites – Galleria Area
1625 West Loop South
713.355.3440

Mainstay Suites – Reliant Park
3134 Old Spanish Trail
832.201.3131

Quality Inn & Suites – Reliant Park
2364 South Loop West
713.799.2436

Residence Inn – Med Ctr/Reliant Park
7710 S Main Street
713.660.7993

Scottish Inns & Suites
8510 Almeda Rd
713.795.9100

Springhill Suites Houston – Reliant Park
1400 Old Spanish Trail
713.796.1000

Staybridge Suites Houston – Med Ctr
9000 S Main Street
346.319.6461

Sterling Inn & Suites
2500 S Loop W
713.665.1700

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9000 S Main Street
346.319.6461

The Chifely Houston by Hilton
2400 West Loop South
713.586.2444

The Royal Sonesta - Galleria
2222 W Loop S
713.627.7600

The Westin – Medical Center
1709 Dryden Rd
713.730.2404

Wingate Houston
8600 Kirby Dr
713.795.8405

Wyndham Houston – Reliant/Med Center
8686 Kirby Drive
713.748.3221


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