

McLennan County Livestock Newsletter

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December 2022 Edition

McLennan County Junior Livestock Show Entries

Entries for 4-H members for all livestock, Youth Fair, & Ag Mech projects for the 2023 MCJLS are due to the Extension office by December 6th.

Entry forms can be found at this link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/links/4-h/4-h-projects/livestock-news/>

2023 McLennan County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship Application

Seniors who plan on applying for the MCJLS Scholarship must have it completed and postmarked by December 10th.

The application can be found at the following link:

<https://counties.agrilife.org/mclennan/files/2022/10/McLennan-County-Youth-Activities-Association-Scholarship-Application-2022-2023-1.pdf>

MCJLS Rabbit Information

- Rabbit Breed Date- October 27th -30th 2022
- MCJLS Rabbit Validation- January 9th 2023
- MCJLS Rabbis Show- February 8th, 2023

if you are planning on showing market rabbits this year you should be contacting your breeders to reserve your pens soon. If you are needing a list of rabbit breeders, please contact the Extension office or your ag science teachers.



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Jr. Livestock Show



LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

February 10, 2023

Located at the
Extraco Event Center
4601 Bosque Blvd, Waco, TX 76710

Check in at 8:00am

Contest begins at 9:00am

Registration will be on judgingcard.com until January 31st.
Pre-Registration- \$15 per person/\$60 per team

On-Site- \$20 per person/ \$80 per team

Divisions will be broken down by grade level

Juniors- 3rd-8th grade

Seniors- 9th-12th grade

8 Classes

3 Questions Classes

Awards and banners given to top 10 individuals and high teams in each division along with species awards

Additional Awards will be given for McLennan County Only contestants

For questions please contact
Jerod Meurer- Jerod.Meurer@ag.tamu.edu or (254)-757-5180

2022-2023 McLennan County Validation Dates & Tag Orders

Steers
Heifers
Sheep & Goat
Swine
Broilers

Major Show Broiler Pickup- Houston/Austin Birds- January 28th in College Station
MCJLS Broiler Pickup- January 3rd Time and Location TBA

Turkeys
Rabbits

MCJLS Rabbit Validation- January 9th 2023

Show Entry Information

MCJLS- all 4H entries are due to Extension office by December 6th

All tag order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mcclennan.agrilife.org/links/4-h/4-h-projects/livestock-news/>



What is Southern Classic?
An educational opportunity for new 4-H/FFA families participating in livestock projects to teach the basic principals of livestock management.

Open to youth 3rd-12th grades



December 9-11, 2022
Brazos County Expo Center
5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, TX 77807

Friday 4:00-7:00 PM Barns Open/ Check-in	Saturday 7:00 AM Check-in 9:30 AM Speed Judging/ Breakout Sessions	Sunday Prospect Shows (You MUST attend Saturday to participate)
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Registration

Early Bird Registration..... \$40/family
By December 5, 2022

Registration..... \$50/family
December 6-11, 2022
(Register On-site)

To register and/or for more information visit:
<https://walker.agrilife.org/4h/southern-classic-registration/>



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McLennan County Jr. Livestock Show 2023 Schedule

	Monday Feb. 6 th	Tuesday Feb. 7 th	Wednesday Feb 8 th	Thursday Feb. 9 th	Friday Feb. 10 th
5:00 a.m.		Barn opens	Barn opens	Barn opens	
6:00 a.m.					
7:00 a.m.			Rabbit Weigh in & check in	Poultry check in	
8:00 a.m.		Ag Mech Market Place Judging	Rabbit Show	Poultry Show	Livestock Judging Reg.
9:00 a.m.			Heifer Check In		Livestock Judging Contest
10:00 a.m.		Market Goat Show	Market Steer Show		
11:00 a.m.					
12:00 p.m.		Steer & Heifer Arrival	Swine Arrival	Market Swine Show	
1:00 p.m.		Market Sheep Show	Heifer Show		
2:00 p.m.	Sheep & Goat Arrival				
3:00 p.m.					
4:00 p.m.					
5:00 p.m.					
6:00 p.m.	Sheep Classification 6pm MW Sheep Card due 4-6pm Goat Weight Cards Due 4-6pm	Steer Weight Cards Due (4-6pm)	Swine Weight Cards Due (4-6pm)		Sale of Champions (6:30 pm)
7:00 p.m.					
11:30 p.m.	Barns Close	Barns Close	Barns Close	Barns Close	

- Ag Mechanics will move in on Monday February 6th, time is TBD
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Dealing with Dandruff in Cattle

It's a pretty gross topic and pretty irritating to deal with as well. Embarrassing moment: Someone comes over to help you fit, and as they start combing to glue a back leg, the dandruff starts flaking off...This is not an acceptable way to "build" leg hair! This may not be a topic you want to read about while you're having lunch. Unfortunately, it's just something you have to deal with when showing cattle. There are several sources of dandruff, some of the most common being pour on wormers, lice, soap and fitting products. Over the years, our friends have talked about all sorts of solutions such as dipping with vinegar after you rinse them, mouth wash and Sullivan's Double Dip. Much like dealing with ringworm, if you ask 10 people how to best get rid of dandruff, you'll likely get 15 answers. Truth is, they may all be right! You'll have to see what works for you. Before we get to the solution, let's get talk about the cause so we can, in a few cases, eliminate it before it starts. First, let's assume cattle are on a good diet for skin health...

Often, we've found that we can figure out what caused dandruff based on what it looks like and where it is on their bodies. Alcohol based pour-on dewormers are very tough on their hides. When we pour with an ivermectin wormer, we know we will almost immediately follow with dandruff. It doesn't stop us from using it though because lice and mange are much higher risk for keeping hair on show cattle. The dandruff they get from a pour-on is mostly along their tops...as you'd expect. It usually flakes off in pretty big chunks, at least initially.

In the fall, when we start working with the calves we've bought, they often have lice. After washing for the first time, we always point the blower straight down into their tailhead as we blow them out. If they are lousy, you can see either the actual lice, the eggs or both. The lice are little tiny tan-ish colored bugs while the eggs look like tiny white dots in the hair. Typically you have to blow the dandruff out of the way to see it...unless they are infested. Then it's easy to see. It may seem really bad, but it's not a big deal, you just need to pour them. Honestly, when they have lice, it's easier to get them gentle because they are itchy and are totally good with you scratching on them. There's your silver lining! If your calf is itching his neck this time of year, he likely has lice. They can rub hair off in no time, so pay attention if they start to rub on stuff.

Soap and fitting products are culprits here too! If you don't get the soap rinsed out all the way, you'll get dandruff. Soap dandruff can be anywhere but seems to show up on their sides, stifle or other areas you don't normally find dandruff with the other causes. There's often a ton of it, it will be little flakes and in random spots. Additionally, many times when you glue and break down their legs, you'll see dandruff. Particularly if you leave it in over night and/or don't moisturize their hair and hide.

So you have dandruff, now what? Well this part is simple. You'll really only need three things for this in our barn. A comb, Kleen Sheen...yep we believe strongly in that brand because it's worked for us... and a blower. If you have a favorite, use it. Blow the sheen straight down into their hide on one blower motor. Comb it in and get to work with your blower...full power! You can comb a little at a time while blowing as well to lift it off of the hide. If you are doing it right, your blower nozzle is right down on their hide at about an 80 degree angle and the dandruff will be flying out all around you. That's about as close as we get to "snowing" where we live. In fact, this year we got a new head gate in the clipping chute, which was a different color. The film of dandruff and dirt that accumulated this fall was pretty gross!

Well, that was a lot to tell you the next part which is crazy simple. Keep them lice-free, get your soap out and really condition wherever you've glued them after they show. Good luck in your war on dandruff. Like we say in many of our posts, use your blower!!!

Skin Conditioning: LIGHT VS DARK COLORED PIGS



Skin and hair is only one part of being sure your animal looks maxed out and one hundred percent on show day. At the same time, it is one of the most important factors when it comes time to "look like a winner." Your pig having a fresh look depends on many physical characteristics from a feeding standpoint, but the presentation of their clean, fresh skin, and trained and groomed hair laying the right direction falls a very close second in line.

A great lesson I've learned over the years is there are the basics in day-to-day care that fit all pigs, but dark colored pigs and light colored pigs must be treated differently as far as their skin to make them look their absolute best. Below are some of the basic procedures I've found that work.

Brushing Routine

Pigs need to be brushed every day or at least 4-5 times a week. This enhances the training of their hair and helps clean the pores of their skin, which will further promote a healthy look.

When brushing remember to always and only brush in the direction that allows the hair to lay smoothly and not curling anywhere. Also, brush the pig's entire body, including the legs. Many times I see kids' pigs where the top of their pig look nearly perfect, but halfway down their side, and their legs hair is going every direction. Additionally, in today's times, when judges are placing much emphasis on heaviness of structure, brushing the pigs' legs promotes hair growth and trains the hair to lay in the right direction, which makes them look bigger boned.

Over the years I've found that there are a couple of types of brushes that are a must to maximize this procedure as well. The two types of brushes I recommend to keep around and use is a soft "horse hair" brush and a tougher "rice root" brush. The way I use the two differ a bit depending on light colored vs. dark colored pigs.

On light colored pigs, I recommend using a rice root brush at least 3-5 times per week. There are a couple advantages of this tougher bristled brush. One is that it removes more of the dirt particles out of their skin, which on white pigs allows them to be a brighter white. Second, it toughens their skin, particularly where we will use a show whip along their side and the side of their face, which will result in less "marking up" by this tool when showing. And finally, this type of brush allows the release more of the natural oils in a pigs skin to promote a healthy hide and hair coat.

On dark colored pigs, I recommend using a rice root brush at least 1-2 times weekly. This is for the same reason I spoke of on light colored pigs, however I don't feel it to be necessary to use as often because we have less worry of toughening the skin for markings from a show stick like we do on those light colored ones because of their darker pigment.

The other brush I recommend to use on all pigs regardless of color is a soft "horse hair" brush. This brush is much softer to a pig's skin and works better for getting their hair to lay correctly and is a better suited brush when applying conditioners and oils with. I would keep at least two of each brush on hand, one brush for oil products and one for non-oil products. This is also good practice because most show have rules against using oil based product in the show ring and you'll need non-oil brushes to get pigs ready to go into the show ring.



Skin Conditioning: **LIGHT VS DARK COLORED PIGS**



As far as which type of conditioners to use, there are many great products on the market and the key is finding one that works best for you. Again, this is where I divide how I recommend treating light colored vs. dark colored pigs. On light colored pigs, I never recommend using an oil-based product. To me, this only adds to dirt and grime build up which dulls the bright white color of their skin. On light colored pigs use a non-oil conditioner, and apply 3-4 times a week. As stated earlier, using a tougher brush, such as a rice root brush is also going to work natural oils out of the pigs' pores.

On dark colored pigs, I prefer oil-based products. Naturally oil based products are more effective in moisturizing a pigs' skin. Another, ingredient you see in many oil products is citronella. During the summer, this is helpful because citronella is a natural insect repellent, so products with citronella included in them, will also help battle flies, mosquitoes and other bugs that may bother your pig's skin. Be cautious during the heat using oil-based products as they will clog the pores of pigs and only make them hotter. During the summer time, I try to only apply oil late in the evening when it is cooler. Remember we still need to brush daily even though we're only applying oils/conditioners 3-4 times per week.

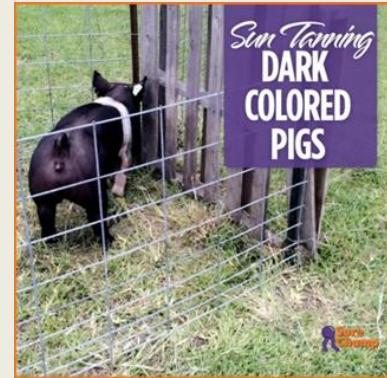


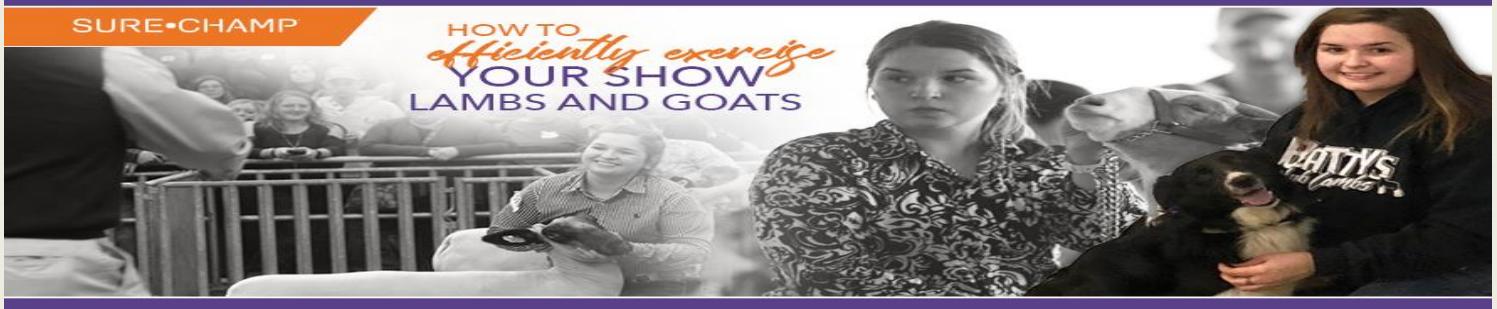
I've mentioned a few times about the importance of making light colored pigs a bright white. It is equally important for dark colored pigs to have a dark pigment. Allowing your black or red pigs to have a darker pigment is much more appealing versus an "ashy" light color. To fix this, we need to get dark pigmented pigs in the sun to "tan". Just as people's skin reacts differently to the sunlight, pigs are the same way. Some get dark quickly and others take some time.

The number one rule I would give you is to not suntan for any longer than 20-30 minutes per session and no more than 10 minutes per session for the first 4-5 sessions to prevent sunburn. If you have a belted pig, put sunscreen on the white parts of their body. I don't recommend applying oil when suntanning. Although it does attract more sunlight, it also leads to the animal becoming warmer, quickly and increases the odds of getting sunburnt. Finally, under no circumstances leave your pig outside in a pen to suntan. Always stay around in case they become uncomfortable, or get hot and need to be taken back inside.

Washing is another process that all pigs need. I only recommend washing once per week. During warm months, you may need to rinse more often than this, which is fine, but I don't like to wash with soap more than once weekly. Another thing to keep in mind is always use a conditioner after you've washed your pig. Naturally soap is going to dry your pig's skin out some, so it's important to replenish the condition of their skin after washing with an oil/conditioner. Remember when washing to wash the entire pig from nose to tail, and all the way down their legs.

These are very basic tips and procedures about conditioning for light and dark colored pigs and the minor differences between the two, but the little things all add up and become big things in the show ring.





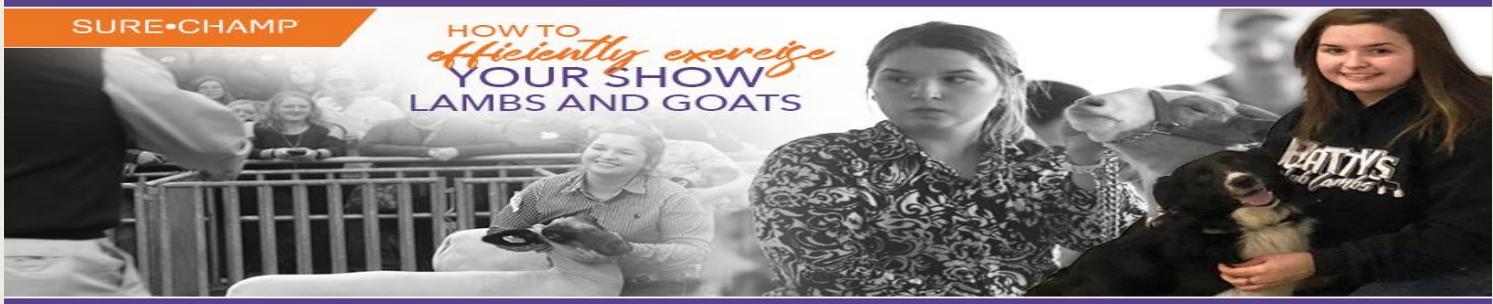
Exercising your project is one of the most important steps in ensuring your project's success. Show animals, much like human athletes, must have balanced diets and scheduled training in order perform at a high level. There are numerous ways to exercise your lamb or goat depending on the condition of your animal and what specific goal of the project is expected. As a general rule, most lambs and goats should be exercised on a regular basis as discussed below.

When, Why, & How Much: Your plan for exhibiting your animal, determines when and how much you should exercise your lamb or goat. Additionally, exhibitors should consider the maturity and the body condition of the animal in regards to exercise. Animals that carry more fat condition should be exercised at a higher level for a longer period of time than thinner animals. Although all of these factors should be considered prior to starting an exercise program, most goat projects begin exercise programs at about 60 lbs. and sheep at about 100 lbs. Consult with your County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher to determine fat condition and level of exercise needed. Exhibitors should be careful not to over exert the animals during exercise as this could lead to muscle damage. Additionally, exhibitors need to keep in mind that the amount of nutrition may need to be increased during peak times of exercise to meet the increased demand for energy and recovery of muscles.

Types of Exercise Equipment/Facilities Any type of exercise program is better than none at all. Keep this in mind when selecting animals and base your plan on exercise programs available. Walking animals is one of the easiest and most inexpensive ways to exercise lambs and goats. Simply walking animals by hand, will not only give them exercise, but this program will also reflect in terms of the animal's leading ability. A more intensive exercise program that is also easy and inexpensive, is taking lambs and goats away from the barn and running them back to their pens. These forms of exercise programs are effective from a health standpoint, but they do not build the added muscle and expression that other, more intensive programs offer. Exhibitors can be creative when exercising their animals.

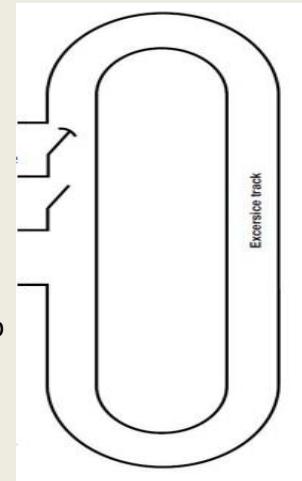
Walker - Lamb and goat walkers are normally used to help halter break animals, teaching them to hold their head up at a ninety-degree angle with their neck. Walkers, however, can also be used as a form of exercising for your livestock project. This type of exercising facility is used to tone your animals muscle shape rather than build it, so it should be coupled with another form of exercise program in order to get the best results out of your lamb or goat. Lamb and goat walkers can also be an expensive purchase. Walkers range from \$2,000-\$4,000, however, they can serve as part of your exercise program and be helpful during the halter/chain breaking process.





Track- For the most advanced exhibitors, a running track with a dog may be a good option. Exercise tracks are normally circular or oval in shape and can vary in size. The ideal track should range from 40'X40' to 60'X60'. The track path should be about four feet wide on the straightaways and six feet on the curves. Be cautious not to make the track path too wide, in order to prevent lambs and goats from turning around often, which can be dangerous for both the dog and the lamb or goat. If possible, do not run more than two to three animals at a time, as this reduces the risk of collisions and accidents. Also, keep in mind that the larger the track, the less laps are required. For example, if using a 60'X60' track, three laps three times per week is sufficient. Lastly, the fencing around the track and on the inside of the track path should be flexible and at least four feet tall. It is also suggested that the track path is surrounded with material such as black mesh or rubber to prevent animals from being able to see out. This will reduce the risk of the animal trying to jump out and keep the animals from seeing the dog. Having a trained dog is the key to tracking success, but caution should always be taken when using a dog. The most common type of dog used to track lambs and goats is a Border Collie or a Border Collie mix. You can also chase the animals yourself, and this is recommended for each new set of lambs or goats. Just like the dog is trained, lambs and goats have to be trained to track. However, this method should only be used to train the animals as it simply does not supply the same success rates of other more efficient methods.

Tracks provide an intense running program that allows the animal build muscle and stamina but also tone the animal's muscle shape. Dogs provide a high level of adrenalin to the lamb or goat causing a flight response. This flight response causes the animal to run faster and harder. This type of exercise program however, does require space and can become expensive. This could be a problem for exhibitors who live in town, or with limited space. In this case, always check with your County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher for available exercise programs or facilities that are available versus building your own. Also remember that tracks may not be very useful if you reside in an area that receives a lot of rainfall, as wet/muddy tracks should never be used. Keep this in mind when selecting an exercise program that best fits your situation.



Treadmill Lamb and goat treadmills are a new, inventive form of exercising animals. Treadmills work the hind legs of animals, by walking them backward, to build muscle expression in their center and lower leg. This type of exercising facility is the fastest way to exercise your project, but should be used sparingly. Using a treadmill too often can cause structural problems of the hip and hind leg. An animal may become rounder hipped and often start to become restricted in his/ her stride. However, if used properly, animals can gain a competitive edge in muscle expression. Unlike when using a track, treadmills can be used at any time of the year and during any weather condition making them perfect for areas of the state that receive more rainfall. However, treadmills can also be an expensive exercise program with treadmills ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000. It is suggested that this type of exercise program be coupled with a separate type of exercise program such as a track or a walker to help improve the fitness of the entire animal, as this type only focuses on the hind leg muscle expression.



Major Livestock Show Updates

Ft Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo

- No Cable halters will be allowed in any species
- All barrows must weight no less than 250lb and no more than 290lb. Any barrow weighing 10lb more or less will be disqualified
- Junior Steers minimum weight is 1000lbs.

San Angelo Livestock Show

Beginning in 2023, goat exhibitors placing 5th- 10th that have a Texas Goat Breeders Association Tag (TGBA), will receive \$1,000 incentive from the TGBA. The tag must be in the animal's ear and recorded on official validation paperwork BEFORE the validation deadline. The TGBA tag must be in the goat's ear during check in and throughout the show.

To be eligible to exhibit in the 2024 show and beyond, a goat MUST be bred by a member of the Texas Goat Breeder's Association and have an official TGBA tag belonging to the breeder of the goat in its ear. Tags are to be obtained from the breeder of the goat. The tag must be in the animal's ear and recorded on official validation paperwork BEFORE the validation deadline.

- Breeding Gilts must farrowed between June 1st and September 15th, 2022
- Heifer Futurity will bring back showmanship in 2023
- Market Lambs may bring a max of 3 hd. No more than 2 per breed
- Jr. & Star Gilts will show by weight

San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo

- All Junior Livestock Show entries will increase by \$5
- No Outside bedding will be allowed this year. All bedding will be provided by the show or can be purchased FEEDSTORE on grounds.
- All Premium passes must be purchased by December 15th with online entries
- In all species to stall together you must haul together
- Unloading Update- Upon entering the grounds to unload you will be asked to follow directions security and volunteers, for those who do not follow these request will be subject to disqualification
- Exhibitor Campgrounds- There will limited campgrounds this year in all barns, no tables will be allowed to be setup.
- There will be no Open Gilt show in 2023
- Market Barrow weight 250-300lb
- Substitute exhibitors will not be allowed to show in the class immediately before or after their own class.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

- Junior Heifer Show Waves- Wave 1= American heifers March 6-March 8/ Wave 2= British & Continental- March 9-March 11
- Market Steers- Wave 1- March 12-March 14/ Wave 2 March 15-March 17 (breeds will be released at a later date)
- Splitting each show into two waves will allow us to distribute a larger stall space to each exhibitor for stalling and camping. Each entry that arrives for the junior breeding beef heifer and junior market steer shows will receive 8' of stall space instead of the standard 4' that has been distributed in the past. Tie-outs will also be removed for the junior shows to increase the trailer unloading/loading capacity and to make space for additional exhibitor camping in a 66' x 300' tent for market lamb, goat, and barrow exhibitors to alleviate congestion in their penning areas. In addition, the new schedule will allow for an increased number of pens for market lambs, goats, and barrows.
- New location for Market Poultry Show- show at Fort Bend County Fair Grounds, day one will be broiler and turkey show and day 2 will be top 2 pens of birds in each division will advance to NRG center for champion drive and selection.
- Cattle Stalling- each animal that arrives will be given 8ft of stall space to allow for stalling and camping. End Aisles and wall inside and outside of the dock will no longer be used as camping space.

Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

- Certified Texas Bred Barrow Show
- Cattle Tie-outs sold upon arrival
- To stall together you must arrive together
- Initial Bedding will be provided for cattle stalls, bedding for smaller animals will not be provided
- Outside bedding will be allowed

Updated, Amended, & New Rules for 2023

○ McLennan County Junior Livestock Show Code of Conduct

Code of Ethics: The McLennan County Junior Livestock Show is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor or a patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from the show grounds. Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort
- Threatening behavior or the appearance of threatening behavior (threatening behavior as determined by the Executive Board)
- Direct criticism or interference with the judge or livestock show management, other exhibitors, classifiers, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited, (*Including Social Media*). In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them
- No exhibitor or parent shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action

○ Amend Rule #17 under Competition section

Once an entry has entered the showing for competition, said animal cannot be pulled, or scratched from competition with penalty. That showman forfeits any awards that come with that particular placing and is no longer eligible to show any other livestock of the same species for the duration of the show. Entry that placed below will move up in placing and is now eligible for those awards forfeited by the previous showman.

- Example: If a division champion does not come back for the overall drive, then the reserve champion of that particular drive will now be considered champion of the drive and judged as such.
- Class winners – If a 1st place animal does not come back for their particular weight division drive then the 2nd and 3rd place animals move up.
- Showman forfeits any and all winnings for that particular animal and is no longer eligible for the sale of champions for that year with that species.

○ Addition to Sale of Champions Section regarding exhibitor attending sale and no notification was given

Exhibitors are responsible for checking in the night of the sale and attending the auction, if unable to attend due to approved conflict, the exhibitor is responsible for notifying advisor and securing someone to take their place during the sale. If no one attends, or is notified the exhibitor is subject to forfeit their sale slot and any monies awarded for sale slot

○ Market Steers

1. **Updated Weights in Rule #7-SHOW WEIGHTS:** Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their steer at check-in. The minimum show weight for all market steers is 1,000 pounds. All steers weighing less than 1,000 pounds will be sifted.

2023 MCJLS Rule Updates

- Market Swine
 - Amended Rule #6- addition of Berkshire Breed
Animals will be divided into classes by breed and weight. Breeds include Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Berkshire, Light OPB, Dark OPB, and Crossbred. Breed classification will be submitted on weight card which must be completed by 7:00 p.m. on the day of move-in. The breed must be declared upon check-in; however, final determination of breed classification will be made by classifiers appointed by the Show Management
 - Addition of Rule #8- Any swine breed exhibited that is not listed in the classification guidelines (Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Berkshire, Light OPB(Chester, Landrace), and Dark OPB (spots & Poland Chinas)) will be classified as a crossbred
 - Updated Rule #11 - number of head to make a breed
Breeds with less than ten (10) animals will be combined into the crossbred class, with the exception of the Berkshires which will go into the Dark OPB
 - Updated Rule #13 - Minimum Weights SHOW WEIGHTS: Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their barrow at check-in. The minimum show weight is 230 pounds.
 - Updated Rule #17- Swine Show Order
Show order will be: Light OPB, Dark OPB, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Crossbred
- Market Lambs
 - Breed Classification guidelines- addition of the Texas Major Show Sheep Breed Classification Guidelines (see page 24)
 - Addition of Rule #7- Medium Wool Divisions-Medium Wool Division classes will be divided into weight divisions as equally as possible. The show superintendent will determine the number of divisions, with a minimum of three (2)
 - Updated Rule #8 for classed out sheep- Breeds with less than five (5) animals will be combined as follows:
 - a. Finewool to Finewool Cross
 - b. Finewool Cross to Medium Wool
 - c. Southdown to Medium Wool
 - d. Dorper to Medium Wool
 - Updated Minimum Weights in Rule #10-SHOW WEIGHTS: Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their lamb at check-in. The minimum show weight is 95 pounds (with the exception of Southdowns and Dorpers, which must weigh a minimum of 85 pounds)
- Market Goats
 - Updated Rule #9-Minimum Weight SHOW WEIGHTS: Exhibitors will turn in the official show weight for their Goat at check-in. The minimum show weight is 55 pounds
- Rabbit
 - Updated Breeder Rabbit Division Rules
 - Updated Market Rabbit weight
- Ag Mechanics
 - Addition of All Ag Mech rules into general Rulebook- see page 37
 - Addition of Ag Mechanics Market Place Competition – See page 41

Complete Rulebook can be found at this link:

<http://counties.agrilife.org/mclennan/files/2022/07/2023-MCJLS-Rulebook-editing1.pdf>

JACKPOT SHOWS

*Hill County 4-H
Chill on the Hill Show*

Saturday
December 3, 2022
Clifton Fairgrounds
FM 219 (201 E 7th St.)
Clifton, TX

Barns Open 6:30 am
Weigh-In by 8:30 am
Showmanship starts 10:00 am
Shows start 10:30 am

**ENTRY FEE
\$25/ANIMAL**

(Entries postmarked by NOVEMBER 7th receive a FREE T-Shirt
Cash or Check only)

\$35/ANIMAL On-Site CASH ONLY - T-Shirt not included

*STEERS (Showmanship, American, British, Exotic)
*HEIFERS (Showmanship, American, British, Exotic)
Registration papers will be checked.
Cow/Calf Pairs Allowed.
*LAMBS (Showmanship, FW, FWX, SD, Dorper, MW)
*GOATS (Showmanship, Classes)

For More Info. & Mail-In Contact:
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254-582-4022
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Christmas Classic
December 10, 2022
Clifton Fair Grounds
108 E 7th St, Clifton, TX 76634
Weight cards due by 9

Steer and Heifers
Divisions: American, English, Exotic & Minis
3 Make a class
Minis will have their own class
Steers will show by weight & division
Heifers will show by Age & division
Judges: TBA

Sheep
Dorper, Southdown, FW, FWX & MW
Will be shown by breed and weight, 3 makes a class

Goats
Will be shown by weight
3 divisions
3 makes a class
Judges: TBA

Ugly Christmas Sweaters encouraged!!!

Cash ONLY PLEASE!!!!
Questions email: LorenaAFFAAAlumni@gmail.com

**Must show in Ring A to show in Ring B
\$30 per entry per ring!**

Buckles Prizes and Cash Payouts!

Showmanship, \$5 at the Gate:
PeeWee, Inter, JR and Sr.
Buckles for Champions and Reserve Champions Showman!

Jonesboro Jingle Jackpot
Gatesville Civic Center 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop
\$30 entry/head day of show

Sat 12/3/22
Lambs/Goats
5 breeds/3 divisions
Ewe lambs and does show as market

Buckles & Banners BOTH days

Lamb/Goat Judge: Braydon Hawkins
Swine Judge: Josh Elkins

NO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES COMPETING

Sun 12/4/22
Pigs
Light OPB, Dark OPB, Berk, Duroc, Hamp, York, Cross
Gilt show as market

Showmanship \$5 @10AM both days
Buckles to winners

Official Weigh In Both Days 7-9:30AM

Some pen space available Generators welcome Showing off trailer is encouraged

Contact Beth Gann, Jonesboro Ag Teacher 972-332-5745 with any questions

Meridian FFA Holiday Classic
December 4, 2022

Registration 7-9 Showmanship at 9:30 and Classes to follow

BREEDING RABBITS
Shown by Breed and Sex, Best of Breed Prizes
5S Entry Fee
Judge: Kendal Lisle

MARKE SHEEP - 5 BREED FORMAT
BREEDING SHEEP - EWE LAMB AND YEARLING CLASSES JUDGE: VANCE CHRISTI

MARKE GOAT - 3 WEIGHT DIVISIONS
JUDGE: JIMMY KEY

SWINE - 6 BREED FORMAT HAMPSHIRE, YORK, BLACK OPB, WHITE OPB, CROSS
JUDGE: DR. DAVID FRAZIER

CTYF- Clifton, Texas
Text for more info. 8173047307

Blooming Grove FFA Jackpot Show

When: December 10th, 2022
Location: Navarro County Youth Expo - Corsicana, TX
Gates will open at 8:30 AM
Registration will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Show starts at 10:30 AM
Followed by Showmanship

Entry Fees Per Animal:
Goats/Lambs/Swine-\$20
Cattle-\$30
Rabbits-\$10

Judges:
Kevin Smith
-Lambs/Goats
Mark Arnold
-Steers/Heifers
Mikey Dubois
-Swine
Kendall Lisle
-Rabbits

Shows:
Lambs- 5 Breed Format
Goats- 3 Weight Divisions
Swine - Gilts/Barrows Combined, 3 Weight Divisions
Steers- 4 Divisions (AOC, American, British, Exotic)
Heifer- Division and Age (papers required)
Rabbits- Breed/Age/Sex

Show out of Trailers

Info/Questions:
Sarah McDougald: 903-602-9121
Kyle Allen: 903-393-1036

Prizes:
Buckles
Duffle Bags
Ribbons

The Cowboy Classic Show Series presents the

CHRISTMAS VACATION SHOWS

Ellis Co. Expo ~ Waxahachie, TX

Early online entry \$75/Head ~OR~ Day Of entry \$100/Head
\$10 Showmanship

Saturday December 17
CATTLE (5 of 5 in Series)

- Judges:**
 - Kyle McKracken
 - Wade Shackelford
- Breeds**
 - Steers 10
 - Heifers 18 Breeds

Sunday December 18
SWINE

- Judges:**
 - Josh Elkins
 - Dustin Shuffle
- 8 Breed Format**
- Limited premium parking spots avail (Swine only)**

<https://ccsesvs.fairwire.com/>
Chad 254-479-6331 Cashier 817-881-1357

JACKPOT SHOWS

LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR ASSN
PRESENTS

2022 BUCKLE BASH

TWO DAY EVENT: DECEMBER 10TH & 11TH

Both Days Sign In From 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

DECEMBER 10TH: LAMBS

Shown by Breed
Sheep:
Dorper
Fine Wool
Southdown
Cross
Medium Wool

GOATS

Shown by Weight

STEERS

Shown by Weight & Division

HEIFERS

Shown by Age & Division
STEER & HEIFER DIVISION:
American, English, & Exotic

\$30 per Ring, per Animal
Two Rings Each Day
MUST SHOW IN RING A
TO WIN A BUCKLE IN RING B

DECEMBER 11TH: Market Swine

Shown by Weight & Breed

Prizes will be Buckles,
Banners, and at least a
\$500 Cash Prize for
each Specie
56 Buckles Total

Showmanship will be in 3 Groups
Starts at 9:30 am, \$5 at the Gate
Grand Champion Buckles Given for
Cattle, Lambs, Goats, & Swine
Up to 3rd Grade- Pee wee
4th Grade to 8th Grade- Junior
9th Grade to 12th Grade- Senior

PREMIUM INSIDE SHOW FROM TRAILER SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR \$50
Blow and Go Show, Shavings Not Allowed in the Barn

JUDGES:

Lambs & Goats: Nathan Haws, Cole Reeves
Swine: Jacob Diezi & Bryce Nation
Cattle: Pasquale Swaner & Quest Newberry

Limestone County Fair Grounds, 922 FM 1245, Groesbeck, TX

Contact with questions: limestonecountypafair.org

TYLER MITCHELL
MEMORIAL PROSPECT SHOW

DEC. 3 & 4 2022
Saturday 7am | Sunday 7am

3rd STEERS **4th HEIFERS**

2 RINGS

BUCKLES FOR BREED AND RESERVE BREED
CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

Entry Fee \$100.00

\$10.00 SHOWMANSHIP WITH 50% PAY BACK

\$15,000.00
ADDED PRIZE MONEY

Robertson County Fairgrounds - Hearne, TX | 979-571-5314 | chuck.loehr@writractors.com

74th Annual Huckabay FFA Livestock Show

Sat, Dec 3rd & Sun, Dec 4th
200 CR 421
Stephenville, TX 76401

Wear your ugliest Christmas Sweater

DAIRY
Date: Sat, Dec 3rd
Check In: 7am
Showmanship: 8am

Steers & Heifers
Date: Sat, Dec 3rd
Check In: 7am-9am
Showmanship: 9:15am
*Steer Show followed by Heifers
*American/British/Exotic

Swine
Date: Sun, Dec 4th
Check In: 7am-9am
Showmanship: 9:15am
*Berks/Durocs/Hamps/WOPB/
DOPB/Yorks/Crosses
*NO BOARS ALLOWED

Lambs & Goats
Date: Sat, Dec 3rd
Check In: 10:30a-12pm
Showmanship: 1pm
*FW/FWX/SD/Dorp/MW
*Goats: Lt/Med/Heavy Div

Cattle:
Buckles, Banners & More!!
JUDGES:
Shelby Vandenberg
Cattle/Lambs/Goats/Pigs:
Bucky Jackson

Contact Info:
Loretta Ketchum: 254-396-3848
Jessica Phillips: 254-977-3166
Josh Parrish: 254-485-3208

NEW THIS YEAR!
Breeding Lamb & Goats:
ONE RING ONLY - Entry Fee: \$5 per head
Wether Dams - 5 Breed Format
Wether Does - Divisons by weight

RABBITS:
ONE RING ONLY - Entry Fee: \$5 per head
Shown by Breed/No Variety

GROESBECK AG BOOSTERS PRESENTS
NRC LIVESTOCK SHOW

JAN. 14-15

JAN. 14- GOATS, SHEEP, & SWINE

JAN. 15- HEIFERS, STEERS, & MINI HEREFORDS

BUCKLES AWARDED IN RING B, MUST SHOW IN RING A

MARKET SHOW ONLY

\$10 SHOWMANSHIP SHOW

SWINE: WHITE OPB, BLACK OPB, DUROC, HAMP, YORK, CROSS

JUDGES: TBD

GOATS BY WEIGHT

SHEEP: FINE WOOL, MEDIUM WOOL, CROSS, DORPER

STEERS: AMERICAN, BRITISH, EXOTIC

HEIFERS: AMERICAN, BRITISH, EXOTIC

REGISTRATION: 7AM-8:30

SHOWMANSHIP: 9:30AM

PEEWEE, JR., INT., & SR.

RING B STARTING APPROXIMATELY 1:30PM OR 15 MINUTES AFTER RING A FINISHES

LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 922 N TYUS GROESBECK, TX 76642

PAYPAL FOR PRE ENTRIES -
[HTTP://PAYPAL.ME/GROESBECKAGBOOSTER](http://PAYPAL.ME/GROESBECKAGBOOSTER)

BRANDI (903) 388-9434 OR AMBER (254) 709-1786

B3 THE
THORNDALE 4-H/FFA AG BOOSTERS PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

BLACKLAND BULLDOG BASH

JANUARY 7, 2023 • ROCKDALE, TX
Rockdale Fair Park, 200 Walnut St.

Swine
Shown by breed, by weight:
Light OPB, Dark OPB, Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire and Cross

Judges: TBD

Lamb/Goat
Lambs shown by breed:
Hair, Southdown, Finewool X, & Medium

Judges: TBD

Additional INFORMATION:

- Premium trailer spots will be available!
- Pens available [must pick up shavings], show off your trailer
- Wash racks available
- StockShow Pro Trailer will be on site
- Concessions available

f Blackland Bulldog Bash - B3
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
GLENN CLINARD: 512-661-8058

8am: Weight cards due
9am: Showmanship starts
Peewee, Junior, Intermediate & Senior
\$10 at the gate - 100% payout
Buckles for Champions

KCJLS
Holiday Classic
December 3, 2022
Kaufman Co. Fairgrounds

Lamb, Goat, Swine, Steer, Beef Heifers, Rabbits

TOP 5 OVERALL AWARDS (Ring B Only)

*****SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS*****

Registration: 7-9:00am | Showmanship: 9:30am

Two Rings (Swine, Steer, Heifers, Market Lambs, Market Goats)

Ring A - \$30 per head | Ring B - \$35 per head

Swine:
7 Breed Format
Shown by Weight in Breeds

Market Lamb & Goats:
**Market Lambs - 5 Breed Format
Shown by Weight in Breeds (Light/Medium/Heavy Weight)

Rabbit:
**Market Goats - Shown by Weight in Divisions (Light/Medium/Heavy Weight)

Contact Info:
Emily Reynolds (972) 935-7045 or
Terry Evans (972) 989-8645

Major Show Judges

2023 Sandhills Livestock Show

Steers & Heifers- Lydell Meier
Mkt Lambs- Clint Cummings
Mkt Goat- TBA

2023 Ft. Worth Livestock Show

Heifer- Ravenna Bloomberg, Dr.Joe Mask,
Kody Lucherk
Steer – Jarold Callahan
Mkt Goat- Harlan Yocham
Mkt Lamb – Dr. Scott Greiner
Mkt Swine – Seth Swenson

2023 San Antonio Livestock Show

Mkt Steer- Chris Mullinix / Ast- Krisha Geffert
Mkt Goat- Marty Gibbs
Mkt Sheep- Gene Winn
Mt. Barrow- Doug Albright, David Korb
Heifers- (wave 1)- Blake Nelson/Brady Jensen
Heiers- (Wave 2)- Dave Nichols/ Tyler Cates
Cross Gilt- Brett Beyers
Purebred Gilt- Will Hilty/ Ast- Joe Grinstead
Wether Dam- Cobly Redifer
Weither Doe- Brent Jennings

2023 Elite Gilt Showcase

Lead Judge- Andy Rash
Ast/Sift Judge- Jesse Hoblyn

2023 McLennan County Junior Livestock Show

Steer- John DeClerk
Heifers- Dr.Joe Mask
Sheep- Josh Cody
Goat-Shawn Sparks
Swine- Brad Bevel
Poultry
Rabbit-

2023 Houston Livestock Show

Mkt Steer- Scott Greiner
Mkt Lamb- Chris Mullinix
Mkt Goat- Spencer Scotten
Mkt Swine- Miles Toenyes & David Ammann

2023 Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

Mkt Steer- Jason Hoffman
Mkt Lamb- Marty Gibbs
Mkt Goat- Barrett Carlisle
Mkt Swine- Troy Sloan
Broiler- Curtis Vader
Turkey- Michael Vader
Heifers- Blake Bloomberg & Chris Sankey

2023 State Fair of Texas

September 29th- October 22nd

2023 Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo

September 27th- October 15th

4224 Cobbs Drive.
Waco, Texas 76710

Phone: 254-757-5180
Fax: 254-757-5097
E-mail:
McLennan@ag.tamu.edu

We're on the Web!
<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/>

Upcoming Events:
Tag Order Deadlines:

Validation Dates:
MCJLS Broiler Pickup-
January 3rd

Rabbit Validation
1/9/23 at Extrco

Show Entry Dates

MCJLS December 6th

2023 Sandhill Livestock Show

January 4-7, 2023

2023 Ft. Worth Livestock Show

January 13-February 4, 2023

- Mkt Lamb- 1/20-1/23
- Mkt Goat- 1/20-1/23
- Mkt Steers- 1/31-2/3
- Heifers- 1/19-1/23
- Mkt Barrow- 1/30-2/2

2023 San Angelo Livestock Show

- Wether Doe- 2/3-2/4
- Mkt Lamb- 2/4-2/6
- Mkt Goat- 2/4-2/6
- Mkt Steers- 2/6-2/7
- Heifers Wave 1- 2/8-2/9
- Heifers Wave 2- 2/11/2/12
- Gilts- 2/10-2/12
- Mkt Barrow Wave 1- 2/13-2/14
- Mkt Barrow Wave 2- 2/15-2/16

2023 Elite Showcase Gilt Show

February 10-12, 2023

2023 MCJLS

February 6-10

- Goat Show- 2/7
- Sheep Show- 2/7
- Steer Show- 2/8
- Heifer Show- 2/8
- Rabbit Show- 2/8
- Poultry- 2/9
- Swine Show- 2/9
- Judging Contest- 2/10
- Sale of Champions- 2/10

2023 San Antonio Livestock Show

February 9-26, 2023

- Gilts- 2/7-2/9
- Poultry- 2/8
- Wether Does & Ewes- 2/10-2/11
- Breeding Sheep- 2/10-2/12
- Mkt Goat- 2/13-2/14
- Mkt Lamb- 2/13-2/15
- Heifers Wave 1- 2/14-2/16
- Heifers Wave 2- 2/17-2/18
- Mkt Swine Wave 1- 2/17-2/19
- Mkt Swine Wave 2- 2/21-2/23
- Mkt Steers Wave 1- 2/20-2/21
- Mkt Steer Wave 2- 2/22-2/24

2023 Houston Livestock Show

February 27- March 19, 2023

- Gilts- 3/2-3/3
- Poultry- 3/9-3/10
- Breeding Sheep-
- Mkt Goat- 3/7-3/9
- Mkt Lamb-3/7-3/9
- Heifers Wave 1 (Americans) - 3/6-3/8
- Heifers Wave 2(exotic & British)- 3/9-3/11
- Mkt Swine Wave 1- 3/11-3/13
- Mkt Swine Wave 2-3/14-3/16
- Mkt Steers Wave 1- 3/15-3/17
- Mkt Steer Wave 2- 3/12-3/14

2023 Rodeo Austin Livestock Show

March 11-25, 2023

- Steers-3/9-3/11
- Wave 1 Heifers-3/12-3/13 – (British/continental)
- Wave 2 Heifers- 3/14-3/15 (American)
- Poultry- 3/16
- Mkt. Lamb- 3/17-3/18
- Mkt Goat- 3/17-3/18
- Mkt Barrow- 3/21-3/23

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