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# 2020 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS.®



## MARKET EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

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## THE UNITED:

- For information on shows that are in partnership with the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo please visit [hotfair.com](http://hotfair.com).
- All partnership breeding gilt, breeding heifer, and prospect steer entries will be taken through the HOT Fair online entry program. Entries will open Monday, August 3, 2020 and close at 11:59PM on August 25, 2020. Other entry details, schedule and rules will be posted as they become available and final at [hotfair.com](http://hotfair.com).
- Exhibitors showing at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo through one of our partnership shows in 2020, are still eligible to apply for a Big Tex Youth Livestock scholarship. For more information regarding scholarship eligibility, please visit [BigTex.com/scholarship](http://BigTex.com/scholarship).



September 23-October 2, 2020  
FAIR PARK • DALLAS

## REVISED MARKET SHOW SCHEDULE

**\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGES\*\***

### Wednesday, September 23

Gate 15 will open for staging at 12am

7AM-1PM	<b>Arrival:</b> Youth Market Lambs	(CB1&2)
1PM-3PM	<b>Kiosk Check-In:</b> Youth Market Lambs	(CB1&2)

### Thursday, September 24

9AM	Youth Market Lamb Show	LJP
10AM	<b>Relocate Sale &amp; Consignment:</b> Market Lambs <b>Release:</b> Market Lambs (non-sale)	(BCLC/CB2)
4PM	<b>Market Lamb Grand Champion Drive</b> or 30 minutes following the last breed/division drive – whichever comes later	LJP

### Friday, September 25

Gate 15 will open for staging at 12am

7AM-1PM	<b>Arrival:</b> Youth Market Goats	(CB1&2)
1PM-3PM	<b>Kiosk Check-In:</b> Youth Market Goats	(CB1)

### Saturday, September 26

Gate 15 will open for staging at 12am

5AM-8AM	<b>Arrival:</b> Youth Market Barrows (Dk OPB, Duroc, Hampshire)	(SB)
8AM-10AM	<b>Kiosk Check-In:</b> Youth Market Barrows	(CB1)
9AM	Youth Market Goat Show	LJP
10AM	<b>Relocate Sale &amp; Consignment:</b> Market Goats <b>Release:</b> Market Goats (Non-Sale)	(BCLC/CB2)
2PM	<b>Market Goat Grand Champion Drive</b> or 30 minutes following the last breed/division drive – whichever comes later	LJP

### Sunday, September 27

8AM	Youth Market Barrow Show (Dk OPB, Duroc, Hampshire)	Swine Arena
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### Monday, September 28

Gate 15 will open for staging at 12am

5AM-8AM	<b>Arrival:</b> Youth Market Barrows (Berkshire, Dk Cross, Yorkshire)	(SB)
7AM-9AM	<b>Arrival:</b> Youth Market Broilers	(LJP)
8AM-10AM	<b>Sift/Score:</b> Youth Market Broilers	
8AM-10AM	<b><u>Kiosk Check-In:</u></b> Youth Market Barrows	(CB1)
10:30AM	Youth Market Broiler Show	LJP
	or 30 minutes after the last pen is checked in– whichever comes later	

### Tuesday, September 29

Gate 15 will open for staging at 12pm

8AM	Youth Market Barrow Show (Berkshire, Dk Cross, Yorkshire)	Swine Arena
2PM-7PM	<b>Arrival:</b> Youth Market Steers	(CB1&2)

### Wednesday, September 30

Gate 15 will open for staging at 12am

5AM-8AM	<b>Arrival:</b> Youth Market Barrows (Light OPB, Other Cross)	(SB)
7AM-12PM	<b>Arrival:</b> Youth Market Steers	(CB1&2)
8AM-10AM	<b><u>Kiosk Check-In:</u></b> Youth Market Barrows	(CB1)
11AM-2PM	<b><u>Kiosk Check-In:</u></b> Youth Market Steers	(CB1)

### Thursday, October 1

8AM	Youth Market Steer Show (American, British, Black Cross, AOB)	LJP
	Youth Market Barrow Show (Light OPB, Other Cross)	Swine Arena
9AM	<b>Release:</b> Market Steers (Non-Sale)	(CB2)
	<b>Relocate Sale &amp; Consignment:</b> Market Steers	
2PM	<b>Market Barrow Grand Champion Drive</b>	Swine Arena
	or 30 minutes following the last breed/division drive – whichever comes later	
5PM	<b>Market Steer Grand Champion Drive</b>	LJP
	or 30 minutes following the last breed/division drive – whichever comes later	
7PM	<b>ALL TACK/ANIMALS MUST BE OUT OF BARN/RELOCATED TO DESIGNATED AREA; TACK NOT REMOVED WILL BE CONFISCATED AND MUST BE REDEEMED FOR A FEE</b>	

### Friday, October 2

1PM	<b>YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION: SALE OF CHAMPIONS</b>	BCLC
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\*TLMA will accept animals for consignment until 30 minutes after the last class champion is selected each SHOW DAY\*

**\*ALL ANIMALS & TACK MUST BE OUT OF BARN/RELOCATED 30 MIN. AFTER COMPLETION EACH OF SHOW\***

**\*\*Check-In times are subject to change as needed.**

*\*LJP, Livestock Judging Pavilion; \*BCLC, Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center \*CB1, Cattle Barn 1; \*CB2, Cattle Barn 2; \*SB, Swine Barn*

**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS**  
**ANIMAL HEALTH SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS**  
**Effective: January, 2020**  
**THESE REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**

The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two. FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact the Texas Animal Health Commission by calling (512) 719-0777 (24 hours) or 1(800) 550-8242, ext. 777, or by writing the TAHC, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966.

The State Fair of Texas® Youth Livestock Shows are restricted to intrastate entries.

**CATTLE**

**Youth Market Steers**

1. Youth Market Steers are NOT required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**GOATS**

**Youth Market Goats**

1. Youth Market Goats are NOT required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**POULTRY**

**Youth Market Broilers**

1. Youth Market Broilers are NOT required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**SHEEP**

**Youth Market Lambs**

1. Youth Market Lambs are NOT required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**SWINE**

**Youth Market Swine**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is desirable, but not required for this terminal show. All youth market swine entering the grounds must be in good health and disease free.

**DOGS**

**DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS** because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to exhibitors and their employees, as well as to State Fair visitors. This rule does not apply to official dog entries in a sanctioned State Fair of Texas competitive and/or entertainment event or to guide dogs for those with sight impairment. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current within 30 days is required to accompany all dogs eligible to enter Fair Park. Certificate must state that the dog has had a rabies vaccination within 1 year.

## GENERAL INFORMATION & RULES

**WELCOME:** The State Fair of Texas® (“State Fair”) welcomes you to Dallas. We encourage you to participate in all the activities that this year’s Fair has to offer. The State Fair staff looks forward to hosting you and your exhibits at the 2020 State Fair of Texas at Fair Park.

**FAIR DATES:** The 2020 State Fair of Texas Livestock Show (the “Fair”) will be held at Fair Park in Dallas, Texas, from September 23, 2020 to October 2, 2020, unless postponed, shortened or extended by the Board of Directors, which they reserve the right to do if deemed necessary for the general welfare of all concerned.

**HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF LIVESTOCK/PROPERTY STATEMENT:** During such time as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, State Fair, and/or its officials may, temporarily or permanently, evacuate Fair Park under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to, extreme weather conditions, bomb threats, terrorist acts, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, 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 property. In such cases, exhibitors may turn over the care of their livestock or property to State Fair, or as directed by governmental authorities. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At such time the evacuation notice is lifted, exhibitors will be allowed to re-enter Fair Park and claim their livestock or property.

**INTERPRETATION OF RULES:** State Fair reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these General Information and Rules, the Youth Livestock Show Special Rules, and/or any applicable special requirements as published in this exhibitor handbook (collectively, the “Rules”) and to reasonably settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Fair, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules may forfeit all privileges, fees paid and premiums awarded and may be subject to such penalties as the Board of Directors may determine. The failure of State Fair to enforce any of the provisions, rules, rights or remedies of this exhibitor handbook or to exercise any options or sanctions herein provided will in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rules, rights, remedies, sanctions or options. Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules or requirements of any department or division and the general rules and regulations, the special rules or requirements shall apply.

**LIABILITY STATEMENT:** All exhibitors and exhibits shall comply with these Rules of State Fair. State Fair shall not be liable to exhibitor for lost profit or other financial loss of any type or description including any special, indirect, reliance, incidental or consequential damages which may be caused directly or indirectly by the enforcement of these Rules, or for any time delays, inadequacies of services of State Fair or any use of the premises or by any deficiency or defect therein. Additionally, State Fair is not responsible for any loss, injury or damage caused by exhibitor or exhibitor’s property that may arise directly or indirectly from exhibitor’s participation at the Fair. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any such loss, injury or damage, whether to person or property, and shall indemnify State Fair, the City of Dallas and their officers, directors and employees against all losses, damages and legal proceedings arising there from.

### COVID-19 WARNING, RULES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK:

- a. The novel coronavirus commonly known as COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 (the “Virus”) has been declared a world-wide pandemic by the World Health Organization. An inherent risk of exposure to the Virus exists in any public place where people are present, including State Fair’s livestock events at State Fair’s facilities at Fair Park. The COVID-19 Virus is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to potentially life threatening illness and even death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), senior citizens and persons with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the Virus is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact, as between persons who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, and some recent studies have suggested that the Virus may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms. There is also some indication that it may be spread by contact with recently contaminated surfaces and objects. There is no known vaccine for the Virus, and studies are currently underway but not completed to determine a treatment or cure.
- b. All Exhibitors, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events or on-grounds at State Fair’s facilities shall comply with all health and safety orders, rules and guidelines related to the Virus promulgated by the State of Texas, County of Dallas, City of Dallas, CDC, and SFT. Without limiting the foregoing, Exhibitor, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events agree that they will wear a face mask, wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer or antibacterial wipes, maintain social distancing, and submit to non-invasive body temperature measurement. Any person presenting a body temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted to participate in the livestock events or be on property at the State Fair’s facilities.



- c. Exhibitors and their family members acknowledge that personal protective equipment (“PPE”) designed to reduce the chances of exposure to or infection with the Virus may not be readily available at State Fair’s facilities for their participation in the livestock events. Exhibitors and their family members acknowledge that SFT may not, and is under no legal duty to, provide any PPE to Exhibitors or their family members. Exhibitors and their families should provide their own PPE for participation in State Fair’s livestock events.
- d. Exhibitors and their family members understand and acknowledge that participation in the State Fair livestock events or use of State Fair’s facilities may expose them to contact with one or more persons who have been infected with, and/or exposed to, the Virus. Exhibitors and their family members further understand that participation in the State Fair livestock events or use of the facilities may expose them to contact with surfaces or objects that contain the Virus and may serve as a means for transmission of the Virus to others who participate in the livestock events or use the facilities. Based on the forgoing, Exhibitors and their family members understand and acknowledge that participation in the State Fair livestock events and use of the facilities may expose them, along with others with whom they may come in contact after they leave State Fair’s facilities, to a risk of infection with the Virus, which may cause significant and serious illness, bodily injury, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability, and/or death.

**DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES:** State Fair expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including warranty of merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by State Fair, its vendors or others (such as drug testing). State Fair does not provide special security or guard services for the livestock area and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitor (and exhibitor’s parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) agrees and acknowledges that State Fair will disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for ANY drug, even if the exhibitor (and the exhibitor’s parent(s)/guardian) 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, State Fair shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification will result in the forfeiture of all auction proceeds and/or premiums, and the exhibitor may be prohibited from participating in future State Fair shows and competitions.

**VETERINARIANS/MEDICATIONS:** Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking ANY type of medication, including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and/or pain killers, are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility should consult the Official State Fair Veterinarian prior to competition. Exhibitor (and exhibitor’s parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) agrees and acknowledges that: (1) they are absolutely and solely responsible for the care and custody of their animals; (2) State Fair shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal(s) test positive for ANY medication, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor’s parents/guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the medication; and (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor’s parents/guardians.

**PRESS INFORMATION:** Members of the State Fair Publicity Staff will be glad to furnish any information requested by representatives of newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations. Results of judging will be furnished as quickly as reasonably possible. All reasonable cooperation and assistance will be given to all representatives of the working press covering the State Fair. Accommodations for the working press will be available through the State Fair’s Public Relations Department.

**FIREARMS:** A person holding a valid Texas License to Carry a Handgun (LTC), or a valid concealed handgun license from a reciprocating state, is permitted to enter the Fair with his or her concealed handgun, provided that he or she thereafter fully complies with all applicable laws. LTC holders are responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable Texas laws. For example, under Texas Penal Code Section 46.035 a LTC holder is prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun (1) inside the Cotton Bowl, Livestock Barns or on any other premises where a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place, (2) on the premises of a business that derives 51 percent or more of its income from the sale or service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, or (3) while intoxicated. State Fair of Texas prohibits Fair attendees (including LTC holders) from openly carrying handguns while at the Fair. If an individual attempts to enter the Fair with an openly carried handgun, he or she will not be allowed to enter the Fair unless he or she conceals the handgun (if he or she has a valid LTC) or secures the handgun in his or her vehicle or at some off-site location. If an LTC holder enters the Fair with a concealed handgun and then begins to openly carry the handgun, he or she will be asked to either conceal the handgun or to leave the Fair.

**FIRE REGULATIONS:** Smoking is prohibited in and around buildings in Fair Park, regardless of whether such building is open air or enclosed. No containers containing flammable liquids will be allowed in any buildings.

**GUEST ASSISTANCE:** It is the intent of State Fair to welcome all visitors and treat them with courtesy and respect. Should guests experience any problems with a State Fair employee or vendor, these concerns should be reported immediately to State Fair’s Guest Relations or State Fair management, so that the matter can be addressed before the Fair concludes.

**FIRST AID STATION:** State Fair will maintain a completely equipped First Aid Station staffed by registered nurses, paramedics and/or emergency medical technicians to provide emergency treatment and facilities for accidents and illnesses occurring in Fair Park. The First Aid Station is located on the Southwest side of Fair Park Coliseum. Call (214) 421-8818 for assistance. Management assumes no responsibility for accidents in Fair Park.


### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. **NON-ADHERENCE TO THE RULES:** Any person found guilty of misrepresentation, fraud or not abiding by the rules in this exhibitor handbook will be disqualified and denied the privilege of competing at the Fair.
2. **SIGNED LIABILITY STATEMENT:** Each exhibitor/contestant (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) must sign a statement acknowledging that he/she understands and agrees to the release and/or limitation of liability statement and agrees to abide by all rules of State Fair. If the exhibitor does not sign this statement (contained on all entry application forms), application for entry will be rejected.
3. **ENTRY ELIGIBILITY:** The State Fair does not discriminate against any applicant, exhibitor, volunteer, customer or patron on the basis of race, sex, color, age, disability, religion, citizenship, veteran status, nationality or ethnic origin. Competition in Youth Livestock Show and Contest classes is restricted. Refer to the Youth Livestock Show Special Rules for entry eligibility. Only animals officially entered will be allowed on the Fairgrounds during their scheduled time (see individual competition rules).
  - a. **TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION:** Any exhibitor eligible for premiums MUST complete an IRS Form W-9 and return it with entry applications.
  - b. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors and their exhibits must meet and adhere to the requirements of these rules and any and all Special Rules listed under the appropriate department(s) and division(s) as printed in this exhibitor handbook to be eligible for entry.
  - c. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Please refer to the Animal Health Requirements listed in this exhibitor handbook.
  - d. **OWNERSHIP:** To be eligible for competition, whether singly or in groups, animals must be the bona fide property of the owner. If proof of ownership is required, a sworn affidavit must be furnished. Jointly owned animals must be listed as so. In the group classes, jointly owned animals may be entered and exhibited under the name of one of the co-owners provided he/she owns a full or part interest in each of the animals in the group entry where eligible.
4. **INELIGIBLE TO ENTER:**
  - a. **DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITORS:** State Fair reserves the right to refuse entry of any contestant for violation of these Rules. Contestants who previously have been disqualified from State Fair shows will not be allowed entry until such time as expressed in the penalties handed down by the State Fair Board has expired.
  - b. **DISEASED ANIMALS:** Diseased animals cannot enter the State Fair livestock area or grounds. Animal Health officials, superintendents, the official State Fair veterinarian, and/or State Fair management will refuse unloading privileges to animals showing signs and symptoms of disease.
5. **ENTRY PROCEDURE:**
  - a. **ENTRY APPLICATION:** All applications for entry must be made on current, official State Fair of Texas entry application forms in accordance with their instructions, providing division, class, and all other necessary information required.
  - b. **ENTRY ACCEPTANCE:** In all cases, State Fair management reserves the right to reject, accept, or accept conditionally an application for entry and does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings. Rejected entries may be returned to the applicant.
  - c. **ENTRY SUBSTITUTIONS:** Entry substitutions may be made within the same show, same breed and by the same owner of the original entry. Substitutions may be made after the entry deadline by submitting a substitution form and a processing fee of \$20 (each entry). No substitutions will be allowed after check-in deadline.
  - d. **ERRONEOUS ENTRIES:** At the discretion of State Fair management, exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Management will decide the disposition of each case of erroneous entry upon its merits.
  - e. **INCOMPLETE ENTRIES:** Incomplete entries are defined as entries made by entry deadline (online or mailed) but are missing signatures, W-9's, payment, or other required information and may be accepted conditionally. Incomplete entries are subject to additional fees. See miscellaneous fees. State Fair may reject any late/incomplete entry without explanation.
  - f. **ENTRIES NOT CHECKED IN UPON ARRIVAL:** If an exhibitor fails to check in by the published deadline, the entry is ineligible to compete.
  - g. **EXHIBITOR LATE ARRIVAL:** If an exhibitor fails to arrive within designated arrival time/before arrival deadline, the entry is ineligible to compete.
6. **ENTRY DEADLINES:** All youth entries must be postmarked by postal/shipping service no later than September 1. Postal meter date is not acceptable.
  - a. Youth Livestock and Contest entries must be submitted online by 11:59PM, August 25, by CEA/AST.  
\*\*The following must also be postmarked on or before September 1, (in addition to online submission) to be



considered complete YOUTH entries:

- i. One check per county/chapter
- ii. Each exhibitor's entry worksheet(s)
- iii. One W-9 per exhibitor
- iv. One Release and Liability Signature form per each exhibitor or team
- v. All required supplemental contest materials uploaded with all signatures (by September 1)

-  **7. ENTRY FEES:** All applications for entry must be accompanied by related fees. If the entry does not have fees enclosed, the application for entry will not be accepted or may be accepted conditionally. Entry fees are not stall fees and do not dictate stall space.


#### LIVESTOCK

Youth Market Steer	\$50 per entry
Youth Market Barrow	\$50 per entry
Youth Market Lamb	\$50 per entry
Youth Market Goat	\$50 per entry
Youth Market Broiler	\$35 per entry

#### MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Cattle Tie-Outs	\$15
Trim-Chute Sticker	\$50
Substitution Fee	\$20 per entry
Replacement Weight Card Fee	\$20 per card
Youth Processing Fee <b>REQUIRED</b>	\$20 <u>per</u> submitted cart
Youth Late Fee (entry postmarked 8/26-9/1)	\$100 per entry, plus entry fee
Youth Late Fee (entry postmarked after 9/1)	\$250 per entry, plus entry fee
Youth Incomplete Entries	\$100

#### 8. LIVESTOCK CREDENTIALS:

 To monitor barn capacities and adhere to social distancing measures, exhibitors will be issued wristbands. Wristbands must be worn on each persons wrist upon entering the fairgrounds. No one will be allowed entrance without a wristband. Additional wristbands will NOT be available for purchase. Lost wristbands will NOT be replaced.

Market Lamb Wristband	valid September 23-24
Market Goat Wristband	valid September 25-26
Market Barrow Wristband	valid September 26-October 1
Market Broiler Wristband	valid September 28
Market Steer Wristband	valid September 29 - October 1
Youth Livestock Auction Wristband	valid October 2

#### 9. COMPLIMENTARY LIVESTOCK CREDENTIALS:

- a. CEA/AST: All Counties and Chapters will receive one complimentary wristband specific to each species entered.
- b. YOUTH EXHIBITORS: All exhibitors will receive four complimentary wristbands specific to their species entry.

- 10. COMPLIMENTARY TRAILER PARKING:** The trailer parking lot is monitored by security personnel. State Fair assumes no responsibility for vehicles or trailers parked in this lot. Official release will be required to remove trailer from lot (See specific departments/divisions for release times).

- 11. RETURNED CHECKS:** Any check issued for payment that fails to clear will have five (5) days to re-issue payment accompanied with a \$35 returned check fee in order to keep entries eligible.

#### 12. REFUNDS:

- a. Entry fees for competitive events are refundable when written notification of cancellation is postmarked prior to the applicable entry deadline.
- b. Admission and parking pass fees are refundable when written notification of cancellation, along with all distributed credentials is received prior to the opening day of the Fair.
- c. All refund requests must be made for amounts greater than \$20.
- d. Refunds will be forwarded to the entry applicant after the closing of the Fair. All refunds are payable by check. All refunds, whatsoever, not claimed within 90 days upon receipt, shall be deemed forfeited to State Fair.

### COMPETITION

#### 13. JUDGES/OFFICIALS:

- a. **SELECTION OF JUDGES/OFFICIALS:** Judges will be selected by State Fair management. Judges will be familiar with all rules and department requirements.
- b. **JUDGES' DECISIONS/OFFICIALS:** The judges' decisions are final.
- c. **INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES/OFFICIALS:** If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative, interferes with the judge(s), or shows any disrespect to the judges or show officials, State Fair manage-

ment may excuse the exhibitor from the ring, disqualify him/her from further competition, and any exhibitor premiums that may have been awarded may also be forfeited.

#### 14. PROTESTS:

- a. **FILING:** All protests must be on an official protest form obtainable from the livestock office and accompanied by a deposit of \$300.00, cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to State Fair management immediately after the occasion for such protest. Protests will be accepted prior to, during and within twelve (12) hours immediately following the conclusion of judging.
- b. **INVESTIGATION:** Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. State Fair reserves the right to hold all protests and investigation findings confidential.

#### 15. SHOW RING COMPETITION:

- a. **HUMANE TREATMENT:** Exhibitors are to treat animals in a humane manner at all times. Show officials 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. Show instruments (i.e.: show sticks, driving sticks, bats, halters, etc.) are to be used for the purpose of directing animals while they are in transit throughout the barn and while they are being exhibited in the show ring.
- b. **ANIMAL HANDLING DEVICES:** State Fair management reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is used by the exhibitor. Cable halters are prohibited for all species.
- c. **COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** NO electronic/communication devices are allowed in the show ring. This includes cell phones, smart watches, PDAs, laptops, walkie-talkies, and any other communication devices.
- d. **ENTRY NUMBER:** Entry number must be displayed/worn by exhibitors when exhibiting in the show ring.
- e. **METHOD OF AWARDING:** No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and exhibited, with entry number, before the judge(s) in the designated show ring. State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any class in which, in its judgment, the numbers of entries are insufficient to ensure adequate competition. Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, the judge(s) may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animal merits.
- f. **TIME OF JUDGING:** The Livestock Show Schedule, as published in this exhibitor handbook, will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Judging will not be delayed for exhibitors entering the show ring late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time will be ruled out and excluded from competition when the class is called.
- g. **JUDGING CONTESTS:** When an exhibitor is called upon to furnish one or more animals for any judging contest(s), he or she will cooperate with State Fair management. Refusing to allow an animal to be used in this manner, without State Fair management approval, will result in the forfeiture of any prizes or such other action as State Fair management deems necessary. Selection will be made under the direction of the department superintendent(s).
- h. **DISQUALIFICATION:** If an exhibit is disqualified there will be no refund of any fees due to disqualification.
- i. **UNWORTHY EXHIBIT:** Judges shall not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intent of State Fair that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any exhibit that is not deserving.

**16. PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOS:** Photographs of Champion and Reserve Champion exhibits will be taken by the official photographer of the State Fair. Exhibitors of Champion and Reserve Champion winners must make themselves and their exhibits available for the taking of official photographs with the possibility of videos. Exhibitor hereby grants State Fair permission to utilize photographs/videos, image or likeness in whole or in part for use in official State Fair publications, social media, webcasts and other promotions.

**17. PREMIUM PAYOUT:** Total premiums will be paid by State Fair unless otherwise stated. Premiums will be forwarded to designated person(s) as directed, after the close of the Fair as they can properly be processed. Premiums are payable by check. Checks will be made payable to the exhibitor listed on the entry form. All premiums whatsoever, not claimed within 90 days upon receipt, shall be deemed forfeited to State Fair. State Fair reserves the right to withhold premiums awarded in every case in which it appears to State Fair management that the Rules have been violated, or that fraud or deception has been attempted or practiced.

### COMPETITION EXHIBITS

**18. HEALTH REQUIREMENT:** All animals entering Fair Park must comply with the requirements as determined by the State Fair of Texas and the Texas Animal Health Commission ("TAHC"). TAHC reserves the right to modify requirements at any time. If needed, State Fair requirements may exceed TAHC's requirements.

**19. STALLS:** Stall space will only be assigned for animals that arrive on the grounds. Animals entered, but not arriving on the grounds will not receive stall space or first bedding. Special and specific stall requests, when applicable, must be submitted on the Stall Request Form by entry deadline. There is no guarantee that any stall request can or will be honored.

- a. **STALLING UPON ARRIVAL:** Entries including all market animals are stalled upon arrival. To pen together, groups MUST arrive together at the staging area. No pen assignments will be made for animals in trailers coming later. Animals will be counted upon arrival. Livestock officials reserve the right to deny stall requests.
20. **BEDDING:** Stalls will be pre-bed upon arrival or exhibitors will be provided a coupon from the show superintendent that may be redeemed for first bedding material through the State Fair Feed Store on the grounds on the day of arrival only. **No outside bedding (including but not limited to bagged or baled wood shavings or chips, cedar fiber and small square baled straw) will be permitted on the grounds.** Equivalents will be available from the State Fair Feed Store.
21. **TIE OUTS:** A limited number of tie out spaces will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Tie outs may be purchased at time of entry or from the Livestock Office post arrival deadline, pending availability. Tie outs will be assigned upon arrival when the proof of purchase is confirmed. All cattle in tie-outs MUST wear a neck-tie. Cattle are limited to the assigned tie-out areas. Straw is the only permitted bedding in tie outs. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning before/after use, as necessary.
22. **FEED/HAY:** Feed grains of all types and hay will be available, at reasonable prices, through the State Fair Feed Store on grounds. Exhibitors are not allowed to bring large quantities of feed or hay on grounds. However, exhibitors who must use their own feed will be allowed to bring the feed on grounds in limited amounts daily.
23. **ANIMAL/EXHIBITOR DISQUALIFICATION:** In order to foster fair competition, provide a level playing field and protect the safety of the food chain, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, animals with any type of abscess, injury or deemed unhealthy, livestock of 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, even though that drug is FDA approved for its species, is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug once it has arrived at the Fair and/or participated in State Fair shows. All animals must remain negative/clear of all drug and chemical residues while on State Fair grounds.
- a. **EXHIBITOR FORFEITURE:** 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 substance may forfeit all titles, awards, auction proceeds, premiums, scholarships, as well as rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Fair.
- b. **UNETHICAL FITTING:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified. 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 entry
  - Use of injection(s)
  - 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
- c. **UNAPPROVED DRUG USE:** The showing of an animal that during its life has been administered 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 U.S. Food & Drug Administration ("FDA") and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") for slaughter animals of a species, including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
- d. **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 drug has been completely eliminated from the animal's system, and the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the State Fair fairgrounds. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on State Fair property and/or participating in State Fair shows. 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.
- e. **ANIMAL INSPECTION:** As a condition for participation in the State Fair shows, exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection by any veterinarian or show official appointed by State Fair management. Exhibitor also agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by State Fair. Further, State Fair specifically reserves the right to have ultrasound, D.N.A., tissue, blood, urine, hair and feather laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for State Fair competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian or laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against State Fair, its officials or any of its appointed veterinarians. Exhibitor waives any cause of action which he/she might have for any action taken under these Rules, and releases State Fair and any appointed veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of such veterinarian.
- f. **UNMANAGEABLE ANIMALS:** State Fair may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable. Any animal escaping the control of it's exhibitor three times or more will be dismissed from the show ring.

- g. DISQUALIFICATION/CONDEMNATION OF ANIMAL:** State Fair practices a "ZERO TOLERANCE" policy on all residue violations. State Fair reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the Rules, and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified, other class placings will not change. A disqualified exhibitor may forfeit all rights and privileges to participate in future Fairs, as well as any and all State Fair scholarship opportunities. Disqualifications due to violations of State Fair Rules as stated in this exhibitor handbook or the Livestock Entry Certification, and any consequences will be decided by State Fair management. These decisions may be appealed to State Fair's Board of Directors from whose decision there can be no further appeal.
- 24. OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN:** State Fair contracts with veterinary professionals to be available on grounds for the duration of the Fair. Please contact the Livestock Office to make a request for an animal that needs medical attention.
- a. EMERGENCY TREATMENT:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on State Fair property, 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 State Fair Veterinarian, but the Official State Fair Veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. All animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition. The Official State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with State Fair management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official State Fair Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official State Fair Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, such animal will be determined ineligible for competition.
- b. TREATMENT COSTS:** All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- 25. POSTMORTEM EXAMINATIONS:** The City of Dallas and State Fair require a postmortem examination of any animal or poultry which dies during the Fair or on State Fair property. This examination must be performed by the Official State Fair Veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor.
- 26. CONDUCT:** Any exhibitors or their representatives not cooperating with State Fair officials in all matters, while on State Fair property, will have their entries disqualified and may be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately and may lose the opportunity to participate in future competitions.
- 27. GROOMING:** Animals are to be shown in natural conformation and color, except where stated otherwise in this exhibitor handbook. Any product used externally to alter the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, false hair, artificial color, adhesives, or other similar substances.
- 28. PUMPING:** Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping per esophagus is strictly prohibited.
- 29. MUZZLES:** Muzzles must be cloth, nylon or similar material. No metal muzzles.
- 30. DRENCHING:** Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway. Stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited.
- 31. RELEASE:** Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Fair or any other time specified in the exhibitor handbook and shall not be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the exhibitor handbook, except at the discretion of State Fair management.

## DISPLAYS AND NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

- 32. DISPLAYS:** Displays/exhibits will only be permitted when space is available. All facets of a display/exhibit must remain in assigned space and out of pedestrian aisles. All curtains, drapes, decorations, merchandise, or material must be Non-Combustible or Flame Proof. City of Dallas Fire Marshalls will inspect exhibits and ask you to remove any materials that they believe is a fire hazard.
- 33. CARE OF EXHIBITS/PROPERTY:** All owners or others in charge of livestock, poultry, rabbits or other property shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. State Fair does not undertake to guard or protect exhibitor's livestock or property, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, death or damage to said livestock, poultry, rabbits or property. State Fair does not provide special security services for the livestock area and is not responsible for the acts of third parties.
- 34. OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS:** State Fair management, in its sole and reasonable discretion, reserves the right to remove from the Fairgrounds any exhibit, animal, stand or display that may be falsely entered, or may be deemed unsafe, unsuitable or objectionable. State Fair will refund any money already paid by the removed exhibitor which shall exonerate State Fair from any and all claims whatsoever.
- 35. ADVERTISING:** No person will be permitted to distribute any literature or advertising materials on the Fairgrounds, except from a valid contracted exhibit space authorized by State Fair. The tacking or posting of any advertisement, bills, etc., other than within an official State Fair exhibit space is strictly prohibited. The distribution of handbills, fliers and heralds will not be permitted. Exhibitor shall not be permitted to sell or distribute any items or merchandise to State Fair patrons while on the Fairgrounds.
- 36. CLEANUP:** All stalls, pens and exhibition places must be cleaned before 7:00 AM each day and refuse matter disposed of as directed by State Fair management. For those exhibitors refusing to keep their stalls, pens and/or exhibits

clean and neat, State Fair management reserves the right to have said stalls or pens properly cleaned with the cost to be charged against the exhibitor. Such cost will be collected from the exhibitor before release is issued.

- 37. EQUIPMENT:** Any equipment brought in must be used in assigned stalls or space and must comply with and be used in compliance with all federal, state and municipal occupational safety and health regulations. Some equipment may require a special permit and a fee to be paid before being utilized on the fairgrounds.
- a. ELECTRICAL CORDS AND WATER HOSES:** All extension cords must be factory modeled (not repaired or altered), a maximum of 25 feet and minimum gauge of 12. Water hoses should not leak. No chord or hose shall cross any aisle or walkway.
  - b. SCALES:** State Fair will provide scales for the use of exhibitors during shows that classes are broken by weight. No other scales will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.
  - c. FANS:** No fans permitted in any pedestrian aisle, walkway or stall. No rear fans permitted. No exceptions. All fans must be hung using 'L' brackets. No Portacools or similar cooling devices allowed.
  - d. GENERATORS:** City of Dallas Fire Prevention Code prohibits liquid or gas fired portable generators or other equipment in livestock facilities and in all enclosed structural areas. No liquefied petroleum-fueled or flammable or combustible liquid-fuel generators or other devices will be allowed.
  - e. STEREOS:** Excessively loud music is not permitted in or around the barns. Show management reserves the right to remove any radio/stereo/audio system.
  - f. BBQ GRILLS/KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:** No cooking devices including but not limited to crock-pots, coffee pots, or electric grills are permitted in or around the barns.
- 38. GROOMING/TRIM CHUTES:** Grooming chutes may be brought on grounds provided an appropriate permit is purchased. See special rules. Fee is to be paid at the time entries are made. Space for chutes will be in stalls or outside cattle buildings. No chutes permitted in any pedestrian aisle or walkway.
- 39. DOGS:** Dogs are not allowed on Fairgrounds, except qualified service dogs aiding sight impaired or physically challenged persons, or dogs under contract with State Fair.
- 40. MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** Scooters, motorized carts, ATVs or like vehicles are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. Such vehicles unauthorized by the State Fair will be removed at the owners expense.

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW SPECIAL RULES

The State Fair of Texas® (State Fair) encourages a practical interest among young people in the responsibilities and practices of feeding and raising livestock and competing agricultural contests. The purpose of the Youth Livestock Shows and Contests at the State Fair is to encourage and promote the educational aspects of agriculture/livestock projects conducted by youth exhibitors under the proper supervision and direction of an Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) or a County Extension Agent (CEA). State Fair recognizes that the Texas AgriLife Extension, through 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and the Texas Education Agency, provides a valuable service to the public in educating Texas students in the principles of successful production livestock and agricultural knowledge. In order to encourage participation in the 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters throughout the state, State Fair includes as a part of its annual fair and exposition, the youth livestock division which is a special exhibition for Texas 4-H and FFA members.

1. **RULES/REGULATIONS:** Entries made in the Youth Livestock Show and Contests shall be subject to and each contestant agrees to abide by the General Rules, Youth Livestock Show Special Rules, and any applicable special requirements as published in this exhibitor handbook (collectively, the "Rules"). In the event of any conflict between the Youth Livestock Show Special Rules and the General Rules, the provisions of these Special Rules shall apply. Additionally, any conflict between any additional special requirements and the Youth Livestock rules, the additional special rules shall apply.
2. **PARTICIPATION:**
  - a. **ELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS:** Participation in the Youth Livestock Show is limited to Texas residents only, who are members of a Texas 4-H Club or Texas FFA Chapter (except where stated otherwise) who have continuously owned and personally fed and cared for their animal under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas and they must be at least 8 years old and in the third grade, but not more than 18 years old on September 1. Exhibitors must be bona fide residents of the state of Texas. **ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MUST BE CURRENT QUALITY COUNTS CERTIFIED.**
  - b. **INELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS:**
    - i. If an exhibitor is suspended under the Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play", then that exhibitor/competitor and their animal are not eligible for competition.
    - ii. Exhibitors who have been disqualified from competition at State Fair or have had a premium withheld or withdrawn are not eligible for competition. This shall include, but is not limited to: disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting, tampering or deception. State Fair of Texas reserves the right to determine show eligibility.
    - iii. Exhibitors who have had a Grand Champion market steer, market barrow, market lamb, market goat, or pen of market broilers at any prior State Fair Youth Livestock Show are not eligible to compete in the division in which their prior Grand Champion was exhibited.
3. **ENTRY PROCEDURE:**
  - a. **ENTRY APPLICATION:** All entries must be submitted online at [livestock.bigtex.com](http://livestock.bigtex.com) by 11:59PM, August 25th. In addition, complete entry applications, indemnities with all applicable signatures, W9s and payment must be submitted by AST/CEA with a school/county check, cashier's check, or money order and postmarked on or before September 1 to the State Fair of Texas, Livestock Office, PO Box 150009, Dallas, TX 75315.
  - b. **ENTRY CERTIFICATION:** The Certification, Release, and Indemnity portion of each entry application must be signed by the youth exhibitor, a parent or guardian, AND the CEA/AST. By signing the certification, each party acknowledges that they have read, understood and will abide by all the rules. Additionally, by signing the entry application, the youth exhibitor and the parent or guardian certify that the entry has not been administered any substance not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certifies that the entry is free and clear of ALL drug and chemical residue, regardless of whether such drug is FDA or USDA approved or whether the withdrawal or elimination periods have been met.
  - c. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Health papers are not required on youth market animals. Health papers are required on animals entered in all breeding shows. See Animal Health Regulations in this exhibitor handbook.
  - d. **ENTRY LIMITATIONS:** No exhibitor will be allowed to show more than one market steer, one market barrow, one market lamb, one market goat, or two pens of three market broilers each.
  - e. **INCOMPLETE ENTRIES:** Incomplete entries include entries made online by 11:59PM, August 25, postmarked by the deadline but missing signatures, W-9's or other required information. Incomplete entries will be accepted conditionally and will be assessed incomplete fee(s) on a case by case basis. Otherwise, the entry may be disqualified.
  - f. **LATE ENTRIES:** Late entries are defined as entries not submitted online by 11:59PM, August 25 or not postmarked by September 1. Entries made after midnight, on entry deadline must still be mailed to State Fair's Livestock Office. See General Rules for late fees.
4. **OWNERSHIP:**



- a. All animals must be exhibited, shown, and sold (in the Youth Livestock Auction when applicable) by their owner.
- b. The exhibitor must own their animal at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period and must feed, care for and exhibit their animal entered without any aid or assistance during the entire feeding period except from parents, CEA, AST or other youth exhibitors and leaders from their county/chapter. All youth animal exhibits must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from June 30 through the show date of the Fair. Exception: market broilers must be owned and continuously cared for from hatch date to the show date of the Fair. See validation requirements.
- c. **JOINTLY OWNED ANIMALS:** Animals owned in joint names are not eligible to compete.
- d. **SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS:** A substitute exhibitor may be used, at the sole and reasonable discretion of SFT officials and the department superintendent, by submitting a substitute exhibitor form and meeting one of the following conditions:
  - When an exhibitor has more than one entry in the Youth Livestock Show showing at the same time; or
  - When an exhibitor is sick or injured (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a certified medical doctor). Doctor's notes will be verified.

When one of the before conditions exists, a SFT official may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered by the official, the substitute showman must be from the same county/chapter as the original exhibitor. The substitute must also meet all requirements of a Youth Livestock Show exhibitor. If only one exhibitor is present from a county/chapter, an official can approve a substitute from another county. An exhibitor may be used as a substitute only one time per market department. An official will require positive identification of the substitute and will require documentation in any of the above conditions. ***Substitute exhibitors must be verified by BOTH a SFT official and department superintendent and forms must be turned in at Check-In/Weight Card turn in, and on file at the livestock office prior to show day.***
- e. **TEXAS STATE VALIDATION:** Youth market steers, barrows, lambs, and goats must be validated through the respective channel for each species. Exhibitors need to check with their local CEA or AST for local/county validation deadlines. All State Fair of Texas youth market shows will adhere to the Texas Youth Livestock Validation Program. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
5. **STALLING UPON ARRIVAL:** All market animals are stalled upon arrival. To pen together, groups MUST arrive together at the staging area. No pen assignments will be made for animals in trailers coming later. Animals will be counted upon arrival. Livestock officials reserve the right to deny stall requests.
6. **BEDDING:** Stalls and pens will be pre-bed upon arrival or exhibitors will be provided a coupon from the show superintendent that may be redeemed for first bedding material through the State Fair Feed Store on the grounds on the day of arrival only. **No outside bedding (including but not limited to bagged or baled wood shavings/chips, cedar fiber and small, square baled straw), will be permitted on the grounds.** Equivalents will be available for purchase from the State Fair Feed Store.
7. **GROOMING/FITTING:** Animals are to be shown in natural conformation and color. Any product used externally to alter the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. Including, but not limited to, false hair, artificial color, adhesives, or other similar substances. The exhibitor is expected to care for, feed, fit and exhibit their animal/project while at the Fair. If needed, an exhibitor may have the assistance of the exhibitor's family, AST/CEA, local county/chapter adult volunteer, or another 4-H/FFA member. Any project cared for or fed by a custom fitter is not eligible. A custom fitter may be considered anyone who is not a family member, AST/CEA, local county/chapter adult volunteer, or another 4-H/FFA member. Violators of this rule are subject to disqualification, and may be denied the privilege to exhibit at the State Fair of Texas in the future.
8. **SHOW RING COMPETITION:**
  - a. **ENTRY NUMBER:** Entry number must be displayed/worn by exhibitors when exhibiting in the show ring.
  - b. **ASSISTANCE:** Exhibitors may be assisted in the ring ONLY by other qualified youth exhibitors. Parents or other adults will not be allowed to assist youth exhibitors during judging of classes.
9. **YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION:** The youth livestock exhibitor walking through the auction shall receive the price from the bidder brought at auction, but not to exceed the maximum price listed in this exhibitor handbook. If the price brought from the bidder at the auction exceeds the maximum listed, the remaining balance will be donated by the bidder to the SFT Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund. Non-walkers will receive premium monies, post Fair, based on the funds raised by the SFT Auction committee. ***However, the maximum price is not guaranteed.***
10. **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Each youth livestock exhibitor shall be eligible to competitively apply for educational support upon completion and submission of the State Fair of Texas Scholarship Application.
11. **USDA WHOLESOME MEAT ACT:** The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock and poultry which are sold during the State Fair of Texas, which includes but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug, chemical or foreign substance residues;
  - b. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed; and
  - c. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW MARKET STEERS

### SUPERINTENDENT:

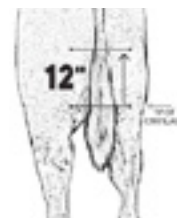
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Online Entry Deadline		August 25
Move-In	September 29	2PM-7PM
	September 30	7AM-12PM
Kiosk Check-In	September 30	11AM-2PM
Show	October 1	8AM
Grand Drive	October 1	5PM or 30 minutes following the last breed/division drive (whichever comes later)
Accept Floor/Relocate	October 1	9AM
Release (Non-Sale)	October 1	9AM
Must be out of barns/relocated by	October 1	7PM or 30 minutes following Grand Drive
Sale	October 2	1PM

### SHOW REQUIREMENTS

1. **RULES/REGULATIONS:** Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the General Rules and Regulations and Youth Livestock Show Rules as published in this exhibitor handbook.
2. **ENTRY LIMITATION:** No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one market steer. All animals entered must be physically castrated males.
3. **OWNERSHIP:** All entries must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from June 30 through the show date of the Fair.
4. **VALIDATION:** This show will adhere to the Texas Youth Livestock Validation Program. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
5. **CHECK-IN:** Exhibitors must check-in with pre-distributed weight cards including state validation tag number, weight, and declared breed. Check-in must be completed by deadline on check-in day, or be subject to disqualification. Upon completion of check-in, exhibitors will receive two additional class cards. One class card will be required to show/con-sign animal; the second class card can be retained for exhibitor records. Once an exhibitor has officially checked-in and left the kiosk, the entry is final; no further changes can be made.
6. **CLASSIFICATION:** Exhibitors will declare a primary and secondary breed choice at check-in. Declaration changes by the exhibitor will not be allowed at any time. Steers are subject to reclassification by a three-member committee. \*See Classification Guidelines
7. **EAR TAGS:** Steers must have a Texas State Validation ear tag. Only validation tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival.
  - a. **RE-TAG:** If an animal is missing the Texas State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to take the animal to the designated location on check-in day for retag. Any ear tags damaged post check-in deadline must be reported to a State Fair or validation official WITH the damaged tag to purchase a replacement tag.
8. **PROCESSING:** Market steers must meet the following requirements or will be automatically sifted:
  - a. Be slick shorn to no more than 1/4" on any location of the body, including ears.
  - b. The tail switch will be no more than 12" above the end of the cartilage of the tail.
  - c. Be free of grubs or grub damage.
  - d. Be dehorned and show no secondary horn growth in excess of one inch.

\*\*Decisions of official veterinarians, classifiers, and/or officials is final.
9. **UNMANAGEABLE ANIMALS:** State Fair may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable. Any animal escaping the control of it's exhibitor three times or more will be dismissed from the show ring.
10. **GROOMING:** All animals must be slick shorn before arrival on the grounds. No clippers requiring an electrical outlet are permitted. This is a blow and go show. Animals are to be shown in natural conformation and color. Grooming materials of any sort are not permitted.
11. **TIE OUTS:** Tie outs may be purchased at time of entry or from the Livestock Office (if available), on a first come first serve basis post arrival deadline. Tie outs will be assigned upon arrival. All cattle in tie-outs MUST wear a neck-tie.
12. **SHOW WEIGHTS:** Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their steer at check-in. The minimum show weight for all market steers is 1,000 pounds. All steers weighing less than 1,000 pounds will be sifted.
13. **WEIGH BACK:** Any steer weighing more than 105% of the final declared weight will be disqualified. Steers weighing less than 95% than the official turn-in weight will be disqualified, documented, sold on re-weigh, and administered a \$20 penalty which will be deducted from their floor check, if consigned. The State Fair of Texas reserves the right to weigh back any animal.
  - a. **CLASS:** Placing steers will be reweighed at the discretion of SFT management.



- b. **CHAMPION DRIVE:** Breed/division champion and reserve breed/division champions will re-weigh prior to competing in the Grand Champion drive. If a breed/division champion, or reserve breed/division champion weighs out during the grand drive re-weigh, that entry is no longer eligible to compete. The exhibitor will not compete in the grand drive, as that specific breed/division will not be represented in the grand drive. The reserve breed/division champion, behind the champion that weighs out, will also not be eligible to compete for grand or reserve grand. However, the breed or reserve breed champion will still retain title as breed champion.

**14. SHOW/SALE BY RULE:** The following qualifying exhibitors for the Youth Livestock Auction are required to be present on sale day with their animal to sell their project and receive proceeds



- a. BREED/DIVISION CHAMPION  
b. RESERVE BREED/DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**\*\* Any required exhibitor, listed above, NOT present sale day will FORFEIT ALL SALE AND PREMIUM MONIES.**

The remaining exhibitors not listed do not attend the Auction. Premium monies will be mailed post Fair.

**15. AUCTION ANIMAL RELOCATION:** All drug tested animals need to be relocated to the designated area 30 minutes after the completion of the show. All breed/division champions, reserve breed/division champions, first place and second place animals will enter the auction block and be provided a designated relocation Thursday night for hold-over until the sale. All other lower placing, non-drug tested animals that make the sale will be delivered directly to the consignment truck at published time.

**16. AUCTION ANIMAL POSSESSION/CARE:** All sale animals moved to the designated relocation area remain the responsibility of the youth exhibitor. At the conclusion of the auction, each exhibitor is responsible for ensuring their animal is delivered to the designated location by the designated time for shipping.

**17. CLASSES, DIVISIONS, SALE LOTS:** All animals will be weighed and divided into classes based on their classified breed and show weight.

Breed/Division	Class	Total Lots	Non-Walk (does not attend auction unless division champion or reserve)
Lightweight American	Class 1	3	1st-3rd
Lightweight American	Class 2	3	1st-3rd
Heavyweight American	Class 3	3	1st-3rd
Heavyweight American	Class 4	3	1st-3rd
Lightweight British	Class 5	3	1st-3rd
Lightweight British	Class 6	3	1st-3rd
Heavyweight British	Class 7	3	1st-3rd
Heavyweight British	Class 8	3	1st-3rd
Lightweight Black Cross	Class 9	3	1st-3rd
Lightweight Black Cross	Class 10	3	1st-3rd
Heavyweight Black Cross	Class 11	3	1st-3rd
Heavyweight Black Cross	Class 12	3	1st-3rd
Lightweight AOB	Class 13	5	1st-5th
Lightweight AOB	Class 14	5	1st-5th
Lightweight AOB	Class 15	5	1st-5th
Lightweight AOB	Class 16	5	1st-5th
Heavyweight AOB	Class 17	5	1st-5th
Heavyweight AOB	Class 18	5	1st-5th
Heavyweight AOB	Class 19	5	1st-5th
Heavyweight AOB	Class 20	5	1st-5th

**18. AUCTION LIMITATIONS:**



	TOTAL LOTS	MAX. PRICE
Grand Champion	1	\$30000
Reserve Grand Champion	1	\$20000
Breed/Division Champion	7(6)	\$10000
Reserve Breed/Division Champion	7(8)	\$7500
Top Placing, non-champion	24	\$6000
Placing, non-champion	36	\$4750

**19. AWARDS:**

Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Division Champion	Banner, Backpack
Reserve Division Champion	Banner, Backpack
Class Winner	Bronze Trophy

# STEER CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES

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## 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
- Needs to have a tight sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground
- Angus-type ear set, small to moderate ear size high on the head

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Continental breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head
- Bumps 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

### 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, and white-marked legs
- Traditional feather on crest
- Horned Herefords must show evidence of being dehorned

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white ear(s)
- Questionable ear size and shape
- 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
- Line back
- Coarse joints, head, or ribs

#### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

*These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating*

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

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling; extreme muscle definition
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

## 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 white-marked legs
- Traditional feather on crest
- Must be polled or have loose scurs.

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white ear(s)
- Questionable ear size and shape
- 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
- Line back
- Coarse joints, head, or ribs

### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

*These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating*

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

### Absolute Disqualifications

- 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; extreme muscle definition
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

## Red Angus:

### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Red Angus
- Solid red (shades may vary)
- Polled
- A blond, light red, or mixed switch
- Cattle may have black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and legs

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Coarse joints (not to be confused with big boned cattle)
- Solid White Switch

### 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 hair on the leg
- Black pigmentation of the skin. Not to be confused with freckling on the nose or anus
- Roaning
- Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
- Black Noses

## Shorthorn:

### Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn
- Solid red; solid white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus or tail; or any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley face or brockle face
- Orange or light red color
- Black nose pigment
- Coarse head
- Coarse joints

### Absolute Disqualifications

- Diluter color pattern, such as yellow or yellow roan
- Blacks, blue roans, or grays
- Brindle
- Solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus
- Double muscling

## BRAHMAN TYPE

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

### American Breeds Cross:

#### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Any color or color pattern
- Progression of importance to include Bos indicus-influenced head, eye, and ear (of moderate length, slightly pointed, drooping 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 a Bos taurus head, eye, and ear

### Brahman:

#### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a half-blood Brahman
- A prominent hump beginning at the shoulder and going forward but must angle back down to the neck to create a hump – not a crest
- Any color or color pattern
- With adequate Bos indicus head, eye, and ear characteristics; sheath score is of less importance

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Sheath score of 1

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- A crest with an inadequate hump
- Lack of hump or presence of hump
- A combination of a Bos taurus head, eye, and 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
- 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 is of less importance
- Shows some evidence of a crest

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Scurs or slick spots
- Excessive, pendulous sheath
- 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:**

#### Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a half-blood 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 2-5

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Straight, pendulous sheath
- Slight brindle color
- Sheath score of 1

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Absence of any visible Santa Gertrudis characteristics
- Absence of Bos indicus-influence head, eye, ear, or sheath
- Smoke, silvers, grays or tiger-stripes

### **Simbrah:**

#### Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Simbrah (3/8 Brahman and 5/8 Simmental)
- A sheath score of 2 or greater
- With Bos indicus head, eye, and ear characteristics; sheath score is of less importance
- Stocking legs
- Bald, blaze, or streak face or mottled face
- Solid black, solid red or solid dun/tan/yellow combination with white or any of the previously listed colors
- Brindle color pattern preferably with white markings

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- A sheath score of 1
- A Bos taurus head
- A Bos taurus ear
- A Bos taurus eye
- Solid yellow

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- A combination of a Bos taurus head, ear, eye, and sheath
- Roans
- Grays
- Silver
- Smut
- Diluter color pattern

### **CONTINENTAL or EXOTIC TYPE**

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

### **Charolais:**

#### Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a half-blood purebred Charolais
- White, yellow gray, or silver (moderate dappling allowed)
- Expression of diluter gene
- Minimal painting or spotting less than 20%
- Skunk tail, line back, baldy

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Excessive painting or spotting (over 20%)
- Double muscling
- Brindles
- Frail bone work and frail general appearance
- Light red color or orange
- Short, stubby head
- Overly refined, narrow head
- Excessive dark pigmentation (eyes, nose, ears, and anus)
- Excessive dappling

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Black, red, dark smuts
- Showing no diluter gene, unless solid white
- Excessive painting or spotting

### **Limousin:**

#### Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Limousin
- Solid black, red/orange, light red, charcoal black, chocolate black, orange or brockle-face
- Brindle color pattern will be allowed providing it does not extend below the mid-rib of the body
- Bald face
- Tend to be smooth shouldered
- Head
  - » Eye – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigment around eye on reds
  - » Poll – Needs to have a wide poll
  - » Ear – Tends to be smaller and rounder
  - » Muzzle – Tends to be short
- Sheath – Tends to have a forward angle
- Legs/feet
  - » Tend to be smooth jointed
  - » Tend to be flat boned

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Coarse joints, skeleton, and head
- Course open shoulders
- Pencil sheath, hanging straight down
- Pointed poll
- Excessive crest
- White Switch

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Stocking legs
- Spotting above the underline
- Brindle below the mid-rib
- Roans
- Yellow, Blonde, Grey, Silver
- Diluter Gene
- Red Cattle with Black noses
- Monkey/Parrot mouth

### **Maine Anjou:**

#### Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Solid red
- Solid black
- Red and white
- Black and white
- Heavy skeletal structure

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- None

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roan
- Diluter color pattern
- Appears to be more than 50% of any other breed

### **Simmental:**

#### Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Appear to physically exhibit characteristics of a purebred Simmental
- Solid black, red, red and white, yellow and white, black and white
- Some painting or spotting above the underline
- Bald, blaze, or streak face
- Typically longer head, larger ears

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Discriminatory Breed Characteristics
- Motley/Brockle face
- Excessive white above the underline

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roans
- Smut or gray, white, smoky, silver or any combination of these
- Skunk tail

## CROSS DIVISIONS

### Black Cross Division:

- 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 color pattern
- White spotting not collectively larger than 9in(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 (basketball size)
- Absent of diluter gene
- Brindle color pattern will be allowed providing it does not extend below the mid-rib of the body
- No roan cattle permitted

### Red Cross Division:

- 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 color pattern
- White spotting not collectively larger than 9in (basketball size) in diameter per side (can not 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 (basketball size)
- Absent of diluter gene
- Brindle color pattern will be allowed providing it does not extend below the mid-rib of the body
- No roan cattle permitted

### Other Cross Division:

- Steers of any coloration pattern are acceptable

### Classification Glossary:

- American breeds. Breeds created in the US 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). Subspecies of cattle originating in south Asia; has a prominent hump on top or in front of shoulder.
- Bos taurus. Subspecies 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 (tiger stripe).
- British/English. Cattle originating in the British Isles; Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn are most numerous in the US.
- 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 (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 attached to skin but not the skull.
- Sheath score. Scoring system from 1 to 5 based on the length of the sheath (1 = little sheath; 5 = excess sheath).
- Smut. Dark gray color pattern.
- Spotting. White spots on the steer.

### Summary:

Steers should be selected and shown based only on their visual appearance as that is how they will be evaluated for classification. Classifiers are asked to exercise their judgment. If your steer is classified out, it doesn't mean that the classifier or anyone else is accusing you of lying, cheating, or being unethical. Nor does it mean that the steer cannot be the breed you say it is. Look at breed classification as the first stage of judging. Don't be too upset if the classifier makes (or you think he or she has made) a mistake. It's all a matter of judgment.

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW MARKET BARROWS

### SUPERINTENDENTS:

Hannah Burrough, Justin Little, Jennifer Martin, Tate Rosenbusch

Online Entry Deadline		August 25
Move-In Wave 1	September 26	5AM-8AM
Kiosk Check-In	September 26	8AM-10AM
Show	September 27 (Dark OPB, Duroc, Hampshire)	8AM
Move-In Wave 2	September 28	5AM-8AM
Kiosk Check-In	September 28	8AM-10AM
Show	September 29 (Berkshire, Dark Cross, Yorkshire)	8AM
Move-In Wave 3	September 30	5AM-8AM
Kiosk Check-In	September 30	8AM-10AM
Show	October 1 (Light OPB, Other Cross)	8AM
Grand Drive	October 1	2PM or 30 minutes following the last breed/division drive (whichever comes later)
Sale	October 2	1PM

### SHOW REQUIREMENTS

1. **RULES/REGULATIONS:** Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the General Rules and Regulations and Youth Livestock Show Rules as published in this exhibitor handbook.
2. **ENTRY LIMITATION:** No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one market barrow. All animals entered must be physically castrated males.
3. **OWNERSHIP:** All entries must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from June 30 through the show date of the Fair.
4. **VALIDATION:** This show will adhere to the recommendations of the Texas Youth Livestock Validation Program. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
5. **TERMINAL SHOW:** All barrows arriving will be sold, including sifted, non-placing and placing barrows. All exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animal from arrival until the animal is delivered to the truck for consignment.
6. **CHECK-IN:** Exhibitors must check-in with pre-distributed weight cards including state validation tag number, weight, and declared breed. Check-in must be completed by deadline on check-in day, or be subject to disqualification. Upon completion of check-in, exhibitors will receive a two additional class cards. One class card will be required to show/consign animal; the second class card can be retained for exhibitor records or as a receipt. Once an exhibitor has officially checked-in and left the kiosk, the entry is final; no further changes can be made.
7. **STALLING:** Barrows may be stalled with other counties/chapters in each wave. There will be approximately 2-4 head-per pen; BRING dividers, they will not be provided for you.
8. **EAR TAGS:** Barrows must have a Texas State Validation ear tag. Only validation tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival.
  - a. **RE-TAG:** If an animal is missing the Texas State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to take the animal to the designated location on check-in day for retag. Any ear tags damaged post check-in deadline must be reported to a State Fair or validation official WITH the damaged tag to purchase a replacement tag.
9. **GROOMING:** All animals must be clipped prior to arrival on the grounds. No clippers requiring an electrical outlet are permitted. Animals are to be shown in natural conformation and color. Grooming materials leaving any color or other residue are not permitted. **WATER ONLY!**
10. **CLASSIFICATION:** Exhibitors will declare a breed at check in. Declaration changes by the exhibitor will not be allowed at any time. Barrows will be classified at the time of judging by a three person committee.  
FOR 2020 ONLY:
  - a. If a Dark OPB, Duroc, or Hampshire class out of their breed in wave 1, they are eligible to holdover and exhibit only as a Dark Cross in wave 2 or may chose to be sifted/consigned.
  - b. If a Berkshire classes out, they will be required to re-class to compete as a Dark Cross.
  - c. If a Dark Cross or Yorkshire classes out, they are eligible to hold over and exhibit only as an Other Cross in wave 3 or may chose to be sifted/consigned.
  - d. \*Classed out barrows will not be permitted to hold over for more than one wave under any circumstances.
  - e. \*See Classification Guidelines for breed/division characteristics.
11. **SHOW WEIGHTS:** Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their barrow at check-in. The minimum show weight is 240 pounds and not to exceed 290 pounds.
12. **WEIGH BACK:** Any barrow weighing more than 10 pounds above the final declared weight will be disqualified. Bar-

rows weighing 10 pounds lighter than the official turn-in weight will be disqualified, sold on re-weigh, and administered a \$20 penalty which will be deducted from their floor check. The State Fair of Texas reserves the right to weigh back any animal.

- a. **CLASS:** Placing barrows will be reweighed at the discretion of SFT management.
- b. **CHAMPION DRIVE:** Breed/division champion and reserve breed/division champions will re-weigh prior to competing in the Grand Champion drive. If a breed/division champion, or reserve breed/division champion weighs out during the grand drive re-weigh, that entry is no longer eligible to compete. The exhibitor will not compete in the grand drive, as that specific breed/division will not be represented in the grand drive. The reserve breed/division champion, behind the champion that weighs out, will also not be eligible to compete for grand or reserve grand. However, the breed or reserve breed champion will still retain title as breed champion.

i. **WAVE 1:** Any barrow weighing more than 20 pounds above/below the final declared weight will be disqualified.

ii. **WAVE 2:** Any barrow weighing more than 15 pounds above/below the final declared weight will be disqualified.

iii. **WAVE 3:** Any barrow weighing more than 10 pounds above/below the final declared weight will be disqualified.

**13. SHOW/SOLD BY RULE:** The following qualifying exhibitors for the Youth Livestock Auction of Champions are required to be present on sale day with their animal to sell their project and receive proceeds:

- a. BREED/DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- b. RESERVE BREED/DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**\*\* Any required exhibitor, listed above, NOT present sale day will FORFEIT ALL SALE AND PREMIUM MONIES.**

The remaining exhibitors not listed do not attend the Auction however, premium checks will be mailed post Fair.

**14. AUCTION ANIMAL RELOCATION:** All drug tested animals need to be relocated to the designated area 30 minutes after the completion of the show. All breed/division, reserve breed/division champions, and class winners from wave 1 will relocate to designated aisle directed by the superintendents following the completion of the last breed drive for holdover. All breed/division champions, reserve breed/division champions, and first place animals will enter the auction block and be provided a designated relocation following the completion of the grand drive. All other lower placing, non-drug tested animals that make the sale will be delivered directly to the consignment truck at published time.

**15. AUCTION ANIMAL POSSESSION/CARE:** All sale animals moved to the designated relocation area remain the responsibility of the youth exhibitor. At the conclusion of the auction, each exhibitor is responsible for ensuring their animal is delivered to the designated location by the designated time for shipping.

**16. BREEDS, CLASSES, SALE LOTS:** All animals will be weighed and divided into classes based on their classified breed and show weight.

- a. **Wave 1:** Dark OPB (must classify as Poland China or Spot), Duroc, Hampshire
- b. **Wave 2:** Berkshire, Dark Cross, Yorkshire
- c. **Wave 3:** Light OPB (must classify as Chester White or Landrace), Other Cross

Breed/Division	Class	Total Lots	Non-Walk (does not attend auction unless breed/division champion or reserve)
Dark OPB	Class 1	4	1st-4th
Dark OPB	Class 2	4	1st-4th
Duroc	Class 3	5	1st-5th
Duroc	Class 4	5	1st-5th
Duroc	Class 5	5	1st-5th
Duroc	Class 6	5	1st-5th
Hampshire	Class 7	5	1st-5th
Hampshire	Class 8	5	1st-5th
Hampshire	Class 9	5	1st-5th
Hampshire	Class 10	5	1st-5th
Berkshire	Class 11	4	1st-4th
Berkshire	Class 12	4	1st-4th
Dark Cross	Class 13	6	1st-6th
Dark Cross	Class 14	6	1st-6th
Dark Cross	Class 15	6	1st-6th
Dark Cross	Class 16	6	1st-6th
Dark Cross	Class 17	6	1st-6th
Yorkshire	Class 18	5	1st-5th
Yorkshire	Class 19	5	1st-5th
Yorkshire	Class 20	5	1st-5th
Light OPB	Class 21	4	1st-4th

Light OPB	Class 22	4	1st-4th
Other Cross	Class 23	6	1st-6th
Other Cross	Class 24	6	1st-6th
Other Cross	Class 25	6	1st-6th
Other Cross	Class 26	6	1st-6th
Other Cross	Class 27	6	1st-6th
Other Cross	Class 28	6	1st-6th
Other Cross	Class 29	6	1st-6th
Other Cross	Class 30	6	1st-6th

#### 17. AUCTION LIMITATIONS:

#### TOTAL LOTS

#### MAX PRICE

Grand Champion	1	\$15000
Reserve Grand Champion	1	\$10000
Breed Champion	7(6)	\$5000
Reserve Breed Champion	7(8)	\$3500
Top Placing non-champion	44	\$2500
Placing, non-champion	97	\$1250

#### 18. AWARDS:

Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Breed Champions	Banner, Backpack
Reserve Breed Champions	Banner, Backpack
Class Winner	Bronze Trophy



## BARROW CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

updated July 2019

A collaboration by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, Animal Industries Committee, Texas FFA, Texas 4-H and Texas Pork Producers Association.

All animals must be properly ear notched within seven (7) days of birth with a litter notch in the right ear and individual notch in the left ear to be eligible for the Texas 4-H and FFA Swine Validation Program. Animals not properly notched in both ears will be disqualified. 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.

### BERKSHIRE

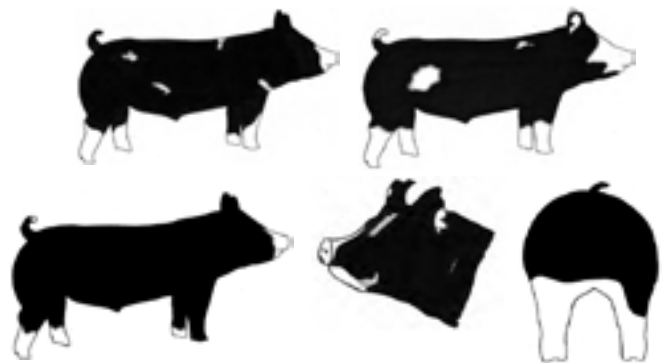
#### Ideal Characteristics

- Predominantly black with erect ears, possessing Berkshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape.
- Six white points: nose, each leg/foot and at end of tail (unless tail is docked).



#### Acceptable Characteristics

- Occasional splash of white skin/hair may appear on the body.
- Three of the four legs/feet 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.



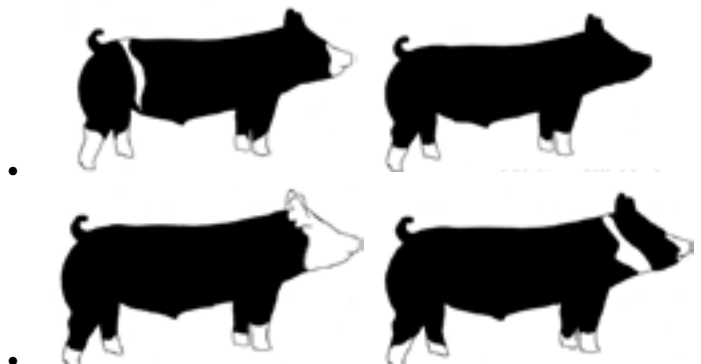
#### Discriminatory Characteristics

- Gray pigmentation on body (spotting/mottling pattern).
- Moderate amount of white skin splashes.



#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Solid white or black face from base of ear forward.
- Solid black nose (white does not break rim).
- Solid white ear.
- Excessive white on body.
- Full coverage of white coming up the lower 1/3 of the body (not counting legs) that extends from the base of the jaw thru sternum and lower body through seam of the ham.
- White splash extends from rear leg to upper hip.
- White skin/hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.
- Any evidence of belt formation.
- Lacks breed character (skull and/or ear shape).
- Any evidence of physical tampering.



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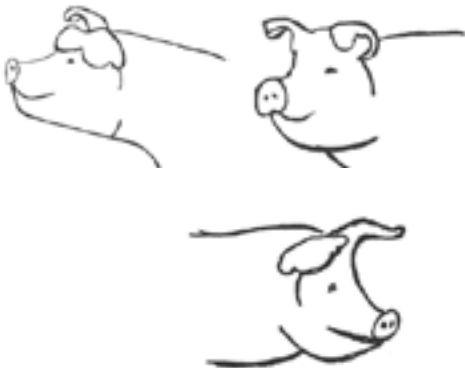
### Ideal Characteristics

- Must be red in color, possessing Duroc breed character.
- Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.



### Discriminatory Characteristics

- Minimal amounts of black hair.
- Black spots on the skin under two inches in diameter.
- Partially erect/level ears (flighty).



### Acceptable Characteristics

- Acceptable colors range from light red to dark brown.
- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

### Absolute Disqualifications

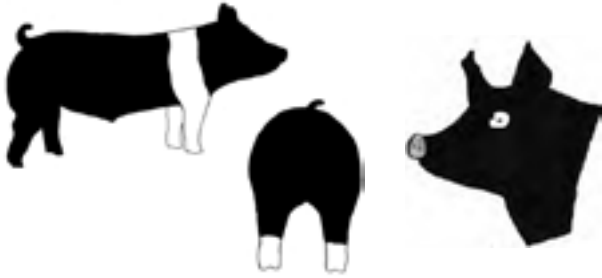
- Excessive amounts of black hair.
- White hair.
- White skin on the body or legs, or that extends over the rim of the nose.
- Four (4) or more black spots on the skin, any of which are larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
- Evidence of a belt.
- Erect ears.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.



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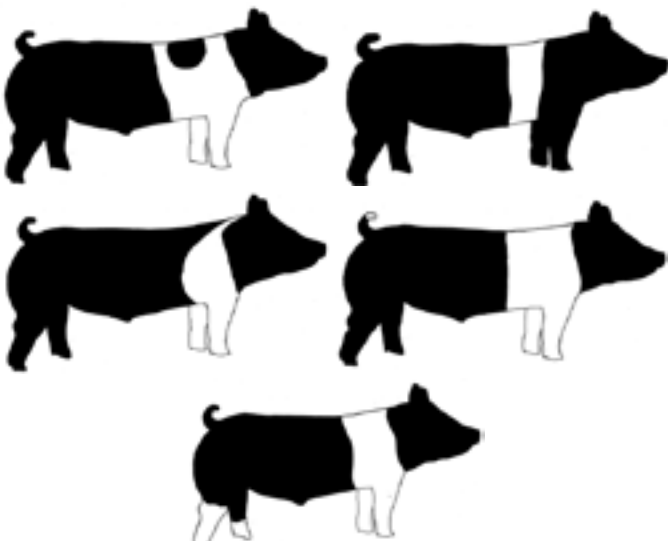
### Ideal Characteristics

- Black in color with a full white belt over the shoulders encompassing both front legs/feet.
- Erect ears.
- Possess Hampshire breed character with regards to skull shape and ear shape..



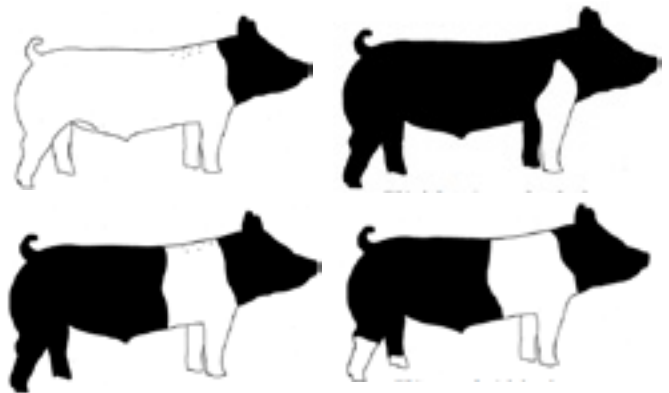
### Discriminatory Characteristics

- Large spots within the belt.
- Belt is in front or behind of a solid black front leg.
- If belt v's and runs towards the poll (base of the ear).
- White tip on tail, if docked.
- White on rear leg extends to the base of the ham.



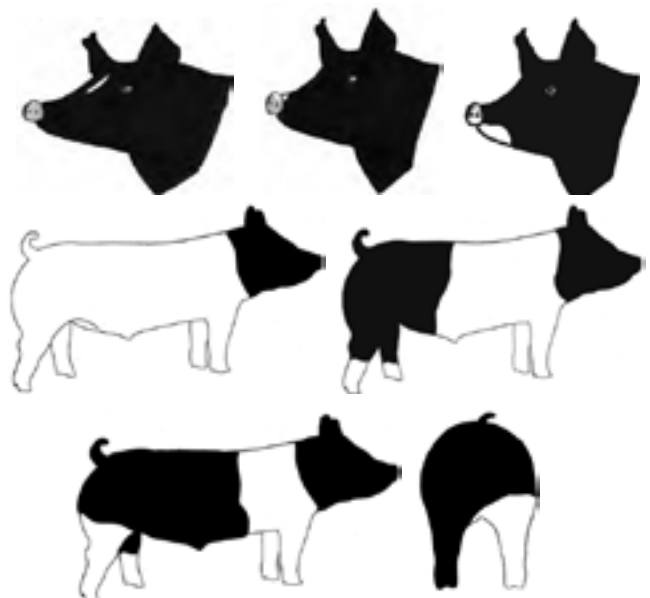
### Acceptable Characteristics

- 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.



### Absolute Disqualifications

- 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).
- Excessive frosting or white hair outside the belt.
- Red hair.
- Droopy or floppy ears.
- Any evidence of physical tampering that would alter breed character.



## DARK ALL OTHER PUREBREDS (DOPB): POLAND CHINA:

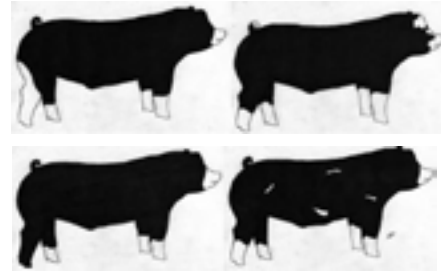
### Ideal Characteristics

- Predominantly black possessing Poland China breed character.
- 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.



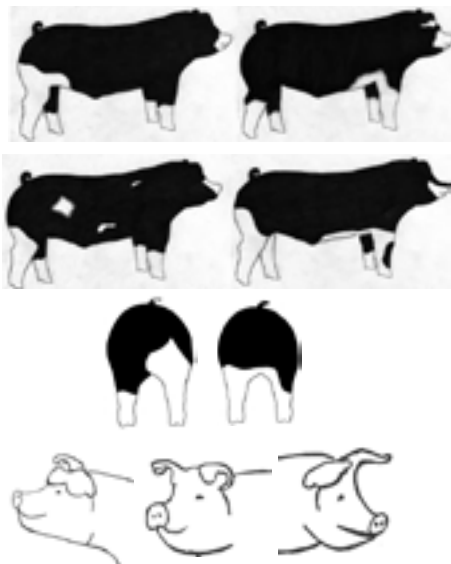
### Acceptable Characteristics

- A slight continuation of white from the legs to the body.
- Ear can 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 black to ashy/pale.
- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.



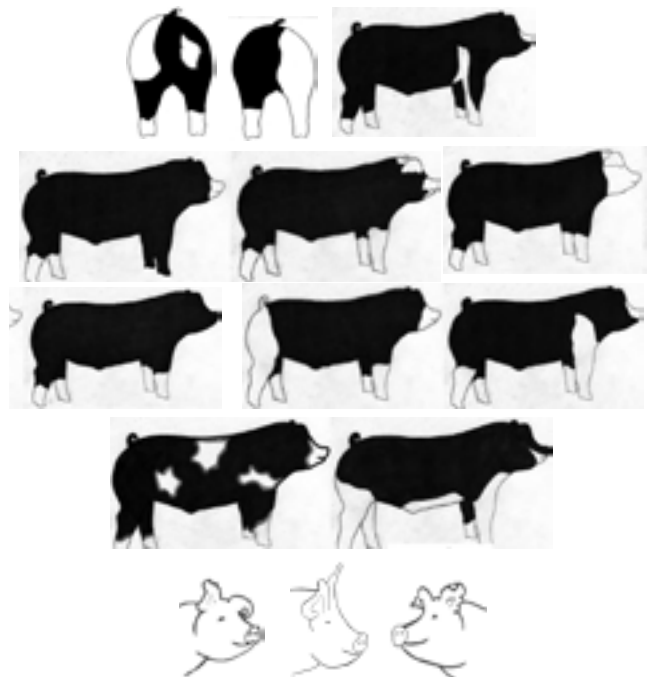
### Discriminatory Characteristics

- Partially erect/level ears (flighty).
- A moderate continuation of white from the legs to the body.
- Moderate freestanding white, not attached to a leg.



### Absolute Disqualifications

- Erect ears.
- Solid white or solid black face.
- More than one solid black leg.
- If the white on a 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 Characteristics

- Must be black and white, possessing Spotted breed character.
- Ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position.



### Discriminatory Characteristics

- Partially erect/level ears (flighty).
- Moderate brown spots.



### Acceptable Characteristics

- 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.



### Absolute Disqualifications

- 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.



## DARK CROSSBRED:

- Barrows with black and/or red pigmentation (NOT blue, gray, sandy, rusty, orange or roan) comprising at least 20% of the total body area, shall be considered dark cross.
- Barrows may be black or red belted, black/red patched or spotted.
- Barrows with only blue, gray, sandy, rusty and orange pigmentation are NOT considered Dark Crosses. Barrows that do not meet the classification requirements for Dark Crossbred will NOT be re-classed.

## YORKSHIRE:

### Ideal Characteristics

- Must be completely white in color with erect ears, possessing Yorkshire breed character.

### Discriminatory Characteristics

- 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.

### Acceptable Characteristics

- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

### Absolute Disqualifications

- 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.

**LIGHT ALL OTHER PUREBREDS (LOPB):  
CHESTER WHITE:**

*Ideal Characteristics*

- Solid white in color possessing Chester White breed character.
- Medium sized ears are down when hog is in a relaxed position..



*Discriminatory Characteristics*

- Partially erect/level ear (flighty). 2. Skin pigmentation.



*Acceptable Characteristics*

- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

*Absolute Disqualifications*

- 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 Characteristics*

- Must be solid white and possess Landrace breed character.
- Ears droop and slant forward coming to a sharper point.



*Discriminatory Characteristics*

- Short rounded ears.
- Short snout mimicking that of a Chester White.



*Acceptable Characteristics*

- Ear deformity/ear folded in a backwards position towards hog's body/crinkled ear.

*Absolute Disqualifications*

- 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.





## YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW MARKET LAMBS

### SUPERINTENDENTS:

John Allen, Frank Craddock, Colton Fritz, Loren Sell

Online Entry Deadline		August 25
Move-In	September 23	7AM-1PM
Kiosk Check-In	September 23	1PM-3PM
Show	September 24	9AM
Grand Drive	September 24	4PM or 30 minutes following the last breed/division drive (whichever comes later)
Accept Floor/Relocate	September 24	10AM
Release (Non-Sale)	September 24	10AM
Must be out of barn	September 24	4PM
Sale	October 2	1PM

### SHOW REQUIREMENTS

1. **RULES/REGULATIONS:** Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the General Rules and Regulations and Youth Livestock Show Rules as published in this exhibitor handbook.
2. **ENTRY LIMITATION:** No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one market lamb. All animals entered must be physically castrated males.
3. **OWNERSHIP:** All entries must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from June 30 through the show date of the Fair.
4. **VALIDATION:** This show will adhere to the recommendations of the Texas Youth Livestock Validation Program. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
-  5. **TLBA:** The Texas Lamb Breeders Association will award premium money to top placing Texas bred lambs. An official TLBA tag must be present during the show and the TLBA tag number must be recorded on the official validation form.
6. **CHECK-IN:** Exhibitors must check-in with pre-distributed weight cards including state validation tag number, weight, and declared breed. Check-in must be completed by deadline on check-in day, or be subject to disqualification. Upon completion of check-in, exhibitors will receive a two additional class cards. One class card will be required to show/consign animal; the second class card can be retained for exhibitor records or as a receipt. Once an exhibitor has officially checked-in and left the kiosk, the entry is final; no further changes can be made.
7. **STALLING:** Lambs and goats will be stalled together upon arrival. BRING dividers, they will not be provided to you.
8. **EAR TAGS:** Sheep must have a Texas State Validation ear tag. Scrapie and TLBA tags are allowed but not necessary. Scrapie tags with breeder identification will be covered with tape so not readable. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival.
  - a. **RE-TAG:** If an animal is missing the Texas State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to take the animal to the designated location on check-in day for retag. Any ear tags damaged post check-in deadline must be reported to a State Fair or validation official WITH the damaged tag to purchase a replacement tag.
-  9. **GROOMING:** All animals must be shorn before arrival on the grounds. Sheep must be slick shorn to the skin from knee and hock up including long wool around the ears. No clippers requiring an electrical outlet are permitted.
 

**Grooming tables are not allowed.** Animals are to be shown in natural conformation and color. Grooming materials leaving any kind of residue are not permitted. Sheep must be free of external parasites and fungus. \*\*Decisions of official veterinarians and/or officials is final.
10. **CLASSIFICATION:** Exhibitors will declare a breed at check-in. Breed changes by the exhibitor will not be allowed at any time. Sheep are subject to reclassification by a three person committee.
  - a. Any Finewool not meeting classification standards will be placed into Finewool Cross Division.
  - b. Any Dorper, Finewool Cross or Southdown not meeting breed standards will be placed in the Medium Wool Division. \*See Classification Guidelines.
11. **SHOW WEIGHTS:** Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their sheep at check-in. The minimum show weight is 100 pounds (90 pounds for Southdown and Dorper).
12. **WEIGH BACK:** Any sheep weighing more than 5 pounds of the final declared weight will be disqualified. Sheep weighing less than 5 pounds than the official turn-in weight will be disqualified, sold on re-weigh, and administered a \$20 penalty which will be deducted from their floor check, if consigned. The State Fair of Texas reserves the right to weigh back any animal.
  - a. **CLASS:** Placing sheep will be reweighed at the discretion of SFT management.
  - b. **CHAMPION DRIVE:** Breed/division champion and reserve breed/division champions will re-weigh prior to competing in the Grand Champion drive. If a breed/division champion, or reserve breed/division champion weighs out during the grand drive re-weigh, that entry is no longer eligible to compete. The exhibitor will not compete in the grand drive, as that specific breed/division will not be represented in the grand drive. The reserve breed/division

champion, behind the champion that weighs out, will also not be eligible to compete for grand or reserve grand. However, the breed or reserve breed champion will still retain title as breed champion.

**13. SHOW/SOLD BY RULE:** The following qualifying exhibitors for the Youth Livestock Auction of Champions are required to be present on sale day with their animal to sell their project and receive proceeds:



**a. BREED/DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

**b. RESERVE BREED/DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

**\*\* Any required exhibitor, listed above, NOT present sale day will FORFEIT ALL SALE AND PREMIUM MONIES.**  
The remaining exhibitors not listed do not attend the Youth Livestock Auction however, premium checks will be mailed post Fair.

**14. AUCTION ANIMAL RELOCATION:** All drug tested animals need to be relocated to the designated area 30 minutes after the completion of the show. All breed/division champions, reserve breed/division champions, and first place animals will enter the auction block and be provided a designated relocation following the completion of the grand drive. All other lower placing, non-drug tested animals that make the sale will be delivered directly to the consignment truck at published time.

**15. AUCTION ANIMAL POSSESSION/CARE:** All sale animals moved to the designated relocation area following the completion of the grand drive will be under care of the State Fair of Texas. On auction day, youth exhibitors will reclaim their animal to participate in the auction. At the conclusion of the auction, each exhibitor is responsible to deliver their animal to the designated location for consignment.



**16. BREEDS, CLASSES, SALE LOTS:** All animals will be weighed and divided into classes based on their classified breed and show weight.

Breed/Division	Class	Total Lots	Non-Walk (does not attend auction unless breed/division champion or reserve)
Dorper	Class 1	4	1st-4th
Dorper	Class 2	4	1st-4th
Dorper	Class 3	4	1st-4th
Finewool	Class 4	3	1st-3rd
Finewool	Class 5	3	1st-3rd
Finewool Cross	Class 6	4	1st-4th
Finewool Cross	Class 7	4	1st-4th
Southdown	Class 8	4	1st-4th
Southdown	Class 9	4	1st-4th
Southdown	Class 10	4	1st-4th
Lightweight Medium Wool	Class 11	6	1st-6th
Lightweight Medium Wool	Class 12	6	1st-6th
Lightweight Medium Wool	Class 13	6	1st-6th
Lightweight Medium Wool	Class 14	6	1st-6th
Lightweight Medium Wool	Class 15	6	1st-6th
Heavyweight Medium Wool	Class 16	6	1st-6th
Heavyweight Medium Wool	Class 17	6	1st-6th
Heavyweight Medium Wool	Class 18	6	1st-6th
Heavyweight Medium Wool	Class 19	6	1st-6th
Heavyweight Medium Wool	Class 20	6	1st-6th

**17. AUCTION LIMITATIONS:**

TOTAL LOTS	MAX PRICE
1	\$15000
1	\$10000
5(4)	\$5000
5(6)	\$3500
28	\$2500
58	\$1250

**18. AWARDS:**

Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Breed/Division Champions	Banner, Backpack
Reserve Breed/Division Champions	Banner, Backpack
Class Winner	Bronze Trophy



## LAMB CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

updated January 2020

### 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 extending below the knee to the dewclaw 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 speckles in the skin only when shorn.
- Dorper - black spots above the hoof line and below the dewclaw.

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Tall, leggy, shallow bodied, narrow, light muscled lambs.
- A limited amount of spots on body and underline 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.
- Long, pendulous ears.
- Long, narrow muzzle.

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm, or britch.
- Wool below the knees or hocks
- Wool on the ears.
- Excessive amount of dark fibered spots on body an underline behind girl exceeding a cumulative total of the size of a softball.
- Solid brown, red, rust colored head.
- Speckling or spots from knee to dewclaw or from hock to dewclaw.
- Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Evidence of color alterations.

### FINEWOOL:

#### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds.
- Silky, white face.
- Silky ears, medium to moderate in length.
- Soft pelt.
- Yellow to white hooves (neutral)
- Black pads on hooves and black dew claws.
- Minimal amount of black streaking in the hooves. Less than 1/8 of cumulative hoof surface.
- Nose should be neutral to pink in color.
- May be polled or horned. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Moderate amounts of brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
- Moderate freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose, and lips.
- Black eyelashes.
- Excessive black streaking in hooves more than 1/8 cumulative of hoof surface.
- Birthmarks.

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Excessive brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
- Excessive freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose, and lips.
- Brown or black spots in hairline above the hooves to the dew claw.
- Solid black hooves.
- Black lambs.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Head shape non-typical to the Finewool breeds (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds).

## **FINEWOL CROSS:**

### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% finewool breeding and the remaining percentage exhibiting predominance of ONLY Hampshire and/or Suffolk breeding.
- Soft pelt which is characteristic of ½ blood wool (60's-62's spinning count).
- Face and ears should be soft and silky.
- Spotting and/or brown face and ears.
- Moderate spotting and/or brown legs not extending above the rear flank and fore flank.
- Wool must be present below the hocks on the rear legs; wool below the knees on the front legs is not necessary.
- Reddish, rust colored legs are acceptable.
- White-faced or ring-eyed crosses are acceptable if pelt is acceptable - as long as no discriminatory characteristics are present..
- Birthmarks
- Scurs and/horns are acceptable. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Excessive black spotting in the skin above the knees and hocks.
- Moderate black or brown color on face, ears and legs (including wool.)
- Moderately coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Moderately coarse, chalky, white hair on face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.

### Absolute Disqualifications

- Excessive black or dark chocolate brown color on face, ears, and legs (including wool).
- Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Total absence of wool on rear legs.
- Black lambs.
- Evidence of other breeds including but not limited to Dorset and Southdown breed types (head and ear shape of Dorset and/or Southdown)
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.

## **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.
- Spots or speckles in the skin only when shorn.

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white color or dark chocolate color on muzzle.
- Coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Predominately pink nose with few black spots.
- Long, narrow muzzle.
- Excessive black pigmentation on ears.
- Excessive ear length not in proportion to head.
- No hair or wool on ears.
- Scurs.
- Absence of wool between scur areas.
- Striped hooves.
- Reddish, rust colored hair above hoof to pastern.
- Black fiber in wool outside of birthmark.
- Birthmarks

### Absolute Disqualifications

- Speckled face, ears, or legs.
- Horns.
- White hooves.
- Intentional alteration of hair color or skin pigmentation.
- Total pink pigmentation of nostrils.
- Black lambs.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.

## **MEDIUM WOOL:**

This class generally includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit into the Dorper, Finewool, Finewool Cross, and Southdown breed classes.




## YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW MARKET GOATS

### SUPERINTENDENT:

John Allen, Frank Craddock, Colton Fritz, Loren Sell

Online Entry Deadline		August 25
Move-In	September 25	7AM-1PM
Kiosk Check-In	September 25	1PM-3PM
Show	September 26	9AM
Grand Drive	September 26	2PM or 30 minutes following the last breed/division drive (whichever comes later)
Accept Floor	September 26	10AM
Release (Non-Sale)	September 26	10AM
Must be out of barn	September 26	4PM
Sale	October 2	1PM

### SHOW REQUIREMENTS

1. **RULES/REGULATIONS:** Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the General Rules and Regulations and Youth Livestock Show Rules as published in this exhibitor handbook.
2. **ENTRY LIMITATION:** No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one market goat. All animals entered must be physically castrated males.
3. **OWNERSHIP:** All entries must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from June 30 through the show date of the Fair.
4. **VALIDATION:** This show will adhere to the recommendations of the Texas Youth Livestock Validation Program. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.
5.  **TGBA:** The Texas Goat Breeders Association will award premium money to top placing Texas bred goats. An official TGBA tag must be present during the show and the TGBA tag number must be recorded on the official validation form.
6. **CHECK-IN:** Exhibitors must check-in with pre-distributed weight cards including state validation tag number and show weight. Check-in must be completed by deadline on check-in day, or be subject to disqualification. Upon completion of check-in, exhibitors will receive a two additional class cards. One class card will be required to show/consign animal; the second class card can be retained for exhibitor records or as a receipt. Once an exhibitor has officially checked-in and left the kiosk, the entry is final; no further changes can be made.
7. **STALLING:** Goats and lambs will be stalled together upon arrival. BRING dividers, they will not be provided to you.
8. **EAR TAGS:** Goats must have a Texas State Validation ear tag. Scrapie and TGBA tags are allowed but not necessary. Scrapie tags with breeder identification will be covered with tape so not readable. All other tags must be removed prior to arrival.
  - a. **RE-TAG:** If an animal is missing the Texas State Validation ear tag upon arrival, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to take the animal to the designated location on check-in day for retag. Any ear tags damaged post check-in deadline must be reported to a State Fair or validation official WITH the damaged tag to purchase a replacement tag.
9.  **GROOMING:** All animals must be shorn before arrival on the grounds. Slick shorn to the skin from knee and hock up, excluding tip of tail. Must have horns tipped, no sharp points allowed, dime size or larger. No clippers requiring an electrical outlet are permitted. Grooming tables are not allowed. Animals are to be shown in natural conformation and color. Grooming materials of any kind are not permitted. Animals must be free of external parasites or fungus.  
\*\*Decisions of official veterinarians and/or officials is final.
10.  **SHOW WEIGHTS:** Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their goat at check-in. Goats must meet the minimum weight of 50 pounds and shall not exceed 120 pounds.
11. **WEIGH BACK:** Any goat weighing more than 5 pounds of the final declared weight will be disqualified. Goats weighing less than 5 pounds than the official turn-in weight will be disqualified, sold on re-weigh, and administered a \$20 penalty which will be deducted from their floor check, if consigned. The State Fair of Texas reserves the right to weigh back any animal.
  - a. **CLASS:** Placing goats will be reweighed at the discretion of SFT management.
  - b. **CHAMPION DRIVE:** Breed/division champion and reserve breed/division champions will re-weigh prior to competing in the Grand Champion drive. If a breed/division champion, or reserve breed/division champion weighs out during the grand drive re-weigh, that entry is no longer eligible to compete. The exhibitor will not compete in the grand drive, as that specific breed/division will not be represented in the grand drive. The reserve breed/division champion, behind the champion that weighs out, will also not be eligible to compete for grand or reserve grand. However, the breed or reserve breed champion will still retain title as breed champion.
12. **SHOW/SOLD BY RULE:** The following qualifying exhibitors for the Youth Livestock Auction of Champions are re-

quired to be present on sale day with their animal to sell their project and receive proceeds:

- a. BREED/DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- b. RESERVE BREED/DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**\*\* Any required exhibitor, listed above, NOT present sale day will FORFEIT ALL SALE AND PREMIUM MONIES.**

The remaining exhibitors not listed do not attend the Youth Livestock Auction however, premium checks will be mailed post Fair.

**13. AUCTION ANIMAL RELOCATION:** All drug tested animals need to be relocated to the designated area 30 minutes after the completion of the show. All breed/division champions, reserve breed/division champions, and first place animals will enter the auction block and be provided a designated relocation following the completion of the grand drive. All other lower placing, non-drug tested animals that make the sale will be delivered directly to the consignment truck at published time.

**14. AUCTION ANIMAL POSSESSION/CARE:** All sale animals moved to the designated relocation area following the completion of the grand drive will be under care of the State Fair of Texas. On auction day, youth exhibitors will reclaim their animal to participate in the auction. At the conclusion of the auction, each exhibitor is responsible to deliver their animal to the designated location for consignment.

**15. CLASSES, SALE LOTS:** All animals will be weighed and divided into classes based on their show weight.

Breed/Division	Class	Total Lots	<b>Non-Walk</b> (does not attend auction unless division champion or reserve)
Div I, lightweight	Class 1	8	1st-8th
Div I, lightweight	Class 2	8	1st-8th
Div I, lightweight	Class 3	8	1st-8th
Div II, middleweight	Class 4	8	1st-8th
Div II, middleweight	Class 5	8	1st-8th
Div II, middleweight	Class 6	8	1st-8th
Div III, heavyweight	Class 7	8	1st-8th
Div III, heavyweight	Class 8	8	1st-8th
Div III, heavyweight	Class 9	8	1st-8th

**16. AUCTION LIMITATIONS:**

	<b>TOTAL LOTS</b>	<b>MAX PRICE</b>
Grand Champion	1	\$15000
Reserve Grand Champion	1	\$10000
Division Champions	2(1)	\$5000
Reserve Division Champions	2(3)	\$3500
Top Placing non-champions	12	\$2500
Placing, non-champions	54	\$1250

**17. AWARDS:**

Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Division Champions	Banner, Backpack
Reserve Division Champions	Banner, Backpack
Class Winner	Bronze Trophy

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW MARKET BROILERS

### SUPERINTENDENT:

Gail Pieniazek, Ray Pieniazek

Online Entry Deadline		August 25
Move-In	September 28	7AM-9AM
Sift/Score	September 28	8AM-10AM
Show	September 28	10:30AM or 30 minutes following completion of check in
Release	-	Terminal Show
Sale	October 2	1PM

### SHOW REQUIREMENTS

1. **RULES/REGULATIONS:** Entries made in this department shall be subject to and each exhibitor agrees to abide by the General Rules and Regulations and Youth Livestock Show Rules as published in this exhibitor handbook.
2. **ENTRY LIMITATION:** No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than two pens of three broilers each. All broilers must be ordered from Texas A&M AgriLife Poultry Science Extension Unit. If both pens place high enough to make the sale, only the highest placing will sale.
3. **BROILER CHICK ORDERS:** Broiler chicks must be ordered through Texas A&M AgriLife Poultry Science Extension Unit before June 30. See the Texas A&M University Poultry Science website. Exhibitors may only order 25, 50, or 75 chicks per exhibitor or family, and may only exhibit birds from their individual or family set of wing band numbers. Broiler pick up is located at the Poultry Science Center on the Texas A&M University Campus, College Station. All birds must be picked up on designated date published by the Texas A&M AgriLife Poultry Science Extension Unit. Chicks will be straight run.
4. **HATCH DATE:** Broilers will be approximately 6 weeks of age at show date.
5. **WINGBANDS:** All chicks will be wing banded. The person picking up the chick order at TAMU is responsible for checking and confirming wing bands at the time of pickup. No broiler will be accepted at the State Fair without the original wing band properly in place. Exhibitors are requested to consult with their CEA/AST in the proper management methods of rearing wing banded birds.
6. **OWNERSHIP:** All entries must be owned and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from hatch date through the show date of the Fair.
7. **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.
8. **INELIGIBLE BIRDS:** If the bird expires between check-in/preliminary scoring and call back of its respective quality group, the pen will be ineligible to compete. 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.
9. **FEED:** Each exhibitor is required to provide their own feed and fresh water until birds are sifted/shown.
10. **LITTER:** Litter will be furnished by the show.
11. **UNLOADING:** Upon arrival, all broilers are required to enter through Gate 15 for inspection at Animal Health.
12. **SHOW LOCATION:** Sifting and showing broilers will be held in the Livestock Judging Pavilion.
13. **SIFTING:** Pens of broilers will be sifted and scored upon arrival. All entries must be of U.S. Grade A live market quality to be accepted. A pen may be sifted for the lack of uniformity. Any broiler which has no wing band, regardless of reason, will be sifted. Sick or diseased broilers will be refused entry and if discovered during the show, will be removed. Any broiler with reduced comb growth or other secondary sex characteristics, which indicate the presence of a hormone, will be sifted. Sifted birds will be marked at time of sifting. The fair assumes no responsibility for birds or coops.
14. **JUDGING PROCEDURES:** Birds will be split-shown by sex. Each pen must be the same sex throughout.
15. **PLACING:** Once a Grand Champion pen is selected, if that given exhibitor has an additional pen in contention for Reserve Grand Champion, that pen becomes ineligible.
16. **TERMINAL SHOW:** This is a terminal show for all broilers that arrive, show/sift.
17. **SHOW/SOLD BY RULE:** The following qualifying exhibitors for the Youth Livestock Auction of Champions are required to be present on sale day to sell their project and receive proceeds:
  - a. CHAMPION PULLET & COCKEREL
  - b. RESERVE CHAMPION PULLET & COCKEREL

\*\* Any required exhibitor, listed above, NOT present sale day will FORFEIT ALL SALE AND PREMIUM MONIES. The remaining exhibitors not listed do not attend the Auction. Premium monies will be mailed post Fair.
18. **AUCTION ANIMAL POSSESSION/CARE:** All sale animals moved to the designated relocation area following the completion of the grand drive will be under care of the State Fair of Texas. On auction day, youth exhibitors will re-



claim their animal to participate in the auction. At the conclusion of the auction, each exhibitor is responsible to deliver their animal to the designated location for consignment.

- 19. SALE LOTS:** A total of 30 pens of broilers will make the auction. No exhibitor will be awarded more than one sale slot in the top Youth Livestock Auction. An exhibitor with two (2) pens eligible for the auction will only sell the higher placing pen, regardless of sex. Sale lots will be extended to lower placing broilers, as necessary, to fulfill all thirty (30) sale lots

<b>Breed/Division</b>	<b>Total Lots</b>	<b>Non-Walk</b> <i>(does not attend auction unless champion or reserve)</i>
Cockerel	15	1-15 broilers
Pullet	15	1-15 broilers

**20. AUCTION LIMITATIONS:**

**BROILERS**

**MAX PRICE**

Grand Champion	1	\$5000
Reserve Grand Champion	1	\$3500
Division Champion	1	\$2500
Division Reserve Champion	1	\$2000
Top Placing, non-champions	6	\$1250
Placing, non-champions	20	\$1000

**21. AWARDS:**

Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion	Leather Banner, Buckle
Champion Cockerel, Pullet	Banner, Bronze Trophy
Reserve Champion Cockerel, Pullet	Banner

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Lot Number Distribution  
Sale

October 2  
October 2

12PM  
1PM

### YOUTH EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

1. **QUALIFICATION:** Entries in the market steer, market barrow, market lamb, market goat, or market broiler show are eligible. Based on placing, all entries qualifying for the Youth Livestock Auction are required to sell. Qualification is non-transferrable. This is a terminal auction, no animals will be released to individual buyer(s).
2. **LIMITATION:** No exhibitor shall be permitted to sell more than one sale lot, per specie.
3. **SALE LOTS:** Refer to each individual specie's show page to determine how many placings from each class will make the sale. 433 lots will sell: 76 steers, 157 barrows, 98 lambs, 72 goats and 30 pens of broilers.
4. **ATTENDANCE:**
  - a. **WALKING LOTS (mandatory attendance):** Only division/breed champions and reserve champions. All walking, sale making exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to be present sale day. No substitute exhibitors. Absence due to other youth/school events is not acceptable. Any walking, exhibitor not present on sale day will **FORFEIT ALL SALE MONIES**.
  - b. **NON-WALKING LOTS:** Youth exhibitors with non-walking sale lots do not attend the auction. Premium monies will be mailed post Fair.
5. **AUCTION LIMITATIONS:**

	Grand Champion:	Reserve Grand Champion:	Breed/Division Champion:	Reserve Breed/Division Champion:	Top Placing, Non-Champion:	Placing, Non-Champion:
<b>Steer</b>	\$30000	\$20000	\$10000	\$7500	\$6000	\$4750
<b>Barrow</b>	\$15000	\$10000	\$5000	\$3500	\$2500	\$1250
<b>Lamb</b>	\$15000	\$10000	\$5000	\$3500	\$2500	\$1250
<b>Goat</b>	\$15000	\$10000	\$5000	\$3500	\$2500	\$1250
<b>Broiler</b>	\$5000	\$3500	\$2500	\$2000	\$1250	\$1000

6. **AUCTION DAY CHECK-IN:** Walking lot exhibitors report to the designated location below at 12PM to pick up lot number.
  - a. Market Steers: Superintendent Office, Cattle Barn 1
  - b. Market Barrows: Swine Barn Arena
  - c. Market Lambs/Goats: Superintendent Office, Cattle Barn 1
  - d. Market Broilers: Superintendent Office, Cattle Barn 1
7. **POSSESSION/CARE:** On sale day, exhibitor is responsible for relocation of their animal to the designated location, post sale. See each individual specie's show page for specific instructions on at the conclusion of show day.
8. **MEDIA:** Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Exhibitors are required to be on grounds for a photo shoot and media Auction morning. The show photographer will contact exhibitor to arrange details.
9. **THANK YOU NOTE(S):** All sale making exhibitors are required to submit thank you note(s) before premium monies will be distributed. Post Fair, AST/CEAs will receive buyer information to address thank you note(s). AST/CEAs will then submit ALL thank you notes to the State Fair of Texas. SFT management will directly distribute thank yous to auction buyers. Checks will not be distributed until notes are recieved for the complete club/chapter.
  - a. **REQUIREMENTS:**
    - Written by the youth exhibitor
    - An adequate message expressing gratitude and describing their experience at the SFT
    - Binder paper and copy paper will not be accepted
    - Must be postmarked by December 1

Thank you notes deemed unacceptable by SFT Management may be returned and require a re-do.  
Thank you note(s) not received by postmark deadline, or 90 days post check issuance will forfeit all premium monies,-  
Checks will not be reissued for lack of thank you note(s)
10. **PREMIUM CHECKS:** Checks are valid 90 days from issue date and will be mailed to CEA/AST once all thank you notes have been received.  
\*If an animal was drug tested, check will be mailed directly to exhibitor.
11. **REPLACEMENT CHECKS:** No checks will be reissued after 90 days from original issue date.