



HARRIS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

**LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK
AND RULES**

2021

PRESENTED BY: HCF&R LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

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LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2021

Livestock Chairman: Brittany Thielen

Swine Chair: Craig Dickinson

Lamb/Goat Chair: Josh McRee and Brynn Wittie

Poultry Chair: Rebecca Brummond

Cattle Chair: Ashley Lott

Rabbit Chair: Lily Pruitt West

LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2021

Livestock Chairman: Brittany Thielen

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HCF&R Association Chairman: Fred Stockton



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Schedule of Events

****SUBJECT TO CHANGES****

OCT 13 – 17, 2021

East Montgomery Fair
Grounds at **Sallas Park**

Wednesday October 13, 2021

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Turkey, Broiler, Rabbit Check- In	Show Barn
9:30 am	Broiler Show, Showmanship to follow	Show Barn
following Broilers	Turkey Show, Showmanship to follow	Show Barn
12:00 pm	Freezer Sale/ Add-On Table Opens	Show Barn
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Livestock Move - In/Check- In (All Weigh-in completed)	Show Barn
following Turkeys	Market Rabbit Show, Rabbit Showmanship to follow	Show Barn
following Showmanship	Youth Breeding Rabbits	Show Barn
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Creative Arts, Horticulture Early Check- In	Fair Assoc. Bldg
6:00 pm	Freezer Sale/Add-On Table Closes	Show Barn

Thursday October 14, 2021

8:00 am to 10:00 am	Creative Arts and Horticulture Check- In	Fair Assoc. Bldg
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Ag Mechanics Check- In	Arena
9:00 am	Swine Show, Showmanship to follow	Show Barn
10:00 am	Freezer Sale/ Add-On Table Opens	Show Barn
1:00 pm	Ag Mech, Creative Arts, Horticulture Judging Begins	Fair Assoc. Bldg
2:00 pm	Lamb Show, Showmanship to follow	Show Barn
5:00 pm	Goat Show, Showmanship to follow	Show Barn
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Release of all non-premium and non-freezer sale animals	Show Barn
6:00 pm	Ag Mech/ Creative Arts, Horticulture Results	Arena/Fair Assoc. Bldg
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Ag Mech/ Creative Arts, Horticulture on display	Arena/Fair Assoc. Bldg
8:00 pm	Freezer Sale/Add-On Table Closes	Show Barn

Friday October 15, 2021

7:00 am to 9:00 am	Heifer Move- In	Show Barn
10:00 am	Breeding Heifer Show, Showmanship to follow	Show Barn
12:00 pm	Freezer Sale/ Add-On Table Opens	Show Barn
5:00 pm	Steer Show, Showmanship to follow	Show Barn
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Release of all non-premium and non-freezer sale animals	Show Barn
6:00 pm	Family Fun Event TBA (Open to Public) *	Arena
7:00 pm	Family Fun Event TBA*	Arena
8:00 pm	Freezer Sale/Add-On Table Closes	Show Barn

Saturday October 16, 2021

7:00 am to 8:30 am	Breeding Poultry Check- In	Show Barn
9:00 am	Breeding Poultry Show, (Open, 2 Judge Show)	Show Barn
9:00 am to 11:00 am	Creative Arts, Horticulture on Display	Fair Associ. Bldg
10:00 am to 2:00 pm	Family Fun Event TBA *	Arena
11:00 am	Creative Arts, Horticulture must be removed from grounds	Fair Associ. Bldg
11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Champions Luncheon (Awards Banquet)	TBD
3:00 pm	Freezer Sale/Add-On Table Opens	Show Barn
4:00 pm	Family Fun Event TBA *	Arena
	Family Fun Event TBA *	Arena
6:00 pm	Freezer Sale/Add-On Table Closes	Show Barn
8:00 pm	Special Event – To Be Announced (TBA) *	Arena

Sunday October 17, 2021

8:00 am to 12:00 pm	Check out for all premium/freezer sale exhibits. All exhibits must be removed from the show barn by Noon.	Show Barn
12:00 pm	Freezer animals – processor trailer loading	Show Barn
8:00 am to 2:00 pm	Tear down and clean-up	Facility

* - Event highly subject to change – To Be Finalized

Revision date: 4/14/2021

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1: ELIGIBILITY

- a. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo 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.
- b. Livestock Exhibitors must live in Harris County or be enrolled in a Harris County School (Elementary- High School), as well as a Harris County FFA OR 4-H club and in good standing at the time of tag-in and show.
- c. Exhibitors must be academically eligible to participate in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo and may not have an exhibit shown for them by another exhibitor if ineligible.
- d. If a hardship problem occurs with an exhibitor or exhibit, the Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent will contact the Livestock Committee Chairman or designee, who shall settle the problem at their discretion.
- e. Agriculture Science Teachers/4-H Extension Agent are responsible for providing Livestock Show Secretary a list of ineligible exhibitors by 6 PM on the Wednesday prior to the start of Show.
- f. Only animals officially entered will be allowed on the Fairgrounds during their scheduled time (see individual competition rules).
- g. **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 Livestock Exhibitor Handbook and Rules to be eligible for entry.
- h. **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.
- j. **INELIGIBLE TO ENTER:**
 - i. **DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITORS:** Harris County Fair and Rodeo reserves the right to refuse entry of any contestant for violation of these Rules. Contestants who previously have been disqualified from Harris County Fair and Rodeo shows will not be allowed entry until such time as expressed in the penalties handed down by the Harris County Fair Board has expired.
 - ii. **DISEASED ANIMALS:** Diseased animals cannot enter the Harris County Fair and Rodeo livestock area or grounds. Animal Health officials, Chairmen, and/or

fair management will refuse unloading privileges to animals showing signs and symptoms of disease.

RULE 2: ENTRY PROCESS AND FEES

- a. **ENTRY APPLICATION:** All applications for entry must be made on current, official Harris County Fair and Rodeo entry application forms in accordance with their instructions, providing division, class, and all other necessary information required.
- b. **ENTRY ACCEPTANCE:** In all cases, Harris County Fair and Rodeo 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:** No exhibit substitutions will be allowed after check-in deadline. Only exhibits originally validated (tagged, tattooed, or banded) are eligible to show. Validation cannot be transferred to non-validated animals.
- d. **EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTIONS:** Exhibitor substitutions may be made to the Livestock Advisory Committee at check-in or the day of show by submitting an exhibitor substitution form and a processing fee of \$20 (each entry). Exhibitor substitutions are considered during extraordinary situations (Example: car accidents, medical conditions, family emergencies, etc.)
- e. **ERRONEOUS ENTRIES:** At the discretion of Harris County Fair and Rodeo 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.
- f. **INCOMPLETE ENTRIES:** Incomplete entries are defined as entries made by entry deadline 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. Harris County Fair and Rodeo may reject any late/incomplete entry without explanation.
- g. **ENTRIES NOT CHECKED IN UPON ARRIVAL:** If an exhibitor fails to check in by the published deadline, the entry is ineligible to compete.
- h. **EXHIBITOR LATE ARRIVAL:** If an exhibitor fails to arrive within designated arrival time/before arrival deadline, the entry is ineligible to compete.
- i. **ENTRY DEADLINES:** All youth entries must be submitted on-line no later than the date listed in the Important Dates document and additional paperwork post marked by the date listed in Important Dates document.
- j. **ENTRY CONTENTS:** The entry must also include the following to be considered complete:
 - i. Payment submitted on-line by credit card.
 - ii. Each exhibitor's entry worksheet(s)
 - iii. One W-9 per exhibitor

- iv. Acceptance of Release and Liability form per each exhibitor entered on-line or Signed Release and Liability form per exhibitor or team entered.
 - v. All required supplemental contest materials (including registration papers for breeding animals) with all signatures.
- k. 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 as follows:

i.	Market Steers	\$40.00
ii.	Market Barrow	\$40.00
iii.	Market Lambs	\$40.00
iv.	Market Goats	\$40.00
v.	Market Rabbits	\$30.00/pen
vi.	Jr. Breeding Rabbits	\$10/rabbit
vii.	Poultry	\$30.00/pen
viii.	Ag Mechanics	\$40.00/each
ix.	Heifers	\$40.00/each
x.	Creative Arts and Horticulture	See Rules for fees
xi.	Exhibitor Substitution Fee	\$20 per entry

RULE 3: LIMIT OF ENTRIES

- a. Exhibitors may show only one (1) entry in each market division.
- b. Heifer division entries limited to (2) entries per exhibitor.
- c. Jr Breeding Rabbits are not limited to a certain number of entries per exhibitor. .

RULE 4: PENALTIES

- a. If disqualification occurs before Premium Award Banquet lower exhibits move up. If disqualification occurs after banquet, places stay the same. All monies from the disqualified exhibit shall be forfeited.
- b. If at any time any person is proved guilty of willfully, or intentionally altering any exhibit, or disobeying any Show rules, all prizes or ribbons won by that exhibit shall be returned and that person will be declared ineligible for that show and / or future shows.
- c. No FFA member will be allowed to be under the influence or in possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at any time or any place on the site grounds. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor and all exhibits being removed from Show and all prizes and money forfeited.
- d. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor and all exhibits being removed from Show and all prizes and money forfeited.

RULE 5: PROTEST PROVISION

- a. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$300.00, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Committee Chairman of the Livestock Committee no later than 9 AM the morning after the judging.
- e. Protests must be filed by Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent, or parent/guardian of the exhibitor requesting protest.
- f. Any and all differences, disputes, changes, and protest will be settled by a Livestock Advisory Committee consisting of:
 - i. Fair Board Operating Officer
 - ii. Livestock Committee Chairman
 - iii. President of the HCF&R Association

RULE 6: EXHIBIT CARE

- a. All exhibits must be purchased and raised by the exhibitor. All exhibits must be raised at a facility located within or within 15 miles of the boundaries of Harris County. Random inspections by members of the Livestock Committee can be made during the raising period. Denial of access to an exhibit shall warrant disqualification.
- b. The exhibitor must feed, care for, and show their exhibit entered with minimal assistance during the entire feeding period.
- c. Exhibitors will furnish feed, feeders, and water containers, and will be responsible for the feeding and care of their exhibits for the duration of the show.
- d. Exhibitors of steers, heifers and hogs are responsible for the removal of animal waste from the Livestock Barn to the provided dumpster(s).

RULE 7: EAR TAGS

- a. All exhibitors must attend Texas AgriLife Extension Validation by dates set forth by Harris County for Harris County Fair and Rodeo of Texas.
- b. Anyone found guilty by the Livestock Advisory Committee and/or Livestock Committee Chairman of removing, tampering or replacing any I.D. device placed on or in any exhibit will be disqualified from the Show.
- c. All ear tags must remain affixed to the exhibit until after processing has been completed for all exhibits sold in the Freezer Sale.
- d. No exhibits can be replaced after validation.

RULE 8: PREVIOUS AUCTIONS

- a. No exhibit that has been through any other show's live auction will be eligible for the Harris County Fair.

RULE 9: MEDICATION RULE

- a. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo reserves the right to perform laboratory analysis on the blood, urine, hair, feces, and/or body tissue of any animal entered for competition. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with **an unapproved** drug residue as prohibited in this rule, will forfeit all current premium monies and may forfeit future rights and privileges to exhibit at the Harris County Fair. The conclusions reached by the Livestock Advisory Committee, as to whether such animal has been administered an un-approved drug, shall be final, without recourse against the HCF&R or any of its officers, directors or employees.
- b. Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking any type of performance enhancing or other unapproved medications to include, but not limited to steroids such as dexamethasone, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, local and systemic anesthetics, caffeine, alcohol, and any other drug not medically indicated are ineligible for competition. Unapproved means not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. The use of an FDA approved drug in an unapproved species will constitute unapproved drug use.
- c. If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for their particular species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug at check-in. The animal's urine or other tissues must be free of all drug residues at the time of check-in and at any time subsequent that the show management wishes to collect samples. It is acknowledged that drug testing can test the presence of drug residues due to the increased accuracy of testing. If an animal is tested positive, the exhibitor shall produce health records of dates of administration and by whom to the Livestock Committee for consideration and disposition.
- d. 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) Harris County Fair and Rodeo 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 wrong doing 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.
- e. Failure to cooperate on the part of the exhibitor is reason to exclude the exhibit from Premium awards and/or Freezer Sale.
- f. All Grand and Reserve Champion steers, hogs, goats, and lambs will be tested, and there may be random testing of lower placed exhibits.

RULE 10: UNETHICAL FITTING

- a. Unethical fitting is deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature, or weight of the exhibit by use of injections or ingested material

not conducive to the continued health of the exhibit or marketability of its carcass. Exhibits showing, in the opinion of the Show Management, signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified. As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any exhibit entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, and agrees to have such exhibit submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the Show Management as to whether such exhibit is unethically fitted or over age, shall be final, without recourse against the Show or any of its officers.

- b. Harris County Fair and Rodeo will be validating through the Texas Youth Livestock Association. This validation automatically enforces the State Validation Ethics Policy.

RULE 11: GROOMING

- a. No change of the color pattern of the exhibit by painting or dyeing will be allowed except for hoofs and dew claws. Any grooming material, other than soap and water that allows color/residue to come off from any exhibit will not be allowed in the Show ring during judging. A random swab test can be conducted for unapproved grooming materials such as oils, adhesives, etc. No corded clippers are allowed in the barn. If the rules are broken, that particular exhibit will be disqualified, and all monies forfeited.

RULE 12: SET UP/TEAR DOWN

- a. Exhibitors will be present to take down, clean and store pens and load livestock. Agriculture Science Teachers/4-H Extension Agent or their designee will be responsible for removal of any exhibits whose exhibitor is not present. Only show barn exhibits can be loaded on slaughter house trailers through the Freezer Sale.

RULE 13: CHECK-IN

- a. All livestock exhibits will be checked in according to the times listed on the official show schedule. No exceptions will be made for check-in/weigh-in times.
- b. Livestock shall be weighed on the same scales and stalled in the show barn after weigh-in. This will be supervised by the Livestock Committee.
- c. Swine and Steer divisions will be classified within their breed divisions upon check-in by a classifier selected by the Livestock Committee.
- d. Hogs, lambs and goats will have two trips across the scale to make minimum weight before being sifted. If weight on first trip across scales falls above minimum weight, that weight will be recorded as the official show weight. If the weight on the scales falls below the minimum weight a 3.0 lb inaccuracy tolerance will be allocated.
- e. First weight-in on steers is final.
- f. All sifted exhibits must be removed from the Livestock Barn upon being sifted.
- g. All tags other than the HCF&R show tag, other show validation tags, and / or USDA tags must be removed prior to check-in.

RULE 14: BARN RULE

- a. No exhibits will be allowed outside the Show barn after check-in without permission from the Livestock Chairman or Livestock Committee Chairman.

RULE 15: SHOCKING DEVICES

- a. Use of shocking devices on exhibits will not be allowed on Harris County Show grounds except by Livestock Committee for loading purposes.

RULE 16: BARN HOURS

- a. The livestock barn will be open at 6:00 AM and close at 10:00 PM for days of the Show. No one will be allowed in the barn after closing. All exhibits must be fed and watered between the listed barn hours.

RULE 17: SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- a. Shows that have Showmanship classes will have a Junior and Senior Showmanship Class. The ages for showmanship are determined by the age of the exhibitor as of August 31 the year of the show.
- b. Showmanship classes will be available for Steers, Heifers, Swine, Goats, Sheep, Market/Breeding Rabbits, Broilers, and Turkeys.
- c. Showmanship classes ages are:

Juniors	Age 13 years or younger
Seniors	Age 14 – 18
- d. Exhibitors must show their own exhibit entered in the show during the showmanship class.

RULE 18: RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

- a. No exhibits are to leave the Show barn until cleared with the Livestock Committee. Exhibits that did not receive a premium, and any exhibit that the exhibitor does not want HCF&R to attempt to sell in the Freezer Sale may leave the barn during move out hours, once permission has been obtained. Times when animals will be allowed to be removed from the barn will be limited and ALL exhibits leaving the barn must be checked out by a Livestock Committee member or exhibitor will be subject to penalties.
- b. No substitution of Show animals will take place on Show property with exception of deceased animals on display as Grand and Reserve (Broilers).
- c. Checkout begins at 8 AM on Sunday morning after the close of Show for all remaining exhibits.
- d. Any exhibits left in the barn after 12:00 pm on Sunday become the property of Harris County Fair and Rodeo.

- e. Freezer Sale animals will be placed on corresponding trailers based on buyers request on Freezer Sale Form. Exhibit destinations will be posted Saturday after 6 pm.

RULE 19: FREEZER SALE

Freezer Sale prices are as follows:

Steers	\$2.00/ lb	Lambs	\$300.00
Hogs	\$400.00	Goats	\$300.00
Broilers (Pen of 3)	\$150.00	Fryer Rabbits	\$150.00
Turkey	\$150.00		

- a. If an exhibitor has an exhibit which the exhibitor would like for the HCF&R to try and sell in the Freezer Sale, the exhibitor must fill out a sale form. Sale forms will not be accepted before the showing of the exhibit and must be turned in to the Livestock Show Office no later than close of business or two hours after the show concludes, on the day of the species show.
- b. Once a Freezer Sale form has been submitted for an exhibit, the entry is final, and the exhibit **may not be removed** from the sale process.
- c. Exhibitors, please be advised that there is NO GUARANTEE OF SALE in the Freezer Sale. Animals not sold in the Freezer Sale are the responsibility of the Exhibitor to remove or move out.
- d. **If your animal is sold in the Freezer Sale, please note the Texas Validation will be revoked and becomes invalid. You can not exhibit this animal at a Texas validated show at a later date.**
- e. Exhibits sold in Freezer Sale may be used in a Livestock Judging competition at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
- f. A list of exhibits sold in the Freezer Sale, along with their destinations, will be posted on the board located outside the Livestock Show Office sometime after the Freezer Sale concludes.
- g. Responsibility for delivering all exhibits sold at the Freezer Sale to a designated prearranged destination (local delivery or slaughter trailer) and in accordance with the buyer's contract will be up to the exhibitor. Any arrangements made between the exhibitor and his buyer will be considered a personal arrangement.
- h. Judges will be requested not to award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the HCF&R that no prize should be given to any exhibit that is not deserving.
- i. All exhibitors of animals sold through the HCF&R Freezer Sale must send a thank you letter to their buyer, a copy of which must be sent to the HCF&R office before any monies can be collected for the animals. See the following rules for Check Distribution.

- j. Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors must turn in a signed delivery form to the HCF&R office in addition to a copy of their thank you letter to their buyer. Delivery forms will be distributed with each Freezer Sale form.

RULE 20: CHECK DISTRIBUTION

- a. Checks for monies due will be distributed only to eligible exhibitors who have:
- i. Delivered their exhibit in accordance with the Freezer Sale rules.
 - ii. Submitted a copy of the thank you letter(s) to the Premium Donor/Freezer Sale Buyer to the HCF&R office. Thank you notes shall meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Written by the youth exhibitor
 - 2. An adequate message expressing gratitude and describing their experience at the fair and plans for the money received
 - 3. Thank you notes on binder paper and copy paper will not be accepted, must be an actual card
 - 4. Must be postmarked by December 1st.
 - 5. Thank you notes deemed unacceptable by Fair Management may require a re-do.
 - 6. Thank you note(s) not received by postmark deadline will forfeit all premium monies.
 - iii. Attended the Champion Luncheon and Awards Banquet.
 - iv. Complied with all other rules listed in this Livestock Exhibitor Handbook and Rules that apply.
- b. Checks are valid 90 days from issue date and will be mailed to CEA/AST once all thank you notes have been received.
- c. No checks will be reissued after 90 days from original issue date.

RULE 21: PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- a. Premiums are hereby established as follows for Market Shows:

SPECIES	GRAND CHAMPION	RESERVE CHAMPION	GRAND DIVISION	RESERVE DIVISION	3 RD OVERALL
Steers	\$ 5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	
Goats	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	
Swine	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$100.00
Lambs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$500.00	\$225.00	
Broilers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$500.00
Rabbits	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$500.00
Turkeys	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$500.00

- b. Buckles and Banners will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion of each species.
- c. Buckles will be awarded to Grand Champion Showman for Steers, Heifers, Swine, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Broilers, and Turkeys.
- d. All class premiums will be listed on the species rule page.
- e. All premiums are award prizes and do not represent a transaction purchasing any animal or exhibit. Any animal receiving a premium are still eligible for future shows, and the award does not invalidate the Texas Validation.
- f. The Premium Buyer/Donor for each premium will receive a buyer's banner, as well as their name in all livestock sponsor lists. The Premium buyer/donor will receive a photo with the recipient with their banner. Premium buyers/donors do NOT receive any exhibit in return for their donation.
- g. An Exhibitor who has received a Premium has the option to offer the exhibit in the Freezer Sale.

RULE 22: COVID WARNING, RULES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

- a. The novel coronavirus commonly known as COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 (the "Virus") has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. An inherent risk of exposure to the Virus exists in any public place where people are present, including Harris County Fair's livestock events. 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 the Harris County 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 Montgomery and Harris, and Harris County Fair and Rodeo. Without limiting the foregoing, Exhibitors, 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 Harris County Fair and Rodeo.

- 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 Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s facilities for their participation in the livestock events. Exhibitors and their family members acknowledge that HCFAR 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 Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s livestock events.
- d. Exhibitors and their family members understand and acknowledge that participation in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo livestock events or use of Harris County Fair and Rodeo’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 Harris County Fair and Rodeo 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 events or use the facilities. Based on the forgoing, Exhibitors and their family members understand and acknowledge that participation in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo events and use of the facilities may expose them, along with others with whom they may come in contact after they leave Harris County Fair and Rodeo’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.

MARKET LAMB SHOW

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm

Judge: TBA

Show Chairs: Josh McRee and Brynn Wittie

- a. All lambs must be wethers.
- b. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- c. All sheep will be validated and tagged by the Texas Livestock Validation. The validation dates will be posted on-line and in the Important Dates document. Any exhibit arriving after the designated times will be considered ineligible. Tags and/or ID devices will be furnished by the Livestock Committee. If a tag comes out, contact your Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent immediately for replacement. Family ownership of lambs is allowed, as long as all exhibitors are listed on the validation form.
- d. Upon arrival at the Show, lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up. Lambs with excessive wool will not be weighed until shorn to meet the satisfaction of sifter. There will be no clipping allowed once lambs are weighed in at Show. Soap and water only may be used for grooming prior to entering the Show ring. See Rule 11 for specific grooming rules.
- e. Minimum weight for lambs is 70 lbs.
- f. Lamb and goat grooming stands are not permitted but head stalls may be used.
- g. Above stall storage is recommended but not required. All tack must be out of alley ways.
- h. There will be 3 divisions for the lamb show: Lightweight, Medium Weight, Heavyweight
- i. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own shavings for bedding. Limited number of shavings will be sold on-site.
- j. Class Premiums are as follows:

1st place	\$100
2nd place	\$75
3rd place	\$50

Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 6th.

MARKET GOAT SHOW

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Judge: TBA

Show Chair: Josh McRee and Brynn Wittie

- a. All goats must be wethers.
- b. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- c. The Show is open to any breed or crossbreed.
- d. All goats will be validated and tagged by the Texas Livestock Validation. The validation dates will be posted on-line and in the Important Dates document. Any exhibit arriving after the designated times will be considered ineligible. If a tag comes out, contact your Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent immediately for replacement. Family ownership of goats is allowed, as long as all exhibitors are listed on the validation form.
- e. Upon arrival at the Show, goats must be slick shorn to no more than 3/8" from knee and hock up, excluding the tail switch prior to arrival. Goats with excessive hair will not be weighed until shorn to meet the satisfaction of the sifter.
- f. Minimum weight for goats is 50 lbs.
- g. Lamb and goat grooming stands are not permitted but head stalls may be used.
- h. Above stall storage is recommended but not required. All tack must be out of alley ways.
- i. There will be 3 divisions for the goat show: Lightweight, Medium Weight, Heavyweight
- j. Exhibitors will be permitted to use halters or neck collars in the Show ring.
- k. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own shavings for bedding. Limited number of shavings will be sold on-site.
- l. Class Premiums are as follows:

1st place	\$100
2nd place	\$75
3rd place	\$50

Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 6th.

MARKET SWINE SHOW

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 9:00 am

Judge: TBA

Show Chair: Craig Dickinson

- a. All market swine must be barrows.
- b. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- c. Swine will be broken into a 7-breed format: Yorkshire, Berkshire, Duroc, Light OPB, Dark OPB, Hampshire and Cross. There must be a 4 head minimum to constitute a breed. A classifier will approve or deny this breed upon exiting the scale. The classifier will use the Texas Extension Office Swine Classification Guidelines for division specifications.
- d. All hogs will be validated and tagged by the Texas Livestock Validation. The validation dates will be posted on-line and in the Important Dates document. Any exhibit arriving after the designated times will be considered ineligible. If a tag comes out, contact your Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent immediately for replacement. Family ownership of hogs is allowed.
- e. Clippers are not allowed on swine on Show grounds. No grooming substances will be used on swine except water prior to entering Show ring. The presence of talc, oils, or any foreign materials is prohibited in the Show ring. See Rule 11 for specific grooming rules.
- f. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own shavings for bedding. Limited number of shavings will be sold on-site.
- g. Above stall storage is recommended but not required. All tack must be out of alley ways.
- h. Minimum weight for hogs is 200 lbs.
- i. No show boxes larger than 30" wide x 48" long will be allowed. Show boxes cannot block walkways.
- j. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 6th.

MARKET STEER SHOW

Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Judge: TBA

Show Chair: Ashley Lott

- a. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- b. All steers will be validated and tagged by the Texas Livestock Validation. The validation dates will be posted on-line and in the Important Dates document. Any exhibit arriving after the designated times will be considered ineligible. If a tag comes out, contact your Agriculture Science Teacher/4-H Extension Agent immediately for replacement. Family ownership of steers is allowed.
- c. Upon arrival at the Show, steers will be pre-clipped to no more than ¼" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked for hair length at the time of weigh-in. No clipping will be allowed on the grounds after weigh-in. Steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated and removed. Scissors will be allowed for trimming. See Grooming Rule 11 for specific grooming rules. Soap and water only may be used for grooming prior to entering the Show ring. Any exhibit which shows evidence of artificial coloring except hoof dressing on hooves and dew claws, will be disqualified.
- d. For safety purposes, a wild or unruly cattle may be disqualified from showing.
- e. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own shavings for bedding. Limited number of shavings will be sold on-site.
- f. Minimum weight for steers is 1000 lbs.
- g. Cattle trim/grooming chutes are not permitted.
- h. All steers must have a **neck tie and halter** on them while stalled in Livestock Barn.
- i. Steers will be broken into the following divisions: American, British, Exotic. Exhibitors will choose their division of choice on their weight card at check-in. A classifier will approve or deny this breed upon exiting the scale. The classifier will use the Texas Extension Office Cattle Classification Guidelines for division specifications.
- j. Class Premiums are as follows:

1st place	\$100
2nd place	\$75
3rd place	\$50

Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 6th.

BREEDING HEIFER SHOW

Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:00 am

Judge: TBA

Show Chair: Ashley Lott

- a. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- b. All heifers will be validated by the Texas Livestock Validation according to the Summer 2021 show deadline. The validation and registration dates will be posted on the website and the Important Dates document. There will be no family ownership of heifers.
- c. Heifers must be pre-clipped prior to show. Scissors and cordless clippers will be allowed for trimming. See Grooming Rule 11 for specific grooming rules. Soap and water only may be used for grooming prior to entering the Show ring. Any exhibit which shows evidence of artificial coloring except hoof dressing on hooves and dew claws, will be disqualified.
- d. For safety purposes, a wild or unruly cattle may be disqualified from showing.
- e. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own shavings for bedding. Limited number of shavings will be sold on-site.
- f. All cattle must have a **neck tie and halter** on them while stalled in Livestock Barn.
- g. Cattle trim/grooming chutes are not permitted.
- h. Breeding Heifers will be broken into the following divisions: American, British, Exotic. Exhibitors divisions will be based on their papered breed, using the Texas Extension Office Cattle Classification Guidelines for division specifications.
- i. Each division will be broken into the following classes based on age^{**}:
 - i. Class 1: January 2021-Show Date
 - ii. Class 2: September 2020-December 2020
 - iii. Class 3: May 2020- August 2020
 - iv. Class 4: January 2020- April 2020
 - v. Class 5: September 2019- December 2019
 - vi. Class 6: May 2019- August 2019
- ** These classes are subject to change, based on the number of entries in a certain age range.
- j. Buckles will be awarded to Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Champion Breed.

MARKET RABBIT SHOW

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Judge: TBA

Show Chairman: Lily Pruitt West

- a. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- b. All fryer rabbits will be ear tattooed by the Livestock Committee. The tattooing dates will be posted to the website (See Important Dates for more information). Immediate family ownership is allowed, but all potential exhibitors must be listed on validation form.
- c. Age limit for Meat pens is 10 weeks, with a minimum weight limit of 3 1/2 pounds and a maximum weight limit of 5 1/2 pounds. If anyone rabbit in the pen is disqualified it may be replaced with a qualified substitute or the whole pen becomes disqualified.
- d. Meat pens shall consist of 3 rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Any ARBA recognized commercial breed may be shown. Refer to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ABRA) Standards of Perfection for a complete listing of commercial breeds. Broken meat pens must also be of the same variety.
- e. All animals will be sifted at time of weighing in at the show. Any rabbit with signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded, after sift at the judges discretion. The ARBA rules for market classes will be in effect as shown in the Standards for Perfection. This means that rabbits with missing toes and toe nails and wolf or buck teeth will not be accepted. All fryer pens should be fryers of the same breed and variety.
- f. Showmanship: Showmanship will begin immediately following the Market Rabbit Show and before the Breeding Rabbit Show. Showmanship will consist of a hands-on demonstration of rabbit knowledge to the market/breeding rabbit judge. Participants will need to demonstrate their ability to handle and care for their rabbits as well as general knowledge of rabbits in a verbal interview with the judge.

- g. Placing Premiums are as follows:

1st place	Grand Champion Premium
2nd place	Reserve Champion Premium
3rd place	\$ 500.00

Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 12th.

JUNIOR BREEDING RABBIT SHOW

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Judge: TBA

Show Chairman: Lily Pruitt West

- a. Completed entry forms and entry fees are due online by the due dates listed in the Important Dates document.
- b. Breeding Rabbit Show is only open to youth who meet the eligibility requirements within the Livestock General Rules.
- c. All animals must be a purebred rabbit of a recognized breed as set forth by the latest edition of the ARBA Standard of Perfection. The same rabbit may NOT be shown in both the Meat Pen and Open Jr. Breeding Rabbit Shows.
- d. All animals must be identified by permanent and legible ear marking in the left ear matching the entry on arrival at the show. Animals without an ear marking will not be allowed to show.
- e. Any rabbit with signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded at the judge's discretion.
- f. Show will follow the latest revised rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Judging will be based on the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- g. Each exhibitor must place their rabbit on the show table to be judged when their breed is announced. Judging will cease when all rabbits are judged.
- h. Animals will be shown and judged in the proper division and class for breed, age and sex only. Rabbits will not be shown by variety.

Divisions will be as follows: 4 Class Breeds - Fancy and 6 Class Breeds - Commercial.

4 Class Breeds - Fancy Classes will be Junior Buck, Junior Doe, Senior Buck and Senior Doe.

6 Class Breeds - Commercial Classes will be Junior Buck, Junior Doe, Intermediate Buck, Intermediate Doe, Senior Buck and Senior Doe.

4 Class breeds are: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chin, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himilayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhineland, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan and Trianta.

6 Class breeds are: American, Giant Angora, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Creme d'Argent, Flemish Giant, English Lop, French Lop, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox.

- i. Showmanship: Showmanship will begin immediately following the Market Rabbit Show and before the Breeding Rabbit Show. Showmanship will consist of a hands-on demonstration of rabbit knowledge to the market/breeding rabbit judge. Participants will need to demonstrate their ability to handle and care for their rabbits as well as general knowledge of rabbits in a verbal interview with the judge. Contestants will compete in age groups of Junior and Senior.
- j. Rabbits used for showmanship must be participating in the show (Market or Breeding Rabbit Show). Rabbits cannot be an alternate rabbit not entered in the show.
- k. Buckles will be awarded to Overall Best of Show and Best Opposite. Ribbons will be awarded for Best in Breed.

MARKET POULTRY SHOW

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Judge: Micah Osburn - College Station, Texas

Show Chairman: Rebecca Brummond

- a. All Poultry will be purchased in the Central Purchase Orders for the Harris County Fair. No entry will be accepted unless exhibitor's name appears on the Master List at the time the order is placed. Immediate family ownership is allowed, but all potential exhibitors must be listed on the appropriate order form. All order forms must be signed by the exhibitor and parent/legal guardian. Completed forms and all money must be turned into the HCF&R Office by dates specified on the order form.
- b. Poultry order forms can be obtained from the Agriculture Science Teachers/4-H Extension Agents and/or will be posted on the HC&F website.
- c. Turkeys will be ordered in increments of 5. Broilers will be ordered in increments of 25.
- d. The numbers of birds composing a pen are as follows: 3 Broilers; 1 Turkey.
- e. All poultry will be wing-banded with numbered bands. All entries' band numbers must be from numbers assigned to that exhibitor. Poultry without wing-bands, for whatever reason, will not be eligible to show. If the bands show evidence of being tampered with, the pen will be disqualified.
- f. At time of delivery, exhibitor needs to check all wing bands for proper numbers and proper installation. There will be no re-banding after poultry is picked up. If any problems are found, this will be the only time the problems can be corrected. All poultry not picked up on the designated pick-up date, will become the property of the HCF&R.
- g. At the Show, poultry will be sifted if the poultry is not in show condition or if the poultry shows signs of diseases or improper wing bands. After passing the sift, poultry will be moved to a staging area to wait for judging. No culls or alternates will be allowed in the staging area.
- h. All dead poultry will be removed from the Show barn and disposed of immediately after notifying show officials. If the exhibitor hands the judge a live exhibit at time of sifting and then the exhibit dies before judging is concluded, then the exhibit will be judged as a live exhibit for the rest of the judging (no substitutions between sift and judging). If an exhibit dies before sifting, it can be replaced with an alternate. Exhibits must be alive when handed to the judge for sifting (do not hand the judge a dead exhibit. All poultry be removed from Show barn within two (2) hours after judging.
- i. All exhibits that are not sifted will be eligible for the Freezer Sale.

j. Placing Premiums are as follows:

1st place	Grand Champion Premium
2nd place	Reserve Champion Premium
3rd place	\$ 500.00

Ribbons will be awarded for places 1st through 12th.