

# McLennan County Livestock Newsletter

March 2023 Edition

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## Special points of interest:

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### 2023 State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Tag Orders

It is time once again to start planning for the 2023 State Fair of Texas. Tag orders for sheep and goats will be due to the Extension office by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Tags will cost \$20 per tag and checks need to be made payable to McLennan County 4-H.

Order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2023/02/State-Fair-sheepgoat-tag-order-1.pdf>

**Validation will be in June.**

### 2023 Major Show Steer Tag Orders

It is time once again to start planning for the 2023 Major Show Season. This year will come with some changes in the tag style for the better work with the Texas Animal Health Commission and vets they are moving to a standard 840EID tag so the fees have changed some to go along with this. Tags will be \$30 each and are due to West FFA by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2023/02/State-Steer-Validation-Form-2023.pdf>

**Validation will be in June.**

### 2023 Fall Major Show Heifer Tag Orders

It is time once again to start planning for the 2023 Major Show Season. This year will come with some changes with heifer validation. The biggest being we will physically tag heifers rather than use barcodes. This process will better work with the Texas Animal Health Commission and vets they are moving to a standard 840EID tag so the fees have changed some to go along with this. Tags will be \$30 each and are due to the Extension office by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Order forms can be found at the following link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2023/02/Heifer-tag-order-form-summer-1.pdf>

**Validation will be in June.**

### 2023 State Fair of Texas & HOT Swine Tags

It is time once again to start planning for the 2023 State Fair & Heart O' Texas Fair Gilt Show. Tag orders for these swine will be due to West FFA by???? Tags will cost \$20 per tag and checks need to be made payable to West FFA.

Order forms can be found at the following link:

**Validation will be in June.**

# 2023-2024 McLennan County Validation Dates & Tag Orders

## Steers

Major Show Tag orders- due March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Validation- June

## Heifers

Major Show Tag orders- due March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Validation – June

## Sheep & Goat

State Fair Tag order due March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Validation – June

## Swine

State Fair Tag order due April  
Validation – June

## Broilers

State Fair orders due by May 15<sup>th</sup>

## Turkeys

## Rabbits

## Show Entry Information

### Fall Major Show entry deadlines

West Texas State Fair- July 18<sup>th</sup>

Heart O' Texas Fair & State Fair of Texas- August 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

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

## Scholarships



Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship due March 24<sup>th</sup>

To apply click link:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=HOTFair&f=23\\_ScholarshipAppFillable.pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=HOTFair&f=23_ScholarshipAppFillable.pdf)



Lone Star Ag Credit Scholarship due March 17<sup>th</sup>

To apply click link: <https://lonestaragcredit.com/app/uploads/2020/03/Lone-Star-Ag-Credit-2023-Scholarship-Application.pdf>



McLennan County GO Texan Scholarship due April 15<sup>th</sup>

To apply click link: <https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2023/01/2023-McLennan-County-Go-Texan-Scholarship-Application-Fillable.pdf>

McLennan County 4-H Adult Leaders Scholarship- Due to Extension Office by  
April 3, 2023

To apply click link:

<https://mclennan.agrilife.org/files/2023/01/2023-Adult-Leaders-Scholarship-Fillable.pdf>

# Major Show Results

## **San Angelo Livestock Show**

### Market Swine

Katie Willenborg- 4<sup>th</sup> place Hampshire  
Hartley Kutscherousky- 5<sup>th</sup> place Light Cross  
Karly Willenborg- Champion Duroc

### Breeding Heifers

Lexi Huse- Reserve Champion Charolais  
Calob Walker- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place Chianina  
Kate Swain- 4<sup>th</sup> place Shorthorn

### Market Lambs

Raelynn Ward- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> place Medium Wool

### Star Does

Brenlie Williams- 9<sup>th</sup> place doe

### Breeding Gilts

Audrey Barak- Reserve Champion Spot

## **San Antonio Livestock Show**

### Breeding Sheep

Realynn Ward- 1<sup>st</sup> place Wether Dam  
Addison Coleman- 5<sup>th</sup> place Wether Dam

### Market Steers

Duke Groschke- 1<sup>st</sup> place ABC  
Lilly Williams- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Simmental  
Emalee Amber- 9<sup>th</sup> place Maine  
Paisley Groschke- 6<sup>th</sup> place Shorthorn

### Market Goats

Raelynn Ward- 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Brenlie Williams- 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Market Sheep

Alessandria Holy- 8<sup>th</sup> place Medium Wool  
Emmalee Mutina- 4<sup>th</sup> place Medium Wool  
Raelynn Ward- 5<sup>th</sup> place Medium Wool  
Madison Mutina- 7<sup>th</sup> place Medium Wool

### Market Swine

Katie Willenborg- Division Champion Light Cross  
Karly Willenborg- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Light Cross  
Rachel Smith- 6<sup>th</sup> place Dark Cross

### Breeding Heifers

Steven Jewel- 5<sup>th</sup> place Angus  
Savannah Kelly- 8<sup>th</sup> place Charolais  
Emma Caffey- 1<sup>st</sup> place Charolais  
Duke Groschke- Champion Charolais  
Hayleigh Gerik- 4<sup>th</sup> place Charolais  
Harris Kelly- 7<sup>th</sup> place Chi  
Kennedi Gordon- 8<sup>th</sup> place Hereford  
Kallie Gordon- 12<sup>th</sup> place Hereford  
Elizabeth Caffey- 5<sup>th</sup> place Maine  
Paisley Groschke- Reserve Division Maine  
Keston Gerik- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Red Angus  
Caiden Meurer- 4<sup>th</sup> place ARB  
Laney Ellis- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Santa Gertrudis  
Aubrey Johnson- Reserve Division Beefmaster  
Paytyn Welle- 4<sup>th</sup> place Brahman  
Peter Schorsch- 16<sup>th</sup> place Brahman  
Emma Hardin- 4<sup>th</sup> place Charolais  
Emily Fulp- 8<sup>th</sup> place Charolais  
Lexi Huse- 1<sup>st</sup> place Charolais  
Laken Schill- 7<sup>th</sup> place Charolais  
Aiden Smith- 4<sup>th</sup> place Simbrah  
Randee Freeze- 12<sup>th</sup> place Simbrah



You've decided you want to show a steer or heifer, and it is prime time to start the selection and purchase process for your new project. There are magazines nearly two inches thick promoting every show steer open house in the Midwest; and then you start looking at all the online sales. It is easy to become overwhelmed with so many options.

However, before you even start looking for that next show prospect, you need to consider three factors and have a plan in place. Jessica Judge, BioZyme® Inc., Marketing Brand Manager, grew up showing cattle across the country and earned the title of High Individual at the 2017 North American International Livestock Exposition Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest, representing Oklahoma State University. She offers these considerations:

- **Know your endpoint and end goal.** If you are showing a steer, it might be county or state fair you are targeting for. If it is a heifer, it might be a similar show scenario, or you might have different goals for her, different places to show like a breed junior national and breeding goals. Know why you are ultimately purchasing your animal and you will have a better direction on size, age, breed and other specifics to look for.
- **Know your budget.** Some people simply have more money than others. An established, realistic budget will help you decide where you can go and determine what type of animal you can buy.
- **Know the breeder/seller.** Who have you formed a good relationship with? Who will help with feeding/prep advice after the sale? Be sure you have a solid relationship built on trust with the person you would like to do business with.

Once you have established the above criteria, you can start thinking about selection criteria for your animal. Regardless if you are looking to buy a steer or a heifer, the primary evaluation tool should be skeletal correctness or structure.

"At the end of the day, it doesn't matter how heavily muscled they are or how attractive they are, if they can't walk, it's a wash. Structure is the most important characteristic to evaluate and select for," Judge said.

Structural soundness should be evaluated from the ground up. First look at the animal's foot size. Does the animal have a little, tiny foot on a small amount of bone? Or does it set down on a big, square foot and adequate bone? You want an animal that stands on a nice square foot, with a good set to its pastern and plenty of flexibility, which is why it is always important to watch them walk. Moving up the skeleton, you want to make sure that the animal has a good set to its shoulder angle and knee; there should be a 45-degree angle to its shoulder and the knee should have the proper curvature of a banana or crescent shape. Make sure the steer or heifer can get out and move with plenty of flexibility to its hip and hind leg. Finally, make sure the animal has natural, smooth joints as big joints indicate potential structural concerns which can lessen the long-term future and value of the animal.

Once you have evaluated structure, Judge offers specific traits a person should look for when selecting both steer and heifers.

### Heifer Highlights

Judge said that when selecting a show heifer prospect, that after structure, you want to make sure the heifer has a productive and maternal look. This entails having a good rib shape, curvature to her rib design, softness to her overall skeleton and power. The heifer needs to have long-tying muscle shape and dimension, and not be just one-dimensional or flat.

The next selection criteria for a show heifer is balance and eye appeal – you want her to look like a lady.

"She should have a feminine shape to her head and neck and be clean through her throat. When selecting a female as a calf be sure to pay attention to her freshness and condition. She doesn't need to be the bloomiest in terms of condition as a calf. You should look for a female who is genuine in her condition, but still shows potential for dimension and fleshing ability as she grows," Judge said.

Other factors to consider on heifers include breed and age. Breed is truly a personal preference, as is age. Some ages will only be able to show at a national show or state fair once in a show season or calendar year, on the rules.





## **Steer Strategies**

When evaluating potential show steer prospects, after structure, you will want to look at muscle shape. You don't need to pick out the heaviest muscled, stoutest calf, but you do need to select one with indicators for future muscle development.

"Look for width of chest, some clearance or width at the ground, added body and rib shape, and a genuine shape or turn at the top side of his skeleton. These are good indicators that as he grows and develops, he will continue to have some muscle as he reaches his desired endpoint," she said.

In addition to structure and muscle shape, you want a steer that is balanced and eye appealing. He doesn't need to be the "coolest or freakiest fronted," according to Judge, but he does need to have parts that are put together in a proportional package that give him a balanced, fat steer look.

## **Study the Past, Eyes on the Present**

Judge recommends asking about the past performance of siblings and half siblings of the calves you are looking at buying, which goes back to having a good relationship with the seller. Find out how other calves from specific sires and cows have performed. Did they eat well and grow efficiently? Or were they hard keepers? If they took a while to gain, they might not be the right calf for your earlier endpoint. On the flip side, if they grow quickly and are earlier maturing, you may have to pump the breaks on your feeding strategy.

And although many people post photos and videos of their sales online, Judge recommends always studying the cattle in person. If you can't get to a specific location in person, be sure that someone you trust looks at the cattle in person before you make a big investment in your project animal.

"If you see a calf you like, find someone you trust go see the animal in person. A lot of small details can be missed on videos, like foot size and joint shape. When you have steers that need to get to heavy weight or you are looking for a breeding female to bring value to your herd, those details can make all the difference," Judge said.

You've established a budget; an endpoint and you've created relationships with reputable breeders. Now it is time to go select your next show heifer or steer project. With simple selection criteria, you can evaluate the groups of calves available for sale this fall and find your next champion.



Livestock exhibitors across much of the country have just wrapped up another year with their livestock projects, while in other regions young exhibitors are just thinking about buying their next set of animals for winter shows. Before you introduce any new livestock into your barn, make sure you have properly cleaned and disinfected it to help prevent disease from the get-go.

In addition to cleaning the barn, make sure to properly clean and disinfect the supporting materials you use with your livestock on a regular basis – feed pans, water buckets, feed scoops, combs, brushes, pitchforks and even halters. It is imperative to keep your equipment and your facilities clean to prevent sickness.

Before you clean and disinfect your barn, be sure to have anything organic like hay, bedding or feed out of the area you are going to disinfect. Dispose of old bedding and start with fresh after you have cleaned the barn.

Scrape any caked-on manure or mud off panels, gates and walls before you start. Then once you do start, wash your facility from top to bottom so the dirt and grime gets from ceiling to floor and off the walls.

Rinse your walls and floors down prior to using a disinfectant. Remember, bleach can eat through some building materials, so use caution if using bleach. Pine-sol or a disinfectant from your veterinarian will work too. Once you have disinfected your facilities, be sure to have good ventilation to help dry the surfaces. Once your facilities are dry, start bedding with clean, fresh bedding to prepare for the arrival of your new show prospects.

If you give your barn a deep disinfecting job both at the beginning and end of your normal show season, you should see a significant reduction in sickness with proper regular cleaning. If you do bring a sick animal home from a show, consider disinfecting your barn again.

The key to moving forward is never to go backward. Taking the time to ensure you have a clean facility is vital to preventing sickness in your livestock show projects. Combine this with a proper nutrition program and the likelihood of having sick animals decreases significantly.



# 3 Most Important THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING LIVESTOCK

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Recently, I came across an online thread asking, “What are the three most important things to consider when buying livestock?” This got me thinking. Even though the person posing the question was focused on the county level, I think my advice can apply to all levels of competition.

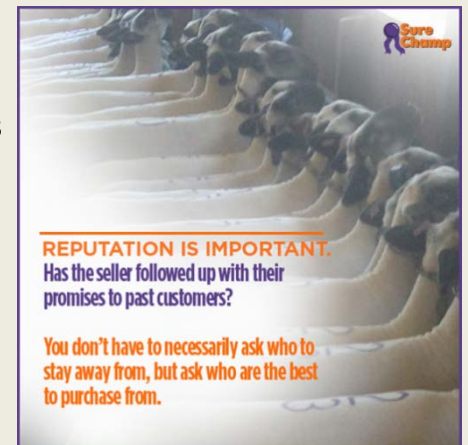
## 1. Who you are buying your livestock from.

This by far is the MOST important piece of the puzzle, especially if you are new to showing livestock, inexperienced or haven’t exhibited this particular species before. There is SO much to learn when showing livestock. You want to make sure that the seller is going to be there to offer suggestions and advice throughout the entire project.

Will they give feeding advice? Do they want you to send them pictures of your project so they can give feedback? Can they help line someone up to clip your calf or help you fit them on show day? If it is a breeding project, will they give advice on who you should breed your heifer, gilt, ewe or doe to?

Reputation is also important. Has the seller followed up with their promises to past customers? Are they willing to back an animal if they become a non-breeder? You don’t have to necessarily ask who to stay away from, but ask who are the best to purchase from.

Keep in mind online sales are amazing because as buyers we now have access to thousands of head of livestock. However, make sure you pick up the phone before you start clicking to bid. You want to make sure the seller is the right match for you and your needs.



## 2. Structure

It doesn’t matter what species, if they are a pink, purple or polka dotted – if that animal is not structurally sound to begin with, your project will never be as successful as you hope. Structure is the one thing that we can’t fix with feed or hair, and a small problem as a baby or young animal only becoming magnified as they get older. Joint supplements are designed to promote joint health, not cure structure problems.

## 3. It is up to you

This is where more debate comes in. I believe three is your personal preference. It could be a phenotypic trait such as muscle, balance or eye appeal. It could be breed of animal. This is especially important if you are looking for particular showing opportunities or if you plan to keep this animal in your herd to breed. If the animal is going to remain in your herd you might look at EPDs, the sire or dam.

If you follow the advice in step 1, the right seller will actually give you advice on the other things you should be taking into consideration when making your selection.

As you go out to purchase your next project keep these three tips in mind to find ultimate success.



# THE NEXT GENERATION



## 2023 PROGRAM DATES

Texas Youth Livestock & Agriculture

### PHASE I

#### Poultry Ambassador Short Course

Texas A&M University: June 19-22, 2023

#### Equine Ambassador Short Course

Texas A&M University: June 22-25, 2023

#### Livestock Ambassador Short Course

Texas A&M University-Kingsville: June 26-29, 2023

Texas A&M University: July 17-20, 2023

West Texas A&M/Texas Tech University: July 24-27, 2023

#### National Livestock Ambassador Short Course

Texas A&M University: July 10-13, 2023

Applications will be available online  
at [www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)

Open: February 15, 2023 | Close: April 15, 2023

### PHASE II

#### Texas 4-H Capitol Leadership Experience

February 27-28, 2023 \*Invitation Only\*

#### Advocacy Academy

June 12-14, 2023

#### International Experience

August 2-12, 2023 \*Tentative\*

#### Ambassador Mentors

All Short Courses & Advocacy Academy

Applications will be available  
via email

Open: March 1, 2023 | Close: May 15, 2023



[www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)



### Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program

JUNE 22-JUNE 25, 2023 | COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

#### EMBRACING OUR PAST. ENGAGING OUR PRESENT. DEFINING OUR FUTURE.

Today, the average American is at least three generations removed from the farm. It is essential that the upcoming generation be able to bridge the gap between consumers and farmers.

Through collegiate-level training combined with hands-on experience, Ambassadors will be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to serve as stewards of the equine industry.



#### Developing the Next Generation of Industry Leaders

- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior equine programs
- Experience in the university setting through intensive, science-based instruction and hands-on learning
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in the equine industry



### Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program

JUNE-JULY, 2023 | Three Short Course Locations

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### National 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program

JULY 10-13, 2023 | COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

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# Houston Weight Breaks

| Market Steers   |      |           |           |           | Market Barrows           |      |         |                |                |                 |      |         |         |         |
|-----------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|------|---------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| Breed           | 2023 | 2022      | 2021      | 2019      | Breed                    | 2023 | 2022    | 2021           | 2019           | Market Lambs    |      |         |         |         |
| Charolais       |      | 1000-1137 | 1000-1153 | 1000-1155 | Dark Cross               |      | 250-251 | 250-252        | 240-243        | Breed           | 2023 | 2022    | 2021    | 2020    |
|                 |      | 1138-1214 | 1154-1230 | 1156-1220 |                          |      | 250-251 | 250-252        | 240-243        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1215-1287 | 1231-1303 | 1221-1260 |                          |      | 250-251 | 250-252        | 240-243        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1288-1346 | 1304-1350 | 1261-1331 |                          |      | 252-256 | 253-257        | 244-249        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1347-1556 | 1351-1560 | 1332-1525 |                          |      | 257-261 | 258-264        | 250-257        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Limousin        |      | 1000-1219 | 1000-1229 | 1000-1212 | Chester<br>White<br>&OPB |      | 262-267 | 265-270        | 258-264        | Fine<br>Wool X  |      | 109-130 | 100-132 | 110-132 |
|                 |      | 1220-1299 | 1230-1335 | 1213-1303 |                          |      | 268-274 | 271-276        | 258-264        |                 |      | 131-140 | 133-143 | 133-143 |
| Simmental       |      | 1300-1525 | 1336-1490 | 1304-1440 |                          |      | 275-286 | 277-289        | 258-264        |                 |      | 141-172 | 144-172 | 144-173 |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 287-290 | 290-290        | 280            |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Shorthorn       |      | 1000-1213 | 1000-1220 | 1000-1221 |                          |      | 250-254 | 250-255        | 240-247        | Southdo<br>wns  |      | 115-141 | 115-139 | 122-138 |
|                 |      | 1214-1325 | 1221-1299 | 1222-1300 | Yorkshire                |      | 256-276 | 256-276        | 248-264        |                 |      | 143-150 | 140-151 | 139-150 |
| Hereford        |      | 1326-1560 | 1300-1667 | 1301-1499 |                          |      | 273-290 | 277-290        | 265-280        |                 |      | 151-189 | 152-185 | 151-180 |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-243        | Dorper          |      | 100-123 | 97-125  | 98-127  |
| Angus           |      | 1005-1199 | 1000-1220 | 1000-1144 |                          |      | 251-262 | 251-263        | 244-253        |                 |      | 124-135 | 126-137 | 128-136 |
|                 |      | 1200-1299 | 1221-1299 | 1145-1251 | Crossbred                |      | 263-270 | 265-272        | 254-262        | Medium<br>Wools |      | 136-179 | 138-210 | 137-172 |
| Red Angus       |      | 1300-1533 | 1300-1530 | 1252-1546 |                          |      | 271-284 | 273-285        | 263-277        |                 |      | 90-110  | 90-107  | 92-107  |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 285-290 | 286-290        | 278-280        |                 |      | 111-126 | 108-121 | 108-119 |
| Simbrah         |      | 1000-1215 | 1000-1229 | 1000-1217 |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      | 127-165 | 122-159 | 120-150 |
|                 |      | 1216-1305 | 1230-1301 | 1218-1305 |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        | Berkshire       |      |         |         |         |
| Santa Gertrudis |      | 1306-1552 | 1302-1525 | 1306-1494 |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Angus           |      | 1000-1205 | 1000-1176 | 1000-1185 |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1206-1292 | 1177-1295 | 1186-1263 |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Red Angus       |      | 1293-1487 | 1296-1605 | 1264-1460 |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Simbrah         |      | 1000-1150 | 1000-1145 | 1000-1150 |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1151-1269 | 1146-1299 | 1151-1253 |                          |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Santa Gertrudis |      | 1270-1375 | 1300-1425 | 1254-1417 |                          |      | 251-254 | 251-255        | 245-249        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 255-258 | 256-259        | 250-254        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Polled Hereford |      | 1000-1208 | 1000-1211 | 1000-1207 |                          |      | 259-261 | 260-262        | 250-254        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1245-1319 | 1212-1318 | 1208-1303 |                          |      | 262-264 | 263-264        | 255-256        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Brangus         |      | 1320-1560 | 1319-1604 | 1304-1520 |                          |      | 265-267 | 265-266        | 257-260        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 268-269 | <u>267-269</u> | <u>257-260</u> |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Brahman         |      | 1000-1199 | 1000-1199 | 1000-1199 |                          |      | 270-274 | 270-274        | 265-268        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1200-1319 | 1200-1328 | 1200-1328 |                          |      | 273-275 | 275-278        | 269-273        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Maine Anjou     |      | 1320-1699 | 1329-1640 | 1329-1485 |                          |      | 276-279 | 279-284        | 269-273        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 280-285 | 285-289        | 274-276        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| ABC             |      | 1001-1217 | 1000-1250 | 1000-1208 |                          |      | 286-290 | 290-290        | 277-280        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1218-1324 | 1251-1338 | 1209-1251 |                          |      | 286-290 | 290-290        | 277-280        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1325-1495 | 1339-1520 | 1252-1546 |                          |      |         |                |                |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      |         |                |                |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Other Cross     |      | 1000-1249 | 1000-1250 | 1000-1209 | Berkshire                |      | 250     | 250-250        | 240            | Spot            |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1250-1353 | 1251-1350 | 1210-1293 |                          |      | 251-260 | 251-261        | 241-255        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1354-1540 | 1351-1550 | 1294-1451 |                          |      | 261-272 | 262-271        | 256-268        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 273290  | 272-290        | 269-280        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Red Cross       |      | 1000-1200 | 1000-1190 | 1000-1167 | Spot                     |      | 250-254 | 250-250        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1201-1300 | 1000-1190 | 1000-1167 |                          |      | 250-254 | 251-259        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Other Cross     |      | 1301-1535 | 1268-1479 | 1269-1395 |                          |      | 255-268 | 260-272        | 245-260        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 269-290 | 273-290        | 261-280        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1000-1199 | 1000-1199 | 1000-1179 |                          |      | 250-252 | 250-253        | 240            | Hampshire       |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1200-1299 | 1200-1299 | 1180-1293 |                          |      | 250-252 | 250-253        | 240            |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Other Cross     |      | 1300-1620 | 1300-1599 | 1294-1456 |                          |      | 250-252 | 250-253        | 240            |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 250-252 | 250-253        | 240            |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1000-1091 | 1000-1100 | 1000-1089 |                          |      | 253-257 | 254-256        | 246-249        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1092-1159 | 1001-1197 | 1090-1162 |                          |      | 258-261 | 257-262        | 250-254        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1160-1250 | 1198-1270 | 1163-1223 |                          |      | 262-266 | 263-268        | 255-261        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1251-1350 | 1271-1350 | 1229-1300 |                          |      | 267-270 | 269-273        | 262-267        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1351-1500 | 1351-1500 | 1301-1541 |                          |      | 271-276 | 274-279        | 268-274        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 277-284 | 280-286        | 275-279        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1000-1168 | 1000-1152 | 1000-1165 | Duroc                    |      | 285-290 | 287-290        | 280            |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1169-1260 | 1153-1249 | 1166-1235 |                          |      | 250-254 | 250-252        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1261-1357 | 1250-1353 | 1236-1299 |                          |      | 250-254 | 250-252        | 240-244        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1358-1600 | 1354-1599 | 1300-1585 |                          |      | 255-260 | 253-257        | 245-250        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1000-1174 | 1000-1220 | 1000-1159 |                          |      | 261-265 | 258-264        | 251-257        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1175-1299 | 1221-1350 | 1160-1269 |                          |      | 266-270 | 265-270        | 258-265        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1300-1600 | 1351-1547 | 1270-1630 |                          |      | 271-278 | 271-277        | 266-272        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      |           |           |           |                          |      | 279-289 | 278-286        | 273-279        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1000-1038 | 1000-1050 | 1000-1048 | Poland<br>China          |      | 290     | 287-290        | 280            |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1039-1100 | 1051-1125 | 1049-1120 |                          |      | 250-254 | 250-256        | 240-248        |                 |      |         |         |         |
| Black Cross     |      | 1101-1180 | 1126-1215 | 1121-1185 |                          |      | 255-290 | 257-290        | 249-280        |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1181-1256 | 1216-1279 | 1186-1243 |                          |      |         |                |                |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1257-1358 | 1280-1350 | 1244-1339 |                          |      |         |                |                |                 |      |         |         |         |
|                 |      | 1359-1595 | 1351-1580 | 1340-1550 |                          |      |         |                |                |                 |      |         |         |         |

# Austin Weight Breaks

## Market Steers

| Breed           | 2023 | 2022   | 2021   | 2019   |
|-----------------|------|--|--|--|
| British         |      | 1137-1275<br>1291-1379<br>1391-1600  | 1134-1210<br>1215-1334<br>1354-1489  | 1028-1215<br>1219-1252<br>1277-1342<br>1361-1550   |
| Shorthorn       |      | 1017-1239<br>1270-1520   | 1020-1241<br>1247-1573   | 110-1249<br>157-1450   |
| ABC             |      | 1025-1150<br>1163-1270<br>1274-1356<br>1360-1595   | 1025-1170<br>1171-1235<br>1237-1289<br>1290-1380<br>1389-1579  | 1045-1175<br>1177-1219<br>1227-1243<br>1245-1300<br>1309-1347<br>1349-1396<br>1397-1567  |
| Brahman         |      | 1125-1260<br>1313-1529   | 1100-1268<br>1330-1460   | 1052-1258<br>1259-1450   |
| AOB Black       |      | 1040-1170<br>1219-1319<br>1333-1564  | 1055-1179<br>1189-1260<br>1268-1375<br>1389-1549   | 1045-1160<br>1172-1249<br>1269-1365<br>1366-1545   |
| AOB Red         |      | 1115-1227<br>1259-1547   | 1042-1225<br>1241-1414   | 1003-1166<br>1225-1309<br>1360-1550  |
| AOB Other Color |      | 1000-1074<br>1077-1139<br>1141-1205<br>1209-1255<br>1257-1306<br>1308-1359<br>1360-1418<br>1419-1635 | 1000-1089<br>1090-1149<br>1155-1227<br>1229-1265<br>1267-1313<br>1319-1380<br>1388-1450<br>1451-1660 | 1000-1097<br>1099-1155<br>1157-1185<br>1188-1237<br>1239-1254<br>1258-1272<br>1275-1299<br>1300-1315<br>1319-1349<br>1353-1397<br>1399-1445<br>1447-1565 |

## Market Goats

| 2023 | 2022   | 2021   | 2019   | 2018   | 2017  |
|------|--|--|--|--|---|
|      | 60-71<br>72-77<br>78-81<br>82-84<br><u>85-86</u><br>87-89<br>90-91<br>92-93<br>94-95<br><u>96-98</u><br>99-101<br>102-104<br>105-107<br>108-111<br>112-120 | 60-71<br>73-78<br>79-82<br>83-85<br><u>86-88</u><br>89-90<br>91-92<br>93-94<br>95-97<br><u>98-100</u><br>101-102<br>103-104<br>105-108<br>109-112<br>113-120 | 60-70<br>71-78<br>79-83<br>84-86<br>87-89<br>90-91<br>92-93<br>94-95<br>96-97<br>98-100<br>101-102<br>103-105<br>106-108<br>109-113<br>114-120 | 60-73<br>74-78<br>79-82<br>83-85<br><u>86-88</u><br>89-91<br>92-93<br>94-95<br>96-97<br><u>98-99</u><br>100-102<br>103-104<br>105-107<br>108-110<br>108-111<br>112-120 | 60-73<br>74-79<br>80-84<br>85-87<br><u>88-90</u><br>91-93<br>94-95<br>96-97<br>98-99<br><u>100-101</u><br>102-104<br>105-107<br>108-110<br>111-116<br>117-120 |

## Market Barrows

| Breed       | 2023 | 2022  | 2021  | 2019  |
|-------------|------|---|---|---|
| Duroc       |      | 250-250<br>251-266<br>267-279<br>280-290  | 250-251<br>252-261<br>268-283<br>284-290  | 240-249<br>250-262<br>265-279<br>280  |
| Dark OPB    |      | 250-250<br>254-265<br>266-274<br>275-290  | 250<br>252-265<br>267-276<br>277-290  | 240<br>241-256<br>257-273<br>275-280  |
| White OPB   |      | 250-261<br>262-290  | 250-260<br>263-290  | 240-262<br>264-280  |
| Hampshire   |      | 250-252<br>250-252<br>250-252<br>255-258<br>259-265<br>266-275<br>276-290                             | 250-252<br>250-252<br>250-252<br>254-260<br>261-268<br>269-279<br>280-290                         | 240-242<br>240-242<br>243-251<br>252-259<br>260-266<br>267-273<br>275-280   |
| Yorkshire   |      | 250<br>253-265<br>267-287<br>290  | 250<br>252-266<br>267-284<br>286-290  | 240<br>247-263<br>264-278<br>280  |
| Light Cross |      | 250<br>250<br>255-265<br>266-269<br>270-280<br>285-290  | 250<br>250<br>252-259<br>260-270<br>272-280<br>281-290  | 240<br>242-252<br>253-261<br>262-268<br>270-279<br>280  |
| Dark Cross  |      | 250<br>250<br>250<br>250<br>252-255<br>257-259<br>260-264<br>265-271<br>272-276<br>277-283<br>284-290 | 250<br>250<br>250<br>250<br>251-255<br>256-260<br>261-266<br>267-273<br>274-281<br>282-289<br>290 | 240-243<br>240-243<br>240-243<br>244-249<br>250-254<br>255-260<br>261-265<br>266-271<br>272-276<br>278-280<br>278-280 |

## Market Lambs

| Breed        | 2023 | 2022   | 2021   | 2019   |
|--------------|------|--|--|--|
| Finewool     |      | 114-132<br>133-140<br>143-162  | 108-135<br>136-141<br>142-169  | 108-128<br>129-139<br>142-160  |
| Fine Wool X  |      | 112-139<br>140-153<br>156-177  | 120-142<br>145-153<br>154-183  | 114-139<br>142-154<br>155-184  |
| Southdowns   |      | 107-126<br>128-136<br>137-197  | 90-123<br>124-138<br>140-175   | 107-125<br>126-139<br>141-170  |
| Dorper       |      | 97-115<br>117-148  | 100-116<br>119-150   | 91-116<br>117-134  |
| Medium Wools |      | 109-134<br>135-143<br>144-149<br>150-155<br>156-159<br>160-164<br>165-173<br>174-200 | 107-134<br>135-143<br>144-149<br>150-154<br>155-161<br>162-168<br>169-175<br>176-212 | 102-133<br>134-142<br>143-147<br>148-153<br>154-157<br>158-162<br>163-172<br>173-208 |

# Major Show Judges

## 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

Mkt Steers- Kyndal Reitzenstein  
Mkt Lambs- Steve Sturtz  
Mkt Goats- Skylar Scotten  
Mkt Swine- Maverick Squires  
Broilers- Bryce Leopold

## 2023 Houston Livestock Show

Mkt Steer- Scott Greiner  
Mkt Lamb- Chris Mullinix  
Mkt Goat- Spencer Scotten  
Mkt Swine- Miles Toenyes & David Ammann  
Breeding Heifers- Cody Sankey & Mark Core  
Breeding Gilt- Troy Sloan  
Breeding Sheep- Jess Yeaman

## Major Livestock Show Updates

### **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



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**Upcoming Events:**

**Tag Order Deadlines:**

Major Show Steer Tag –  
March 31<sup>st</sup>

Fall Major Heifer Tags  
March 31<sup>st</sup>

State Fair Sheep & Goat  
March 31<sup>st</sup>

State Fair Swine Tags  
April

**Validation Dates:**

Steers- June

Heifers- June

State Fair animals- June

**Show Entry Dates**

West Texas Fair Entries-  
July 18<sup>th</sup>

State Fair & Heart O' Texas  
Fair Entries- August 2<sup>nd</sup>

# Show Dates

**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

**2023 State Fair of Texas**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>- October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**2023 Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>- October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**2023 West Texas State Fair**

**September 7-16, 2023**

**2023 Brazos Valley Fair**

**October 13-22, 2023**

**2024 Sandhills Livestock Show**

**January**

**2024 MCJLS**

**2024 Ft. Worth Livestock Show**

**2024 San Antonio Livestock Show**

**February 8-25, 2024**

**2024 San Angelo Livestock Show**

**2024 Elite Gilt Showcase**

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