2027 WILLACY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW & FAIR RULEBOOK

GENERAL RULES

1. 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.

2. Each exhibitor can show two of each species of animals. I.e.: a person could show two lambs, two goats, two hogs, two heifers, and two steers. However, only one project will be allowed to sell through the premium sale. Exception: any and all grand champions or reserve grand champions must sell through the premium sale no matter if an exhibitor has more than one.

3. The Fair reserves the right to take either urine or blood samples or both from any livestock project that is shown. UNAPPROVED DRUG USE: The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or USDA for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. If any approved drug has been administered to the animal, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for any drugs or chemicals. **Exhibitor and parent/guardian must remain with project until sample is obtained and paperwork is complete.**

4. Exhibitors will be eligible to receive resale value for their projects not sold in the premium sale (this does not include sifted animals).

5. Entry fees: All entries will be charged a fee of $40.00. These fees along with an entry card should be in the fair office on or before ***January 8, 2026.***

6. This show is limited to youth who are active, bona-fide members of an FFA, Jr. FFA, or 4-H club in Willacy County. Youth must be enrolled in school or be part of a home school program in Willacy County **or** reside in Willacy County. Students who live in southern Kenedy County (Norias and south) are eligible to show in the Willacy County Fair. * This rule does not apply to entries in the arts & crafts, photography, or bake show. * This rule does apply to substitute showmen

7. Statement of liability--
All livestock will be under the control and direction of the management, but the show will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the exhibited

by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the animals so exhibited.

8. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stall spaces clean and dispose of refuse in the proper places.

9. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted, nor suit instituted or maintained against the Willacy county livestock show or to officers or agent, by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents or representatives servants or employees, having license or privileges to exhibit on the show grounds or occupy space thereon.

10. All livestock that are found to be infested with or exposed to any contagious or communicable disease, or parasites, shall be removed from the show grounds.

11. Feed and water must be provided by each exhibitor. Exhibitor is responsible for care thru Sunday morning. Animals may not leave before Sunday at 7:00 AM, but MUST be picked up by noon.

12. Trailers must be parked in designated trailer areas.

13. Each exhibitor is required to post an appropriate stall card furnished by their advisor.

14. Each exhibitor must exhibit and sell their animal. In the event a substitute exhibitor is needed, approval must be obtained from the show Superintendent 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. Exhibitors must have owned and personally cared for their animals continuously as follows:

Steers.....July 1, 2026
Commercial Beef Heifer… ……November 7, 2026
Registered Heifef……..November 1, 2026
Swine.....November 30, 2026
Lambs.....October 31, 2026
Goats.....October 31, 2026

16. Any FFA, Jr. FFA, 4-H Exhibitor found in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug will be disqualified from the show and will immediately remove his/her exhibits from the show.

17. An entry card will be required for each exhibitor with the respected divisions and quantity filled out..

18. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8AM each morning and animals in their stalls or pens from that time until 7PM unless being judged or being prepared for judging.

19. No change of the major color pattern of any animal by painting or dying will be allowed. Any grooming material that allows color to come off an animal will not be allowed in the show.

20. Exhibitors must be at least nine years old or in the third grade, but less than 20 years of age as of September 1, 2026.

21. The show superintendent may require an exhibitor to remove uncontrollable animals from the show grounds.

22. No fires or pits allowed. No travel trailers or motor homes allowed.

23. No one but the exhibitor, the official judges and his certified assistants, and authorized show personnel will be allowed in the judging ring.

24. 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 Livestock Show Grounds.

25. The Willacy County Show Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters and questions.

26. Any appeal to consider exceptions to any of the terms set out herein or special circumstances will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Show Board President. Appeals must be in writing and accompanied with a fee of $25 for each individual appeal. The appeal must be made by exhibitor, his/her parents, AST, CEA, or adult leader. Appeals will be considered on an individual basis and the decision of the committee will be final. If the committee finds in favor of the appeal, the fee will be returned. **No appeals will be allowed for rules #30 & #31.**

27. All lambs and goats, which are sexually intact, must be tagged with a valid breeder premise tag upon entering the show grounds. This is in accordance with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), for the prevention and spread of Scrapies.

28. All animals will be sifted upon weigh-in. The sifting committee's decision whether or not the animal is of sufficient quality and health to be shown will be final. This decision will be final and is not subject to protest. The show board reserves the right to allow sifted animals to be sold for re-sale value.

29. 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. If any participant misses the Syndicate and/or the Raffle ticket turn-in deadline, he /she will be charged a $100 late fee for a period up to seven (7) days past the scheduled ticket turn-in 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 & Premium sale.

30. The Board will disallow excused absences for the Beef Syndicate BBQ mandatory work day. All absences, regardless of reason, will be treated similarly whether known in advance or not. An absence will require the participant to notify the board President Allison Savage not later than 7 days from workday to make arrangements to pay a $100 penalty for missing the event or make up work for the absence.

31. Exhibitor will be responsible for presenting their project at sifting, classification, and weigh-in time appropriate for the species.

32. Stall assignments may be made at discretion of show management for all species.

33. No oil, paint, adhesive, or any other substance will be allowed. WATER ONLY. Projects will be checked going into show arena and are subject to disqualification for violation of this rule.

34. Any animal that has been castrated must be completely healed prior to the show. Any animal that is not completely healed may be disqualified by the committee.

35. Each exhibitor is required to clean out their stall of bedding at conclusion of Fair, failure to do so may result in funds being withheld.

36. Showmanship for each Exhibitor species will have the following categories:

Senior Showmanship – Grades 9-12 (as of day of show)
Intermediate Showmanship - Grades 6-8 (as of day of show)
Junior Showmanship – Grades 3-5 (as of day of show)

All ages are as of the day of the contest. No contestant may compete in more than one age category.

Pee Wee Swine Showmanship

Entry fee will be $20 per participant. Contest will have the following categories (all ages as of day of show):

7 & 8 year olds
5 & 6 year olds
4 & under

Junior exhibitors who are exhibiting in the Fair may not compete in the Pee Wee Showmanship contest.

37. Any animal exhibited in the Fair is subject to be used by the Livestock Judging Committee for the Livestock Judging Contest.

OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

1. The WCLS Board reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animals, concessions, show, sign, banner, advertising matter or merchandise of any kind that may be falsely entered or deemed objectionable, without assigning a reason, and if necessary, to return any money paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate the Willacy County Livestock Show from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

2. In order to maintain the public areas in a safe, neat, and sanitary condition, and to promote a pleasant and carefree atmosphere, no lease shall conduct any portion of its operations outside the space leased to it, nor shall any person, group or corporation conduct business, distribute samples, or printed material or make any solicitation or presentation of any nature on the Willacy County Livestock Show Fair Grounds, except within the areas leased by it. Begging soliciting, singing, or public speaking is strictly prohibited.

PREMIUM SALE RULES

1. All projects will sell to the highest bidder.

2. Any announcements from the premium sale block will take precedence to any and all printed material.

3. All projects will be represented in the premium sale as fairly as possible.
Any dispute between bidders will be settled by the auctioneer and his decision will be final.

STEER DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Chairman – Cameron Chappell
Committee Members:
Matt Rodriguez, Joe David Kilbourn, Gus Gracia, Layne Klostermann, Ryan Busse, Quelee Rodriguez, Andy Cruz, and Logan Thomas

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.

2. All steers must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and cared for by the exhibitor.

3. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of $40 must accompany the entry.

4. Steers must be shown with no more than 1/4 of an inch of hair on any part of the body with the exception of the tail switch. Steers must be clipped prior to arriving at show grounds.

5. An exhibitor may show two steers.

6. Steers may not have horns more than 1 inch in length.

7. All steers will be weighed at Thursday morning check-in after heifer validation. Validation and tattoos will be checked at this time. The weight recorded will be the official show weight. THERE WILL BE NO WEIGH BACK DURING THE SHOW. All steers must weigh a minimum or 850 pounds. Any steer weighing less than the minimum weight will be disqualified from the show. There is no maximum weight for steers.

8. Breed & Classification: Exhibitors will choose from the following breeds for classification:

- Santa Gertrudis
- Simbrah
- American Breeds Cross
- Charolais
- Chianina
- Maine Anjou
- All Other Breeds

At classification/weigh-in steers will be called in the order above and classified by a 3-person committee. Steers receiving 2 or more white chips (affirmative) from the committee will be allowed in the desired breed. Those receiving 2 or more red (adverse) chips will be reclassified. Steers classed out of Santa Gertrudis and Simbrah will be given the opportunity to immediately re-chip for ABC if the exhibitor desires, or they can choose AOB. All steers classed out of ABC will be exhibited as AOB. All steers classed out of subsequent exotic breeds (Charolais, Chianina, Maine Anjou) will go directly to AOB. There will be no classification for AOB steers.

At the conclusion of weigh-in steers will be broken down by breed and weight and classes will be posted as soon as practical.

9. No oil, paint, adhesive, or any other substance will be allowed on livestock. WATER ONLY.

10. Any animal that has been castrated must be completely healed prior to the show. Any animal that is not completely healed may be disqualified by the committee.

11. Spike chains or cable halters will not be allowed.

12. The committee's decision will be final in all matters.

SWINE DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Co-Chairmen – Armando Duarte & Cody Scogin
Committee Members: Ivan Salazar, Alex Hernandez, Freddy Nieto, Danny Rodriguez, Logan Thomas., Eloy Zamarrano, Rene Hinojosa, Bubba Rocha, Hananah Garza, Freddy Chavez, Polo Coy, Keller Busse, and Tyler Rowland

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.

2. Clipping of swine on showgrounds is discouraged.

3. Swine must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and must be continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor.

4. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of $40 must accompany the entry.

5. Swine will be divided into weight classes by the swine division committee depending on the number of entries per breed.

6. Exhibitors may show two hogs.

7. All hogs must weigh between 140 and 290 pounds. There will be NO VARIANCES FROM THESE WEIGHTS. Hogs weigh-in less than 140 pounds at weigh-in, or over 290 pounds at weigh-in will be disqualified from the show.

8. There will be no more than six (6) breed divisions for swine and they will show in the following order:

- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Yorkshire
- OPB
- Light Crossbreeds
- Dark Crossbreed
- All Other Breeds

9. Upon completion of steer classification, market hog weigh-in and classification will begin. At this time, hogs will be called, by breed, in the order above and classified by a 3-person committee. Hogs receiving 2 or more white chips (affirmative) from the committee will be allowed in the desired breed. Those receiving 2 or more red (adverse) chips will be reclassified. Re-classified hogs will be shown as All Other Breeds.

10. Validation tags will be checked at weigh-in/classification. All lost-tag or re-tagged hogs must have evidence or proper validation or be subject to disqualification.

11. No oil, paint, adhesive, or any other substance will be allowed on livestock. WATER ONLY.

12. Any animal that has been castrated must be completely healed prior to the show. Any animal that is not completely healed may be disqualified by the committee.

13. The committee's decision will be final in all matters.

LAMB DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS
Committee Co-Chairman – Mitch Thomas
Committee Members: Robert Garcia, Jesse Cervantes, Javier Villegas, Chad Busse, Josh Klostermann, Lupita Gracia, Roel Garza, and Ana Copeland

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.

2. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of $40 must accompany the entry.

3. All lambs must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and cared for by the exhibitor.

4. Lambs must be clipped and prepared for the show before arriving on the show grounds.

5. All lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up before arrival. No exceptions! Lambs with excessive wool, over 1/4 inch, will be sifted.

6. Lambs must be creditable from standpoints of types, quality, and finish. The committee reserves the right to sift any lambs that are found not to meet these standpoints. Lambs will be placed into weight groups as nearly equal in number as possible. Lambs will be shown in 2 divisions:

- All Other Breeds
- Medium Wools

7. Exhibitors may exhibit two lambs.

8. Lambs may be of any breed or cross-breed and may be a wether or an un-bred ewe.

9. All lambs, which are sexually intact, must be tagged with a valid breeder premise tag upon entering the show grounds. This is in accordance with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), for the prevention and spread of Scrapies.

10. No painting, adhesive, powdering, artificial coloring, or any other substance can be used – WATER ONLY.

11. Any animal that has been castrated must be completely healed prior to the show. Any animal that is not completely healed may be disqualified by the committee.

12. WEIGHING PROCEDURE.

Lambs will be weighed and sifted on an OFFICIAL scale Wednesday starting at 7 PM. All lambs must be checked in and weighed at this time. The weight recorded will be official show weight. THERE IS NO WEIGH BACK the day of the show. Validation and tattoos will be checked at this time. Any lamb weighing less than 70 pounds will be disqualified from the show (there is NO VARIANCE from this minimum). There is no maximum weight.

13. The committee's decision will be final in all matters.

GOAT DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Co-Chairman – Mitch Thomas

Committee Members: Robert Garcia, Roel Garza, Jesse Cervantes, Javier Villegas, Chad Busse, Josh Klostermann, Lupita Gracia, and Ana Copeland

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.

2. All goats must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor.

3. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of $40 must accompany the entry.

4. Goats may be of any breed or cross breed and be a wether or un-bred doe.

5. Goats must meet the following requirements or be sifted:

   A. all goats must have their horns tipped at the time of sift. Goats must be slick shorn from the knees and hocks up not to exceed ¼ of an inch in length.

   B. goats must be creditable from standpoints of quality and finish.

6. The decision of the sifter will be final.

7. After sifting, goats will be divided into weight groups as nearly equal as possible so all goats of the same weight will be in the same weight group.

8. Exhibitors must use halters or collars in the show ring.

9. No painting, adhesive, powdering, artificial coloring, or any other substance can be used on goats – WATER ONLY.

10. No spike collars.

11. Any animal that has been castrated must be completely healed prior to the show. Any animal that is not completely healed may be disqualified by the committee.

11. Exhibitors may show two goats.

12. All goats, which are sexually intact, must be tagged with a valid breeder premise tag upon entering the show grounds. This is in accordance with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), for the prevention and spread of Scrapies.

13. WEIGHING PROCEDURE.

Goats will be weighed and sifted on an OFFICIAL scale Wednesday immediately after Lamb weigh-in (lambs start at 7 PM). All goats must be checked in and weighed at this time. The weight recorded will be official show weight. THERE IS NO WEIGH BACK the day of the show. Validation and tattoos will be checked at this time. Any lamb weighing less than 50 pounds or more than 115 pounds will be disqualified from the show (there are NO VARIANCES from these weights). Any goats weighing less than the minimum or more than the maximum will be disqualified from the show.

14. The committee's decision will be final in all matters.

JR. BEEF BREEDING HEIFER DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Committee Chairman – Cameron Chappell
Committee Members:
Matt Rodriguez, Joe David Kilbourn, Gus Gracia, Layne Klostermann, Ryan Busse, Andy Cruz, Quelee Rodriguez and Logan Thomas

1. All entries will be subject to the general rules and regulations in addition to the following rules and regulations.

2. Only registered animals may be entered. Heifers validated for the RGVLS commercial Heifer show are eligible. They must have current RGVLS validation tags. Registered heifers must be validated under the state validation program.

3. Animals will be divided into classes as outlined in Rule 11 deviation from that rule will be at the discretion of the committee.

4. A copy of registration papers will be required with the entry forms.

5. An entry application must be submitted and entry fee of $40 must accompany the entry.

6. Heifers must have been calved on or after Sept 1, 2024. This age limit applies to commercial heifers also.

7. Exhibitors may only show 2 heifers.

8. No bulls will be shown.

9. Heifers will be allowed in the premium sale.

10. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 220 days of age on day of show.

11. No oil, paint, adhesive, or any other substance will be allowed on livestock. WATER ONLY.

12. Heifer classification will follow the format:

Heifers will be classified into one of the following categories*. Classes for registered cattle will be by birthdate, commercial cattle by weight**:

- American Breeds Registered Females
- All Other Breeds Registered Females
- American Breeds Commercial Females
- All Other Breeds Commercial Females

* If four heifers of any one breed are present, they will show as a breed of their own and constitute a separate division. That breed/division will have its own breed in the Championship drive in addition to the four divisions outlined above.

13. Registered heifers will be checked in on Wednesday at 7 PM where registration and validation papers, as well as tattoos will be checked.

14. Commercial Heifer Classification: Thursday morning at 8AM commercial heifers will be weighed and classified and validation papers checked; beginning with those heifers desiring to be shown as ABC. A three-person committee will classify these heifers using the chip method. Heifers receiving two or more white (affirmative) chips from classifiers will be allowed in the desired breed. Those receiving two or more red (adverse) chips will be reclassified to AOB. There will be no breed classification for AOB heifers.

15. Commercial Heifer Weights: All commercial heifers will be weighed on Thursday morning at classification. This will be the recorded show weight. THERE WILL BE NO WEIGH BACK DURING THE SHOW. There is no minimum or maximum weight for commercial heifers.

16. Spike chains or cable halters will not be allowed.

17. The committee's decision will be final in all matters.

18. No heifer will be shown in both the Registered and Commercial shows even if they carry both validations. They are only eligible to show in one division or the other.

ARTS, PHOTOGRAPHY & BAKE SHOW DIVISION RULES

Chairman: Cassie Tijerina

Committee Members: Letty Rodriguez, Ronni Herrera, Heather May , Tracy May, Ethan Dujay, and Ana Copeland
* No Gate Passes Given for Entries

Arts & Crafts Rules

1. The Arts contest is open to all students in the 3rd – 12th grade, who reside in Willacy County.
2. Entry fee is $10.00. Exhibitors will be responsible for purchasing their own gate pass.
3. All entries are to be checked in and entry fees paid on

Wednesday January 13, from 5-7 PM at the Blue Barn

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

4. Unfinished articles will not be accepted. All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit and must have been made within the previous 12 months before contest date.
5. Exhibitors may have only **one entry** in each class but may enter as many classes as they desire.
6. Entries for 3rd -5th grade are considered Junior Division
7. Entries for 6th-8th grade are considered Intermediate Division
8. Entries for 9th-12th grade are considered Senior Division
9. Work will be stapled to a display board. If you do not wish for the work itself to be punctured, please add small tabs at the top and bottom.
10. Entry forms are to be filled out and taped to the rear of the work facing forward at the bottom so that they can be seen from the front. Forms will be folded back during judging. Signatures will be covered during judging.
11. Entries may be picked up in the Blue Barn Saturday, January 18 at 2:00.
12. All Grand and Reserve Champion work will be kept and displayed over the next week during the livestock show and may be picked up at the County Extension Agency office after the conclusion of the Fair.

CLASS: Fine Arts

1. Painting – Acrylic
2. Painting – Watercolor
3. Drawing- Pencil
4. Drawing – Pastel
5. Drawing – Pen and Ink
6. Drawing – Charcoal
7. Prisma Color – Colored Pencil
8. Mixed Media
9. Miscellaneous

Photography Rules
no gate passes give with entry

1. The Photography Contest is open to all youth in 3rd – 12th grade who reside or attend school in Willacy County
    - Junior Category 3rd – 5th
    - Intermediate 6th- 8th
    - Senior Category 9th- 12th

2. Entry fee is $10.00 per exhibit. Exhibitors will be responsible for purchasing their own gate pass.

3. All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit and must have been taken within the previous 12 months.

4. Exhibitors may enter a photo only one time and can enter as many photos as they desire.
    *You are not allowed to submit photos of same subject in multiple categories.

5. Pictures must be in JPEG format with metadata included.
    a. All photos will be submitted digitally.
    b. Photos must be submitted with the following file format name, FIRSTNAME_LASTNAME_ORGINIZATION_CATAGORY

6. Entries must be turned in by January 11
    NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
    *Link will be posted on the WCLS website prior to turn in date.

Entries will be displayed on a slide show during the Kick-Off Cook off.

CATEGORIES:
A. Animals
B. Black and white
C. People
D. The Great Outdoors
E. Farm/Ranch
F. Digital Effects
H. Architecture
I. Miscellaneous (Photo must not fit any other category)

Color and Black & White photos are allowed in all categories. Although slight computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as cropping, minor adjustment of lighting, and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as applying design styles, or using computer graphics will disqualify an entry. Any other alteration, manipulation, or edits to a photo would require the photo to be entered into the Enhanced category.

Photographs must not contain camera or user placed text. This includes such things as date stamps, comments, watermarks, or titles. Text or wording that is part of the original photograph (i.e. photo of a street sign, etc.) is acceptable.

Photos that are deemed obscene, vulgar, sexually-oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any laws strictly prohibited. The WCLS Board reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.

*The board has the right to reclassify photographs if necessary.

Reasons for disqualification

- Broken content rule. This includes inappropriate or unsuitable content.
- Broken copyright rule. Photo is not the work of the student.
- Broken display and future rights usage rule.
- Broken model and property release rule.
- Category: Does not meet category criteria, rules, or guidelines. (see category descriptions)
- Category: Multiple entries into a category.
- Category: Same photo entered into multiple categories.
- Extremely poor quality/resolution.
- Manipulation of photo beyond what is allowed.
- Entry fee not paid or only partial fee paid.

Size

- Size Ratio: any size ratio, except for panoramic, is acceptable. For this contest, panoramic is defined as a photo with an aspect ratio of 3:1 or 3:1 or wider/taller.
- File Size: Photo must be a minimum of 1MB and a maximum of 20MB.
    - Tips: Upload the highest resolution possible

Pet Show Rules

Pet Show rules will be posted to the WCLS website available at:

https://www.wclsf.com/

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RULES

Chairman: Logan Thomas

Committee Members: Tyler Rowland, Quellee Rodriguez, Layne Klostermann Andy Cruz, Gus Gracia, Cameron Chappell, Morgan Rissica, Curry Janik, and Bubba Rocha

*** No Gate Passes Given for Entries**

1. This contest is open to all active 4-H Club or FFA Chapter members.
2. Entry fee will be $40.00 per team.
3. Age Divisions will be:

Junior Division	3rd- 5th grades
Intermediate Division	6th – 8th grades
Senior Division	9th – 12th grades

4. Individual and Team awards will be given.
5. Teams will have 3 or 4 members. Top 3 scores will be counted.
6. Contestants can judge up into an elder category, but cannot judge down.
7. Zero tolerance for talking or sharing placings during the contest. Offenders can be disqualified.
8. Classes will consist of placing classes and questions classes.
9. 8 minutes will be allotted per class.
10. Tiebreaker will be Official Judge's placing of the class.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

Chairman: Tracy May

Committee Members: Heather May, Georgina Macias, Morgan Rissica

1. $20 per entry. Each contestant may only enter one speech per division. A copy of the speech manuscript must be brought to the contest.
2. Originality-The manuscript and speech presentation must be the contestant's own effort. A statement of originality must accompany each entry.
3. Eligibility-Participation is limited to individuals who are members in good standing of 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters in the Rio Grande Valley.
4. Age Groups:

   Junior-8 years old and in the 3rd grade, but not more than in the eighth grade.

   Senior- At least 9th Grade, but not graduated from high school nor more than 18 years old.

5. Format: Presentations will be judged by a panel of 2-3 judges.
6. Time Limit:

   A. Juniors - Each Speech shall be a minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of six (6) minutes.

   B. Seniors - Each Speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of eight (8) minutes.

7. Question/ Answer Period: A three minute question/answer period will follow each speech. At the end of three minutes, time will be called and all questioning will end. If time is called during the student's answer, the contestant may complete his/her answer. Only official judges may ask questions of the contestants.
8. Attire: Business attire or official 4-H or FFA dress is recommended.
9. Props: The use of props of any kind is prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification.
10. Results: The contest results as announced will be final.
11. Divisions
    - A. Agribusiness-Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as cooperatives, sales, service, journalism, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, advertising, etc.
    - B. Agricultural Policy-Any current or future subject that addresses police or legislation on the following: domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal welfare, subsidies, price supports, etc.
    - C. Animal Science-Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef, or specialty animal industries.
    - D. Plant Science-Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of horticulture and/or agronomy industries. This may include such areas as floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production, specialty crop production, etc.
    - E. Natural Resources-Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, etc.
    - F. Agricultural Technology & Communications-Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as bio technology, bio genetics, bio engineering, mechanical engineering, farm safety, use of technology, research, laser, satellites, computers, embryo transfer, etc.

AG PRODUCTS ID CONTEST RULES
Chairman: Ana Copeland

Committee Members: Georgina Macias, Cassie Tijerina

* No Gate Passes Given for Entries

ELIGIBILITY

1. This event is open to the first 100 teams to successfully submit an entry form.
2. Students must be in the 3rd grade up to the 12th grade as of the date of the contest.
3. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
4. Each team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) students. Team scores will be calculated based on the highest total score of three (3) team members.
5. Each team must be certified by a 4-H club manager, AST, or school sponsor/official.
6. Contestants must meet academic eligibility rules as identified in the UIL Side by Side document.

ENTRY

An entry fee of $10 per person will be made payable to WCLSF at time of event. Team designation will be completed at check-in the day of competition.

CONDUCT OF CONTESTANTS

1. There will be no talking between contestants during the contest. Violating this rule may cause the contestants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.
2. Only contestants and contest officials will be allowed in the contest area during the competition.
3. Contestants must advance from one exhibit to the next when instructed to do so.
4. Contestants must evaluate each exhibit in sequence and will not be allowed to return to any exhibit after advancing.
5. Contestants should not, in any way, willfully obstruct the work of another contestant.
6. If an ineligible contestant is permitted to judge, the team and individual members of that team will be ineligible or prizes and future entry into this contest may be denied to the school, county 4-H or FFA Chapter.
7. Contestants will not be allowed to bring/use any materials (written/printed) while in the contest.

CONTEST FORMAT

Thirty (30) Texas agricultural products selected from the Texas Agriculture Product List & RGV

Addendum will be exhibited at separate stations. Contestants will select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. In addition, each station will have one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display.

1. Question may be:

• General to the industry that produced the product (i.e., Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production).

• Specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e., cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety).

• Contestants will be allowed 30 seconds at each station before they are asked to advance to the next station.

SCORING

1. Contestants will receive five (5) points for each product that is correctly identified and five (5) points for each question that is correctly answered. Points will only be awarded on the follow up questions (pertaining to the product displayed) if the product is correctly identified.

2. TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE

• Individual – 200 points max

• Team – 600 points max

TIES

Seven (7) stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. Teams with the highest cumulative scores at these seven (7) stations will win any tie. If ties remain, winners will be determined by the toss of a coin.

REFERENCES

The following websites are recommended references. Teams will also benefit from web searches and by visiting supermarkets to view products on the Texas Agriculture Product List & RGV Addendum

• Ag Product ID Study Guide – https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/

• Fruits & Vegetables Study Guide – https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Fruits-and-Vegetables-Study-Guide.pdf

• Pork Basics - https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Pork-Basics.pdf

• Popular Pork Cuts - https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Popular-Pork-Cuts.pdf

• Basic Beef Cuts Study Guide - https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Beef-Cuts-Study-Guide.pdf

• Beef Cuts Chart - https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Beef-Chart.pdf

• Beef Cuts Poster - https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Beef-Cuts-Poster.pdf

• Texas Horticulture & Crops - https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/Texascrops/

• USDA Cuts of Beef - https://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/cuts/

• Pork Cuts - https://www.pork.org/cooking/cuts/

• Fruit & Vegetables - https://www.heb.com/category/shop/fruit-vegetables/490020

Entry Card
ONE ENTRY CARD PER EXHIBITOR

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Please indicate quantity of entries (limit 2 entries per species):

_____ *STEER* _____*HEIFER* _____*SWINE*

_____ *LAMB* _____*GOAT*

EXHIBITOR NAME _____

ADDRESS_____CITY_____ZIP_____

TELEPHONE#_____

CLUB/CHAPTER_____ADVISOR_____

SCHOOL_____ GRADE LEVEL_____

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE: ADVISOR SIGNATURE:

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