2025-2026 CONTRACT

WILLACY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SYNDICATE AND WILLACY COUNTY FAIR

The purpose of the Willacy County Livestock syndicate is to support Willacy County Youth through 4-H and FFA livestock projects. The syndicate is striving to help to sponsor the Willacy County Fair. After the premium sale, the syndicate will add all syndicate profits to the projects of the exhibitors based on the number of BBQ tickets that the exhibitor sells.

PARTIES:

Willacy County Livestock Syndicate (Syndicate) and Willacy County Fair

Youth Exhibitor: _____ (exhibitor – please print name)

OBLIGATIONS OF EXHIBITOR:

1. Each exhibitor who wishes to participate in the Willacy County Fair Auction must turn in a signed contract by November 17, 2025.

2. Exhibitor is responsible for all tickets that are supplied to him/her.

3. Exhibitor agrees not to solicit sponsorships. Exhibitors and parents will not be allowed to solicit add-ons **while on the fair grounds**.

4. Exhibitor agrees to attend a meeting at the main barn at the showgrounds to turn in thank you letters and pick up their check. This meeting will take place approximately 45-75 days after the auction has taken place. The meeting cannot be held until all auction proceeds have been collected. A summary sheet will be mailed to the exhibitor at least 10 days prior to the meeting. The summary sheet will show all contributors to your project and their mailing address. The livestock show board will provide at least 10 days notice to the ag teacher and county agent of the date of the meeting and will also post details of the meeting on our Facebook page. Each exhibitor is responsible for writing a thank you letter to every buyer or add-on contributor for their project. The exhibitor is responsible for bringing each thank you letter in the envelope and addressed to the buyer; at this time checks will be dispersed to exhibitors who comply. Exhibitors who do not comply with this requirement will have their checks held until they provide the thank you letters. Any Questions contact Ali Busse-Savage at 512-820-6012. ****NO POSTAGE REQUIRED.**

5. Exhibitor agrees to abide by the attached rules of the Willacy County Fair and Auction as well as all rules of any livestock shows in which he/she participates in.

6. Exhibitor **must** sell a minimum of 20 Willacy County Fair Raffle tickets. Raffle ticket money must be turned in at the same time Beef Syndicate tickets are turned in, January 7, 2026, 5pm at the show barn**.** Any tickets that are not sold by that time will have the money deducted from the exhibitor's auction proceeds.

7. Each exhibitor agrees to attend an organizational meeting set up by the fair board on November 17, 2025 at 6:00pm in the livestock show barn. Any exhibitor unable to attend this meeting make arrangements to get contract turned in by November 17, 2024. These can be turned into the Willacy County Ag Extension Agents office prior to 4pm on that day.

8. Exhibitors must have owned and personally cared for their animals continuously as follows:

Steers.....July 1, 2025
Beef Heifer.....November 1, 2025
Swine.....November 30, 2025
Lambs.....October 31, 2025
Goats.....October 31, 2025

9. Exhibitor must have entry and fee of $40 turned in by Wednesday, January 7th, 2026. Entries must be turned in by groups by Ag Teachers and County Agent. Earlier dates may be set by them. However, all entries must be in no later than January 7th, 2026. Teachers and County Agent are Responsible for getting one check per group to the Fair and Auction. A late fee of $200 will be charged in addition to the entry fee for a period up to seven (7) days past the scheduled entry fee deadline date. If a participant is unable to pay the late fee, he or she must make arrangements with the board President within those seven (7) days so that the late fee can be deducted from the sale proceeds. If the participant fails to meet such requirements, he/she will be disqualified from participating at the Fair & Auction.

10. Anyone causing or anyone involved in an altercation on the fairgrounds may be asked to leave the grounds immediately at the discretion of the board. These individuals may be barred from future activities at the Willacy County Show grounds.

11. Steers, heifers, lambs, swine, and goats must have a proper state validation tag or identification. All exhibitors must show only animals validated in their name and validated in Willacy county. Commercial heifers must have a current RGVLS validation tag. All exhibitors and projects must follow State Validation Committee guidelines. All animals requiring validation tags or premise ID tags MUST have appropriate tags attached at time of check-in or could be subject to disqualification per show board.

12. If an exhibitor is found at any time to be in violation of any rule, that exhibitor could be barred from participating in future events if decided by the board.

13. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two animals of each species.

14. Each exhibitor must exhibit and sell their own animal. In the event a substitute exhibitor is needed, approval must be obtained from the Livestock Show Board prior to the show or sale. Only the exhibitor or substitute and the respective animal will be allowed in the show or sale ring.

15. Exhibitor’s W-9 must accompany entry form unless previously turned in.

OBLIGATIONS OF SYNDICATE

1. If exhibitor sells animal at another livestock show prior to the Willacy County Fair, a letter of notice shall be supplied to the board and the board will then distribute any monies that the exhibitor has coming.

2. Syndicate realizes that only one project (except for champions) will be allowed to sell per exhibitor. Therefore, all monies will be paid on that one project. The only exception for this rule is in the case that an exhibitor has more than one grand champion or reserve grand champion animal. In that event, an exhibitor can have more than one animal in the auction.

3. Uncollectible auction proceeds will be equitably borne by all exhibitors at the discretion of The Willacy County Livestock Show Board of Directors.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

If at any time exhibitor fails to comply with this contract, he/she will forfeit the right to participate and sell in the Willacy County Fair Auction.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

Please remove this page - sign below acknowledging receipt of contract - and turn in to Livestock Show Board.

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The undersigned Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian acknowledge receipt of the Willacy County Livestock Show Syndicate and Willacy County Fair contract and agree to abide by the terms of this contract or forfeit premiums and the right to participate in the Willacy County Fair Auction.

Dated: _____

*Youth Exhibitor: _____ (exhibitor – **please print name**)*

Signatures: *Exhibitor: _____*

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Exhibitor's 4-H Club/FFA Chapter: _____

School, Campus, & Grade Level Attended: _____

Type of Project: (circle any that you will show at Fair)

STEER SWINE LAMB GOAT HEIFER