



Rules and Regulations 2024

The Erath County Junior Livestock Show (ECJLS) is organized and managed under the direction of the Erath County Livestock Association (ECLA) board.

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DAIRY Justin Burrus
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RABBIT Ryan Smith
AG MECHANICS Ryan Clark

CLASSIFIERS:


SWINE Cody McCleary
SHEEP Shawn Bowles
STEER

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

9:00 AM-11:30 AM Steer & Heifer Validation - Stephenville Cattle Company

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

 9:00 AM-11:30 AM Steer & Dairy Validation (Age classification by certified Vet)
Stephenville Cattle Company

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

5:00 PM Deadline To Order, Pay For Broilers

**A minimum of 6 exhibitors must place an order to have a show that year. ** If there are not 6 exhibitors placing orders at this date, poultry show will be cancelled that year.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lamb / Goat / Heifer Validation - ECLA Show Barn

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Swine Validation - ECLA Show Barn

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

8:00 AM On-Line Entries Open for FFA Teachers and 4-H Advisors

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

3:00 PM Deadline For All Entries And Entry Fees Due To:
ECLA, PO Box 568, Stephenville, TX 76401

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

4:00 PM Rabbit Validation – ECLA Show Barn
(Breeding Rabbits need not attend unless require a tattoo. ALL BREEDING
RABBITS MUST HAVE A TATTOO)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

8:00 AM Dairy may begin arrival

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Dairy Check-In

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

6:00 AM Gates Open

9:00 AM Dairy Show

12:00 PM Sheep and Goats may begin to arrive (must be on grounds by 1:00 PM)

2:00 PM Classification and Weigh-In for Sheep and Goats
 9:00 PM Gates Close

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

6:00 AM Gates Open
 7:00 AM-12:00 PM Youth Fair Arts & Crafts Check-In / Judging
 9:00 AM Lamb Showmanship followed by Market Lamb Show
 Goat Showmanship followed by Market Goat Show and Breeding Doe Show
 (All Tack Removed And Pens Cleaned At Conclusion Of Show)
 12:00 PM-4:00 PM Youth Fair Showmanship
 9:00 PM Gates Close

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

6:00 AM Gates Open
 6:00 AM Swine Move - In
 8:00 AM Market And Breeding Rabbit Check-In
 8:00 AM Broiler Check-In
 9:00 AM Broiler Show followed by Showmanship
 10:30 AM Breeding Rabbits
 12:30 PM Market Rabbits followed by Showmanship
 11:00 AM All Swine must be in barn
 12:00 PM Market Swine Classification And Weigh-In
 3:00-5:00 PM Ag Mechanics Check - In And Set Up
 9:00PM Gates Close

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 20224

6:00 AM Gates Open
 6:00 AM Beef Cattle May Arrive
 7:00 AM-12:00 PM Youth Fair Foods, Photos Check-In and Judging
 8:00 AM Ag Mechanics Show
 9:00 AM Swine Showmanship followed by Market Swine Show
 (All Tack Removed And Pens Cleaned At Conclusion Of Show)
 12:00 PM-4:30 PM Youth Fair Food, Photo Silent Auction & Raffle
 9:00 PM Gates Close

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

6:00 AM Gates Open
 8:00 AM All Steers must be in Barn
 8:00 AM Steer Classification And Weigh-In
 10:00 AM All Heifers must be in Barn

10:00 AM Heifer Check-In and Commercial Heifer Weigh-In
1:00 PM Beef Showmanship followed by Market Steer Show followed by Heifer Show
9:00 PM Gates Close

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

6:00 AM Gates Open
8:00 AM Horse Show (Lone Star Arena)
2:00 PM Animals making the sale must be on the fair grounds, must be the one exhibited during the show
3:00 PM Pre Sale Meeting for all exhibitors making the sale
4:30 PM Showmanship Recognition & Awards Presentation
5:00 PM Sale Of Champions Premium Auction

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

2:00 PM All Livestock And Tack Must Be Cleared From Grounds By 2:00 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

6:00 PM Poultry / Ag Mech / Rabbit Committee Meeting – Show Grounds
6:30 PM Lamb/Goat Committee Meeting – Show Grounds
Only one vote per family and must have a child who has shown

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

6:00 PM Horse Committee Meeting – Show Grounds
6:30 PM Steer Committee Meeting – Show Grounds
7:00 PM Swine Committee Meeting – Show Grounds
Only one vote per family and must have a child who has shown

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

6:00 PM Dairy Committee Meeting – Show Grounds
Only one vote per family and must have a child who has shown

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

 **DENOTES NEW RULE CHANGES**

PURPOSE: The Junior Livestock Show of Erath County is conducted for the purpose of developing sportsmanship in youth and an interest in producing livestock.

GENERAL RULES

1. The Junior Livestock Show of Erath County (JLSEC) is part of the Erath County Livestock Association. The Erath County Livestock Association, Junior Livestock Show of Erath County (JLSEC) or any committees operating as a part of the Junior Livestock Show organization will not be held liable for the loss or damage of equipment, injury to animals or personal injury to livestock exhibitors or spectators at any meeting or activities prior to the show, during the show, or after the show.
2. The Erath County Livestock Association reserves to the Junior Livestock Show Management Committee the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, incidents to the show; and exhibitors, parent or show official who violate any of the rules will be subject to such penalties as the executive committee may order including possible forfeiture of all privileges and premiums or permanent barring from participation in the show.

Any formal protest must be made in writing, citing the rule in question. This protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00 (cash), which will be refunded only if the protest is upheld. Any additional cost, above protest fee, will be the responsibility of the individual filing protest. Protests must be filed with show officials prior to the day of the judging if the cause for the protest is known by then. Otherwise, protests must be filed as soon as the cause is known. Judging will not be interrupted for protest investigation and, depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until the investigation is completed. No protest will be accepted as to the decision of a classifier or judge.

The Junior Livestock Show of Erath County reserves the right to random test any animal for use of non-approved substances.

3. Code of Ethics:

The Junior Livestock Show of Erath County is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor or a patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from the show grounds.

Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort
- Threatening behavior or the appearance of threatening behavior (threatening behavior as determined by the Executive Board)

- Direct criticism or interference with the judge or livestock show management, other exhibitors, classifiers, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them
 - No exhibitor or parent shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action
 - Excessive consumption of alcohol
4. All exhibitors must attend elementary or secondary schools in Erath County OR must live in Erath County, or be home schooled and reside in Erath County. Exhibitors must be at least nine years of age on or before September 1, 2022, or have entered third grade. They must be actively enrolled 4-H or FFA members. Exhibitors must have continuously and personally fed, managed and cared for their animals under the supervision of the Erath County Extension Agent or an Erath County Ag Science teacher. Animals must be housed in Erath County or at the exhibitor's residence. Qualifications of exhibitors and animals for entering the Erath County Junior Livestock Show must be subject to approval by the supervising Ag Science teacher or Erath County Extension Agent.
 5. All exhibition animals will be subject to rules and regulations of the Texas Animal Health Commission, as they exist at the time of Show. **DAIRY – SEE RULE #4 UNDER DAIRY.**
 6. The Management Team of the Junior Livestock Show of Erath County shall reserve the right to bar from the show any animal, which is sick, blemished, or has any health problem, which, in the opinion of that committee, would disqualify the animal from participation in a quality livestock show.
 7. **THE SHOWING OF UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK IS PROHIBITED.** Unethical fitting shall be deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal. See species rules for specific fitting provisions.
 8. Animals will be presented at the premium sale in the same condition they were shown; clean, dry, no paint, glitter, etc. (N/A during Kid Only Premium Sale)
 9. All species will be housed in the barns provided. No showing off Trailer. **Bedding will be restricted to shavings (NO PELLETTED SHAVINGS) to be provided by exhibitors.**
 10. Animal weights will be determined at show initial weigh-in supervised by a weigh-master selected by show officials. If an animal weighs below the prescribed minimum or above the maximum weight for a species, the animal will be able to be reweighed at the end of the species weigh-in under direction of the superintendent. All Swine, Sheep, Cattle to weigh in by Breed in show order. There will not be any weight tolerance in market animals at weigh-in.

11. Weight divisions within each market division breed group will be determined by show officials; animals weighing the same will be placed in the same class. Numbers in classes will be as equal as mathematically possible; to avoid any fractional numbers within a class, extra animal(s) will be assigned in the order of lightest class to heaviest class. The number of classes within each breed division within species will be determined by the Show Management.
12. Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal that was designated at the time of check in. Only the exhibitor can show the designated animal in the auction ring. (No adults/siblings or other exhibitors allowed with showman). An exception to this rule has to be approved by the Superintendent.
 - An exception will be made if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a single class or if an exhibitor is unable to show because of illness, or unable to show because of emergency. School functions or other extremely important functions may be considered as qualifying emergencies on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Committee. In any case, if an exhibitor will be unable to show his/her animal or to accompany his/her animal in the auction ring, the exhibitor must deliver a letter to the respective superintendent prior to the show or sale stating reason.
13. The Superintendent has the authority to dismiss any animal out of the show or show ring that is unruly, dangerous, cannot be handled or creates an unsafe atmosphere to the exhibitor or other exhibitors.
14. Any exhibitor, who is officially ineligible, according to school policy, will not be allowed to participate in the show or sale or be allowed to have an animal in the show or sale.
15. No dogs, including puppies, will be allowed on show grounds. Exception: Service dogs
16. No alterations to facilities will be permitted without approval of grounds committee, i.e. moving pens, altering electrical or other utilities, or defacing property in any way. Any individual violating this rule will be subject to payment of repair costs. Equipment deemed unsafe by the Executive Committee will be barred. Fans must be attached to overhead cages and blowing parallel to tie rail.
17. All animals entered in selling divisions must have a county show or major show validation tag in their ear at weigh-in and throughout the show. If tag is lost, animal will be verified as validated by tattoo or ear notch. Exhibitor must notify teacher or agent if tag is lost. The retag committee will retag animals prior to weigh in. Any animal without a tag at time of weigh in will not be eligible to show.
18. The calendar of events included in the front section of this rulebook will be followed for opening and closing times of the facilities for each day.

VALIDATIONS & ENTRY FEES

19. THERE WILL BE NO COUNTY VALIDATION FOR SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, STEERS, & HEIFERS. EACH ONE OF THESE SPECIES MUST HAVE A STATE VALIDATION TAG TO SHOW AT THE ERATH COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW. RABBITS AND DAIRY WILL STILL HAVE A COUNTY VALIDATION

20. Fees for proof of ownership, cleanup, judges and miscellaneous show expenses are as follows:

Validation Fee*

SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, STEERS, & HEIFERS - Tag must be ordered from FFA or 4-H Advisor (\$7.00 per tag will be paid to ECLA by FFA Chapter or 4-H Club)(\$3.00 per tag for heifers already validated)


MARKET RABBITS - \$8.00 PER HEAD

DAIRY - \$15.00 PER HEAD

Entry fee - \$25 per entry In the Selling Divisions
 \$5 per breeding rabbit
 \$10 for each Horse event (Halter, Riding, Speed)
 \$25 for each Ag Mechanics entry

21. **All entries and entry fees must be submitted by the Ag Teacher or Extension agent to the Junior Livestock Show of Erath County by 3:00 PM, Friday, December 1, 2023.** Entries must be submitted to teacher or agent signing entry card. Entries must be submitted on an official entry form by exhibitors or exhibitor's parents or guardian. Entry forms that are not fully completed and signed is grounds to be disallowed from the Show. **Late entries will be accepted until noon on December 29, 2023 for a fee of \$100 plus entry fee.** Substitution of valid entries may be made up to show check-in or weighing.

22. There will be NO LIMIT on the number of animals an exhibitor may validate or enter. State validation tags will be used for the county show. Only Dairy and Market Rabbits will pay a county only tag fee and fill out county validation form. Animals placed on feed by siblings or members of the same household will be recorded as a family unit. Designation of ownership does not have to be made to individual members until show weigh-in. The Foster Home will be considered a family unit.

 23. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of FIVE animals in the selling division. Each exhibitor may only show the number of animals entered in the individual's name. An exhibitor may enter and show any number of animals in the Breeding Division. Exhibitor may show (3) three of same species. If a 4th or 5th market animal is shown it must be a different eligible species. Pen groups are considered as one entry.

AUCTION

24. Each exhibitor who qualifies for the auction sales may sell only one (1) steer, OR one (1) heifer, OR one (1) market swine, OR one (1) market lamb, OR one (1) dairy heifer OR one (1) goat OR 1 pen of broilers OR (1) pen of rabbits. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion of each division are required to sell except when one exhibitor exhibits both the Grand and Reserve. In that case, the Grand Champion will sell. If an exhibitor has two Champions, the exhibitor can sell only one animal. All other exhibitors who qualify for the auction sell one (1) qualifying animal.

25. Exhibitors who qualify multiple species have the choice of specie they wish to sell. Exhibitors must sell the highest placing animal in the specie selected except for dairy. Exhibitors must notify the sale committee located in the Show Office within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the last species shown by the exhibitor.

Exhibitors who fail to comply MUST sell their highest placing animal as determined by the auction sale committee. (NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE IN THE SALE ORDER AFTER IT IS COMPLETE.)

26. A five percent (5%) sale commission will be charged to all auction proceeds including add-ons. (These funds will be designated for show facilities, improvements and maintenance.)
27. The ECLA Board and Stock Show Committee will determine the percentage of total exhibitors, in each specie, to make the premium sale each year.

If animals of the same relative placing qualify for auction the order of preference will be class furnishing Champion > class furnishing Reserve Champion > heavier class > lighter class.

****ANY SELLING DIVISION WITH FEWER THAN 6 EXHIBITORS MAY BE SUBJECT TO ELIMINATION IN FUTURE SHOWS.**

28. The following sale order will be observed for all market species:

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion of all species will sell at start of auction. All breed Champions and Reserves are eligible to sell. All others are in order of placing within classification – dairy, sheep, beef cattle, swine, and goats. Beef Cattle and Dairy will rotate in sale order (Dairy even years and Beef Cattle odd years). In the dairy division, Jersey sell first in odd years and Holstein in even years. Dairy sells oldest to youngest after the Champions are sold. Sheep & goats will rotate in sale order (Sheep even years and goat’s odd years) Rabbits and Poultry will rotate in sale order (Rabbits even years and Poultry odd years.)

29. Floor prices for the Dairy Heifer Auction Sale will be sold to the highest bidder at floor price auctions. The dairy floor price auction will be set at a time designated by the superintendent. (N/A During Premium Sale)
30. ONLY Grand and Reserve Champions will be allowed to have one assistant in the auction ring for purpose of holding a banner. All other auction exhibitors **may not** have an assistant.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

31. In all divisions’ awards as designated by the Stock Show Management Committee will be presented.
32. The following premiums will be paid for Horses
1st Place - \$20.00, 2nd Place - \$15.00, 3rd Place - \$12.00, 4th Place - \$9.00, 5th Place - \$6.00
An additional \$15.00 will be paid for Division Champion, \$10.00 for Division Reserve Champion. For horse division, \$50.00 will be paid for Champion of each sex division, and \$37.50 will be paid for Reserve Champion. Premiums will be paid in the Halter classes, riding classes, and speed classes

SHOWMANSHIP

33. Showmanship order for each specie will be set by Superintendent.

Each exhibitor must show the animal they showed in their respective class. Substitute showmen are not eligible to show in showmanship.

The following showmanship winners will be selected:

HORSE & POULTRY

JUNIOR: 8th Grade and under (as of 9/1/2021)

SENIOR: 9th – 12th Grade (as of 9/1/2021)

SHEEP, BEEF, MARKET GOATS, SWINE, RABBIT AND DAIRY

PEE-WEE: Sheep and Goats Only

JUNIOR: 3rd – 5th Grade (as of 9/1/2021)

INTERMEDIATE: 6th – 8th Grade (as of 9/1/2021)

SENIOR: 9th – 12th Grade (as of 9/1/2021)

AG MECHANICS

One overall Showmanship project

DAIRY

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE, OWNERSHIP DEADLINE, VALIDATION, SHOW ARRIVAL, SHOW CHECK IN AND JUDGING**-See Calendar of Events. DAIRY WILL BE A PREMIUM SALE



2. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – Only Class 6 & 7 Heifers will require a Health certificate. Health certificates are required from a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of show date. Texas Animal Health Rules at the time of the Show take precedence over these rules.

- a. Health certificates on all heifers will include reproductive status of heifers 10 months and older, and soundness of udder expressing normal fluid from each teat (for all heifers 15 months or older). The pregnancy status of heifers of age.
- b. After the sale, if the buyer (floor or individual) determines that an animal does not have normal fluid from one or more teats OR is not pregnant, if represented to be, that buyer has 96 hours from sale date to notify show management. If this notice is upheld by a veterinarian agreed by both buyer and exhibitor, the exhibitor will retain ownership of the animal and no funds will be exchanged (N/A during Premium Sale).

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

- a. The Dairy Division will be limited to entries that have never calved.
- b. Dairy heifers entered in classes 7, must be verified pregnant and so stated on health certificate by certified veterinarian.
- c. All extra teats must be removed by tag-in or immediately thereafter.
- d. Age classification can be validated by presenting D.H.I.A. Calf Sheets (Form DHI-204 or DC-305), V.I.P. certificates, or breed association grade ID certificates.
- e. Pedigree and breeding information will be announced at the Dairy Auction Sale if it is provided to the floor buyer before sale time (N/A during Premium Sale).

- f. Top line hair may not exceed two inches. No crossbreed dairy heifers will be allowed in show or sale.
- g. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for being with their animal at announced time when floor buyers are setting prices prior to sale (N/A during Premium Sale).

4. **DAIRY AUCTION SALE** - The maximum number to be eligible to sell will be determined as follows:

The total number of exhibitors will be multiplied by 90%. If this figure is greater than those listed above, the above maximum will apply. If the 90% factor is smaller than above, then the top 90% of the exhibitors will be the maximum number to sell. However, if exhibitors in the top 90% withdraw from the sale, **NO EXHIBITOR IN THE BOTTOM 10% WILL BE MOVED UP TO SELL.** "All Breed Champions and Reserve Champions are automatically eligible for the auction. As the judges select the bottom 10% of exhibitors, any animal excluded is not eligible for the auction." All qualifying animals will be selected before the 90% rule goes into effect. In no case will the bottom 10% sell.

- Each exhibitor will be handed a "sift card" so that they know they made the sift.
- Once heifers are lined up for the sale, there will be **NO SUBSTITUTIONS!**

5. **CLASSES AND ORDER OF JUDGING**

There must be a minimum of (6) six animals of any Dairy Breed on show day will constitute separate class for that Breed. The Holsteins and the Jerseys will be rotated annually with respect to show order and sale order; Holsteins even numbered years, Jersey odd numbered years. If other breeds qualify for the show, the sale order will be determined by superintendent.

CLASS NO.	CLASS	BIRTHDAY
1-A HOLSTEIN	Summer Heifer	6-1-23 to 8-31-23
1-B JERSEY	Summer Heifer	6-1-23 to 8-31-23
2-A HOLSTEIN	Junior Yearling Heifer	3-1-23 to 5-31-23
2-B JERSEY	Junior Yearling Heifer	3-1-23 to 5-31-23
3-A HOLSTEIN	Winter Yearling Heifer	12-1-22 to 2-28-23
3-B JERSEY	Winter Yearling Heifer	12-1-22 to 2-28-23
4-A HOLSTEIN	Senior Yearling Heifer	9-1-22 to 11-30-22
4-B JERSEY	Senior Yearling Heifer	9-1-22 to 11-30-22
5-A HOLSTEIN	Senior Intermediate Heifer	6-1-22 to 8-31-22
5-B JERSEY	Senior Intermediate Heifer	6-1-22 to 8-31-22
6-A HOLSTEIN	Junior 2 yr. Old Heifer	3-1-22 to 5-31-22
6-B JERSEY	Junior 2 yr., Old Heifer	3-1-22 to 5-31-22
7-A HOLSTEIN	Junior Intermediate 2 yr. Old Heifer	12-1-21 to 2-28-22
7-B JERSEY	Junior Intermediate 2 yr. Old Heifer	12-1-21 to 2-28-22

HORSES

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE, OWNERSHIP DEADLINE, SHOW ARRIVAL** - See Calendar Events.
2. **OWNERSHIP** – All horses must be owned by, exhibitor, parent, or legal guardian by September 1, 2023.
3. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - AS REQUIRED BY T.A.H.C.**
4. No more than four (4) horses per exhibitor may be entered in the show.

5. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show only one (1) horse per class.
6. Horses will be shown “out of the trailer.”
7. Rules for halter and showmanship, except showmanship age groupings will follow the **current** State 4-H Horse Class Rules. Age groupings will be in accordance with this rule book.
8. Coggins required
9. Western attire is not required but will affect your placing.
10. Horses must be removed from the grounds by 6:00pm, the day of the show.
11. Lame horses will not be able to show in contest or showmanship. The Horse Superintendent in consultation with judge will decide if horse is lame.
12. Ponies can show in the mare or gelding classes.
13. Premiums will be paid in the Halter, Riding, and Speed classes.



CLASSES AND ORDER OF JUDGING

Class No.	CLASS
1	Mares – Junior Halter
2	Mares – Senior Halter
5	Champion Mare
6	Gelding – Junior Halter
7	Gelding – Senior Halter
10	Champion Gelding
11	Junior Showmanship Halter
12	Senior Showmanship Halter
13	Ranch Rail – Junior Riding
14	Ranch Rail – Senior Riding
15	Ranch Trail – Junior Riding
16	Ranch Trail – Senior Riding
17	Reining – Junior Riding
18	Reining – Senior Riding
19	Pole Bending – Junior Speed
20	Pole Bending – Senior Speed
21	Barrel Race – Junior Speed
22	Barrel Race – Senior Speed
23	All – Around - Junior
24	All – Around - Senior


To qualify for the All-Around and High Point Horse, contestant must be entered in at least one riding class, one halter class, and one speed event. Points will be tracked for the show. Three points for first, two points for second, and one point for third.

Yearling stallions may be shown in the Gelding class, but in no instance will older intact stallions be allowed on the premises. Age will be defined by the January 1 birthdate rule of the Jockey Club. Any questions of age will be determined by a designated veterinarian.

MARKET GOAT

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE, VALIDATION SHOW ARRIVAL, WEIGH-IN AND JUDGING** - See Calendar of Events
2. **OWNERSHIP DEADLINE** - All Market Goats must be owned by the exhibitor by validation date.
3. Wethers and/or Does are eligible to show.
4. **RELEASE** - Animals will be released immediately after conclusion of the Market Goat Show.
5. **WEIGHING** – Wether / Doe goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs. Blankets must be removed at Weigh-In. All animals will be divided into (3) Divisions. A weigh-master will be employed to supervise weigh-in.
6. **FITTING** - Goats must have less than 1/2 inch of hair, prior to arrival, from their knees up and hocks up, except for tuff of hair on end of tail. Absolutely no full body clipping on premises, only touch up approved by the Superintendent. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
7. **Validation** – At the time of Validation, all wethers must have their horns tipped (size of dime) and must have baby teeth with no signs of yearling incisors coming in.

BREEDING DOE

 *** SEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR TIME OF SHOWING. If a minimum of 15 exhibitors have not entered by the entry deadline there will not be a show for the following year.**

1. Doe kids only. Must have baby teeth at weigh-In and will break by weight
2. Must be Validated.
3. Eligible to show in Market and Breeding divisions but must pay entry for each.
4. Must be slick shorn.
5. Will count as one of your Goat Specie numbers
6. No papers required. Grand and Reserve will make sale.
7. Show with other market goats in Showmanship.


MARKET LAMB

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE, VALIDATION, SHOW ARRIVAL, WEIGH-IN AND JUDGING**- See Calendar of Events
2. **OWNERSHIP DEADLINE** - All Market lambs must be owned by exhibitor by Validation Date. (Wethers or Ewes)
3. **RELEASE** – Animals will be released immediately after conclusion of the Market Lamb Show.
4. **WEIGHING** - Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs. (80 lbs. for Southdowns and 70 lbs. for Hair Sheep) at the market shows weigh-in. There is no maximum weight for show. A weigh-master will be employed to supervise weigh-in. Market sheep will be breed classified by one out-of-county classifier during weigh-in.
5. **FITTING** - Market lambs must be slick shorn prior to arrival at show ground. **NO ARTIFICIAL COLORING ALLOWED.** Absolutely no shearing on premises, only touch ups approved by the Superintendent.
6. **CLASSES AND ORDER OF JUDGING** – Showmanship, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown, Hair, and Medium Wool. Any Division with fewer than 3 exhibitors will be placed in another division.
7. At the time of Validation, lambs must have baby teeth with no signs of yearling incisors coming in.

MARKET SWINE

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE, VALIDATION, SHOW ARRIVAL, WEIGH IN AND JUDGING** - See Calendar of Events.
2. **OWNERSHIP DEADLINE** - All market hogs must be owned by exhibitor and on feed by validation date (Barrow and/or Gilts).
3. **WEIGHING** - Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 175 pounds and a maximum of 280 pounds at the time of weigh-in. Animals must be clean and dry when weighed. The Swine Superintendent will supervise weigh-in. Market swine will be breed classified in show order by one out-of-county classifier during weigh-in.
4. **FITTING:** Entries that are artificially colored with paint, paste, powder, oil, glitter, or other dressing WILL BE BARRED FROM SHOWING AND AUCTION SALE. ONLY WATER MAY BE USED.
5. **CLASSES AND ORDER OF JUDGING** – Showmanship, Berkshire, Durocs, Hampshires, White Other Pure Breeds, Dark Other Pure Breeds, Yorkshire, Cross. Classes will be divided by weight at the time of weigh-in. Weight divisions in each group will be made to equalize class numbers as much as possible. Animals weighing the same will not be placed in different classes.

BEEF HEIFERS

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE, SHOW ARRIVAL AND JUDGING** - See Calendar of Events. HEIFERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PREMIUM SALE AS SEPARATE SPECIE, BUT WILL FOLLOW SAME RULES AS STEERS. (See General Rule #23). ALL HEIFERS MUST HAVE STATE VALIDATION IDENTIFICATION
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 2. **OWNERSHIP** - Registration papers will be checked at the show at 10:00 AM. Animals must be registered in the records of their respective breed association (in the exact name of the exhibitor) on or before November 1, 2023. Officially recognized date will be that on which papers were entered in the record book of the association. (For example, if papers have purchase date and record date, both must be on or before November 1, 2023.) Commercial Heifers will be compared to Validation Paperwork.
3. **CLASSES** - Divisions for registered British, registered American, registered Continental, and Non-Registered Commercial. Other breeds as needed, will be established. Non-registered Commercial Heifers will be broken by Weight.
4. **AGE** - Breeding class age division will be set at time of check in. The age limit for entries is SEPTEMBER 1st, 2021.
5. **FITTING** - Fitting practices will be “blow and show.” No grooming material can be applied to the animal such as adhesive, paint, and hair must be dry. **This rule will be strictly enforced**, questions regarding fitting will be decided by Superintendent.
6. **BULLS** - No bulls will be allowed.

MARKET STEERS

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE, SHOW ARRIVAL AND JUDGING** - See Calendar of Events.
2. **OWNERSHIP** - All steers must be owned by the exhibitor by validation.
3. **VALIDATION** - See calendar of events. All steers must have a State Validation Tag and will be validated at the date reflected in the Calendar of Events. Steers validated in any county other than Erath County must come to Erath County Validation.
4. **WEIGHING** - Steers must weigh a minimum of 800 pounds at show weigh-in. There is no maximum weight for show. A weigh-master will be employed to supervise weigh-in. Market steers will be breed classified by one out-of-county classifier as scheduled in Calendar of Events.
5. **FITTING** - Fitting practices will be "Blow & Show". No grooming material can be applied to the animal such as adhesive or paint, and hair must be dry. **This rule will be strictly enforced**, question regarding fitting will be decided by Superintendent.
6. **BREED CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES** - All steers will be classified into breed classes during weigh-in. The basis of classification will be visual appearance of the steer.
 - a. British Breeds (any purebred of Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn or Red Angus only).
 - b. American Breeds and Crosses (Steers in this group consist of Bos indicus or Bos indicus containing breeds, either purebred, crosses among these breeds, or crosses with other breeds; and exhibiting visibly obvious predominant characteristics and features of Bos indicus or Bos indicus containing breeds.)
 - c. Other breeds and crosses (any animal not mentioned above). Therefore, primarily including exotic or European Breeds and crosses.
 - d. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion
7. **CLASSES AND ORDER OF JUDGING** – British, American, Other Breeds
8. **Beef Showmanship** (Steers and Heifers combined) before the Market Steer show then followed by the Heifer Show.

MARKET POULTRY

*** SEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ORDERING, PAYMENT, ENTRY DEADLINE AND TIME OF SHOWING. If a minimum of 6 exhibitors has not placed orders by Sept 23, 2023, there will not be a show for that year.**

1. Exhibitors will be required to purchase a minimum of twenty-five (25) up to maximum of seventy-five (75) birds per exhibitor in increments of 25 (no more or no less).
2. Each Pen will contain three (3) pullets or three (3) roosters.
3. There will be no weight limit on broilers.
4. Broilers will be shown from trailer, box or crate. Coop space will not be provided. Staging space prior to check in not provided.
5. Wing bands must be in place at show time. Wing bands will be checked as exhibitor enters staging area.
6. Birds must be alive at time of check in.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to use no more than 2 handlers per entry during the show. Handlers must be eligible 4-H and FFA members.
8. Two classes of Poultry will be shown – Roosters and Pullets.
9. First and Second places of each division shall be eligible for the premium auction.
10. **Junior and Senior Showmanship classes WILL FOLLOW JUDGING FOR GRAND AND RESERVE.**

MARKET RABBITS

1. **VALIDATION, OWNERSHIP, ENTRY, SHOW ARRIVAL CHECK-IN AND JUDGING** – See calendar of events.
2. All Domestic breeds are eligible. All entries must meet requirements as specified in the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Book of Standards.
3. Each rabbit shall weigh a minimum of (3.5) pounds and maximum of (5.5) pounds.
4. All rabbits shall be weighed in the presence of the Superintendents.
5. Weights will be divided into classes and three divisions by the Rabbit Superintendent.
6. All rabbits will be validated (\$8.00 per head) as scheduled in Calendar of Events.
7. Showmanship classes will be held at the conclusion of the rabbit show.
8. The overall **Grand and Reserve Champion will come from the Pen of Fryers. Sale slots will be divided equally between the Pen of Fryers and Single Fryer rabbits.**
9. Showmanship: Any single rabbit shown by the exhibitor may be shown in the Showmanship class at the conclusion of the rabbit show. Refer to General Rule 32 for the showmanship details.
10. THERE WILL BE TWO FRYER DIVISIONS CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING: If a pen of fryers does not make the minimum weight the exhibitor can select and enter a single fryer from the pen.
 - a. **Pen of Fryer Rabbits:** An Entry shall consist of a pen of three (3) rabbits of the same breed & variety.
 - b. **Single Fryer Rabbits:** An Entry shall consist of 1 rabbit and cannot have been exhibited in the Pen of Three Division.

BREEDING RABBITS

1. Open to all Breeds. (Breeding Rabbits do not attend Validation unless they need a tattoo. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A TATTOO)
2. Classes will be set as follows: Junior and Senior Does and Junior and Senior Bucks.
3. A Junior Rabbit is 6 months of age and younger and a Senior is over six months old at the time of entry.
4. An overall Grand and Reserve will be selected and make the sale.

AG MECHANICS

1. Entries are subject to the Erath County Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules in this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
2. **Eligible Entries** – Project exhibited must have been constructed by FFA or 4-H members.
 - a. Entry must have been completed within the last twelve months and must not have been previously shown in the Erath County Livestock Show. Prefabricated or Kit Projects will not be permitted.
3. An Ag Mechanics Project Team will consist of 5 or less members.
 - a. Entries by team cannot exceed 5 members.
4. **Ownership** – Projects may have been individually, or group constructed and may be individually or chapter owned. Individual entries must be exhibited by the student having the primary role in construction. Projects will be shown by the individual or group who manufactured the project.

5. **Exhibit Space** – Location will be determined by the division superintendent.
6. **Project Presentation** – All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition by check-in even though they may have been used.
7. **Plans and Bill of Materials** – An original, exhibitor drawn or CAD plan and a bill of materials must accompany the student at the time of preliminary judging.
8. **Safety** – Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points are to be padded or covered as necessary to prevent injury.
9. Projects incorrectly entered will be moved to the most appropriate class by the Superintendent.
10. **Judging System** – The following system will be used in judging the project. Projects will be judged on:

CRITERIA	POINTS
WORKMANSHIP	20
INTERVIEW	10
PRACTICALITY	10
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY	10
FINISH	10
PLANS AND BILL OF MATERIAL	10

11. Divisions & Classes

There are 2 divisions: 1- Metal Working, 2 - Wood Working:

Division 1- Metal Working Projects

Metal Division Champion & Reserve Champion may be awarded Grand or Reserve Overall

Class 1 - Livestock Equipment:

Possible entries would include: Gates, Chutes, Feeders, etc.

Class 2 - Farm, Home, and Yard Conveniences

Possible entries would include: Grills, firepits, trailer smoker, metal yard and home furniture, etc.

Class 3 – Trailers of all types

Possible entries would include: 16’ bumper pull trailer, 3 bale hay trailer, 24’ gooseneck cattle trailer, 20’ dove tail float, etc.

Class 4 – Shop equipment

Possible entries include: 4’x8’ shop table, tubing roller, electrical cord stand, bench vise stand, compressed gas cylinder storage rack, etc.

Class 5 – Wildlife

Possible entries include: Wildlife observation stands, barrel wildlife feeder, hog trap, fish trap, fishing rod, tackle box, etc.

Class 6 – Farm Equipment

Possible entries include: post driver, plow, hay rake, rock picker, hay spear, fencing apparatus, etc.

Division 2 – Wood Working Projects

Wood Working Division Champion & Reserve Champion may be awarded Grand or Reserve Overall

Class 7 – Livestock Equipment

Possible entries include: Wooden creep feeder, stall gate, 8' tall barn door, wooden pen divider panels, etc.

Class 8 – Wooden farm, yard, and home conveniences.

Possible entries include: wooden indoor furniture, wooden outdoor furniture, wooden porch swing, wooden fish cleaning station, wooden outdoor bar, etc.

Sweepstakes

The school with the highest overall score wins. In case of a tie, the chapter or club with the most division champions will win. If still tied, the chapter with the most reserve division champions will win. If needed this process will continue starting with most 1st place ribbons and working down to most 2nd place ribbons.

Sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows:

- 3 points for 1st in class
- 2 points for 2nd in class
- 3 points for Division Champion – Metal Working
- 2 points for Reserve Division Champion – Metal Working
- 3 points for Division Champion – Wood Working
- 2 points for Reserve Division Champion – Wood Working
- 3 points for Grand Champion
- 2 points for Reserve Grand Champion
- 3 Points for blue ribbon projects
- 2 points for red ribbon projects
- 0 points for white ribbon projects