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2024 WILLACY COUNTY  
LIVESTOCK SHOW & FAIR  
RULEBOOK

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## 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 \$30.00. These fees along with an entry card should be in the fair office on or before **January 12, 2024**.

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 not 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, 2023
Beef Heifer.....	November 1, 2023
Swine.....	November 30, 2023
Lambs.....	October 31, 2023
Goats.....	October 31, 2023

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. A separate entry blank will be required for each exhibit.

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, 2023.

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 is responsible for obtaining and turning in a weight card prior to 7:00 PM, January 24, 2024. Exhibitors must be at his/her project at 7:00 pm for classification.

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

33. Cattle Showmanship contest will include both steer and heifer entries. Showmanship for each Exhibitor species will have the following categories:

Senior Showmanship – 15 years old and up  
Junior Showmanship – 14 years old and under

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 \$10 per participant. Contest will have the following categories:

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

Junior exhibitors may not compete in Pee Wee Showmanship 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 – Ryan Busse**

**Committee Members:**

**Matt Rodriguez, Joe David Kilbourn, Jay Hinojosa, Layne Klostermann, Ana Copeland,  
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. 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 \$30 must accompany the entry.
4. Steers will be classified by breed upon arrival at the show. Steers may be reclassified according to breed characteristics at the discretion of the steer classifying committee. The classifier's decision will be final.
5. Steer exhibitors will turn in weight cards and steers will be divided into weight classes in the breeds specified below. The steer committee and its classifiers will make final call on classification.
6. 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.
7. An exhibitor may show two steers.
8. All steers must weigh a minimum of 850 pounds; there will be no maximum weight. Steers will be allowed a 95% to 105% weigh back of weight turned in on weight card. If that is exceeded, the steer will forfeit his place and the next place animal will move up.
9. Steers that weigh back over 105% of original weight turned in on weight card or under 95% of original weight turned in on weight card will forfeit the right to sell in the premium sale and will receive resale value.
10. Steers may not have horns more than 1 inch in length.

### Steer Breeds-

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

**SWINE DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**Committee Co-Chairmen – Armando Duarte & Cody Scogin**  
**Committee Members: Andy Cruz, Alex Hernandez, Freddy Nieto, Mitch Thomas,**  
**Mark Brown Jr., Eloy Zamarrano, Rene Hinojosa, Bubba Rocha,**  
**Justin Cash, 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 \$30 must accompany the entry.
5. Swine exhibitors will turn in weight cards and swine will be classified by breed upon arrival at the show. Swine may be reclassified according to breed characteristics at the discretion of the swine classifying committee. The committee's decision will be final. If animal is unable to be shown, the committee reserves the right to sift animal and exhibitor will not be allowed to take part in the premium auction.
6. Swine will be divided into weight classes by the swine division committee depending on the number of entries per breed.
7. There will be no more than six (6) breed divisions for swine and they will show in the following order:
  - a. Durocs
  - b. Yorkshire
  - c. O.P.B
  - d. Hamps
  - e. Dark Crosses \*
  - f. Light Crosses and All Other Breeds and Crosses
8. Exhibitors may show two hogs.
9. All swine must weigh between 140 and 290 pounds (there will be no exceptions to these weight limits). A 10 pound weigh back will be allowed, if that limit is exceeded then the animal forfeits his placing and the next place animal will move up. The 10 pounds is both over and under the number shown on weight card.
10. Hogs that weigh back more than 10 pounds over or under what was shown on their original weight cards forfeit the right to sell in the premium sale and will receive resale value.
11. \* Market swine with black, and/or red pigmentation, (i.e. not sandy, rusty, or blue) comprising at least 20% of total body area, shall be considered a Dark Cross. These market swine may be black or red belted, black patched or spotted, with Poland China, Hampshire, Berkshire, or Spot appearance. Market swine with only blue pigmentation are **NOT** considered Dark Crosses.



**LAMB DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**Committee Co-Chairman – Fred Garcia & Josh Klostermann**  
**Committee Members: Robert Garcia, Polo Coy, Javier Villegas,**  
**Chad Busse, Ana Copeland, and Danny Rodriguez**

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 \$30 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. Lambs exhibitors will turn in weight cards upon arrival at the show.
6. 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.
7. 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. **All breeds will show together.**
8. Exhibitors may exhibit two lambs.
9. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 70 pounds; there is no max weight. Lambs will be allowed a 5-pound weigh back both over and under the original weigh-in weight. Any animal exceeding this limit either above or below will forfeit his place and the next animal in line will move up.
10. Lambs that weigh back over the five pounds allowed (either up or down) will forfeit the right to sell in the premium sale and will receive resale value.
11. Lambs may be of any breed or cross-breed and may be a wether or an un-bred ewe.
12. 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.
13. No painting, adhesive, powdering or artificial coloring can be used on lambs.

**GOAT DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**Committee Co-Chairman – Fred Garcia & Josh Klostermann**  
**Committee Members: Robert Garcia, Lupita Gracia, Polo Coy, Javier Villegas**  
**Chad Busse, Ana Copeland, and Danny Rodriguez**

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 \$30 must accompany the entry.
4. Goats may be of any breed or cross breed and be a wether or un-bred doe.
5. Goats exhibitors will turn in weight cards, then goats will be sifted as they are checked in upon arrival on the show grounds.
6. 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  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch in length.
  - B. goats must be creditable from standpoints of quality and finish.
7. The decision of the sifter will be final.
8. 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.
9. Exhibitors must use halters or collars in the show ring.
10. No painting, adhesive, powdering or artificial coloring can be used on goats.
11. Exhibitors may show two goats.
12. All goats must weigh between 50 and 115 pounds. A 5 pound weigh back both up and down from the original weigh-in weight shown on weight card will be allowed. Any animal exceeding this limit will forfeit his placing and the next animal in line will move up.
13. Goats that weigh back over the 5 pounds allowed (either up or down) forfeit the right to sell in the premium sale.
14. 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.

# **JR. BEEF BREEDING HEIFER DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Committee Chairman – Ryan Busse**

**Committee Members:**

**Matt Rodriguez, Joe David Kilbourn, Jay Hinojosa, Layne Klostermann, Ana Copeland,  
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 \$30 must accompany the entry.
6. Heifers must have been calved on or after Sept 1, 2021. 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. 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 berth in the Championship drive in addition to the four divisions outlined above.

\*\* Commercial heifers will be weighed and classified on Wednesday night during animal check-in. There will be no weigh-back.

# **ARTS, PHOTOGRAPHY & BAKE SHOW DIVISION RULES**

**Chairman: Kim Parker**

**Committee Members: Letty Rodriguez, Josie Torres,  
Cassie Tijerina, Tracy May, and Ana Copeland**

**\* No Gate Passes Given for Entries**

## **Arts & Crafts Rules**

1. The Arts & Crafts contest is open to all county youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, which reside in Willacy County.
2. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per exhibit. Exhibitors will be responsible to purchase their own gate pass.
3. Unfinished articles will not be accepted. All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit and must have been made in the previous 12 months.
4. Each entry must have the entry information card attached so information can be shown after judging.
5. Exhibitor may have only one entry in each class, but may enter as many classes as they desire.
6. Exhibits need to be picked up before premium sale concludes on Saturday night. The board will not be responsible for any exhibits that are not picked up during that time.
7. Contestants will be broken up into a High School Category and a Junior High Category.
8. Classification of art will be subject to committee discretion. The committee's word is final.
9. Art Projects must be delivered to the livestock showgrounds between 6 and 7 P.M. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
10. Artwork and photography projects will be available for pickup on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

## Photography Rules

1. The photography contest is open to all youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, which reside in Willacy County.
2. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per exhibit. Exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing their own gate pass bracelet.
3. All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit and must have been made in the previous 12 months.
4. Exhibitor may have only one entry in each class, but may enter as many classes as they desire. Do not put names on the photos.
5. Pictures must be enlarged to at least 8"x10" **and matted**. No framed photos.
6. Exhibits need to be picked up before premium sale concludes on Saturday night. The board will not be responsible for any exhibits that are not picked up during that time.
7. Categories:
  - A. Animals
  - B. Black & White
  - C. People Pictures
  - D. Nature
  - E. Landscape
  - F. Still Life
  - G. Farm & Ranch
  - H. Miscellaneous
1. Photography projects must be delivered to the livestock showgrounds between 6 and 7 P.M. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
2. Artwork and photography projects will be available for pickup on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

## Pet Show Rules

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

<https://www.wclsf.com/>

# **LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RULES**

**Chairman: Georgina Macias**

**Committee Members: Logan Thomas, Quellee Rodriguez, Layne Klostermann  
Justin Cash, and Bubba Rocha**

**\* No Gate Passes Given for Entries**

## **Judging Contest Rules**

1. This contest is open to all active 4-H Club or FFA Chapter members.
2. Entry fee will be \$30.00 per team.
3. Age Divisions will be:

Junior Division	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grades
Intermediate Division	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grades
Senior Division	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 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: Matt Klostermann**

**Committee Members: Eva Morgan, Cody Scogin**

1. \$10 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 \$5 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 for 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://agrillife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Fruits-and-Vegetables-Study-Guide.pdf>
- Pork Basics - <https://agrillife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Pork-Basics.pdf>
- Popular Pork Cuts - <https://agrillife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Popular-Pork-Cuts.pdf>
- Basic Beef Cuts Study Guide - <https://agrillife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Beef-Cuts-Study-Guide.pdf>
- Beef Cuts Chart - <https://agrillife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Beef-Chart.pdf>
- Beef Cuts Poster - <https://agrillife.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>

## Ag Product ID

### Texas Agriculture Product List

- Almond
- Aloe Vera
- Apple
- Apricot
- Artichoke
- Asparagus
- Avocado
- Banana
- Bean
- Beet
- Black-eyed Peas
- Blackberry
- Blueberry
- Bok Choy
- Broccoli
- Brussel Sprouts
- Cabbage
- Calamondin
- Cantaloupe
- Carrot (orange)
- Carrot (maroon)
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Cherry
- Cilantro
- Citrangequat
- Citron
- Coconut
- Collard Greens
- Cotton
- Cucumber
- Dairy
- Dill
- Eggplant
- Fig
- Garlic
- Ginger
- Gourds
- Grapefruit
- Green Bean
- Guava
- Honeydew
- Jalapeno
- Jicama
- Jujube
- Kohlrabi
- Kumquat
- Leeks
- Lemon
- Lettuce
- Lime
- Loquat
- Mandarin
- Mango
- Mayhaw
- Muscadine
- Napa
- Okra
- Olive
- Onion - Dry
- Onion - Green
- Orange
- Papaya
- Peach
- Peanuts
- Pear
- Peas
- Pecan
- Pepper - Bell
- Pepper - Chile
- Persimmon
- Pineapple
- Plum
- Pomegranate
- Potato
- Pummelo
- Pumpkin
- Radish
- Rice
- Rosemary
- Rutabagas
- Serrano
- Snap Peas
- Sour Orange
- Spinach
- Squash - Summer
- Squash - Winter
- Strawberry
- Sweet Corn
- Sweet Potato
- Tangerine
- Tomatillo
- Tomato
- Trifoliolate Orange
- Turnip
- Walnut
- Watermelon
- Wheat

### RGV Addendum

- Amaranth
- Arugula
- Cabbage - Chinese
- Cabbage - Green
- Cabbage - Red
- Cabbage - Savoy
- Citrus - white
- Citrus - Grapefruit
- Citrus - Lemons
- Citrus - Oranges
- Citrus - Tangelos
- Citrus - Tangerines
- Cucumbers
- Cucumbers - Pickling
- Endive
- Escarole
- Grapes (wine)
- Greens - Collard
- Greens - Dandelion
- Greens - Kale
- Greens - Lettuce
- Greens - Mustard
- Greens - Parsley
- Greens - Swiss Chard
- Greens - Turnip
- Herb - Basil
- Herb - Cilantro
- Herb - Curly Parsley
- Herb - Dill
- Herb - Parsley
- Kohlrabi - Green
- Kohlrabi - Purple
- Melons - Cantaloupe
- Melons - Honeydew
- Melons - Watermelon
- Melons - Watermelon Seedless
- Onion - Red
- Onion - White
- Onion - Yellow
- Parsley
- Peas
- Peppers - Chile
- Peppers - Green
- Potatoes - Chipper
- Spinach - Savoy
- Spinach - Curly Leaf
- Spinach - Flat Leaf
- Tomatillo

# Entry Card

## 2024 Willacy County Fair

*Please Check One:*

\_\_\_\_\_ STEER

\_\_\_\_\_ HEIFER

\_\_\_\_\_ SWINE

\_\_\_\_\_ LAMB

\_\_\_\_\_ GOAT

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