



2024

Williamson County Livestock Association Rulebook

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**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
WILLIAMSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE**

1. COMPETITION: Competition is open to all bona fide members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Williamson County that care for their animals under the direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Exhibitors must either reside in and/or be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Williamson County by validation date or prior to school district start date, whichever is earlier. In determining eligibility by school enrollment, a private or charter school must be physically located in Williamson County and a public school district must have its district office located in Williamson County. **Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) and 19 years of age as of September 1, 2024.** Exhibitors suspended under Texas Education Code Section 33.081, “No Pass, No Play” are ineligible to participate in any competition. Livestock owned by 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters are not eligible for competition in this show. **Eligibility forms are due Wednesday December 5, 2024. No exhibitor will be allowed to show without a proper eligibility form submission. If a late entry occurs after this date, the eligibility form is due with the late entry.**

2. STATE OF ELIGIBILITY: Entries exhibited in the Williamson County Livestock Show as a 4-H entry must have the Williamson County Extension Agent (CEA) verify the entry application and entries exhibited as an FFA entry must be verified by the Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) for the FFA chapter school for which the exhibitor is a member. All entries must be owned by the exhibitor as of the applicable validation date. The exhibitor must continuously and personally feed and care for his/her animals under the supervision of their CEA or AST.

IF THE EXHIBITOR IS INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, AS DETERMINED BY THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE EXHIBITOR AND THEIR ENTRIES ARE INELIGIBLE FOR COMPETITION.

If an exhibitor exhibits in any other county show in another county, that exhibitor and the animal will be deemed ineligible to show in the Williamson County Livestock Show. All exhibitors between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) and 19 years of age as of September 1, 2024 **MUST** complete the Quality Counts Program by the entry date. All exhibitors **MUST** be members of Williamson County Livestock Association by the entry date (paid family membership).

3. FEEDING PROJECTS OFF EXHIBITOR'S PREMISES: Feeding projects on property other than the school barn facility or exhibitor's premises must be approved by the CEA or AST and the WCLA Board of Directors. **All exhibitors must submit a signed Show Rules Acknowledgement Form with the validation envelopes. If projects are to be housed on property other than the school barn facility or exhibitor's premises for any reason, exhibitors are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to submit an Approval Form for Alternate Housing prior to purchasing their project. In any event, the Approval Form for Alternate Housing must be properly completed with the required signatures and submitted to the WCLA Board of Directors a minimum of two weeks prior to the validation timeline for approval.**

4. SUBSTITUTION RULES: All entries must be exhibited by the owner of the animal except in the following situations:

(A) When an exhibitor has more than one entry in one class, another 4-H or FFA member may show one of the entries, but the other exhibitor must be eligible to show in the Williamson County Livestock Show and have an animal entered in the Williamson County Livestock Show.

(B) When an exhibitor cannot be present to show his/her animal, a request for a substitute exhibitor must be submitted in written form no later than two (2) hours prior to the division show time to be reviewed and approved by the WCLA Board of Directors. A substitute exhibitor must be eligible to show in the Williamson County Livestock Show and have an animal entered in the Williamson County Livestock Show.

(C) If an exhibitor is declared ineligible under any provision of Rule 2, above, then all entries of the ineligible exhibitor become ineligible. **Animals that are cross-validated may be shown by another exhibitor under the same validation (i.e. a sibling), but only to the extent that the eligible exhibitor has sufficient entries available.** Example: Sibling A and Sibling B cross-validate two market swine and each turn in an entry for one market hog. If Sibling A is declared ineligible under Rule 2 prior to check-in, then Sibling B may check-in and exhibit either animal at the show; however, Sibling B may not show both animals, as Sibling B only entered one market hog and Sibling A's entry was declared ineligible. If Sibling A is declared ineligible after check-in, then the entry checked in by Sibling A is ineligible, then Sibling B must show the animal that Sibling B checked in. Under no circumstance may Sibling B check in or show more than 4 market animals.

5. TIME OF ENTRIES: All entries must be submitted to the WCLA, on the WCLA Website (www.wmcolivestock.org), on or before **Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** Incomplete entries will not be accepted. Any entries submitted to the WCLA after 7:00 p.m. November 6, 2024 up until noon on Saturday December 7, 2024, will be assessed the late entry fee of \$50 per entry in addition to the \$30 entry fee for a total late entry fee of \$80 per entry. **AFTER NOON, DECEMBER 7, 2024, LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UP UNTIL THE TIME OF WEIGHT CARD TURN IN (OR CHECK-IN FOR THOSE SPECIES THAT DO NOT HAVE WEIGHT CARDS) FOR THE SPECIES, FOR A LATE FEE OF \$250.00.**

Following the entry deadline, WCLA will provide the CEA and AST with a report detailing all entries submitted prior to the deadline. The CEA and AST shall verify and sign the report and return the signed report to WCLA within 5 days of receipt. Any discrepancies must be identified, communicated, and resolved in writing prior to the 5-day deadline.

ENTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

PARENTS/EXHIBITORS

1. Join WCLA prior to entry deadline (family membership)
2. Submit entries on WCLA Website prior to entry deadline.
3. Pay all membership and entry fees prior to entry deadline. **In order to show a cross validated entry each eligible exhibitor must have a paid entry in that species show.**
4. Inform Agricultural Science Teacher or County Extension Agent of entries submitted.

AG TEACHER/EXTENSION AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Review entry reports provided by WCLA.
2. Review, sign and return entry report provided by WCLA after entry deadline within 5 days of receipt.
3. Verify exhibitor eligibility in accordance with Rule 2.

6. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: There are no limits on the number of entries submitted by an exhibitor. However, each exhibitor may **ONLY** check in a total of four (4) market entries at the show. If more than four market entries are checked in by an exhibitor, all entries by that exhibitor shall become ineligible for the show and sale. These four entries may be made up from a combination of poultry and market animals. Breeding animal entries are not counted against an exhibitor's number of entries and there are no limits on the number of breeding animal entries exhibited at the show.

7. FEES:

Validation Fees: County validation fees will be \$10 per head for swine, lambs, and goats. This fee includes the ear tags. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may validate. \$1 per rabbit will be charged for tattooing market rabbits with no limit to the number of rabbits tattooed for an exhibitor. **Tags will be issued to each exhibitor based on number of tags ordered prior to the deadline for ordering tags. Tags are not eligible to be swapped from exhibitor to exhibitor. All tags will be distributed to an exhibitor's AST for FFA exhibitors or the CEA for 4H exhibitors.**

Membership Fees: Family membership fees shall be \$25 per family. If multiple exhibitors (siblings) reside in the same household, only one membership fee needs to be paid. Membership fees are due at the time of entry.

Market Entry Fees:

Market Steer	per head	\$30
Market Swine	per head	\$30
Market Lambs	per head	\$30
Market Goats	per head	\$30
Meat Rabbits	pen of three	\$30
Broilers	pen of three	\$30
Turkeys	per head	\$30

Breeding Entry Fees

Breeding Swine	per head	\$30
Breeding Heifers	per head	\$30
Commercial Does	per head	\$30
Commercial Ewes	per head	\$30
Breeding Rabbits	per head	\$20

\$3 from each entry fee goes to the scholarship fund.

8. REFUNDS: No refunds will be made under any circumstances.

9. OWNERSHIP: All market animals may be validated under family validation with "family" being defined as brothers and sisters or members of the same household. **The below validation deadline will serve as required dates of ownership.**

10. VALIDATION:

SPECIES	VALIDATION DEADLINE
Market Steers	June 2024
Breeding Heifers	Spring - June 2024 Fall - October 31, 2024
Turkeys	August 2024
Broilers	October 2024
Market Lambs, Swine & Goats	October 5, 2024
Commercial Does & Ewes	October 31, 2024
Breeding Swine	October 31, 2024
Market Rabbits Tattoo	November 6, 2024
Breeding Rabbit	November 6, 2024

Any Market Steer and Breeding Heifer exhibited at the WCLA show must be validated under the Texas 4-H and FFA Market Steer / Breeding Heifer Validation Program (state major show validation) for the 2024-2025 show year. **Any Breeding Heifer exhibited at the WCLA show must submit DNA samples and such samples must be postmarked or delivered to the WCLA on or before **October 31, 2024.****

All Market Swine, Market Lambs, Market Goats, and for the WCLA show must be validated no later than **October 5, 2024.**

All Breeding Swine, Commercial Ewes, and Commercial Does (Goats) for the WCLA show must submit DNA samples and such samples must be postmarked or delivered to the WCLA on or before **October 31, 2024.**

If an ear tag is damaged or lost, the WCLA must be notified via email at wcla.bod@gmail.com within 48 hours of the animal losing the tag or the tag being damaged. No animal will be retagged and eligible for the show if the WCLA or division superintendent is not notified within 48 hours. Poultry bands will only be rebanded within the first 14 days after receiving the birds. Rabbits who do not have a legible tattoo must notify the superintendent at least two weeks prior to the show date. Rabbits that do not have a legible tattoo will be ineligible to show. The division superintendent will determine when the animal will be retagged. Positive identification will be checked before animals are retagged. This requirement is in addition to any requirement to contact the Extension Service regarding lost major show validation tags.

WCLA validation in 2024 will be the responsibility of the CEA, AST, and Exhibitors. Validation tags and DNA collection envelopes will be distributed to the exhibitor's AST for FFA exhibitors or the CEA for 4H exhibitors, upon ShoWorks payment. **Validation of animals will consist of either WCLA and/or State Validated tags.** Exhibitors will be responsible for tagging, collecting the DNA samples, and submitting the DNA samples to WCLA.

The completed and sealed DNA sample envelopes containing the validated animal's hair sample and the Show Rules Acknowledgement Form must be postmarked or delivered to the WCLA on or before SATURDAY **October 5, 2024 by 12pm (noon) at a location to be determined. If applicable, the Approval Form for Alternate Housing is due 2 weeks prior to validation for approval. Approval is not guaranteed and is reviewed on a case by case basis.**

11. INSPECTION OF PROJECTS: The WCLA Directors may inspect any exhibitor's project at any time after the validation deadline until show time. Two or more WCLA Directors will conduct such inspections. If available, a parent, AST and/or CEA may accompany the WCLA Directors on the project inspections. Failure to provide access to any project validated for the WCLA Livestock Show for inspection shall be grounds for disqualification of the project and exhibitor from participating at the WCLA Livestock Show. If upon inspection, a WCLA validated project is found to not be in the personal care of the exhibitor, the project and the exhibitor will be disqualified from participating at the WCLA show. In the event a state livestock validation committee disqualifies a project or exhibitor due to violations of the state validation rules, such a violation may also be considered a violation of these rules and subject the project and exhibitor to disqualification from participating at the WCLA Livestock Show.

12. VIOLATION OF RULES: The violation of any rule herein or conduct that requires disciplinary action or law enforcement involvement by exhibitor, whether in person or by parent, agent, or servant, may result in the disqualification of all of such exhibitor's entries and result in the forfeiture of all prizes and premiums. Such action may also disqualify said exhibitor from participating in future Williamson County Livestock Shows. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, the unethical or inhumane treatment of exhibitor's animals and unethical fitting described below in Section 19. Final decision will be determined by the WCLA Board of Directors. **Any person who, in any way harasses or shows any disrespect to classifiers, WCLA Board of Directors, contracted vendors of the WCLA, the show, or interferes with the judges before, during, or after their adjudication, is subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, requiring a proper apology, disqualification from competition, and barring his/her presence at any WCLA event.** The WCLA may also withhold or require the return of any prizes that may have been awarded, or any premiums from the auction. The board's decision will be final and not subject to appeal or protest.

13. PROTEST: All protests against a project or exhibitor for a violation of these rules must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$200 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Any protest as to the eligibility of the animal and/or exhibitor must be filed with the Livestock Superintendent prior to the judging of the animal. The WCLA President will notify all parties involved in the protest as soon as a decision is made. Nothing herein will prevent the WCLA Board of Directors from investigating or inquiring about a potential violation of these Rules if the Board of Directors become aware of information that, in their sole discretion, they decide should be investigated.

14. PRESENCE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS: (A) The show barn will be locked nightly from 10 p.m. (or one hour after the completion of events that night) to 6 a.m. the next morning (to the extent that the Williamson County Expo Center allows the facility to be locked). No one will be allowed in the barn during the above stated time without permission of the WCLA Board of Directors. (B) All animals will be released upon the division superintendent's announcement. Any animals remaining in the barn after a designated time may be removed by the show committee at the owner's expense. (C) **Livestock projects must be in the barn at the times defined on the show schedule**, they may not leave the show grounds (defined as the area contained within the chain-link security fence or inside the show barn) until released by the division superintendent, including sale and non-sale animals. Any exceptions must be approved by the division superintendent.

15. LOSS OR INJURY/USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS: Neither the Williamson County Livestock Association nor the Williamson County Livestock Show shall be responsible for loss or injury to any person or animals.

WARNING

UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES.

WARNING

UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.

NOTICE TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS

WCLA, at its election, may choose to use photographs, videos and other likenesses of participants in future publications including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, television, promotional literature, World Wide Web (Internet) and WCLA programs. By allowing your child or ward to enter events of WCLA, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of your child or ward.

16. BEDDING: For fire and safety reasons, hay for bedding will not be allowed under any circumstances. Only hay the animals will eat during one feeding will be allowed.

17. SCALES: Scales will be provided in areas throughout the barn by the WCLA; such scales are unofficial and are provided for convenience only. Official scales will be used by superintendents to determine official weights. No other scales will be allowed. Any tampering or adjustment to the scales by anyone other than a show official is grounds for disqualification from the show and sale.

18. HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS: No animal showing evidence of disease, including external parasites or fungus, shall be permitted on the show grounds. Any animal deemed unhealthy or diseased by the board will not be allowed on the show grounds and must immediately leave the premises. The board's decision will be final and not subject to appeal or protest.

19. UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK: The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means, as well as changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs, medications, chemicals, other substances, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup or performance of the animal. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to the following:

- (A) Animals that are in milk due to an unnaturally induced lactation.
- (B) Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.
- (C) Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
- (D) Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance.
- (E) Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
- (F) Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
- (G) Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, or hair, or feet (this is to include any materials added to the feet of an animal) except the removal of warts or horns and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- (H) Insertion of air or foreign material under the skin.
- (I) Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show. Adding hair, false hair or hair-like material, fleece or skin at any point, spot or area to the animal's body is prohibited.
- (J) Stomach pumping or any other method by esophagus is prohibited.
- (K) The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
- (L) The use of diuretics.
- (M) Administration of an illegal, unapproved, or performance enhancing drug internally or externally.
- (N) No wire or cable halters will be permitted on any species.
- (O) **All animals validated or entered into the show are subject to drug testing.**

No unethical fitting shall be tolerated. Decisions concerning allegations of the unethical fitting of livestock will be considered by the WCLA Board of Directors. It will take a majority vote of the WCLA Board of Directors to take disciplinary action for any allegations of the unethical fitting of livestock. The board's decision will be final and not subject to appeal or protest.

20. ADVERTISING: No exhibitor will be allowed to wear advertising of any kind, other than accepted 4-H or FFA insignia, on clothing worn while exhibiting. Exhibitors will not be allowed to wear caps, or exhibitor number harness while showing. Market animals may not have any ear tag(s) other than a WCLA or state validation tag, TLBA, TGBA, USDA Scrapie tags, or USDA Swine Premises ID at any time while present on the show premises. Any ewe lambs and doe goat exhibited must have the breeder's Scrapie ear tag permanently inserted in the ear at time of offload or it will not be permitted on the show grounds or allowed to show. Any tag that could indicate the breeder of the animal in any way (including shape or color of the tag) must be covered in such a way that the breeder of the animal cannot be determined, which shall be in such a manner as determined in the sole discretion of the division superintendent.

21. JUDGE'S AND CLASSIFIER'S DECISIONS: Classifiers will follow the Swine Breed Classification Guidelines, Lamb Breed Classification Guidelines, and Texas Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines published by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. **The decision of the judge and/or classifier(s) will be final.**

22. SHOWMANSHIP: Showmanship classes will be divided into juniors, intermediates, and seniors in each division. Juniors will be from the ages of 8-11, intermediates will be from the ages of 12-14, and seniors will be from the ages of 15 and up. The age will be determined as December 1, 2024. Exhibitors may only show animals in the showmanship classes that were entered in their name.

23. SIFTING: The committee for each department is responsible for sifting all animals in that department. Their decision will be final.

24. DNA CONFIRMATION: All animals validated or entered into the show are subject to DNA confirmation. If it is ultimately determined that a DNA sample taken at the show does not match the validation DNA sample, the animal and the exhibitor are disqualified and shall forfeit all awards and premiums. The WCLA Board of Directors may also consider additional discipline.

MARKET SHOW RULES

All General rules above apply to the Market Show as well as species specific show rules as defined below:

25. NUMBER OF CLASSES FOR MARKET LAMBS, SWINE AND STEERS: There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each breed and a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the show. The number of classes will be determined by the division superintendent and the WCLA Board of Directors.

26. MARKET LAMBS: Wether and ewe lambs may be exhibited in the market lamb classes. **All ewe lambs must have the breeder's Scrapie ear tag permanently inserted in the ewe lamb's ear at time of offload or it will not be permitted on the show grounds or allowed to show.** Scrapie tags in ewe lambs will be verified at time of check-in, when the weight card is turned in. The superintendent will split the classes. Lambs will be classified by a three-member committee before entering the show ring. Classifiers will follow the Lamb Breed Classification Guidelines published by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. The classifier's decision will be final and not subject to appeal or protest. Lambs entered as Finewools that do not meet the breed characteristics of that breed will be moved to the appropriate weight class in the Finewool Crosses show (subject to meeting Finewool Cross breed characteristics). Lambs entered as Dorper, Southdowns or Finewool Crosses that do not meet the breed characteristics of the breed in which they are entered will be moved to the appropriate weight class in the Medium Wool show. The following rules will be enforced at check-in:

(A) All Lambs must meet the minimum weight(s) set forth in Section 34.

(B) All market lambs must be slick shorn from the knee and hock up; no fleece may be over 1/8" long prior to arrival at the show barn. **The division superintendent may refuse to allow any market lamb that has not been shorn to be unloaded at the barn or may require that any market lamb that has not been shorn be disqualified from the show.**

Wool on legs below the knee and hock will be permitted. Electrical trimming of lambs and/or the use of blow dryers in the show barn will be allowed only in areas designated by the superintendent. Any alteration of the natural color of a Market Lamb, or attachment of any objects, including hair, hair substitutes, or fiber to the animal is prohibited.

Lambs will show in the following order:

Dorper

Southdown

Finewool

Finewool Cross

Medium Wool

27. MARKET SWINE: Barrows and gilts may be exhibited in the market swine show. Any entry exhibited in the Breeding Swine Show may not be shown in the Market Swine Show. Subject to satisfying the minimal requirements for a breed as set forth in paragraph 25, the market swine show will have breed divisions for Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, White OPB, Dark OPB and Crosses. Classifiers will follow the Swine Breed Classification Guidelines published by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Swine will be classified by a three-member committee before entering the show ring. The classifier's decision will be final and not subject to appeal or protest. Swine entered as Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, White OPB or Dark OPB that do not meet the breed characteristics of the breed in which they are entered will be moved to the appropriate weight class in the Cross division of the Market Swine Show. Weight limits and tolerances are set forth in Section 34. Only cordless clipping will be allowed for swine. Snaring is not allowed for clipping. **Any swine entering the show arena showing evidence of the use of oils, paste, powder or artificial coloring will be disqualified. Water will be the only substance allowed on a hog in the show ring.**

28. STEERS: No wire or cable halters will be permitted. Only steers will be exhibited in the market steer classes. All steers must be dehorned. Any alteration of the natural color of a steer, or attachment of any objects, including hair, hair substitutes, or fiber to the animal is prohibited. Steers will be shown in three (3) breed divisions; American, British and European. Steers will be classified by a three-member committee at weigh-in. Classifiers will follow the Texas Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines published by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. The classifier's decision will be final and not subject to appeal or protest. The Superintendent will split the steers into weight classes within breed divisions after weight cards are submitted and after classification. The Superintendent's decision will be final. Weight limits and tolerances are set forth in Section 34.

AMERICAN – To be eligible, steers must exhibit to the satisfaction of the classifiers, physical evidence of Brahman background and influence as more fully described in the Texas Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines for Brahman Type (ABC). Steers not meeting the American breed division requirements will be shown in the European breed division.

BRITISH – To be eligible, steers must exhibit to the satisfaction of the classifiers visible characteristics and features resulting in the appearance of a purebred Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus or Shorthorn. Steers not meeting the British breed division requirements will be shown in the European breed division. Exhibitors must declare the specific British breed of the steer on the weight card prior to classification. To be considered as Angus or Red Angus, the steer's poll must be clipped prior to classification.

EUROPEAN – Any steers not meeting the visual requirements of either the American or British (as declared by exhibitor) breed divisions will show in the European division.

29. POULTRY EXHIBITS: There will not be a weight limit for any poultry exhibited. Exhibitors are not required to have individual health papers for poultry exhibits. All broiler and turkey orders must be placed through the Williamson County Livestock Association. Turkeys will be ordered in increments of five and broilers in increments of 25. All birds will be picked up according to the posted times and dates as indicated on the order forms. All birds will be wing banded before delivery. Wing bands must be in place, and there must be no evidence of tampering for the turkeys or broilers to be eligible for the show. Entry forms for broilers and turkeys will be submitted with all other entries. Entry forms will be accepted as “turkey” and “broiler” entry. The exhibitor will determine if they will show toms, hens, cockerels or pullets on the date of the show. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring one alternate bird into the barn at check-in. If a bird is sifted, the alternate bird may be substituted at that time. Once the exhibitor leaves the check-in area with the entry, no other birds may be substituted. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in the division, each entry will be handled as a separate and individual entry. The exhibitor must be in the show ring at the time of judging to show their poultry exhibits. **Note:** Each exhibitor will likely need additional help hold poultry exhibits during judging. Any person assisting an exhibitor to show a poultry exhibit must be between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) and 19 years of age and not have graduated high school. **Deceased Birds:** If birds die after check-in and prior to judging, they will not be allowed into the ring. If birds die during judging, the bird will remain in the show until the class is complete. Exhibitors are responsible for removing all birds, whether alive or deceased, from the show grounds for proper disposal.

30. TURKEY EXHIBITS: There will be one class of toms and one class of hens. When placing your order, request the number of each gender. All orders will be placed through the Williamson County Livestock Association. **Exhibitors must bring the coop card assigned to the entry being shown into the show ring with them.**

31. BROILER EXHIBITS: A pen of three (3) broilers constitutes one entry. There will be one class of cockerel broilers and one class of pullet broilers. Broilers will be ordered as straight runs. All orders will be placed through the Williamson County Livestock Association. **Exhibitors must bring the coop card assigned to the entry being shown into the show ring with them.**

32. MEAT PEN OF RABBITS: Each rabbit in a meat pen will be weighed prior to entering the show ring, with each rabbit required to weigh no less than three and one-half (3.5) pounds and not more than five and one-half (5.5) pounds. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring one alternate rabbit into the barn at check-in. Once the exhibitor leaves the check-in area with the entry, no other rabbits may be substituted. If a rabbit is sifted, the alternate rabbit may be substituted at that time. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in the division, each entry will be handled as a separate and individual entry. **All meat rabbits must be permanently tattooed by the WCLA on November 6, 2024.** ARBA rules pertaining to meat

pens will be followed. ARBA rules will be available from your WCLA Rabbit Superintendent or the Williamson County Ag Extension Agent.

33. MARKET GOATS: Doe or wether goats will be allowed to show in the market goat show. **All does must have the breeder's Scrapie ear tag permanently inserted in the doe's ear at time of offload or it will not be permitted on the show grounds or allowed to show.** Scrapie tags in does will be verified at time of check-in, when the weight card is turned in. The market goat show is open to any breed or cross breeds; however, classes will be set by weight only. The distribution of classes will be determined by the division superintendent based on comparable weights. There will be five weight divisions (light weight, light middle weight, middle weight, light heavy weight, heavy weight) within the goat show with a Champion and Reserve being named for each division. The division Champions and Reserves will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion Market Goat. The following rules will be enforced at check-in:

(A) All market goats must meet the weight limit(s) set forth in section 34.

(B) All market goats must be shorn with hair no longer than 3/8" in length from knee and hock up, excluding tip of the tail. No indication of blocking will be permitted. The division superintendent may refuse to allow any market goat that has not been shorn to be unloaded at the barn or may require that any market goat that has not been shorn be disqualified from the show. Electrical trimming and/or the use of blow dryers on the goats in the show barn will be allowed only in areas designated by the division superintendent. Any alteration of the natural color of a Market Goat, or attachment of any objects, including hair, hair substitutes, or fiber to the animal is prohibited. **Fitting: Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.**

34. OFFICIAL WEIGHTS: Exhibitors will submit weight cards for steers, swine, lambs and goats. All weight cards must be submitted by the deadline set forth in the "Schedule of Events" available on the WCLA website. All weight cards are final when turned in, and the weight may not be changed on a weight card after the card is turned in. Exhibitors may request that clerical errors on weight cards (i.e. wrong tag number) be corrected up until the beginning of the show of that species with such decision to be made at the discretion of the division superintendent. Exhibitors must declare the specific breed of the species on the weight card prior to turning in the weight card. All swine, lambs, goats and steers selected by the division superintendent or show judge will be subject to weigh-back. If the animal does not weigh back within the allowed tolerance, the animal will be disqualified from competition. Weight tolerances will be as follows:

Weight Tolerance		Weight Limits:		
Species	Plus or Minus	Species	Min lbs	Max lbs
Steers	5%	Steers	900	unlimited
Swine	10 lbs	Swine	150	280
Breeding Swine	10 lbs	Breeding Swine	0	280
Goats	5 lbs	Goats	55	unlimited
Commercial Does	5 lbs	Commercial Does (Goats)	0	120
Commercial Ewes	5 lbs	Commercial Ewes	0	180
Lambs	5 lbs	Market Lambs		
Poultry	N/A	Dorper	80	unlimited
Rabbits	N/A	Southdown	70	unlimited
		Finewool	80	unlimited
		Finewool Cross	80	unlimited
		Medium Wool	80	unlimited
		Poultry	No weight limits	
		Rabbits	3.5	5.5

**Individual rabbits in a meat pen cannot weigh less than 3.5 lbs. and not more than 5.5 lbs.*

BREEDING SHOW RULES

35. HEIFER

- (A) All entries are subject to the General Rules and these additional rules. Heifers will not be counted toward the four-animal limit; there will be no limit on the number of heifers an exhibitor may enter.
- (B) Entry deadline is the same as market exhibits.
- (C) The following breeds are eligible to show and will be combined into the divisions of: American (including registered females from the following breeds: ARB¹, Beefmaster, Brangus, Grey Brahman, Red Brahman, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah), British (including registered females from the following breeds: Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, Mini-Hereford, and Aberdeen) and European (including registered females from the following breeds: Charolais, Chianina, Simmental, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, and ORB²). For breed exhibitions, original registration papers must indicate the animal meets breed requirements.
- (D) Original registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name by October 31, 2024.
- (E) **No heifer born before 9/1/2022 will be allowed to show.** Within each breed, age classes will be broken by heifer birth date as follows:
1. Jan 1, 2024 - younger
 2. Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2023
 3. Jan 1 - Jun 30, 2023
 4. Sep 1 - Dec 31, 2022
- (F) All heifers must be in place by the deadline set forth in the "Schedule of Events" at the beginning of these rules. Registration papers will be checked, and the heifer show will start at in accordance with the Schedule of Events. All heifers will be released immediately following the judging.
- (G) No hair-like substance, whether natural or artificial, may be added to heifers exhibited in the show..
- (H) Breed Beef Heifer – Division Awards
1. Division Champion
 2. Reserve Division Champion
 3. Supreme Champion
 4. Reserve Supreme Champion
- (I) Supreme selected from Division Champion with each Champion competing.
- (J) Reserve Supreme Champion will be chosen from remaining Division Champions with Reserve Champion Division from Supreme Division competing.

36. BREEDING SWINE

- (A) All entries are subject to the General Rules and these additional rules. No Boars allowed. Gilts exhibited will not be counted toward the four-market animal limit; there will be no limit on the number of entries an exhibitor may enter. Breeding Swine exhibits shall not be shown in the Market Swine show..
- (B) Entry deadline is the same as market exhibits.
- (C) Pedigreed Breeding Swine must be ear notched according to standard swine identification rules (NSR/CPS) to match the ear notch number on the registration papers.
- (D) Pedigreed Breeding Swine must be registered in the herd book of the breed's association in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) on or before **October 31, 2023**.
- (E) Pedigreed Breeding Swine must be born between June 1 and September 10, of the year of the show. All Breeding Swine will have a maximum weight limit of 280 pounds and will be subject to the same weigh back procedures and tolerances (10 pounds) as Market Swine.
- (F) Registration papers in the case of Pedigreed Breeding Swine and weights for Crossbred Breed Swine must be presented at time of check-in set forth in the "Schedule of Events" at the beginning of these rules.
- (G) The Superintendent will set classes from the entries checked in. Five head will constitute a breed; otherwise, breeds will be combined in divisions of White Pure Breeds or Dark Pure Breeds. Additional classes may be added at the Superintendent's discretion.
- (H) Breeding Swine **cannot** be exhibited in the Market Swine division.
- (I) A Supreme and Reserve Champion Breeding Swine will be selected from the breed champion and breed reserve champion gilts.
- (J) Breeding Swine Division Awards
1. Breed Champion (if five or more head in a breed)
 2. Reserve Champion (if five or more head in a breed)
 3. Division Champion
 4. Reserve Division Champion
 5. Supreme Champion
 6. Reserve Supreme Champion

37. BREEDING RABBITS

(A) All entries are subject to the General Rules and these additional rules. Breeding Rabbits will not be counted toward the four-animal limit. There will no limit to the number of breeding rabbits an exhibitor may enter. American Rabbit Breeder Association rules apply.

(B) Breeding rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear with two or more letters or numbers. ARBA rules will apply.

(C) Breeding rabbits must be owned and fed by the exhibitor by October 31, 2024. All entries will be validated by tattoos being checked in at the validation date with market rabbit tattoo date and time specified by the WCLA. Entries must be submitted with all required information via the ShoWorks website prior to validation.

(D) This is an all-breed breeding rabbit show. Breeds shall be divided into divisions by ARBA rules and shown as “All Other” (4 Class) breeds and “Commercial” (6 Class) breeds. Breakdown will be dependent upon numbers per breed registered via ShoWorks.

(E) Commercial breeding rabbits will be shown in the following classes:

(does and bucks will be in separate classes)

1. Juniors – 3 months – 6 months
2. Intermediates- 6 months – 8 months
3. Seniors – 8 months of age and older

Minimum of five rabbits will make a class, otherwise they will all be shown together regardless of sex or age.

(F) All other breeding rabbits will be shown in the following classes:

(does and bucks will be in separate classes)

1. Juniors – 3 months – 6 months
2. Seniors – 6 months of age and older

Minimum of five rabbits will make a class, otherwise they will all be shown together regardless of sex or age

(G) Breeding Rabbit Awards:

1. Class Winner
2. Division Winner
3. Reserve Division Winner
4. Overall Grand and Reserve Champion

38. COMMERCIAL DOES (GOATS)

- (A) All entries are subject to the General Rules and these additional rules. Commercial Does exhibited will not be counted toward the four-market animal limit; there will be no limit on the number of Commercial Doe entries an exhibitor may enter. **Commercial Doe exhibits shall not be shown in the Market Goat show.**
- (B) **All Commercial Does must have the breeder's Scrapie ear tag permanently inserted in the doe's ear at time of offload or it will not be permitted on the show grounds or allowed to show.** Scrapie tags in does will be verified at time of check-in, when the weight card is turned in.
- (C) Entry deadline is the same as market exhibits.
- (D) **All Commercial Does must be validated with WCLA by the deadline for validation of market goats set forth above or state validated for major shows on or before October 31, 2024.**
- (E) The Superintendent will set classes from the entries checked in. Classes will be set or combined at the Superintendent's discretion.
- (F) Weights for Commercial Does must be presented at time of check-in set forth in the "Schedule of Events" at the beginning of these rules. Commercial Does will have a maximum weight limit of 120 pounds and will be subject to the same weigh back procedures and tolerances (5 pounds) as Market Goats. There will be no minimum weight limit.
- (G) All Commercial Does must be shorn with hair no longer than 3/8" in length from the knee and hock up, excluding the tip of the tail. No indication of blocking will be permitted. Any alteration of the natural color of a doe, or attachment of any objects, including hair, hair substitutes, or fiber to the animal is prohibited. **The division superintendent may refuse to allow any Commercial Doe that has not been shorn to be unloaded at the barn or may require that any Commercial Doe that has not been shorn be disqualified from the show.** Electrical trimming and/or the use of blow dryers on the goats in the show barn will be allowed only in areas designated by the division superintendent. Any alteration of the natural color of a Market Goat, or attachment of any objects, including hair, hair substitutes, or fiber to the animal is prohibited. **Fitting: Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.**

39. COMMERCIAL EWES

- (A) All entries are subject to the General Rules and these additional rules. Commercial Ewes exhibited will not be counted toward the four-market animal limit; there will be no limit on the number of entries an exhibitor may enter. **Commercial Ewe exhibits shall not be shown in the Market Lamb show.**
- (B) **All Commercial ewes must have the breeder's Scrapie ear tag permanently inserted in the doe's ear at time of offload or it will not be permitted on the show grounds or allowed to show.** Scrapie tags in ewes will be verified at time of check-in, when the weight card is turned in.
- (C) Entry deadline is the same as market exhibits.
- (D) **All Commercial Does must be validated with WCLA by the deadline for validation of market goats set forth above or state validated for major shows on or before October 31, 2024.**
- (E) The Superintendent will set classes from the entries checked in. Five head minimum will constitute a class and they will be broken by weight only, not breed. Classes will be set or combined at the Superintendent's discretion.
- (F) Weights for Commercial Ewes must be presented at time of check-in set forth in the "Schedule of Events" at the beginning of these rules. Commercial Ewes will have a maximum weight limit of 180 pounds and will be subject to the same weigh back procedures and tolerances (5 pounds) as Market Lambs.
- (G) All Commercial Ewes must be slick shorn from the knee and hock up; no fleece may be over 1/8" long prior to arrival at the show barn. **The division superintendent may refuse to allow any Commercial Ewe that has not been shorn to be unloaded at the barn or may require that any Commercial Ewe that has not been shorn be disqualified from the show.** Any alteration of the natural color of a ewe, or attachment of any objects, including hair, hair substitutes, or fiber to the animal is prohibited.

PREMIUM SALE

40. PREMIUM SALE OF ANIMALS: An exhibitor will sell the premium on the placing animals only. Exhibitors will retain ownership of the animal and will be responsible to remove the animal from the show barn after the sale at the designated times. If the buyer wishes to purchase the animal from the exhibitor for personal use, sale negotiations will be between the exhibitor and the buyer. No individual may solicit to purchase animals from exhibitors on the premises except sealed bid buyers.

41. FORFEITURE: Any premium funds forfeited due to disqualification will be dispersed to the Scholarship fund.

42. SALE OF PLACING ANIMALS: All Grand and Reserve Champions in all species in the market shows will sell in the premium sale. Should an exhibitor have two or more qualified entries in the same division (unless those animals are Grand and Reserve Champion in the same division), the highest placing animal will be sold. If an exhibitor has two or more same placing animals, a draw will determine which animal will sell.

When an exhibitor cannot be present at the sale, a request for a substitute exhibitor must be submitted in written form no later than two (2) hours prior to the sale to be reviewed and approved by the WCLA Board of Directors. If an exhibitor chooses not to participate in the premium sale, they must notify the division superintendent prior to the judging of that division. All animals listed on the premium sale list must be sold at auction in the premium sale. Withdrawing a sale lot from the sale could result in a one-year disqualification for the exhibitor, thus preventing him/her from showing the following year at the Williamson County Livestock Show. A final decision will be made by the WCLA Board of Directors.

43. PREMIUM TO BE SOLD ON MARKET ANIMAL DIVISIONS: The number of steers, lambs, goats and swine to be sold will be determined on a percent of the breed, prorated on the same percentage as the number of animals in the class. Any fraction of a percent over a whole number will be rounded up to the nearest whole number. All first and second place animals will sell in the premium sale, subject to the provisions of Rule 42, limiting the number of animals per exhibitor that may be sold. There will be a move-in ONLY WITHIN A CLASS. (Example: If the exhibitor has two or more placing animals in the same species (that are not Grand and Reserve Champion) ONLY one will sell. In the class that the animal was removed, the next placing animal will move into the sale spot, subject to the placing requirement set forth below.) This WILL NOT affect the judge's placing of the animal being moved into the sale. Any sale lot or placing vacated because of disqualification will remain vacant.

The following number of entries per division will be targeted for sale; provided that only entries receiving a placing ribbon in class will be eligible for the sale:

Turkey Toms	35 % per class
Turkey Hens	35 % per class
Broiler Cockerels	35 % per class
Broiler Pullets	35 % per class
Rabbits	35 % per class
Steers	35 % per class
Goats	35 % per class
Lambs	35 % per class
Swine	35 % per class

44. COMMISSION ON SALE: A 6% commission will be assessed on Premium/Auction, Barn/Add-on, and Market Truck checks. 1% will be dedicated to the WCLA Scholarship Fund.

45. EXCEPTIONS: No exceptions will be made to any of the above rules.

¹ ARB shall mean heifers of *Bos indicus* type that have been **registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association**. Breeds defined below are recognized in this division with any breed not listed below being ineligible:

Beefmaster Advancer - animals of fifty percent (50%) or more Registered Beefmaster breeding and fifty percent (50%) or less of other Registered and DNA genotyped non-Beefmaster Beef cattle breeding.

Braford - Fullblood, Heifers must be classified as “Braford Cow” on registration paper to be eligible to show.

Braford F-1 – United Braford Breeders registered first generation cross consisting of ½ Brahman – ½ Hereford blood. No multiple generation half-blood or other near-halfblood cattle will be accepted. Heifers must be classified as “First Generation” on registration paper to be eligible to show.

Brahmousin – Fullblood.

Brangus Built (BB)/ Brangus Premium Gold (BP) - progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus and any commercial animal.

Brangus Optimizer (BO)/Commercial (CM) - progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus and any other registered animal except Angus or Red Angus.

Certified Beefmaster E6 – Certified by Beefmaster Breeders United to be at least 50% Beefmaster and can be as much as 100%. At least one of the parents must be registered as a Fullblood Beefmaster.

Gelbray – Fullblood.

Golden Certified F1 - a female that is the progeny of two registered parents with one parent being registered Brahman resulting in a F1 cross (50% Brahman x 50% Bos Taurus). Animal must be issued a certificate of recordation form from ABBA which includes owner’s name and ownership date.

Percentage Simbrah – Heifers must be less than Purebred. Heifers must have evidence of Brahman influence listed on their registration paper to be considered Percentage Simbrah.

Star 5 - Must be 50%-75% Santa Gertrudis blood.

UltraBlack - progeny of Registered Brangus and an Enrolled Angus.

UltraRed - progeny of Registered Red Brangus and an Enrolled Angus/Red Angus.

² ORB shall mean heifers of *Bos taurus* type that have been ***registered or issued a certificate of recordation with a recognized breed association***. Breeds defined below are recognized in this division with any breed not listed below being ineligible.

Braunvieh - Fullblood, 7/8 or greater Braunvieh blood.

Braunvieh Beef Builder – Must meet the Braunvieh Association rules for registration as a Braunvieh Beef Builder. Eligible animals are at least a 1/8 Braunvieh blood and less than Fullblood Braunvieh.

Gelbvieh - Fullblood, 75% or greater Gelbvieh blood.

Gelbvieh Balancer - Must meet the American Gelbvieh Association rules for registration as a Balancer hybrid, 25 to 75 percent Gelbvieh with the balance Angus or Red Angus.

Percentage Limousin & Lim-Flex - Must be purple papered with less than 50% Limousin blood or orange papered w/ less than 75% Limousin blood. Lim-Flex heifers with 50% or greater Limousin blood will show in the Limousin breed division.

MaineTainer - Must be 25% to 62.5% Maine-Anjou.

Percentage Charolais – Must have certificate of recordation with AICA.

Percentage Chianina – Heifers with less than 6.25% Chianina influence that are not eligible to show in another breed division.

Percentage Simmental - Heifers must be less than Purebred.

Pinzgauer - must be Fullblood (minimum of 87.5%) or Fullblood (100%).

Red Angus (Category 1B) – Must have a certificate of recordation with RAAA.

Red Angus (Category II) – Must have a certificate of recordation with RAAA.

Red Angus (Category III) – Must have a certificate of recordation with RAAA.

Shorthorn Plus - Must be registered as ShorthornPlus (Appendix).