

Atascosa County Livestock Show, Inc.

Constitution and By-Laws

Revised 2017

Article 1 - Name

This organization shall be known as the Atascosa County Livestock Show, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Organization".

Article II - Objective

Section 1. The objective of the Organization shall be to organize and hold a county livestock show for the purpose of promoting the educational program of students engaged in FFA and 4-H agricultural livestock projects.

Section 2. To achieve this objective, the Organization will provide a livestock show and agricultural mechanics project show with financial assistance from citizens and business firms of Atascosa County and cities in the counties trade area.

Article III - Organization

The Organization is a countywide non-profit organization controlled by a Board of Directors, operating under the 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (1999)

Article IV- Membership

Section 1. **Eligibility.** Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objectives of this Organization may apply to become a member.

Section 2. **Classes.** There shall be the following classes of membership:

Regular Members. All **current** directors must attend at least 50% of the regular meetings (minimum of **five**) to be qualified to vote on any motion or business. (2011)

New Members. New members that are brought in during the middle of the year must attend a minimum of three meetings to be eligible to vote on any motion or business. (2012)

Honorary Members. Any person may be elected as an honorary member by the unanimous vote of all directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no fights, duties, or obligations in the management of or in the property of the Organization.

Members. As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean regular member unless otherwise stated.

Article V-Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members of the organization shall be held in April at the regularly scheduled meeting, unless otherwise notified (1999), for the purpose of receiving reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting as appearing on the agenda. (1999)

Section 2. Notice of Meeting. Notice of each annual meeting of the members shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each member at his last recorded address at least seven days in advance thereof setting forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting; or in lieu thereof, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the directors (1999), from time to time, at a regularly convened meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of ten members, the president shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members.

Section 4. All regular scheduled meetings of the Atascosa County Livestock Show, Inc., are open to the general public, excluding all executive sessions. (1999)

Section 5. Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceeding of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the constitution or by-laws of the Organization. (1999)

Article VI- Board of Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors. The management of the property and affairs of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors have been duly elected by the Board of Directors. (1999)

Section 2. Required Members. The Board of directors shall consist of four members from each Independent School district in Atascosa County, Somerset Independent School District, and one member each from the communities of Fashing, Leming-/Verdi, Black Hill, Christine, Campbellton, and County Agents and Agricultural Science Teachers. Directors will be nominated by the Agricultural Teachers and County Agents and voted on by the Board of Directors. If no one has an interest in serving as a Director from named school districts or communities another person from another school district/community, with an interest in the organization, may be nominated by the Agriculture Teachers and County Agent to serve that area/community. (2016) Newly elected directors will assume their duties at the next scheduled meeting. (1999) *If a director has been on the board for 30 years or more, he/she may be given the status of Director Emeritus and still have voting privileges. (2017)*

Section 3. Special Members. The past presidents of the Organization may be appointed a permanent member of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting. (2011)

Section 4. Quorum. The presence of 12 of the members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose.

Section 6. Meeting and Notice. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be immediately following the annual election and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board of directors. The President or Recording Secretary shall, at the request in writing of five directors, issue a call for a special meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of each meeting shall be given to each director either by mail at least five days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each director, or by telephone or telegraphic or personal notice twenty-four hours preceding the meeting. In case of special meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and only those matters so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.

Section 7. Duties and Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such committees, as it shall determine and to delegate to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Organization, as it may deem proper.

Article VII- Executive Committee

Section 1. The President (2011) may appoint an Executive Committee, which shall consist of not less than three directors, one of which shall be the President of the Organization.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist the officers of the Organization in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. At any meeting of the Executive Committee a majority of the total number of members in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

Article VIII- Officers, Duties, and Powers

Section 1. Officers. The Officers (1999) of the Organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Executive Secretary/Treasurer, all of whom shall hold office for the ensuing year which shall begin May 1st or until their successors are duly elected by the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, whom may be appointed from the general public. (1999)

Section 2. President. The President shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of the

Organization and for executing the policies established by the Board of Directors. He shall present a report of the condition of the Organization at the annual meeting, and, at such other times as he or the directors shall deem appropriate, he shall communicate to the Board of Directors of such matters and make such suggestions as may, in his opinion, tend to promote the welfare of the Organization.

He shall preside at all meetings of the members, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee.

The President, or such other officers as he may designate in writing, shall have power to make and execute for and in the name of the organization, such contracts and leases as may have received prior approval of the board.

He shall preside at all meetings of the members, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee.

The President, or such other officers as he may designate in writing, shall have power to make and execute for and in the name of the organization, such contracts and leases as may have received prior approval of the board.

He shall investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Organization and report them to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.

He shall prepare an agenda prior to each meeting and those items not listed should be discussed following agenda items if time permits.

Section 3. Vice-President. In case of the absence or disability of the President and provided he is authorized by the President or Board of Directors so to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Section 4. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of the Organization and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records. He shall perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Recording Secretary or as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or President. He shall maintain a list of all regular and honorary members, directors, and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Organization, the Board of Directors, and committees.

He shall keep the minutes of the meeting of the members, the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, special committees, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

He shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed. He shall determine eligible voters from each community when taking roll call.

Section 5. Executive Secretary/Treasurer. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Executive Secretary/Treasurer or may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

He shall receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.

He shall keep records for the receipts and disbursements of all monies and securities of the Organization.

Article IX- Financial and Accounting

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Organization and it shall place all income in a common treasury, directing the expenditure of same. All checks, excluding all stock show checks (1999), over the amount of \$1000 will require two signatures, one from the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and one from any other officer (1999). The Facility Manager shall be on the signature card of the bank account and be able to purchase goods and services for less than \$1,000 related to upkeep and rental of the Atascosa County Show barn and grounds. (2014)

Section 2. No director, officer, or member of the Organization, with the exception of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer (fee will be determined by the Board of Directors), shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument, from the Organization for services rendered as director, officer, or member. In the event the Facilities Manager is a director, officer, or member, that person may receive salary, compensation, or emolument. (Fee determined by the Board of Directors (2004)).

Section 3. All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of the Organization in a depository approved by the Board of Directors and all disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Organization shall begin on the first day of May and shall end on the last day of April, at which time an audit of the Organization's books shall be required.

Section 5. Distribution of property upon dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Organization and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall distribute the property of the organization to the Atascosa County 4-H Clubs (*Current clubs - ACEE 4-H, Black Hill 4-H, La Partia 4-H, Leming/Verdi 4-H, Lytle 4-H, Mesquite 4--H, and Poteet 4-H*) (2017)) and the Atascosa County FFA Chapters (Jourdanton FFA, Pleasanton FFA, Poteet FFA, Charlotte FFA, Lytle FFA, and to include Somerset FFA) (1999) maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are, or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

Article X- Amendments

In order to amend the Constitution and By-laws, a written copy of the proposed amendment must be placed in the hands of all directors at least two weeks prior to the date of the next meeting of all directors at which time the amendment is to be voted on. It will be the duty of the directors of each community to see that members in his community are familiar with the amendment. A majority of the members present will be necessary to amend

the Constitution and By-laws. This action may be done at the annual meeting or at a special meeting.

Article XI- Adoption

The approval by a majority of the directors of the Organization present at a meeting of the directors shall be necessary for the adoption of this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article XII- General Rules and Regulations

Section 1. The Organization reserves to its President and Executive Committee the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules and regulations of the show will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Executive Committee may order.

Section 2. All exhibits will be under the control and the direction of the General Show Superintendent, to be appointed annually by the directors. The Organization 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 out of, or in any way connected with such exhibitors or any of the animals.

Section 3. All applications and entries, *including Rabbits and Commercial Heifer Pens, (2017)* shall be made online (2011) and accompanied by a pen or stall fee, to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer (2011) on or before the scheduled date for the November meeting. Rabbits will be entered at the time of validation (1995). Late entries will be accepted until December 20th at double entry fee (2001). After December 20th, and Entry fee of \$200.00 will be accepted one hour prior to weigh in of the species (2013). A receipt will be issued for the late entry payment by the livestock office prior to weigh in along with a weight/entry card. (2014) No other Livestock allowed on ACLS grounds (2006).

Section 4. Animals must be shown when and in such manner as the judge may require, and if the exhibitor refuses to submit to the requirements, their animals will be ruled out.

Section 5. The single judge system is the policy of the show, and in every case, the judge is selected with utmost care. Judges will be selected at the January meeting (2005). A judge/classifier and one alternate will be elected in separate elections. In the event that the elected judge is unable to attend, the alternate will be contacted. If the alternate cannot attend, another election will be held at the next regular meeting. (2006)

Section 6. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the appeal may be taken to the Executive Committee for their decision. There can be no appeal to this decision.

Section 7. Protest. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, (2004) which will be refunded if the protest is sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint, or appeal, and must be delivered to the Secretary of the show.

Section 8. If any exhibitor whether in person or by agent, or servant interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or to the show, the Executive Committee may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor or it may exclude him from competition and from the ring and may also withhold such premiums that may have been awarded.

Section 9. Should an animal awarded a prize be disqualified, animals gaining lower prizes shall graduate up into higher positions next in order above them.

Section 10. Placings will be designated by ribbons. (2006)

Section 11. Exhibitors will be limited to show no more than two animals in any one class. (2006)

Section 12. Ownership and Feeding Period. The exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of, and throughout the feeding period, and must feed and care for and exhibit their animals. During the Fitting period, exhibitor's animals must be kept at a facility approved by the supervising Ag Science Teacher or County Agent. **(2007)** The feeding and fitting period shall begin no later than the state steer validation date for steers and November 1, for market lambs, and November 15 for market swine (2001). Market rabbits must have been owned, fed and fitted by exhibitor no later than the rabbit validation date (2004). No feeding or fitting date shall be established for breeding cattle except that they shall have been owned by the exhibitor no less than 60 days prior to the opening date of the show. (2011) All breeding swine must be owned on prior to December 1st (2011)

Section 13. All entries in the livestock show must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed if the exhibitor has more than one entry in a class or the exhibitor has entries in more than one Department showing at the same time. Exhibitor substitutions may also be allowed in the case of sickness or other school activities. Substitutions should be requested by the AST/CEA, parent, or Adult Leader and receive the approval of the Show Superintendent. The substitute exhibitor must be a member of an Atascosa County FFA chapter or 4-H club. In the event that a substitute exhibitor is used, the substitute exhibitor will show the entry until the conclusion of the judging of the class. In case of an emergency, the Show Superintendent or Department Superintendent may use his or her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed (2006).

Section 14. If a Premium Sale buyer does not make payment to the Atascosa County Livestock Show, the ACLS will issue the exhibitors' check minus the amount of money bid by the buyer in default. The Organization will make every attempt to collect the funds from any buyer that does not honor his/her obligations, but will in no way be responsible for the shortage caused by buyer default. At such time that any past due funds are collected, a check will be issued to the exhibitor for the amount bid on his exhibit by the buyer in default, less the commission (2006).

Section 15. All awards will be made on the basis of the placing of animals.

Section 16. All animals will be numbered and numbers must be conspicuously displayed

with his or her animal. The exhibitor must remain with his or her animal until it is numbered, weighed, penned, judged, and sold.

Section 17. Animals will be placed and sold according to the following:

Steers – 65% of animals in each class will place and sell - *minimum of 2 per class (2017)*

Swine, Sheep and Goats – 65% of animals in each class will place and sell - minimum of 2 per class. (2017)

Turkeys, Broilers and Rabbits – 45% of animals in each class will place and sell - *minimum of 2 per class (2017).*

Breeding animals - 50% of the number in each class will receive a ribbon.

Normal rules of rounding apply. (.49 or less round down; .5 and greater – round up) (2016)

Placings will be determined based on the Official Class Posting sheets. (2017)

Section 18. An exhibitor showing an exhibit in the market division may sell only one exhibit through the premium sale. During the sale, exhibitors will be called a maximum of three times for the sale line up and if he or she is not in line, he or she will automatically forfeit their right to sell. A sale sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on Saturday morning.

Section 19. A commission of six (2013) percent will be charged on all sales. The commission is paid to the Atascosa County Livestock Show and is used for the general operation of the Show.

Section 20. An exhibitor must be a member in good standing of their respective FFA chapter or 4-H clubs in Atascosa County or Somerset FFA chapter to be eligible to participate in the show.

Section 21. Unethical Fitting and Showing of Livestock. The showing of unethically fitted livestock, or livestock over the age that is eligible for exhibition in the class in which such animal is being presented for exhibition at the County Livestock Show is prohibited. Unethical fitting within the meaning of the rules will be deemed to consist of any method of altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's' body, evidenced by the presence of abnormal tissue or foreign substance. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his entry being accepted by the Atascosa County Livestock Show, Inc., specifically represents that no animal entered therein by him as his exhibit is unethically fitted or altered. Absolutely no drenching of sheep or goats inside the show barn. Any and all filling of sheep or goats must be made in the pens. An automatic disqualification from the show if violated. (2009) No force-feeding or watering of swine by means of hose or any other device which is unnatural for swine to consume feed and/or water. The exhibitor and animal will be disqualified from the show if violated. (2016) The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized in the event any such animal is declared to be unethically fitted as foresaid to permanently bar such animals from competition in the show and may bar the exhibitor entering such animal. Reinstatement of anyone so barred may be made only by a majority vote of the Executive

Committee.

Section 22. Exhibitors Staying on the Show Grounds. No exhibitors will be allowed to stay on the grounds at night. (2004)

Section 23. Double entry of exhibits. An exhibitor who wishes to double enter his or her animal in both market and breeding classes may do so by paying entry fees on both entries. (2006)

Section 24. Unruly animals. Any animal being unruly will be sifted. A committee of three people consisting of the President, Department Superintendent, and General Superintendent will be the sifting committee.

Section 25. Entry regulations. All exhibitors may enter only the Atascosa County Livestock Show. Entering any other county Livestock Show shall constitute automatic disqualification from the Atascosa County Livestock Show (1998). *This rule does pertain to Ag Mechanics Projects. (2017)* This rule does not pertain to judging contest (2000).

Section 26. Add On's will be accepted during the Premium Auction only. A separate area outside the buyer's reception area will be set up for individuals to add money onto an exhibitor's sale lot. All Add On's must be done the night of the Premium Auction and paid for that night by check or cash only, NO credit cards will be accepted. All Add On's are subject to the 6% commission charged on all sale lots. The area for Add On's will close 15 minutes after the last sale lot sells. No exceptions! Add On money will not be published in any way, nor will the individuals placing the Add On's have any recognition. This is a convenience to the grandparents, family members, friends etc. that are not registered buyers. (2017)

Section 27. Fires of any type will not be allowed on the show grounds. There will be no cooking or preparation of food that requires cooking or heat produced by a fire or electricity other than by the ACLS Concession Stand (2005).

Section 28. Only exhibitors, Atascosa County Ag Science Teachers, County Agents, or family members (Parents, grandparents, and siblings) are allowed to prepare animals for show at the Atascosa County Livestock Show in all divisions (2005).

Section 29. Photographs: Exhibitors agree to present their project(s) at the request of show officials for official photographs. All photographs taken by the official photographer(s) become property of the Atascosa County Livestock Show. Photos that are taken by official show photographer(s) can be used at the discretion of the show for print in advertising and promotion of our livestock show and the youth we represent (2013). *All sale lots will be charged a photography fee based on the rates the photographer is charging for the upcoming year. This fee will be deducted from each exhibitor's premium check. (2017)*

Section 30. Exhibition of Animals During Sale: Exhibitors selling Grand and Reserve Champion animals must bring an animal into the sale ring during the auction. All such animals are subject to being prohibited from entering the sale ring or removed from the sale ring at the first indication of unruly or ill behavior that, in the direction of the sale ring attending director, could present a danger to itself, the exhibitor, other exhibitors or any person

attending the sale. No animals placing lower than Grand *Champion (2017)* or Reserve *Grand (2017)* Champion will be permitted in the sale ring during the auction. (2016)

Article XIII- Special Rules and Regulations

All rules contained in this Article XIII shall be defined as Special Rules and Regulations, and are established to govern the operation of the Atascosa County Livestock Show. Proposed amendments to the Special Rules and Regulations must be submitted to the Recording Secretary in writing prior to or at the March Meeting. The Recording Secretary shall publish all proposed amendments to the directors at least two weeks prior to the April meeting. Proposed amendments to the Special Rules and Regulations shall be considered only at the April meeting, may be debated, amended, and shall require a majority vote of the directors eligible to vote in order to pass. Once an amendment receives the necessary affirmative votes, the Recording Secretary shall review and correct any clerical or typographical errors before the amendment is inserted in this article. (2011)

Rule 1. Eligibility of Exhibitors. Junior Exhibitors and contestants under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play" are ineligible to participate in any Atascosa County Livestock Show Activity, Event, or Competition. Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor is also ineligible for competition and or premium sale. (2008)

All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are considered to be eligible by the Atascosa County Livestock Show to participate in the show at the time entries are received by the CEA/AST. Any CEA/AST who has member in his/her program who becomes ineligible to participate in the Livestock Show according to the show Superintendent of the Livestock Show at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the competition, the Atascosa County Livestock show will consider the exhibitor as eligible to participate.

Rule 2. Qualifications. Any individual who will be 9 years old or in the 3rd grade prior to the beginning of the fitting period and who will not be 21 years old before February 1, is eligible to enter exhibits fed and cared for by the individual. Exhibitor must be under the supervision of competent leadership for the feeding period and shall not have graduated from high school.

Rule 3. Certification of Eligibility. All entries in the show should be made by the Agricultural Science Teacher or County Agent under whose supervision the animal was fed and he/she must certify on the entry application that the animal and exhibitor are eligible under the rules of the show.

Rule 4. Weigh-in. Designated official scales will be used for the official weigh in and will be controlled by the show superintendent until start of official weigh in. All market steers, lambs, swine, goats and rabbits; will be weighed in under the supervision of the department superintendent (2011). One reweigh will be allowed should any animal weigh less than the minimum or more than the maximum allowed weight for its species. The

exhibitor may reweigh that animal one time at the end of the weighing of that species. Further, the superintendent may choose to reweigh any animal one time for any reason (2011). Once an animal enters the scale, that animal is declared for show and may not be replaced or substituted for, with any other animal; at any time (2013). Those animals that do not meet weight requirement will be automatically sifted. All species (lambs, swine, steers, turkeys, rabbits, broilers, goats) will use validation number as official numbers (2004).

Rule 5. Eligible for premium sale. All market exhibits that place will be eligible for the premium sale. An exhibitor may sell only one exhibit through the premium sale. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitors to inform their Adult Leaders, County Extension Agent, or Agricultural Science Teachers, which place they wish to sell if they have placed more than one place in the livestock show. This information should be furnished immediately after the conclusion of the last market class of the day on the Friday of the show. If this information is not furnished, the Adult Leader, County Extension Agent, or Agricultural Science Teacher will choose which of the exhibitors' place sells through the premium sale. (2006)

Rule 6. Grand Champion. All grand champion market animals must sell through the premium sale unless an exhibitor has more than one grand champion. In the event one exhibitor has more than one grand champion, the following will be followed in selecting which entry will sell.

1. Grand Champion Steer
2. Grand Champion Swine
3. Grand Champion Lamb
4. Grand Champion Broilers
5. Grand Champion Turkeys
6. Grand Champion Rabbits
7. Grand Champion Goat

Rule 7. Arrival of Animals. All market animals must be in place prior to their official weigh in time as designated by the show superintendents in the official ACLS show schedule (2000). No animals may stay on trailers or etc. They must be in the facilities provided by the ACLS. No Exceptions. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. (2006)

Rule 8. Health Papers. All animals entering the show grounds must conform to the current requirements set up by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Rule 9. Drug Withdrawal. All exhibitors must conform to the Federal Drug Administration's requirements for the withdrawal of drugs from feed fed to your animals. Signature of entry card signifies that all withdrawal times have been adhered to.

Rule 10. Parade of Champions. The parade of champions, students only, *no (2017)* animals, will be as follows:

- 1. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market & Breeding Award Winners*
- 2. Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship Award Winners*
- 3. Champion & Reserve Champion Skillathon Award Winners*
- 4. Ag Mechanic Awards*

5. Judging Contest Awards

6. Record Book Awards

7. Commercial Heifer Award Winners

8. And other information needed to be added by the officers, show superintendent, or directors (2017)

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Rule 11. Judging Contest. Any organization or anyone wishing to sponsor a judging contest may do so without expense to the ACLS. Time and place of contest to be coordinated with the Show Superintendents (2000).

A team shall consist of four members of which the three high scores will be counted.

A club or chapter may enter as many teams as they wish. Extra members may judge as individuals and compete for individual awards. Teams will compete based on their oldest member. A junior member may compete on a senior team. Members must be active members from the club or chapter they represent. Awards will be presented to the top three teams and the top five individuals in each division (junior and senior).

Rule 12. Showmanship and Cleanliness Awards.

- A. Junior, Intermediate (2015) and Senior Showmanship. Categories; Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits. Each exhibitor interested in competing in showmanship will be issued a number, providing he/she has an animal entered. The participant will have to be registered at the time of the show. Junior Division is grades 3rd – 5th, Intermediate Division is grades 6th – 8th and Seniors are grades 9th – 12th at the time of the show. (2016)
- B. Exhibitors must be showing their own animals to compete and be selected in showmanship.
- C. An Award will be given to the Junior and Senior winner in each division. Judges for showmanship are to be selected and approved by the Livestock Show Board of Directors. (2005)
- D. 4-H Records Awards: Awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place livestock records in 4-H. Records must be submitted to the County Extension Office on a date designated by the office prior to the Atascosa County Junior Livestock show. In the event a committee is needed to review them the extension office will work with the ACLS president to develop a committee. (2014) The 4-H record book program will be eliminated unless the County 4-H furnishes prizes and awards (1998).

Rule 13. Premium Sale Line-up. Those eligible for the Premium Sale will be sold in the following order.

- 1. Grand Champion Market Steer.
- 2. Grand Champion Market Hog.
- 3. Grand Champion Market Lamb.

4. Grand Champion Market Goat.
5. Grand Champion Market Turkey.
6. Grand Champion Broilers.
7. Grand Champion Pen of Rabbits.
8. Reserve Grand Champion Steer.
9. Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog.
10. Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.
11. Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat.
12. Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey.
13. Reserve Grand Champion Broilers.
14. Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Rabbits.
15. Champion British Steer.
16. Champion Charolais Steer.
17. Champion Brahman Steer.
18. Champion Exotic Steer.
19. Champion ABC Steer.
20. Champion Duroc Hog.
21. Champion Hampshire Hog.
22. Champion OPB Hog.
23. Champion Yorkshire Hog.
24. Champion Crossbred Hog.
25. Champion Fine Wool Lamb.
26. Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb.
27. Champion Southdown Lamb.
28. Champion Medium Wool Lamb.
29. Champion Lightweight Division Goat. (2011)
30. Champion Medium Weight Division Goat. (2011)
31. Champion Heavyweight Division Goat. (2011)
32. Reserve Champion British Steer.
33. Reserve Champion Charolais Steer.
34. Reserve Champion Brahman Steer.
35. Reserve Champion Exotic Steer.
36. Reserve Champion ABC Steer.
37. Reserve Champion Duroc Hog.
38. Reserve Champion Hampshire Hog.
39. Reserve Champion OPB Hog.
40. Reserve Champion Yorkshire Hog.
41. Reserve Champion Crossbred Hog.
42. Reserve Champion Fine Wool Lamb.
43. Reserve Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb.
44. Reserve Champion Southdown Lamb.
45. Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb.
46. Reserve Champion Lightweight Division Goat (2011)
47. Reserve Champion Medium Weight Division Goat (2011)

48. Reserve Champion Heavyweight Division Goat (2011)
Lots 49 on will be sold with all 1st place, 2nd place, etc. sold together
by Steers, Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Turkey, Broilers, and Rabbits (2013).

Rule 14. Ring Stewards. No adults, except ring stewards and those appointed by the Show Superintendent will be allowed in the show ring at any time (1993).

Rule 15. Validation. All animals that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County. The only exception to this rule would be in the event a student moves into the county after the validation date (1997).

Rule 16. Cattle Department. Classes and Premium List.

- A. Age of Animal. Steers do not have to have their milk teeth.
- B. Validation. Steers must be validated during the state steer validation period and carry the state validation ear tag. Steers that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County unless a student moves into the County after the validation date (1997). *ALL tags removed upon validation of steer, and only the validation tag shall be present during the show. All others tags must be removed. (2017)*
- C. Entry Fee. An Entry fee of \$20.00 **(2007)** will be charged for all cattle (beef breeding heifers and steers). Entry fee must accompany all entry cards.
- D. Alcoholic Beverages. No Beer will be allowed on the Show Grounds for the purpose of giving to calves in order to put fill on them. No pumping of steers allowed. (2006)
- E. Steer Classification. All steers will be classified by the one-person classifier at the time of weigh in. All steers will be weighed by breeds. The order will follow the show order. Steers not present at the time of weigh in for a particular breed will automatically be classified as Exotic (2004). The classifier will be hired by the Atascosa County Livestock Show for the sole purpose of classifying steers. All decisions of the classifier are final, with no exceptions (1998). All exhibitors must lead their steer at the time of weigh in with the exceptions noted in ARTICLE XII-Section 13. (2004).
- F. Steer Breeds. Steer classes will be established within the following breeds:
 - 1. British.
 - 2. Charolais and Charolais Cross (at least 50% Charolais).
 - 3. Brahman and Brahman Cross (at least 50% Brahman).
 - 4. ABC - to exhibit at least 3/8 Brahman influence and including Santa Gertrudis Cross (at least 50% Santa Gertrudis).
 - 5. Exotic

- G. Steer Weights and Classes. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds. After weighing, those steers meeting minimum weight will be divided equally into a light and heavy class in each breed, provided there are 5 animals per breed. If a breed has more than 26 animals, the classes will be divided into light, medium, and heavy weights. No more than 9 animals per class, If there are more than 9 animals per class, 4 classes will be created. An additional class will be added as needed each time the number of any class exceeds 9. (2016)
- H. Grooming Materials. Steers will have no change of the major color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing. Any grooming material, except hoof dressing, that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed to show. All steers must be dehorned except in the breeds where scurs are acceptable for breed classification (2000).
- I. Breeding Classes. Classes will be established for the following breeds:
1. British (Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn).
 2. European
 3. American (1997)
- These animals must be purebred with the registration papers or certification (AOB, ABC, Star Five, Black Gold, Etc.) papers from the parent breed association or certified by the TCCA and have official TCCA, AOB, or ABC ear tag and certificate number in the name of the exhibitor at the time of the show. (2011)
- J. Slick Shear/Breeder Tags - All steers will be slick shorn to conform to major show guidelines. (Hair no more than one -quarter inch in length over the entire body. Executive Committee interpretation as per instructions from the Board of Directors (1996)). *Prior to weigh, classification and registration paper check in all breeder identification ear tags need to be removed from the market steer and breeding heifers ear. TJLA ear tags will be allowed in heifers. Only state steer validation tags will be allowed in steers. (2017)*
- K. Spring Junior Heifers - Calved on or after 04/01 of the year preceding the show. (2006)
Winter Junior Heifers - Calved 01/01 - 03/31 of the year preceding the show.
Fall Senior Heifers - Calved 10/01 - 12/31 of the second year preceding the show.
Summer Senior Heifers - Calved 07/01 - 09/30 of the second year preceding the show.
Spring Junior Yearling Heifers - Calved 04/01 - 06/30 of the second year preceding the show.
Winter Junior Yearling Heifers - Calved 01/01 - 03/31 of the second year preceding the show.
Cows - Not to be older than 36 months of age at the time of the show. This age class must have calf at side or be palpated safe in calf by a licensed veterinarian by the day of the show.

Department A. Steers

Breed	Class	Class	Class
British	1. Light	2. Medium	3. Heavy
Charolais	4. Light	5. Medium	6. Heavy
Brahman	7. Light	8. Medium	9. Heavy
ABC	10. Light	11. Medium	12. Heavy
Exotic	13. Light	14. Medium	15. Heavy

Department B. Breeding Beef

Females							
Breed	Spring Jr. Heifers April – June 2016	Winter Jr. Heifers Jan – Mar 2016	Fall Sr. Heifers Oct – Dec 2015	Summer Sr. Heifers July – Sept 2015	Spring Jr. Yearling Heifers April – June 2015	Winter Jr. Yearling Heifers Jan – Mar 2015	Cows less than 36 months of age Born on or Before 1/20/2014
British	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
European	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
American	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.

Rule 17. Swine Department. Classes and Premium List.

A. Market Swine. Classes will be established for the following breeds:

1. Duroc.
2. Hampshire.
3. Other Pure Breeds. (OPB)
4. Yorkshire.
5. Crossbred.

Market swine must weigh (190--280) pounds (2013) with a three -pound tolerance at each end (187--283) (2011). Weight Limits will be strictly enforced (1998). Gilts may be shown in the market class. After all swine are weighed, those weighing within the above weight limits will be divided equally into a light, medium and heavy weight class within each breed. If there are more than 75 in a breed, classes will be split into light, medium, light heavy and heavy weight. If there are more than 100 in a breed, classes will be split into light, light medium, light heavy and heavy weight. An additional class will be added as needed each time the number in any one class exceeds 25. (2013)

- B. Breeding Swine. Gilts may be entered and exhibited in both the market and breeding swine classes. The breeding gilts must have registration of ownership by December 1. Only purebred Berkshire, Chester White, Hampshire, Duroc, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted Poland China, and Yorkshire, Tamworth and Hereford, or any other breed registered in a recognized breed association, (2013) will be allowed. Registration papers will be checked after time of weigh in for the market show (2011). After all registration papers are checked, eligible animals will be divided equally into three classes by age. If there are more than 75 breeding gilts, 4 classes will be created. An additional class will be added as needed each time the number in any one class exceeds 25. (2013)
- Class 1- the youngest gilts farrowed through Sept 15th of the preceding year.
 - Class 2- gilts not included in class 1 or 3.
 - Class 3- the oldest gilts farrowed beginning July 1st of the preceding year (2013)
- C. Entry Fee. An entry fee of \$20.00 (2007) per head will be charged on all swine. Entry fee must accompany entry card.
- D. Grooming Materials. Swine must be *classified, weighed and be (2017)* shown “free of product”.
- E. Validation. All market swine must be validated on or before November 15th. Market swine must be properly tagged and ear notched. Proper ear notches must be recorded on the validation form. If a mistake in recording ear notches occurs, corrections must be made in writing to the validation chairman prior to January 1st (2011). If the ear notches on a market swine (during weigh in) do not match those that were recorded, that animal may be disqualified from being shown. The Show Superintendent, the Swine Superintendent, and the Validation Chairman will make the final decision on the eligibility of those animals with ear notch discrepancies (2003). Market swine that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County unless a student moves into the County after the validation date (1997).
- F. Breeds of swine will be declared at time of weigh -in (1999).
- G. Swine classification- classification of swine will take place at the time of weigh in. ACLS shall provide a classifier, not to be the swine judge, to perform the classification procedure. Any animal not exhibiting the appropriate characteristics for the breed, as determined by the classifier, shall be moved to the cross class. (2014)

Department D. Market Swine

Breed	Class	Class	Class
Duroc	1. Light	2. Medium	3. Heavy
Hampshire	4. Light	5. Medium	6. Heavy
OPB	7. Light	8. Medium	9. Heavy
Yorkshire	10. Light	11. Medium	12. Heavy
Crossbred	13. Light	14. Medium	15. Heavy

Department E. Breeding Swine

All Breeds:

Class 1- the youngest gilts farrowed through Sept 15th of the preceding year. Class 2- gilts not included in class 1 or 3.

Class 3- the oldest gilts farrowed beginning July 1st of the preceding year (2013)

Rule 18. Sheep Department. Classes and Premium List.

- A. Age of animals. Lambs do not have to carry their milk teeth.
- B. Entry Fee. An entry fee of \$20.00 (2007) will be charged for market lambs. Entry fee must accompany entry.
- C. Grooming. All lambs will be shown with no artificial coloring and must be shorn slick at time of showing. Wool may be left on the legs from the knee and hock down.
- D. Validation. All market lambs will be validated and permanently ear tagged prior to November 1 (1998). Lambs that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County unless a student moves into the County after the validation date (1997).
- E. Weight and Classes. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 80 pounds, with a 2 pound tolerance. (78lbs) (2013). Ewe lambs may be shown in the market class. Lambs will be classified by the judge prior to the start of the show. Lambs will be weighed by scale prior to the show at the time designated by the Superintendent. There will be no weigh back. (2009) After classification and weighing is completed, the lambs will be divided into two equal classes, *provided there are 5 animals per breed (2017)*, except when the total in a *breed exceeds 30 (2017)*, then the breed will be divided into three equal classes. (2001) The class will be posted stating how many will place in each class. (1999)

Lamb classes will be as follows:

1. Fine Wool - Delaine, Rambouillet, or a cross between the two breeds.
2. Fine Wool Cross - A first cross of a fine wool with a Suffolk, Hampshire,

- Corriedale, or Columbia.
 - 3. Southdown (1997).
 - 4. Medium Wool - Hampshire, Shropshire, Suffolk, Columbia Cross, or Dorset
- F. Breeds of lambs will be declared at time of weigh -in (1999).

Department F. Market Lambs

Breed	Class	Class	Class
Fine Wool	1. Light	2. Medium	3. Heavy
Fine Wool Cross	4. Light	5. Medium	6. Heavy
Southdown	7. Light	8. Medium	9. Heavy
Medium Wood	10. Light	11. Medium	12. Heavy

Rule 19. Poultry Department. Classes and Premium List

- A. Entry Fee and Validation. An entry fee of \$20.00 (2007) will be charged for poultry entries. All fees accompany entries and validation cards must be turned in the same day.
- B. Broilers. An entry will consist of one pen of three birds. Exhibitors must order birds in multiples of 25. Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two pens of broilers in the Atascosa County Livestock Show. Multiple immediate family members exhibiting broilers must order a minimum of 25 birds per family exhibitor (example, brother and sister - 50 birds) (2003). All broilers will be purchased through the ACLS, straight run or same as San Antonio Livestock Show (2001) and will be wing banded. Broilers losing their bands will not show. Age of broilers to be determined by poultry committee (2000).
- C. Turkeys. Must be purchased from the San Antonio (2000) Show Turkey source. The turkeys may be ordered by the Ag Science Teacher or County Agent only and must be picked up by that person. The turkeys will be wing banded at hatching and that band assigned to the exhibitor must be in place and untampered with to be eligible to show. The Grand Champion Turkey will be selected from the class winners of Class 2 (Turkey Hen) and Class 3 (Turkey Tom). The Reserve Champion Turkey will be selected from the other class winner and the 2na Place from the class in which the Grand Champion Turkey was selected (2005).
- D. Check-In. No wet birds will be allowed to check in at time of poultry sift (1998).
- E. Sifting. There will be no weigh-in or minimum weights on poultry. Birds will continue to be sifted for bruises, broken bones, missing wing bands, external parasites, and sex characteristics (1998).

Department G. Market Poultry Classes

Species	Class
Broilers	1.
Turkey Hen	2.
Turkey Tom	3.

Rule 20. Rabbits. Classes and Premiums.

- A. Ownership. Exhibitors shall have raised their meat pens or have owned them on or before the validation date (2004).
- B. Entry Fee. Entry fee shall be \$20.00 (2007) for all rabbit entries.
- C. Standard of Breed. Rabbits must conform to standard of breed as so stated in the ARBA Standard of Perfection and be free from any elimination and disqualification including but not limited to any sign of disease, ear canker or sore hocks (2000).
- D. Meat Pen. A meat pen entry shall consist of three rabbits, same breed, same litter, either sex, *with an age limit of 10 weeks, a minimum weight limit of 3 lbs. and 8 oz., and a maximum weight limit of 5 lbs. and 8 oz. with a 2-ounce tolerance. (2017)*
- E. Placing for Meat Pens. Meat pen entries will be placed and sold according to the General Rules and Regulations, and will be shown in one class regardless of breed.
- F. Pre-Sifting. Market rabbits will be sifted by the judge before entering the show ring. Exhibitors must declare which rabbits constitute the meat pen prior to rabbits being weighed and sifted. If any one rabbit in the pen is overweight or underweight, the entire pen is disqualified from competition. If the judge disqualifies any one rabbit in the pen from competition, the entire pen is disqualified. (2017)*
- G. Identification. All meat pen rabbits will have a permanent legible mark tattooed in the left ear by the validation committee. Each entry of rabbits will receive the same tattoo. In the event of a family exhibiting multiple entries they must designate at time of show which rabbits would be exhibited as a meat pen. All pens must be entered in the exhibitors name at validation. (2008)
- H. Validation. The validating committee must validate all meat rabbits. The validation date shall be not less than 30 days prior to the show or more than 35 days prior to the show (2004).

Department H. Pen of Rabbits

Species	Class
Meat Pen	1.

Rule 21. Goats. Classes and Premium List.

- A. Age of Animals. Kids do not have to carry their milk teeth.
- B. Entry Fee. An entry fee of \$20.00 (2007) will be charged for market goats. Entry fee must accompany entry.
- C. Grooming. All goats will be shown with no artificial coloring and must be slick shorn from the knees and hocks up, excluding the tail.
- D. Validation. All market goats will be validated and permanently ear tagged prior to November 1. Goats that show in the Atascosa County Livestock Show must be validated in Atascosa County unless a student moves into the County after the validation date.
- E. Weight and Classes. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs. and a maximum of 115 lbs., with a 2 pound tolerance. (58 lbs.--117 lbs.) (2013). Does may be shown in the market class. Goats will be weighed by scale prior to the show at a time designated by the Show Superintendent.(2009) There will be no weigh back.(2009) After weigh in, goats weighing above the minimum and below the maximum weights will be divided equally into 6 classes. These classes will be divided into 3 divisions- light, middle, and heavy (2014)

If there are more than 140 (2014) goats, seven (2014) classes will be formed. An additional class will be formed for each additional 20 head. If more than six classes are established, the goat superintendent will decide what division the class will be added to. (2010) There will be a division champion and reserve champion for all three divisions. These three division champions will compete for Grand Champion Goat and the reserve of the division will compete against the two remaining champions for Reserve Champion Goat.

Ex. Class 1 and Class 2 – Lightweight Division
Class 3 and Class 4 – Middleweight
Division Class 5 and Class 6 – Heavy
Weight Division

- F. Horns. All goats' horns must be tipped blunt before arrival on grounds.

- G. Restraint. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.

Department I. Market Goats

Species	Class
Market Goat	1. Light Weight
Market Goat	2. Medium Light Weight
Market Goat	3. Heavy Light Weight
Market Goat	4. Light Medium Weight
Market Goat	5. Medium Weight
Market Goat	6. Heavy Medium Weight
Market Goat	7. Light Heavy Weight
Market Goat	8. Medium Heavy Weight
Market Goat	9. Heavy Weight

Department J. Breeding Goat Show

- H. Breeding Goats. *Breeding Goats will be divided into 1 division: Registered Nannies and Wether Does (Unregistered) will all show together within same classes. (2017)*

Registered:

All nannies must be born and registered in the year preceding the show. I.e. – in 2017, breeding nannies should be born between January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017. Entries must be registered in the name of the exhibitor. (2016)

Wether Doe (Unregistered):

Does may be shown with hair or slick shorn. Must be validated with County or State validation tag during County goat validation. At the time of show, does must not possess more than their first set of yearling teeth.

Weight and Classes:

Registered Nannies and Wether Does will be weighed in by ACLS officials. Nannies and Does will be shown by weight with up to 3 classes determined by the Goat Superintendent. (2017)

Breed	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Registered Nannies & Wether Does	TBD after weigh in	TBD after weigh in	TBD after weigh in
Wether Doe - Unregistered	TBD after weigh in	TBD after weigh in	TBD after weigh in

(2017)

Rule 22. Agricultural Mechanics Project Show.

A. Exhibitors in the Farm Mechanics Division will consist of labor saving devices, decorative objects from the home or lawn *and tractors (2017)* farm machinery or equipment that has been constructed *or reconstructed (2017)* by the exhibitor. The work must have been done by FFA and 4-H members under the leadership of their Ag Science Teacher, adult leaders, or County Extension Agents.

B. The following factors will be used in judging the projects:

1. Quality of Workmanship - 30 points.
2. Practicality - 20 points.
3. Degree of difficulty (skills displayed) - 15 points.
4. Design and materials - 20 points.
5. Finish - 10 points.
6. Portfolio - 5 points.

Blue 90--100 points Red 80--90 points White 70--80 points

C. Judging criteria for Restoration projects:

Criteria	Points
Aesthetics	15
Authentic	20
Mechanical	40
Safety	10
Documentation and Research	15
Total	100

Blue 90-100 points Red 80-90 points White 70-79 points

D. Every article for exhibition must be made by a member or members of good standing of the FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Multiple projects of similar construction by the same exhibitor will be treated as one entry. (2009) Entries show commercialization will be disqualified.

E. A junior division will be available to FFA and 4-H Members who are 13 years of or younger at the time of the entry. All entries will be judged together as a single division. The juniors will have the option to show in this division or compete in the regular divisions. Designation must be done at the entry time. (2007)

F. Projects may be shown only one time.

G. Exhibit cards will be attached to projects when they are set in place. The cards will be removed before judging and replaced after judging. A for sale sign may be placed on the exhibit after judging.

H. The Atascosa County Livestock Show will not be responsible for fire, theft, vandalism, or destruction of exhibits.

I. There will be no entry fee charged in this division. Blue, Red, and White ribbons will

be awarded to each project. Rosettes will be awarded to the Champions and Reserve Champions in each of the divisions. (2015) Additional prizes may be awarded.

J. A sweepstakes award will be awarded to the FFA Chapter or 4-H Club that accumulates the most points based on the following system:

1. Points will be awarded for each entry based on its individual classification:
Blue--3 points, Red--2 points, White--1 point. Grand
Champion--3 points, Reserve Champion--2 points, Division Winner--1 point.
2. In case of a tie, the Chapter or Club with the most class and division winners will be awarded the sweepstakes prize.

K. The divisions are as follows:

I. Ag Machinery and Equipment.

1. Shop Equipment
2. Tractor Equipment
3. Other

II. Truck Accessories.

1. Front Bumper
2. Rear bumper
3. Bed Accessories.
4. Other

III. Wildlife Equipment.

1. Traps and Cages
2. Blinds
3. Feeders
4. Other

IV. Trailers.

1. Single Axle
2. Multi-axle

V. Livestock Equipment.

1. Gates and Panels
2. Restraining Equipment
3. Feeders
4. Show Equipment
5. Other

VI. Home & Lawn

1. Home Interior
2. Home Exterior
3. Sculpture (cutouts)
4. Other (2009)

- VII. Picnic Tables & Outdoor Furniture
 - 1. Tables with Seats
 - 2. Patio Tables
 - 3. Swings
 - 4. Other

- VIII. Barbecue Pits
 - 1. Stationary
 - 2. Vehicle Pulled
 - 3. Fire Pits
 - 4. Other

- IX. Junior Division

- X. Showmanship
 - 1. Must turn in a portfolio of:
 - *Plans
 - * Bill of Materials
 - * Cutting List
 - * Photo's
 - 2. Interview

- XI. Reconstructed (2017)*
 - 1. Tractor*
 - 2. Farm Equipment*
 - 3. Other*

L. Any exhibit/project that uses any type of combustible fuel will not be allowed inside the Showbarn unless the combustible fuel product is removed from the exhibit. Otherwise the exhibit/project requiring such fuel must be located outside the building no less than 10 feet away. (2013) *Tractors, Farm Equipment and other equipment in the restoration category must have less than 10 gallons of fuel in the fuel tank. (2017)*

M. Restoration and Ag Mechanic Projects will be competing for their own set of overall Champion and Reserve Champion Awards. (2017)

Rule 23. Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine Skillathon

Entry

An entry fee of **\$5 (2017)** made payable to A.C.L.S. shall be made online (2011) and accompanied by entry fee, to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer (2011) on or before the scheduled date for the November meeting.

Eligibility

Contestants must meet all Show Rule Requirements Divisions

The contest will be divided into three divisions. Junior Division is grades 3rd – 5th, Intermediate Division is grades 6th – 8th and Senior Division is grades 9th – 12th at the time of the show. (2016)

Contest

Preliminary Round: Consists of written questions and skill stations or identification.

Finals: The top three contestants from the senior age division will advance to the finals. Finals may be asked to give a speech or to participate in an interview with a panel of judges.

Speech topics will not be announced until the selection of our top three senior individuals are selected.

Study Materials:

The questions and topics will come from the following sources: Beef Cattle Skillathon Study Guide: <http://animalscience-old.tamu.edu/beef-skillathon/index.html>

Sheep Skillathon Study Guide: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats>

Swine Skillathon Study Guides

The materials listed below will be used to develop the exams and the skills stations for the Swine Skillathon.

Study Materials for all Age Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) National Pork Board:
www.pork.org

Youth PQA Plus Manual Quick Facts Menu

I called "The Pork Industry at a Glance" Texas AgriLife Extension Website:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_swine Swine Project Guide, Quiz Bowl questions, Market Evaluation, etc.

Additional Study Materials for Intermediate and Senior Age Divisions National Pork Producers Council

<http://www.nppc.org/>

Texas Pork Producers web site: <http://www.texaspork.org/> USDA website:

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome>

USDA FACTS SHEET-

Fresh Pork from Farm to Table

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-facts-sheets/meat-preparation/fresh-pork-from-farm-to-table/CT_Index

STUDY RESOURCES WILL HAVE TO BE IDENTIFIED FOR THE GOATS!!

Helpers:

Each Organization participating in the Skillathon Contest will provide at least two helpers to put on the contest. These helpers must be identified one hour prior to the start of the skillathon contest.

Contest Area:

ACLS Livestock Superintendent will assure that adequate space and testing facilities is available for all participants and that the area is roped off and clear for designated participants.

Rule 24. Commercial Heifer Show Rules (2016)

1. This project is a part of the Atascosa County Junior Livestock Show; however, 4-H & FFA members can show and sell in this program as well as in the Junior Livestock Sale. (Example: You can sell commercial heifers in addition to a hog, broiler, lamb, rabbit, steer, turkey or goat). Exhibitors must abide by the General and Junior livestock division rules.
2. The Commercial Heifer Show is designed for exhibitors choosing to sell the heifers. All heifers that show on show day must sell in the commercial heifer show sale following the show. Heifers entered in this show may not be shown in the Atascosa County Junior Beef Heifer Show.
3. *Commercial Heifer show will be held January 6, 2018.*
4. Each exhibitor may show one pen of commercial heifers. Two heifers make one pen. Heifers must be between 10 and 24 months on the date of the show. *The commercial heifer show committee may check heifers for "milk teeth" to verify age if needed. (2017)*
5. *All heifers will show against each other. If there are enough entries, heifers may be broken into open and bred classes. A pen of heifers must either be all open or all bred at time of show. (2017)*
6. *Heifers must be validated/tagged on September 16, 2017.* A total of three heifers may be validated. A \$10.00 per heifer fee will be collected at validation. Heifers will be validated in the exhibitor name only, No family validations.
7. *An entry fee of \$25.00 will be charged for commercial heifer pens. Entry fee must accompany entry. (2017)*
8. All heifers must be brucellosis calfhood vaccinated by the validation date. They must have a legible brucellosis calfhood vaccination tag and or have a negative brucellosis test. Heifers must weigh a minimum of 550 pounds at time of validation.
9. Crossbred heifers are desired, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show. Heifers must be polled, scurred or dehorned in order to exhibit. No hair trimming of the animals will be allowed prior to and on the day of the show. Heifers do not need to be halter broken, but need to be manageable. Any animal deemed wild or unruly by the show committee will not be allowed to show.
10. At the time of show, health papers and certificate of palpation, signed by a licensed veterinarian, must be turned in the committee at check-in. If no signed health papers and certificate of palpation are turned in, the animals will not be allowed to show in the commercial heifer show.
11. Judging will be done by a panel of two qualified individuals.
12. Judges scoring will be broken into three parts, with all three counting towards the overall final

placing of pens. Judges will score each of the three categories as follows;

- a. *Live animal evaluation will count for 120 points (2017) with emphasis on the following areas;*
 - i. Quality, Conformation and Condition
 - ii. Structural Soundness
 - iii. Frame Size (for Age)
 - iv. Uniformity
 - v. *Femininity (2017)*
 - vi. Temperament
 - vii. *Adaptability to the area (2017)*
 - b. Oral interview will count for 40 points with emphasis on the following areas:
 - i. First impression
 - ii. *Communication Skills*
 - iii. *Eye Contact*
 - iv. Knowledge of project
 - v. Knowledge of cattle industry
 - c. Record Book will count for 20 points with the emphasis on the following areas:
 - i. Overall content
 - ii. Record keeping
 - iii. Story/Pictures
 - iv. Creativity
13. To be eligible to show, exhibitor must complete a record book and an oral interview. Record books will be due at time of check-in. *Record books must be limited to a total of 30 "single-sided" pages or 15 "front and back" pages. (2017)*
 14. Prizes will be awarded to Overall Grand and Reserve Champions. 1st through 5th places will be awarded for pen of heifers, oral interview and record book. *Prizes will also be awarded to the top pen of heifers and the top junior and senior interview and record book (2017).* For the purpose of this show, a Junior will be 3rd – 7th grade in school at the time of show. A Senior will be in 8th – 12th grade at the time of show.
 15. Premiums will be set according to monies available.
 16. All commercial heifer pens will be sold with transfer of ownership to purchasing party. The pens will be sold in order which they placed.
 17. *Only the two heifers that are being shown will be allowed at check-in and during the show. Exhibitors that validated three heifers will be allowed to sell their alternate heifer with their pen at the sale. However, the alternate heifer may not arrive until after the show and will need to be in place the evening prior to sale day. (2017)*
 18. Sale fee will be a 6% commission.
 19. Exhibitors will be responsible for seeing that their heifers are fed and watered appropriately during the duration of the time they are at the show.
 20. The commercial heifer committee reserves the right to amend heifer classes according to number of entries.
 21. The commercial heifer committee reserves the right to amend these rules in a timely manner.

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