

4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL RULES

Show Date: Saturday, December 10, 2022

Show Place: Cooke County Fairgrounds-1901 Justice Center Blvd-
Gainesville, TX

Barn Opens: 9:00 am for CATTLE Only. Please see the species arrival
schedule on the last page.

Concession: The Sharpshooter 4-H Club will host it this year. All
proceeds will go to support that club's events and activities.

Contest Entry Requirements

1. Entrant **MUST BE A MEMBER** of a Chartered Cooke County 4-H Club with a completed enrollment membership form for the current 4-H year signed by 4-Her and parent, verified by club manager and County 4-H Extension Agent, **ON FILE and ACTIVE in 4-H ONLINE at the TIME OF ENTRY to a CONTEST.**
2. Texas Education Code (No Pass/No Play) eligibility will be verified for each event. The county Extension office will e-mail or fax a list of members entered to an official of each school before an event for eligibility verification.
3. Homeschool individuals are also required to meet academic eligibility and will be verified for each event.
4. Those not meeting all eligibility requirements will not be allowed to compete.

Entry Requirements:

The following is due in the County Extension Office no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022:**

1. **Entry Form:** Filled out properly with all required signatures
2. **Entry Fee:** \$5 per head for Breeding Poultry & Breeding Rabbits
\$10 per head or pen of 3 for all other entries

Entries submitted after the deadline date and time will be assessed a late charge of \$20.00 for entries with \$10 fee & \$10 for entries with \$5 fee. This fee is IN ADDITION to the required entry fee.

Show Time: Show will begin **promptly at 11:00 am** with Dairy Cattle.

Arrival at Barn, Check-In with Division Superintendents and Show Order is the Last Page of This Packet

Market Animals:

Sheep Classes No Rams

Southdown
Fine Wool
Fine Wool Cross
Dorper/Haired Sheep
Medium Wool

- ❖ Market Sheep will be divided into weight classes by breeds as designated by the superintendent.
- ❖ Wether and ewe lambs can be shown.
- ❖ Minimum weight close to the county show's which is 80 pounds. No maximum weight limit.

Swine Classes

Duroc
Berkshire
Yorkshire
White OPB (Chester & Landrace)
Dark OPB (Poland China & Spotted Poland China)
Crossbred
Hampshire

- Market Swine will be divided into weight classes as designated by the Swine Superintendent. County show weight range is 150-280.
- Barrows or gilts may be shown in the market show.
- All market swine entries must be ear notched.
- If there are not two or more animals in a weight class, those animals will be grouped in the next class.
- If there are not two or more of a breed, two or more breeds will be grouped together.
- If there are not enough York entries, they will be shown in the White OPB class.

Steer Classes

- ✓ Steers will be shown by weight and classification.
- ✓ They will be classified into American, English, and Exotic.
- ✓ All steers must be dehorned and will be shown blow and go.
- ✓ Steers must weigh close to the county show's minimum of 800 pounds.

Meat Goats

- Wethers or female does may be shown.
- Purebred or crossbred goats may be shown.
- Animals must have horns tipped bluntly, no smaller than a dime, or disbudded before the show.
- Meat Goats will be weighed and divided into weight classes as designated by the Goat Superintendent. Needs to weigh close to the county show's minimum of 50 pounds.
- Goats will be shown with neck chains and trained to lead.

Meat Rabbits

Because of the early date of the show, the following rules will apply only to meat rabbit exhibitors:

- Entries should still be made and paid for by the entry deadline for meat rabbits, however, they will not be judged on the day of the show (December 10).
- Class placements from the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show in January 2023 will be used to award Grand and Reserve Champion Meat Pen.
- Any meat rabbit owners may participate in showmanship by bringing another rabbit or one will be provided at the show for showmanship use.

Broilers

Because of the early date of the show, the following rules will apply only to broiler exhibitors:

- Entries should still be made and paid for by the entry deadline for broilers, however, they will not be judged on the day of the show (December 10).
- Class placements from the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show in January 2023 will be used to award Grand and Reserve Champion Pen of Broilers.
- Any broiler owners may participate in showmanship by bringing another chicken or one will be provided at the show for showmanship use.
- Pen of three of either Cockerel or Pullet class.
- All entries must come from a Cooke County Junior Livestock Show order.

Breeding Animals – Do Not Weigh:

Sheep Classes

Ewe lambs -	Southdown
	Fine Wool
	Fine Wool Crosses
	Dorper/Haired
	Medium Wool

Yearling ewes - Southdown
Fine Wool
Fine Wool Crosses
Dorper/Haired
Medium Wool

Mature ewes - Southdown
Fine Wool
Fine Wool Crosses
Dorper/Haired
Medium Wool

Swine Classes (Breeding Swine will be logged in, but not weighed)

Classes Are:

- Born in July
- Born in August
- Born in September and younger

Beef Classes

Registered Breeding Beef Heifers are state validated in the exhibitor's name. Superintendent will divide the entries according to the recognized breeds in the county show – Angus, Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn, Simbrah, Simmental, AOB (All other breeds) or ABC (American Breeds and Crosses).

- ✓ 6-12 months of age
- ✓ 12-18 months of age
- ✓ 18-24 months of age
- ✓ 24 months and older

Commercial Breeding Heifers are not state validated, they do not have registration papers.

All heifers shown blow and go. No adhesives, glues, paint, or fillers will be allowed.

Dairy Cattle

Cattle will be divided into heifers, not in milk and cows that have freshened.

After meeting these requirements, classes must have a minimum of two animals.

- ✓ Under 6 months
- ✓ 6-12 months of age
- ✓ 12-18 months of age
- ✓ 18-24 months of age
- ✓ 24-36 months of age

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Breeding Meat Goats

Classes are:

Junior Does – *has never freshened [not in milk] and is under 24 months of age*

- 0 to 6 months
- 7 to 12 months
- 13 to 24 months

Senior Does – *must have freshened, but not necessarily in milk on show date*

- Under 3 years (including younger animals that have freshened)
- 3 years and over

Dairy Goats (No meat goat blood)

Classes are:

Junior Doe – *has never freshened and is under 24 months of age*

- 0 to 6 months
- 7 to 12 months
- 13 to 24 months

Senior Doe – *must have freshened, but not necessarily in milk on show date*

- Under 3 years (including younger animals that have freshened)
- 3 years and over

Breeding Poultry

- ❖ Will be shown as Bantam and Standard.
- ❖ Males-Cockerel/Cock or Females-Pullet/Hen are eligible to be shown.
- ❖ Breed sex and age of bird on entry.
- ❖ Breeds will be recognized according to the APA Standards of Perfection book.
- ❖ All APA Standards of Perfection rules will be followed.
- ❖ All flocks must be inspected prior to the show.

Breeding Rabbits

Small Breeds (maturing under 8 pounds) show as:

- Junior Bucks and Jr. Does (under 6 months old)
- Sr. Bucks and Sr. Does (6 months and older)

Large Breeds (maturing over 8 pounds) show as:

- Jr. Bucks and Jr. Does (under 6 months old)
- Intermediate Bucks and Intermediate Does (6-8 months old)
- Sr. Bucks and Sr. Does (over 8 months old)

The rules and breeds of ARBA Standards of Perfection will be followed.

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Special Provisions

1. All animals must be placed on record and feed by the last state validation date of each species, except broilers and meat rabbits. No other animals will be added thereafter.
2. A minimum of two (2) animals will constitute a class in any species.
3. All Breeding Animals (excluding Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats) will be shown immediately before the Market Animals of their species; Heifers before Steers; Breeding Hogs before Market Hogs; Breeding Sheep before Market Lambs, etc.
4. Breeding Beef Heifers must include a copy of registration papers with entry form. Nonregistered heifers will be entered in a commercial heifer class.
5. Check with Division Superintendents upon arrival about penning your animal.
6. NO SHAVINGS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED. Role mats and carpet are allowed.
7. No male animals will be shown in breeding classes (except for rabbits and poultry).
8. Each animal may only be shown in one classification, either Market or Breeding, but not both.
9. Market and Breeding showmanship will be held together. 4-H members who are in grades 9 – 12 as of September 1, 2022, are “seniors”. 4-H members who are in grades 3 - 8 as of 9-1-22 are “juniors”. Animals used for showmanship must be owned, entered, and shown by that 4-H member except for poultry and rabbits.
10. No change of the major color pattern of the animals by painting or dyeing will be allowed. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show. No clipped hair or other extraneous materials may be glued or otherwise attached to tail-heads, legs, or any other locations (exception, false tail switches). **NO OIL ON ANIMALS.**
11. Glitter, ribbons, and other ornaments on animals will not be permitted during show.
12. ***Modest and appropriate dress of youth will be expected.***
13. **No dogs or puppies**, except service dogs are allowed on the grounds or in the stands.
14. No people, ***except 4-H aged exhibitors with an animal***, the judges, assistant[s], official photographer, or pig drivers in the show ring, at any time.
15. Blow and go show. Use of adhesives and coloring agents are prohibited.
16. **Participants with disabilities.** Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the County Extension Office at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.
17. *****Special classes will be offered for Clover Kids.** There will be a **special class** for clover kids only in the rabbit show and the poultry show. Clover Kids must be enrolled as a Cooke County 4-H Clover Kid Member and be between the age of 5 and in kindergarten to age 8 and in 2nd grade.
18. All decisions by the judges will be final.