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GENERAL RULES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors oversees the business and property of the Ellis County Youth Expo, Inc. and will host the Ellis County Youth Expo Show in March or April of each year. Directors are nominated by the seated Directors for election by the Show Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting in May of each year. Director offices are elected by the seated Directors. Each Director serves a 3 year term and can serve unlimited terms, but no more than two consecutive.

SHOW CHAIRMAN:

The Show Chairman is appointed by the Board of Directors and will oversee the Show Committee. The Show Chairman generally serves two consecutive terms.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

The Show Committee's purpose is to oversee the rules and operate the Ellis County Youth Expo Spring stock show.

Ag Science Teachers (AST) and County Extension Agents (CEA) appoint committee representatives to serve as primary and alternate voting delegates for their respective community. AST/CEA can vote in the absence of both primary and alternates delegates.

OFFICE PERSONNEL:

Office personnel is appointed by the Board of Directors and Show Chairman. Their purpose is administration assistance of show operation.

PROTESTS:

Rules are interpreted and enforced by Superintendents and Office Personnel. Any formal protest must be made in writing, citing the specific rule in question. This protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 cash (one hundred dollars), which will not be refunded. Protests must be filed within one hour following the selection of the reserve grand champion of the division in question.

- Decisions of the Judges, Weigh Master, and Classifiers are not subject to protest.
- Committee to hear protests will consist of the general show chairman, and at least a majority of all division superintendents.
- Decisions of office personnel may be appealed to executive committee only (Board of Directors and Show Chairman).
- Conflicts of Interest shall be avoided.

SHOW DIVISIONS:

MARKET DIVISIONS: Steers, Swine, Lambs, Broilers, Rabbits, and Goats.

BREEDING DIVISIONS: Beef Heifers, Breeding Rabbits

DAIRY DIVISIONS: Goats

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS DIVISIONS: Ag Machinery & Equipment, Livestock Equipment, Wildlife, Home and Yard Convenience, Trailers, Cooking Equipment, Refurbished.

CREATIVE ARTS: Details and rules of the Creative Arts Show can be found in a separate document titled: CREATIVE ARTS RULES

PARTICIPATION:

Participation in the Ellis Co. Youth Expo is limited to students who are members of a 4-H club or FFA chapter within Ellis Co. and who have continuously and personally fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. They must be in the third grade or nine years old, but not more than nineteen years old on Jan. 1, of the current show year.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

All eligible exhibitors must show and sell their own animal. Any exceptions must be reviewed by the show committee. Exhibitor must submit a substitution showman form 24 hours prior to the show and sale for livestock committee review. Form will be available in the show office.

INELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

Ineligible student's animals are NOT eligible to show, AND MUST NOT BE ON SHOW GROUNDS. There will not be a refund on entry fees if a student becomes ineligible.

DOGS:

No dogs are allowed on the show grounds. Any person with a dog will be asked to leave, if request is denied, appropriate action will be taken.

VALIDATION PROCEDURES:

State validation rules for Steers, Hogs, Lambs, and Goats will be followed. Division Superintendents have the authority to check validation at any time during the show. If the results prove it is not the same animal, the animal will be disqualified, and all premium money and awards forfeited. State validated Steers, Hogs, Goats & Lambs may use the Texas State tag. Market animals should have no tags other than the validation tag at weigh in.

LOST TAGS:

If an animal's validation tag is lost or becomes unattached after tagging dates. The owner must notify the supervising AST or CEA. The AST or CEA must in turn notify the CEA office in writing. In addition, the AST or CEA must contact the species Superintendent. AFTER MARCH 1, follow the same procedures, however retagging will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Retagging will be coordinated between the Superintendent and respective advisor. Superintendents must be notified, and animal retagged BEFORE weigh in begins.

ENTRIES:

We will use the online entry process. The entry deadline will be established each year by the show committee and will be approximately one month prior to the show begin date. Entry fees are due and based on the online entry. Entries and fees must be made and turned in to the AST/CEA. A single club payment, signed entry cards, and an invoice copy is due to Executive Board Treasurer no later than 16 days after the entry deadline.

Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

ENTRY FEES:

BEEF CATTLE (STEERS, & HEIFERS)	\$30.00
MARKET HOGS, GOATS, & SHEEP	\$20.00
MARKET BROILERS & RABBITS	\$15.00
BREEDING RABBITS	\$5.00
SHOP PROJECTS	\$20.00
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Projects must be owned by the exhibitor. There will not be co-op projects. (Except shop). If more than one student of a family is listed on the entry card the correct student name & tag number must be declared & correct by the End of Day, Monday of Show Week.

ENTRY LIMITS:

There is a limit of three market projects (Premium Sale Eligible) per exhibitor, this includes projects entered in any Market Animal Division or the Ag Mechanics projects for sale. Of the maximum of three market entries, no more than two may be entered in the same division. (i.e. 3 steers are not permitted)

LATE ENTRIES:

The only late entries that will be allowed are those that occur when a student from outside the county enrolls in one of our programs. The animal must be a state or county validated animal, and a letter that verifies it to have been owned by student, supervised by an AST or CEA from the student's previous school and current school is presented to the office. This must be done within one week of the student enrolling in Ellis county. Any other late entry issues will be at the discretion of the show committee. A late fee of \$100.00 will be charged per late entry at the time of check-in.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:

Texas animal health commission rules governing admission of livestock to shows, fairs, and exhibitions shall prevail.

STALLING:

Each animal entry will receive a stall/pen. Animals must remain in the barn when not exercising, with exception to cattle.

COLOR RULE:

Artificial coloring will be prohibited on all animals except for restoring the natural color on the head, legs, tail and tail head.

HERDSMAN'S AWARD:

An individual & chapter herdsman's award will be given for beef cattle. The award will be given to the chapter & student who maintain the most attractive exhibit, and shows a cooperative spirit during the show. Judging will begin at the conclusion of the Heifer check-in and stop at the end of the show Friday night. Each recipient will be evaluated on minimum standards during the show. There will be no minimum number of cattle required to participate. Minimum standards are as follows: promptness in stalls being kept clean, and animals properly on display. Display must have signs identifying exhibitor and animals. Orderliness and cleanliness of stalls and animals, including the neat arrangement of hay, feed, and equipment and maintaining clear, safe aisles and walkways, Personal appearance and conduct of exhibitor include their cooperation with show officials. Exhibitors should actively care for their cattle. Observance of these rules and the regulations as set forth by the Ellis County Youth Expo. The selection of winners will be by the cattle superintendents. Announcement of winners will be before sale on Saturday. Given in honor of THE LOFTIS FAMILY (JIM LOFTIS, GREGG AND PEGGY LOFTIS) by ROXI LOFTIS PINKERTON

SHOWMANSHIP:

Showmanship will include, hogs, sheep, goats, steers, heifers, & rabbits (market & breeding rabbits are together). Students must use their own animal in showmanship contest. There will be Peewee (<9), Junior (9 to <14) and Senior (>14) showmanship class based on ages as of Jan. 1, of the current year. Peewee showmanship will be for kids not eligible to show as a junior. They must live in the county or have siblings in 4-H or FFA. They must use their sibling's animal that is entered in the show. Prizes will be awarded. The judge will select the top 3 showmanship exhibitors.

For Jr. and Sr. Swine showmanship, a separate judge, selected by the Swine superintendents from a list provided by CEAs and ASTs, will observe the market classes and select individuals to qualify for the Jr. and Sr. Swine showmanship. Those participants will be announced during the market classes and will be eligible to come back to the ring for showmanship. If more than 13 individuals are selected per age division, heats will be created to avoid overcrowding of the ring.

Chapter and Individual Showmanship awards will be awarded in the Ag Mechanics Divisions, shop superintendents will judge based on actions of participants during all phases of the show.

CLUB/CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES:

It will be the responsibility of the AST's and CEA's to monitor, organize and verify that the grounds are kept clean and attractive during the show week. Areas should be checked periodically each day, and left clean at the end of each day.

It will be the responsibility of the AST's and CEA's to Set-Up / Take-Down the weigh-ins, shows, opening ceremonies, sale day events, and animal disbursements.

Clean up of the EGYE grounds will be held "AFTER SCHOOL" on the Monday following the show. ALL CLUBS are expected to participate.

Details, schedules, and assignments are assigned by the show committee.

RELEASE OF ANIMALS:

All dropped, non-sale, or non-floored animals will be released immediately following the conclusion of their respective shows. Projects that make the sale, and choose not to drop, will be required to remain on the premises until the animal has walked through the auction ring and sale slip is in hand. Animals who are removed from the show grounds will not be allowed back on to the premises, regardless of "bumped up."

COOKING ON THE GROUNDS:

Cooking on the grounds is subject to designated locations. This includes "Cook-Outs" and Social gatherings conducted during show week by individuals or groups.

SALE:

The Ellis Co. Youth Expo is a market sale only. No breeding animals may go through the sale ring. **Students with animals qualifying for the sale MUST attend a mandatory meeting prior to the sale. Students not signed in and in attendance at said meeting will forfeit their sale slot.** Animals that go through the sale cannot be bought back from the floor. If the animal is given back to the student, animal disposition must be made before animal leaves the ring. **Any student, or persons representing the student, including a relative or breeder, who ask the buyer for their animal back before, during or after the sale, will forfeit their sale slot and any monies earned at the sale. This includes during the duration of the raising period.**

Grand and Reserve Champions in each Market division, County Bred Steer, Swine, Lamb, and Goat Divisions and Champion Ag Mechanics project designated for sale must sell as champions

Shop projects (other than Champion and Reserve and designated for the sale), Food & Fiber entries are not eligible for sale through the premium auction.

Based on the total number of animals assigned to a class and respective placing, approximately, the top 25% of each class will go through the sale ring. Breed grand and/or reserve champions will sell regardless of criteria met. The remainder will not receive premium money.

“Bump ups” will occur for the overall, breed, and division grand and reserve champions. In addition, “Bump ups” will occur in classes where an exhibitor “drops” an animal from the sale for having multiple entries qualify for the sale. Neither the County Bred champions, nor the Ag Mechanics champions provide pathways to for animals in the general show to move into the sale. (Example: if a steer is 2nd in class in the general show and qualified for the sale, and was selected Grand County Bred Steer, 3rd in class DOES not “bump up”)

Sale places are determined as follows, using the number of animals on the list prepared for the show ring: (more than 25% in sale for classes less than 6)

# in class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Top 25% (Sale Qualified)	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4

Broilers and rabbits will be figured the same as above. Number of entries shown times .25 and rounded (.49 down & .5 up one). Minimum of 2 sell in each class if more than 1 in class.

Exhibitor can receive premium money for only one animal with the exception that the overall grand champions and reserve grand champions must sell. Breeding animals and shop projects do not count as market animals.

No gifts are to be given to buyers on sale day. Thank you notes should be delivered to buyers before premium money is received. A framed, professional picture of the Champions and Reserve Champions will be given to the buyers at the ECYE Banquet.

ANIMAL DROP RULES:

Exhibitors with more than 1 entry in the market show, have 30 minutes after grand & reserve judging of each division, to fill out a drop card telling which animal from that division you want to be considered for possible sale. **EXAMPLE 1:** if you have 2 goats, you need to fill out a drop card after the goat show is complete, listing both goats. **EXAMPLE 2:** if you have a hog and a lamb, you need to fill out a drop card after the lamb show is complete, listing both the hog and the lamb.

SALE CATALOG:

The Sale catalog will be produced by office personnel at the conclusion of the final market show. In the event the office identifies a missing drop card for an exhibitor, the office will make the determination based on the following guidelines:

1. Drop lowest placing market animal
2. If both entries have same placing, drop animal with largest number in the class
3. If class size is the same drop earliest shown entry during the week.

The Draft catalog will be posted as early as possible. It is the Advisor/Exhibitor responsibility to identify any errors in the catalog by 8:00 am Saturday.

An exhibit listed on the final Catalog must sell. Failure to present the exhibit at the appropriate time during the sale, will result in forfeiture of sale privilege **AND** disqualification for the next year's show. An automatic appeal to review circumstances will be accommodated. Appellate board will consist of a Show Superintendent, Show Committee Chair and a CEA/AST from a club other than that of the exhibitor.

FLOOR:

Buyers may floor ANY purchased market animals. Animals may not be purchased from the floor.

Students may qualify to sell their animals on the floor. An animal is considered "qualified" to floor only if the animal was entered, weighed and exhibited at the EGYE and fits into one of the three categories below:

- 1) Animals not making the sale
- 2) Animals making the add-on group
- 3) Animals sold where the buyer returned ownership ("Gave Back")

Students may floor qualified animals by filling out the provided floor cards and presenting the card and animal at the designated area where a representative will sign the card and provide further instructions. Non-sale, floored animals will be loaded between 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

A sifted animal may receive a lower floor price than show animals. Sheep must be shorn, as for the show, or they will not sale. These animals must be weighed before they are put in the pens for floored animals. They must also be tagged. **THE SWITCHING OF ANIMALS BETWEEN THE SHOW AND SALE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND THE LOSS OF ANY PREMIUM MONEY.**

SALE DISBURSEMENTS:

Funds raised and traditionally spent to fund the add-on (commonly referred to as the “middle third”, will be redirected to adjust the sale commission in the favor of the exhibitors down from 10%. The basis amount will be determined by the Board of Directors after the show, and will be based on available funds.

There is no commission on floor proceeds.

Exhibitor's checks will be distributed thru the supervising AST or CEA. Any lost checks must be reported to AST or CEA. There will be a \$ 25.00 per check charge to stop payment & re-issue new check to and exhibitor.

MARKET STEERS

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents, Classifiers and Judge. Possession deadlines and county only validation deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents.

- Grand and Reserve Overall and Breed Champions will be selected.
- BREEDS: American, British, European & their respective crosses.
- Any steer not classifying as American or British will be designated European.
- An exhibitor can specify "European" with any breed of steer; European Breed is not subject to classification.
- Minimum weight - 900 pounds (15 lbs scale tolerance)
- Animals will only be allowed to weigh in once.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, etc.) on them at check in.
- The hair on any part of the body of a steer (with the exception of the switch) cannot be longer than 1/4 "at time of weigh in.
- **SHEAR BEFORE ARRIVAL AT SHOW THOSE NOT SHEARED WILL NOT BE WEIGHED IN.**
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible; however the final authority is that of the superintendents.
 - Maximum 8 animals per class, unless more than 8 are the same weight.

# head	Classes	# head	Classes	# head	Classes
9-16	2	25-32	4	41-48	6
17-24	3	33-40	5	Ect...	

COUNTY BRED AND RAISED STEERS:

Ellis County bred and raised steers may be entered into a special County Bred and Raised Division in addition to regular steer show. The breeder of the animal must be on file with the Ellis County Livestock Association and **paperwork is due at validation.** To enter this class, the animal must be entered in the regular market show. Ellis County Bred and Raised tattoo will be checked as animals enter the ring. The overall grand and reserve county bred and raised steers will be sold in the sale after the species breed champions. County Bred and Raised steers will show by division only (i.e. three divisions: American, British and European).

MINI HEREFORD STEERS

A Miniature Hereford steer show will be held between the heifer and steer show.

- General Miniature Hereford guidelines will apply.
- Steers will move in and show from the trailer the same day.
- Registration papers check will be checked from 8-9 a.m. on the day of the show.
- Miniature Hereford steers are not eligible for ECTYE sale.

MARKET LAMBS

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents, Classifiers and Judge. Possession deadlines and county only validation deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents.

- Grand and Reserve: Overall and Breed Champions will be selected.
- Breeds: Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Hair, and Medium Wool.
- Any lamb not classifying as Southdown, Finewool, Finewool cross and Hair will be designated Medium Wool.
- An exhibitor can specify "Medium Wool" with any breed of lamb, Medium Wool breed is not subject to classification.
- Both wethers and ewe lambs may be shown in market classes
- Minimum weight - 90 pounds (5 lbs scale tolerance)
- Southdown's minimum weight - 80 pounds (5 lbs scale tolerance)
- Haired Sheep minimum weight- 80 pounds (5 lbs scale tolerance)
- Animals will only be allowed to weigh in once.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, etc.) on them at check in.
- Lambs must be kept in the area designated for lambs in the barn, or will be disqualified. Animals may exercise around the barn, but must not be kept in trailers.
- ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW GROUNDS. THOSE NOT SHEARED WILL NOT BE WEIGHED IN. ONLY LEG HAIR CAN BE TOUCHED UP AT THE SHOW.
- No paint, powder or any artificial colors may be used on lambs.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible, however the final authority is that of the superintendents.
 - Maximum of 15 animals per class, unless more than 15 are the same weight.

# head	Classes	# head	Classes	# head	Classes
2-31	2	61-75	5	106-120	8
31-45	3	76-90	6	121-135	9
46-60	4	91-105	7	Ect...	

COUNTY BRED AND RAISED LAMBS:

Ellis County bred and raised lambs may be entered into a special County Bred and Raised Division in addition to regular lamb show. The breeder of the animal must be on file with the Ellis County Livestock Association and **paperwork is due at validation.** To enter this class, the animal must be entered in the regular market show. Ellis County Bred and Raised tattoo will be checked as animals enter the ring. The overall grand and reserve county bred and raised goats will be sold in the sale after the species breed champions. County Bred goats will show by weight division only.

MARKET GOATS

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. Possession deadlines and county only validation deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents.

- Grand and Reserve Overall and Division Champions will be selected.
- Divisions: Light, Medium, Heavy
- All breeds will show together.
- Maximum of 5 classes per division
- Both wethers and does may be shown.
- Minimum weight - 70 pounds (5 lbs scale tolerance) no top weight.
- Animals will only be allowed to weigh in once.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, etc.) on them at check in.
- Goats must be kept in the area designated for goats in the barn, or will be disqualified. Animals may be exercised around the barn, but must not be kept in trailers.
- Goats must not have horn tips smaller in circumference than a dime.
- Exhibitor will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
- No paint, powder or any artificial colors may be used on goats.
- Hair should be sheared to 3/8" above hocks and knees.
- **ANIMALS MUST BE SHEARED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO SHOW GROUNDS. THOSE NOT SHEARED WILL NOT BE WEIGHED IN. ONLY LEG HAIR CAN BE TOUCHED UP AT THE SHOW.**
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents, divided into 3 divisions – (light/med/heavy). Maximum of 5 classes per division. The final authority is that of the superintendents.

COUNTY BRED AND RAISED GOATS:

Ellis County bred and raised goats may be entered into a special County Bred Division in addition to regular goat show. The breeder of the animal must be on file with the Ellis County Livestock Association and **paperwork is due at validation.** To enter this class, the animal must be entered in the regular market show. Ellis County Bred and Raised tattoo will be checked as animals enter the ring. The overall grand and reserve county bred and raised goats will be sold in the sale after the species breed champions. County Bred and raised goats will show by weight division only.

MARKET SWINE

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents, Classifiers and Judge. Possession deadlines and county only validation deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents.

All hogs must have at least one ear notch & be properly marked on the validation forms to be in the show.

- Grand and Reserve Overall and Division Champions will be selected.
- Breeds: Duroc, White OPB, Dark OPB, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Other Cross, Dark Cross
- Any hog not classifying as Duroc, White OPB, Dark OPB, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Dark Cross will be designated Other Cross. Hereford hogs will show as Dark OPB.
- An exhibitor can specify "Other Cross" with any breed of hog. Other Cross bred is not subject to classification.
 - Dark Cross Qualifications:
 1. Barrows and gilts 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.
 2. Barrows and gilts may be black or red belted, black/red patched or spotted.
 3. Barrows and gilts 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.
- **Hogs MUST be clipped prior to arrival to the ECYE.**
- Both barrows and gilts may be shown in market classes.
- Minimum weight - 220 pounds (5 lbs scale tolerance)
- Animals will only be allowed to weigh in once.
- Animals cannot have extra weight (mud, etc.) on them at check in.
- Hogs must be kept in the area designated for hogs in the barn, or will be disqualified.
- Ear notches will be checked at weigh in and must match Validation card/state list or animal is disqualified.
- Ear tags will be re-checked as hogs are checking in for their respective class.
- Any animal with a fresh ear notch at time of show will be disqualified.
- **Weights may not be affixed to the ears.**
- No oil of any type may be used on hogs for dressing, Water only!
- Senior pig showmanship – no assistance, including with penning gates, unless hogs are fighting.
- Weight classes will be divided as equally as possible by the superintendents using the following as a guide. The guide should be followed as closely as possible, however the final authority is that of the superintendents.
 - Maximum of 15 animals per class, unless more than 15 are the same weight.

# head	Classes	# head	Classes	# head	Classes
2-31	2	61-75	5	106-120	8
31-45	3	76-90	6	121-135	9
46-60	4	91-105	7	Ect...	

COUNTY BRED AND RAISED SWINE:

Ellis County bred and raised swine may be entered into a special County Bred Division in addition to regular swine show. The breeder of the animal must be on file with the Ellis County Livestock Association and **paperwork is due at validation.** To enter this class, the animal must be entered in the regular market show. Ear notches will be checked before entering the ring. The overall grand and reserve county bred and raised swine will be sold in the sale after the species breed champions. County Bred and raised swine will show by weight division only.

MARKET BROILERS

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. The order and delivery dates will be set by the Show Committee.

- Three (3) birds per pen minimum 5 lbs per bird.
- All birds will be ordered through the Expo. 25 or 50 broilers per person (no more/no less per person) will be ordered.
- Birds will be from same hatch. Birds will be wing banded. Each exhibitor will list the band numbers of the birds they receive, before leaving the building. A copy of this list will be held at the office. The day of the show, the students that enters birds will only be able to check in the birds that are on their list. Any bird without a band will be disqualified.
- Family members that raise birds together must have all exhibitor names on the list, and they can only enter birds from that list.
- Birds will be sifted for bruises & broken bones. Any occurrence of these defects after check in will not be considered by the judge.
- If student has 2 pens and they die, he/she can combine what is left to make a pen. If student only has one pen, then they will show what they have, unless student decides to pull the entries. No weight classes. Straight run show.
- Exhibitor will be allowed to substitute a qualified bird at the time of check in if one or more of the exhibitors 3 original birds are sifted for bruises or broken bones. **YOU WILL HAVE 30 MINUTES TO RETURN WITH A SUBSTITUTE.** Animals will only be allowed to weigh in once.
- Substitution not allowed if sifted for weight.

MARKET RABBITS

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. Possession deadlines and county only validation deadlines will be set by the Show Committee and conducted by the Superintendents.

- A meat pen shall consist of 3 rabbits.
- Classes for market rabbits will be broken by total weight per pen.
- Animals will weigh in as a pen.
- Maximum weight is 15 lbs. total minimum weight of 9 lbs.
- Animals will only be allowed to weigh in once.
- Classes will be broken into Light, Medium, and Heavy
- Class winners for the meat pen divisions will compete for Grand and Reserve Champions overall.
- Market and Breeding rabbit showmanship will be combined for 1 rabbit showmanship.

BREEDING HEIFERS

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. Check-in and registration paper check will be conducted by the Superintendents.

- **ENTRY must include DOB**
- Heifers eligible up to 30 months of age on show date.
- There will be up to 7 classes per breed broken by age. Class 1 will consist of DOBs from September 1 of the previous year thru current date, subsequent classes will be then consecutive four month periods from August 30 of the prior year backwards.
- Heifer show will be a “blow & go”.
- No adhesives on any part of the animal. You must be able to run a comb through the animal’s hair.
- Heifers must be registered in the EXHIBITORS NAME ONLY, BY JAN. 1st of the show year, and must show registration papers at check in.
- Heifers are released after the steer show.
- One head will make up a breed.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SELECTED:

1. Overall champion & overall reserve champion heifer.
2. A champion & res. champion for each division. Divisions: British, European, American
3. A grand champion & reserve champion for each breed under each division.
American breeds: Beef master, Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ARB
British breeds: Angus, Hereford & Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn,
European breeds: Charolais, Chianinia, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Simmental, ORB.

Prize money will be as follows:

Class 1 st	\$25.00	2 nd	\$15.00	3 rd	\$10.00
Division champion	\$150.00	Division reserve	\$100.00		

BREEDING RABBITS

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. Check-in and registration paper check will be conducted by the Superintendents.

- **ENTRY must include DOB**

- All general rules apply to the breeding rabbit show. Disputes will be settled by referring to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) show rules.
- All rabbits shown in breeder shows are required to have ear tattoos. If the rabbit doesn't have a tattoo, rabbit validation committee will offer to tattoo during market rabbit validation. Tattoos must be in the left ear and need to be permanent. The tattoo during check-in needs to match the tattoo from registration.
- Breeding animals are to be kept in carriers. Cages will not be provided at the show.
- Rabbits should be free of all disease symptoms. Rabbits showing signs of disease will not be allowed to show and may be pulled at any time during the show at superintendent's discretion.
- Rabbits will be called to the table three times after that they will be scratched.
- Market and Breeding rabbit showmanship will be combined for 1 rabbit showmanship.
- Breeding animals are not eligible for the premium sale.

COMMERCIAL DIVISION

Defined by the ARBA, examples are New Zealand, Californians, Satins, English Lop, etc.

- Class 1 Junior Buck (up to 6 months)
- Class 2 Intermediate Buck (6 to 8 months)
- Class 3 Senior Buck (over 8 months)
- Class 4 Junior Doe (up to 6 months)
- Class 5 Intermediate Doe (6 to 8 months)
- Class 6 Senior Doe (over 8 months)

FANCY DIVISION

Defined by the ARBA, examples are Dutch, Florida White, Holland Lop, Mini Rex, etc.

- Class 7 Junior Buck (under 6 months)
- Class 8 Senior Buck (over 6 months)
- Class 9 Junior Doe (under 6 months)
- Class 10 Senior Doe (over 6 months)

Ribbons will be awarded to the first through tenth place in each class.

Trophies will be awarded to the Best and Best Opposite Sex in both divisions.

One scholarship recipient will be selected by the judge.

Breeding rabbits will be released following the rabbit show.

- Market and Breeding rabbit showmanship will be combined for 1 rabbit showmanship.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

The Show Committee will appoint the Superintendents and Judge. Check-in and registration will be conducted by the Superintendents. Projects will be staged in a designated area before moving into their final spot.

- All shop projects must be built since the last show. (Can start as soon as previous years shows is over)
- Please notify shop superintendent if your entry has wet paint when you arrive to be checked in.
- This is a finished project show. Incomplete projects will not be judged. Division superintendents determine if “complete”.
- Only “minor cleaning” can be done the show grounds – no other work.
- Entries will be divided into classes listed below. The division superintendents will classify, including where “Other” projects are classed.
- Projects may have been worked on by more than one person, but must be entered under only one students name
- All entries will be placed #1 thru end of class.
- A division grand and reserve champion will be selected.
- An overall grand and reserve champion will be selected.
- Students need to be by their project to answer questions from the judge.
- STORY BOARD OR PLANS MUST BE PRESENTED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DIVISION, GRAND OR RESERVE PLACING
- Supervisors will attach tag # from the office and affix with hog ringers to the project.
- Student or a representative must be present to check in shop project.
- “For Sale” signs & phone # are permitted on the project.
- Exhibitors will be required to designate their project “sale eligible” upon entry and check-in. A Grand and Reserve Champion selected from entries that are sale committed will sale. The sale will be absolute and without reserve.

Agriculture Machinery and Equipment	1	Tractor Mounted or Towed Equipment	Hay Spears, Buckets, Box Blades, log splitters, sprayers
	2	Shop Equipment	Shop Tables, Hoists, Misc. Shop Tools/Equipment
	3	Truck Accessories	Bumpers, Grill Guards, Headache Racks, Receiver hitch Accessories, Truck Beds, Cargo Carriers
	4	Division Grand	
	5	Division Reserve	
Livestock Equipment	6	Livestock Handling and Housing	Livestock panels, Stalls, Corrals, Gates, Squeeze Chutes, Head Gates, Chicken coops, Brooders, Incubators
	7	Feeding and Watering Equipment	Trough Feeders, Self Feeders, Hay Feeders
	8	Livestock Show Equipment	Trim Chutes, Blocking Stands, Show Rails, Show Boxes
	9	Division Grand	
	10	Division Reserve	
Wildlife	11	Traps and Capture Devices	Hog Traps, Predator Traps
	12	Blinds and Observation	Deer stands, Duck Blinds, Observation Towers
	13	Feeding and Watering Equipment	Wildlife Feeders, Watering Equipment
	14	Wildlife Handling and Housing	Aviaries, Incubators, Brooders, Etc.
	15	Misc. Wildlife Equipment	Shooting Targets, Shooting benches and tables, Gun Cabinets and Racks
	16	Division Grand	
	17	Division Reserve	
Home and Yard Convenience	18	Indoor Furniture	Tables, Benches, Beds, Coffee Tables, End Tables, Bedside Tables, Chairs
	19	Outdoor Furniture	Tables, Benches, Picnic Tables, Chairs
	20	Horticulture and Gardening	Planter Boxes, Greenhouses, Container Gardens
	21	Misc. Home and Yard Equipment	Games, Yard Décor, Firepit w/o grill, Chiminea, Yard Art, Signs,
	22	Division Grand	
	23	Division Reserve	
Trailers	24	Bumper Pull Utility (Less than 16')	Bumper pull utility trailers under 16'
	25	Bumper Pull Utility (16' and over)	Bumper pull utility trailers 16' and over
	26	Gooseneck Utility All Lengths	Lowboys and Floats
	27	Other Trailers	Hay Trailers, Welding Trailers, Dump Trailers
	28	Division Grand	
	29	Division Reserve	
Cooking Equipment	30	Misc. Outdoor Cooking	Fryers, burners for cooking, woks, disc cookers, campfire cooking equipment,
	31	Stationary Grills and Smokers	Firepits with grill, Grills on a stand, Patio Grills and Smokers
	32	Towable Smokers (Smoker Trailers)	Must be able to be towed with a vehicle
	33	Division Grand	
	34	Division Reserve	
Refurbished (Storyboard must include before and after pictures)	35	Tractors	Tractors and machinery all years.
	36	Horse Drawn Equipment	Classic horse drawn equipment wagons, plows
	37	Tractor Drawn Equipment	Plows, tillage equipment, forage equipment
	38	Trailers	Refurbished Trailers of all types
	39	Division Champion	
	40	Division Reserve	

Overall Grand champion prize money will be 20% of the entry
Overall Reserve Champion prize money will be 15% of the entry
Division Grand winners will split 25% of the entry money
Division Reserve winners will split 10% of the entry money

Placing and awards will be scheduled by the Show Committee and included in the show schedule. Projects will be released following the awards presentation.

AG MECHANICS PROJECT BUILD-OFF

PURPOSE: The purpose of the ECYE Ag. Mechanics “Build Off” is to provide a hands on, real world approach to the Ag. Fabrication industry. This contest will facilitate an opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability to read blueprints, fabricate in the field, read, interpret and apply basic weld symbols, perform oxyfuel and abrasive cuts and perform multi-process welds.

Rules:

- Teams will be provided a set of professionally drawn blueprints prior to the contest date.
- A team will consist of 3-5 members. Chapters/clubs may enter multiple teams.
- Materials will be provided to each team on the day of the contest and only the materials provided may be used to complete the project.
- Each team is responsible for all equipment needed to complete the project including electrical power.
- Team members are required to follow all safety requirements of OSHA throughout the contest
- Teams are not to be coached or instructed during the contest.
- Teams will have 8 hours to complete the project and clean-up.
- Space will be

Judging:

- Judges will be selected by ECYE
- Teams will be judged on the following aspects:
- Completion: Projects that are not completed at the end of the allowed time will not be judged.
- Accuracy: project should be built as indicated by blueprints. Allowable tolerance will be +/- 1/8”
- Weld Quality: all welds are to be left visible. No ground welds are to be left uncovered.
- Safety: Members will wear proper PPE and work safely at all times during the contest including keeping work area clean.
- Overall Appearance: Finish, clean welds, no spatter, excessive grinding, etc..

Awards:

- The top three teams will be selected and awarded.
 - Grand Champion
 - Reserve Grand Champion
 - Third Overall
- Prizes and premiums TBD