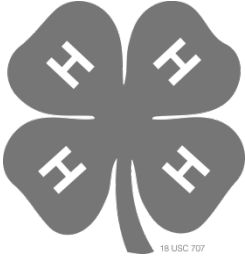


2016 – 2017

**Houston County Fair & Youth Livestock
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Market Steer & Replacement Heifer Validation

- **October 22, 2017**
- **1:00 pm**
- **Crockett Vet Hospital (*subject to change*)**
- **Steers validate first**
- **NO OTHER VALIDATION DATES AVAILABLE**

Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat Validation

- **2nd Thursday in December**
- **5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**
- **Porth Ag Arena (*subject to change*)**
- **NO OTHER VALIDATION DATES AVAILABLE**

Replacement Heifer Validation – 2nd Validation

- **April 1, 2017**
- **1:00 pm**
- **Crockett Vet Hospital (*subject to change*)**
- **NO OTHER VALIDATION DATES AVAILABLE**

See your 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor for THEIR entry deadline.



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General Rules of the Houston County Fair Association (HCFA)

I. DEFINITIONS

- For the purposes of these rules the term **Exhibitor** means any person/ student in whose name the animal is entered and primarily responsible for the feeding, caring, training and grooming/ fitting of the animal.
- For the purposes of these rules the term **immediate family** means brother, sister, step sibling or half sibling.
- For the purpose of the rules the term **validation** means ownership of animal.

II. ELIGIBILITY

1. Competition in all divisions will be limited to members in good standing of Houston County 4-H and FFA Chapters.
 - Certified proof of attendance of FFA/Jr. FFA and 4-H members is required by the HCFA.
 - 4-H, FFA/Jr. FFA members are required to attend at least half (1/2) of all regularly scheduled meetings.
 - 4-H Leaders, FFA/Jr. FFA Advisors are required to submit their attendance records to the fair secretary indicating which 4-H, FFA/Jr. FFA members are eligible to show.
 - Exhibitors must LIVE IN HOUSTON COUNTY OR ATTEND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN HOUSTON COUNTY to be eligible to enter the Houston County Fair.
2. If an exhibitor is deemed ineligible from “NO PASS, NO PLAY”, House Bill # 72, both the exhibitor and the project will not be eligible to show, nor would a substitute be permitted to show or sell the project entered. Each ISD must certify that the student is eligible as of the First Day of the Fair, and that the student will remain eligible throughout the entire week of Fair.
3. Any exhibitor using or having in their possession alcoholic beverages or drugs, or having in their possession a prohibited weapon will be removed from the premises. Same exhibitor will not be eligible to show, sell, or receive premiums.

4. Any exhibitor, or a member of the exhibitor's immediate family, who in the opinion of the Executive Committee, abuses an animal or property of the Fairgrounds may be permanently barred from participating in any future Houston County Fairs.
5. Any exhibitor, parent/guardian, supervisor, or other spectator that knowingly violates a fair rule may be permanently barred from participating in any future Houston County Fair. All decisions of the Executive Committee will be final.
6. Any exhibitor that places in the Sale or Best of Show that chooses not to show up and/or sell will not be allowed to show in the next year's Houston County Fair.
7. Any exhibitor who has not delivered thank you notes, buyer's pictures, animals due to buyers, etc. will be ineligible to enter the fair the following year.
8. All projects must remain in the facilities provided by the fair from the time they are checked in until released. Any exhibitor found to have removed an animal from the grounds prior to release by division chairperson will be suspended from showing any project in the Houston County Fair for (1) year.

III. SUBSTITUTIONS

1. A substitute exhibitor will be permitted if an exhibitor has:
 - more than one entry being judged at the same time
 - 2 or more entries in the same class
 - if an exhibitor is under a doctor's care
 - if an exhibitor has a death in their immediate family
 - if an exhibitor is involved in a 4-H or school activity.

Any substitute exhibitor must be approved by the general fair chairman and recorded in the show office.

2. Substitute exhibitors MAY NOT COMPETE IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES.

IV. ENTRIES

1. All livestock entry forms and fees must be submitted by the FFA Advisor or County Extension Agent to the fair secretary **BY 4:00 p.m. November 15.**
 - Entries must be signed by an Ag Science Teacher or County Extension Agent, Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian.

- No refunds will be made on entry fees and an entry will only be accepted for the person the original entry was entered for.
 - **Late entries will only be accepted up until the day of Market Lamb/Goat/Hog Validation**
 - **\$50 late entry fee in addition to the regular entry fee must be paid before 7 pm on above stated validation night.**
2. The fair secretary will tally all entries submitted by the proper due date and time.
 - After the fair secretary inputs the entry data, reports will be returned to each Ag. Science teacher and the County Agent.
 - The Ag. Science teachers and County Agent will have 5 days to check entry reports given to them by the fair secretary, and provide notice of errors, if any.
 - After this time, NO CHANGES will be made, and these reports will be used for validations.
 3. Exhibitors may enter as many market/sale entries as they wish; however:
 - Exhibitor may show only one per division AND sell only 2 market/sale entries. *See Section VII. Sale – Premium & Freezer sale for details on selling.*
 4. The HCFA reserves the right to reject, accept, or accept conditionally, any and all entry applications.

V. Validation

1. Validation dates will be set by the President.
2. The exhibitor of any market animal that loses an ear tag or has a problem with an ear tag must contact the division chair or officer of the Houston County Fair as soon as the problem occurs. A representative of the HCFA will come and replace or remove and replace the ear tag.

VI. Judges / Sifting

1. Decision of the judges will be final in the placing of entries in each class.
2. All judges will be selected through the Judges Committee.
3. A confirmed judge selling a market animal in which he has an interest, financial or otherwise, will be disqualified from

judging that division. Notice of protest must be given to the General Chairman no later than 30 days before the show.

4. All exhibits must be of show quality and all cattle, with the exception of commercial heifers, must be halter broke. The General Chairman and judge shall remove an unruly animal when, in their opinion, the animal interferes with the proper showing of the class or poses a danger. Any such animal shall not be eligible for premiums.
5. A Sifting Committee, made up of competent persons to be paid by the Houston County Fair Association, may be selected to pass judgment on all entries prior to time of judging. Sifted entries will be removed immediately from the show grounds. The decision of the Sifting Committee will be final.
6. No market animal of inferior quality as designated by the judge will sell in either the Premium / Freezer Sale.

VII. Showmanship

1. Showmanship/Interview in any division will be broken into Junior (ages 9-13) and Senior (ages 14-18). Age as of show date
2. Pee Wee Showmanship in any division shall consist of exhibitors if they are between the ages of 5 and 8 years old (not in the Third (3rd) grade) at time of show.

VIII. Sale – Premium & Freezer Sale

1. Exhibitors may enter as many market/sale entries as they wish; however:
 - Exhibitor may show only one per division AND sell only 2 market/sale entries.
 - The Houston County Fair Home & Garden Division Best of Show sale items will count as one (1) of the two (2) projects sold in the Sale.
 - If an exhibitor has more than two (2) eligible sale entries, the exhibitor has until 30 minutes after the end of the market hog show to notify the fair office which entry in the Sale they wish to drop. If the exhibitor does not notify the office within this time frame, the office will decide which project to drop from the Sale to meet the requirements that exhibitors may not sell more than two (2) items in the Sale. (Sale consists of both Premium & Freezer Sale.)

2. All exhibitors must be present to sell their projects. The only exceptions being:
 - The case of severe illness,
 - Death in the immediate family, or
 - Exhibitor involvement in a 4-H or school activity.
Any exceptions must be given in writing seven (7) days prior to livestock sale.
 - If an exhibitor is called to sell their animal and they are not present, the auctioneer will call for that exhibitor three (3) times.
 - After the third time that exhibitor will not be allowed to sell their animal.
3. No exhibitor or member of his/her family may attempt to buy back an animal from a buyer.
4. All Premium sales will go through the Livestock Show HCFA
5. The Premium Sale will consist of up to the top:
 - 15 Market Steers
 - 15 Market Hogs,
 - 15 Pens of 3 Broilers,
 - 15 Pens of 3 Fryer Rabbits,
 - 15 Market Lambs,
 - 15 Pens of 3 Replacement Heifers,
 - 15 Market Goats and
 - 15 Foals.
 - All included in the above numbers **must** sell in the Premium Sale.
 - The exhibitor of the Grand and Reserve Champion shop projects will have the option to sell their project in the “Sale of Champions.”
 - Second Sale/Freezer will be 50% of what weighs in or checks in at the Fair after the Premium Sale is set. (i.e. 50% of the entries left after the Premium Sale is set).
6. Verbal add-ons will be taken on ALL Premium Sale lots.
7. No market animal of inferior quality as designated by the judge will sell in either the Premium or Second Sale/Freezer Sale.
8. All Sale exhibitors will be assessed an 8% commission fee for the sale of their project.
9. Any exhibitor of a market animal that chooses NOT TO SELL in the Freezer Sale **must sign up not to sell within 60 minutes (1 hour) after each division has been judged**

- or that animal will be entered into the Sale Order. Once the Sale Order has been set, an exhibitor or entry may not 'scratch' from the sale or reject an offer/bid in the sale ring.
10. Any exhibitor that places in the Sale or Best of Show that chooses not to show up and/or sell will not be allowed to show in the next year's Houston County Fair.
 11. If a parent purchases their child's project through a business or otherwise, that exhibitor will not receive their premium until all monies have been collected on their project.
 12. Exhibitors placing in the Premium Sale shall provide buyers a photo in a frame of the exhibitor's choice. Photos will be provided by the fair.

IX. General

1. The show will be held in Crockett, Texas and will run through Saturday of *the first full week in April*. Facilities will be approved by the Fair committee. Weigh-in, placement, and judging dates and times will be published at a later date.
2. The Houston County Fair and Youth Livestock Show, Inc., its officers, directors, and any other person connected therewith, both individually and collectively, shall not be held responsible or liable for bodily injury or any other damage or loss suffered to spectators, participants, livestock, and/or exhibits in the Houston County Fair.
3. All entries must be owned and shown by the exhibitor in whose name the project is entered.
4. Each exhibitor of livestock in the Houston County Fair for the current year is required to participate in **both** "Set Up" and "Clean Up".
 - Each exhibitor will sign their name, in and out, on a form provided by the Fair, showing proof of attendance.
 - The appropriate amount of time qualifying as participating will be deemed by the Fair Association.
 - An exhibitor that misses "Set Up" and/or "Clean Up" will have **\$75.00** per absence deducted from their check or premium money.
 - If that exhibitor does not have monies due they will be ineligible to exhibit an animal in the next year's Houston County Fair.

- The money deducted goes into the Houston County Fair General Fund.
 - If the fair chairman approves an excuse for missing “Set up” and/or “Clean up”, that exhibitor will have to work 2 hours per absence in the concession stand during the fair or perform other assigned duties assigned by the fair board.
5. All animals must be given proper care (feed & water) up until the time the animal(s) is delivered to the buyer or until the animal leaves the fairgrounds.
 6. All Houston County livestock exhibits will be displayed or stalled in the facilities provided by the Show Committee. Exceptions may be permitted by the Division Chairman.
 7. The Division Chairman and Executive Committee reserve the right to deny entry to showgrounds any exhibit for health reasons upon the advice of a veterinarian.
 8. Each exhibitor will receive a show number, which must be attached to the exhibitor at the time of showing to be eligible to compete.
 9. Two “Outstanding Herdsman” Awards will be awarded by the Committee. There will be one individual award and one award to the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter with the best overall stall appearance.
 10. All breeding animals and non-sale items will be released by the General Chairman or designee prior to the beginning of the Premium Sale.
 11. The Show Committee reserves the right to make adjustments of premiums necessary for the well-being of the show, sponsors and exhibitors.
 12. All entries must be washed at the wash rack provided by the Show Committee.
 13. Any exhibitor using or having in their possession alcoholic beverages or drugs, or having in their possession a prohibited weapon will be removed from the premises. Same exhibitor will not be eligible to show, sell, or receive premiums.
 14. Any exhibitor, parent/guardian, supervisor, or other spectator that knowingly violates a fair rule may be permanently barred from participating in any future Houston County Fair. All decisions of the Executive Committee will be final.
 15. Any exhibitor, or a member of the exhibitor’s immediate family, who in the opinion of the Executive Committee,

abuses an animal or property of the Fairgrounds may be permanently barred from participating in any future Houston County Fairs.

16. All protests, before and during the show, **must be made in writing and have a \$50 cash deposit included.**
 - After review of the protest, the \$50 will be refunded if the protest is valid.
 - If the protest is found to NOT BE VALID by the Executive Committee of the Fair Association, the money will be forfeited.
17. Ag Teachers and County Agent are to help set the schedule for exhibitors to work in the concession stand Sale night.
18. Pens for goats, lambs, hogs, broilers, and rabbits will be assigned by chairperson prior to check-in of animals. No early marking of pens will be allowed.
19. All projects must remain in the facilities provided by the fair from the time they are checked in until released. Any exhibitor found to have removed an animal from the grounds prior to release by division chairperson will be suspended from showing any project in the Houston County Fair for (1) year.
20. The Fair President, Vice President, Secretary, Asst. Secretary, and Treasurer as a collective group may make adjustments "housekeeping rule" changes to any general or division rule that contradicts itself, duplicates or is repetitive, or makes clarification for better understanding to any general rule or division rule.

X. Other

1. The Executive Committee will have the authority to rule on matters not covered by the Houston County Fair Rules
2. Exhibitors may show as many breeding animals as desired.
3. Only dues paying members and eligible voters of the Fair Association shall be allowed to submit rule changes. Proposed rules must be signed by the eligible member. A person must complete four (4) meetings to be eligible to vote.

DIVISION RULES HOUSTON COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

PET SHOW

1. Each exhibitor will pay an entry fee of \$1.00
2. Exhibitors must be at least 2 years old and not more than 12 years old at the time of the show.
3. Pets must belong to the exhibitor and reside at the exhibitor's home.
4. Dogs and cats four months of age and older **MUST** have a **certificate** of rabies vaccination (not just tags on the pet's collar) including Parvo virus for dogs.
5. Animals must appear clean and be in healthy condition.
6. No pets will be allowed on the Fairgrounds if they are unruly or endanger other people or pets.
7. Pets for which there are classes in the Livestock Show will not be eligible (i.e. chickens, rabbits, lambs, pigs, cows, and horses).
8. Pets must be on a leash – no longer than 6 feet long, in a cage, or in a bowl at all times and are not to be left unattended at any time.
9. Pets should be removed from the show area immediately after the show.
10. The judge's decision will be final.
11. An exhibitor winning Best of Show may not enter the same pet the following year, but may compete with a different pet.
12. Category Classes are:
 - Pure Breed Dogs under 25 pounds
 - Pure Breed Dogs over 25 pounds
 - Mixed Breed Dogs under 25 pounds
 - Mixed Breed Dogs over 25 pounds
 - Cats
 - Miscellaneous
13. Pets will be judged on grooming, condition, and walking on a leash.
 - Trophies will be given to the winner in each of the above categories. Participation ribbons will be given to all exhibitors.
14. Trophies will be awarded to:
 - Best of Show
 - Best Mannered
 - Best Groomed
 - Best Team (Exhibitor & Pet)
 - Showmanship

QUEEN AND PRINCESS CONTEST

1. Each contestant must be a resident of Texas and a member of a Houston County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
2. Each contestant must be between the ages of 9 and 19 years of age. The age of a contestant shall be as of January 1st of the same year in which the contestant enters the contest.
3. Each contestant may not be married, not have been married, have borne a child, or become pregnant during her reign.
4. A current photo of reproducible quality is required; photo copies are not acceptable.
5. Contest interviews will take place **MARCH 8, 2017** during the fair meeting.
6. Applicants failing to report to their scheduled interview time will be removed from the competition. **NO INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE ANY OTHER TIME THAN THE SCHEDULED INTERVIEW DAY OR LOCATION.** An applicant going on vacation, attending another function, or working will not be accepted.
7. There will be a social time during the interviews and each candidate is expected to socialize with her fellow candidates and the judges.
8. Each contestant is required to write a short essay of no less than 150 words telling why she would make a good candidate for the Houston County Fair Queen or Princess. Tell us what you know about the fair and what you've accomplished as a fair participant.
9. Queen and Princess Contestants should wear a dress or pant suit for the initial interview. Your appearance is important. Try to look your best.
10. Winners will be announced the first night of the Fair. Dress appropriately.
11. Each Queen and Princess will receive a crown, sash and flowers.
12. If the current reigning Queen and/or Princess are unable to complete her reign, the title WILL NOT be passed on to the runner-up.
13. The current Queen and Princess are expected to wear their crowns and sashes during the week of the fair, except when showing livestock. They are expected to make appearances at all shows and help with handing out awards, especially sale night. They will remain highly visible during the week of the Fair. This means that you will dress properly at all times. No bare midriffs or low cut tops; no ragged, ripped or torn clothing; no clothing with alcoholic beverage logos or foul language.
14. All functions attended by the Queen and Princess must be approved in advance.
15. Each contestant is expected to furnish your own transportation to events unless otherwise provided for by the advisors.

16. The Queen and/or Princess from the prior year will be permitted to apply for the title again. However, entrants will not be eligible to hold the title more than two years in the same division.
17. **All entries are due March 1, 2017** to HCFA P O Box 442, Crockett, TX 75835.

SHOP PROJECTS

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
2. Exhibitors' names will be on project AFTER judging.
3. 'For Sale' signs may be placed on projects after the placing of all projects.
4. Premium money will be paid to the FFA Chapter or Extension Office only.
5. Projects must have been built since last show date. Equipment previously exhibited at the Houston County Fair will not be eligible.
6. Projects must be in place by designated time as announced, at a later date.
7. There will be a \$50.00 entry fee per Ag Chapter or 4-H Club.
8. Project entries must have been constructed, by (as an) a FFA and/or 4-H Club project.
9. A modified Danish system will be used in judging:
 - Workmanship 30
 - Design 20
 - Practicality 20
 - Degree of Difficulty 15
 - Finish 10
 - Student Interview 5

100 points
10. Ribbon placing will be as follows:
 - Blue 100 - 90
 - Red 89 - 80
 - White 79 - 70
11. Sweepstakes Award will consist of all.
12. The Shop Projects Division Classes will be as follows:
 - 1 – Hay Handling Equipment
 - 2 – Mounted and Pull Type Tractor, Restored Antique Tractors (*Tractor must be completely 30 years or older – completely restored.*)
 - 3 – Shop Equipment

- 4 – Truck, Tractor, and Agriculture Equipment Accessories
 - 5 – Electrical Equipment - Show and Livestock Equipment and/or Shop Tools and Equipment, Head Gate
 - 6 – Feeders-self feeders, creep feeders
 - 7 – Other Livestock Equipment
 - 8 – Small Utility Trailers – under 12’
 - 9 – Utility and Implement Trailers over 12’ (HD trailer, Dump Trailer, etc.)
 - 10 – Stock Trailer
 - 11 – Gooseneck Lowboy Trailers
 - 12 – Gooseneck Stock Trailers
 - 13 – Bar-B-Q Pits (all types)
 - 14 – Indoor Home Convenience
 - 15 – Outdoor Home Convenience
 - 16 – Wildlife Equipment and/or Recreational Equipment
 - 17 – Gates & Livestock Panels.
13. Projects exhibited by each FFA Chapter or 4-H Club will be added up.
- Blue – 3 pts., Red – 2 pts., White – 1 pt.
 - Plus one (1) divided by totals equal points awarded to each entry for sweepstakes.
 - Premium money will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
 - Prize money will be \$100.00 for first, \$75.00 for second, and \$50.00 for third.
 - The Division Chairman will make the final decision in case of a tie.

JUNIOR BREEDER RABBIT SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior Breeder Rabbit division is \$5.00 per entry.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. All breeder rabbits must be in the possession of the owner and on feed no later than 90 days before the show.
4. Breeder rabbits will be broken into classes if there are 5 or more pens of the same breed and sex entered.
5. Exhibitors must show same breed and sex as entered – NO SUBSTITUTES.
6. All breeding rabbits must be officially checked in at designated time.

7. NO SUBSTITUTIONS will be allowed once rabbits are placed in their pen.
8. Any rabbit having external parasites, ear canker, buckteeth, bleeding hocks or any disqualification as per ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) rules will be sifted.
9. Handling of rabbits by anyone other than exhibitor and one designated helper after they are placed in their pen is strictly prohibited except with the permission of the Rabbit Chairman.

JUNIOR FRYER RABBIT SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior Fryer Rabbit division is \$10 per pen of 3.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. All rabbits will be tattooed **AT LEAST** 25 days prior to the date of show at a designated place and time to verify ownership.
4. An exhibitor will be permitted to weigh in only 3 rabbits, which will make a pen.
5. All fryer rabbits must be officially checked in at designated time.
6. NO SUBSTITUTIONS of rabbits will be allowed once rabbits have been weighed and sifted by the judge.
7. Extra rabbits must be removed from show area/barn before judging begins.
8. Any fryer rabbit weighing less than 3 pounds or more than 5 pounds will be sifted.
9. Any rabbit having external parasites, ear canker, buckteeth, bleeding hocks or any disqualification as per ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) rules will be sifted.
10. Handling of rabbits by anyone other than exhibitor and one designated helper after they are placed in their pen is strictly prohibited except with the permission of the Rabbit Chairman.
11. If requested, exhibitor must dress and deliver 3 rabbits to buyer.
12. All market rabbits will be weighed in prior to the arrival of the judge.

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior Lamb division is \$25.00 per entry.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. All lambs must be slick shorn from the knee and hock up prior to check-in at the county fair.

4. Lambs will be divided equally, by number of head, into a light, medium and heavy weight class. If 2 or more lambs weigh where the classes are broken, they will be shown in the lighter weight class.

JUNIOR MARKET MEAT GOAT SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior Market Meat Goat division is \$25.00 per entry.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. All Meat Goats must weigh between 65 and 135 pounds.
4. All meat goats must be slick shorn above the knee and hock joints, 3/8 inch hair or shorter, castrated, and horns must be tipped back no smaller than a dime with no sharp tips prior to check-in at the county fair.
5. Meat goats will be divided into three or more classes by weight at the discretion of the division chairman. If two (2) or more meat goats weigh where the classes are broken, they will be shown in the lighter weight class.
6. Wethers and Nannies can be shown. No Billy Goats.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halter or collars to show their animals.
8. Goats must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor.

JUNIOR BROILER SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior Broiler division is \$10.00 per entry plus an additional cost for a pen of 25 chicks. (Cost of the pen of 25 chicks will be determined by the hatchery at current market value.)
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. Each exhibitor must order MINIMUM OF 25 chicks through the Livestock Show Committee. Entry forms and money for chicks must be turned in at the time of entry to the Livestock Show secretary. Chicks must be picked up at designated time.
4. A pen will consist of three (3) broilers.
5. All broilers must be checked in at the designated time.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to have two (2) alternate broilers.
7. Judge will sift and inspect broilers for injuries and bruising before judging. At this time, the exhibitor will be allowed to substitute their alternates, one time only.

8. An exhibitor may have one or two holders to help them exhibit their broilers during the show.
9. Exhibitors must dress and deliver 3 broilers to the Buyer.

JUNIOR REPLACEMENT BEEF HEIFER SHOW

1. Entry fee for Junior Replacement Beef Heifer division is \$25.00 per pen.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. All pens must contain 3 heifers.
 - An exhibitor will be allowed to begin the project and keep records on 3 or 4 heifers, but will be judged only on 3 heifers during the fair.
4. A Texas Animal Health Commission Official Health Certificate will be required for replacement heifer entries.
5. Each Replacement Heifer Exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning his/her own pen or \$50.00 cleanup charge will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale or premium check.
6. Exhibitors will be required to keep a record book using forms provided by the fair.
 - Record books will reflect ALL expenses from first validation until the second validation, including the purchase cost of the heifers.
 - Replacement heifer record books will be judged by the judges recruited by the Judges Committee to judge replacement heifers with the top scoring book awarded \$75.00 and the second place book being awarded \$50.00.
 - The record book can be handwritten or typed. This will not affect the order of final placing.
7. Exhibitors MUST use hay bags for feeding hay while heifers are on display during the Fair.
8. Each heifer must be "year" branded with the last digit of the year in which they were born. Heat or freeze brand is acceptable.
9. A second mandatory validation will be held for Replacement Heifers with the date to be set as close to show time as possible by the Replacement Heifer Chairman.
10. Exhibitors will have the option of heifers being open or bred.
 - Cattle cannot be bred prior to January 1st.
 - During the second validation, weigh-in/palpation, the division chairman will have the option to cut any cattle bred over three months.

11. All quality commercial breeds and cross breeds will be eligible for the show.
12. At the first validation, each heifer must weigh between 600lbs and 800lb, with a 30lb variance allowed on (1) head only.
13. All heifers must have gained at least 1 pound per day from the 1st validation to be eligible to show.
14. All replacement heifers must be suitable for replacement, well maintained and on proper growing rations.
15. All heifers must be dehorned before the day of the first validation.
16. All heifers must be reasonably gentle, but do not need to be halter broken. Any animals ruled wild or unruly by the Sifting Committee will not be allowed to show.
17. Each pen of Replacement Heifers and the exhibitor will be given a final placing based on a point scale.
 - A possible score of 130 points can be given with 1 being the lowest and 130 the highest.
 - The judging of the cattle – up to 100 points.
 - For each heifer bred an additional 10 points per head will be awarded, for a total of 30 points. Points will be awarded by the Fair Association after verification of the sonogram.
18. Each heifer in the replacement heifer division will be ear-tagged with breeding info on the tag.
19. Top scoring interview exhibitor for the junior exhibitor and the top scoring interview for the senior exhibitor will receive a belt buckle. There can be no substitute exhibitor for the interview.

JUNIOR IN - COUNTY BREEDING BEEF HEIFER SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior In-County Breeding Beef Heifer division is \$10.00 per entry.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. Heifers must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor as of the entry deadline.
4. Each heifer must be halter broke, taught to lead, dehorned, bangs vaccinated, controllable, clean and trimmed to participate in the show.
5. Heifers may be commercial or registered.
6. Breeds will be:
 - British or British cross
 - Exotics or Exotics cross
 - American or American cross

7. Classes will be broken into 3 classes (Age As of Day of Show):
 - 6 - 12 months
 - 13 - 18 months
 - 19 - 30 months
8. Health papers will be required at check-in.

JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior Steer division is \$25.00 per entry.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. All steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at check-in weigh-in day.
4. All calves must be dehorned and castrated prior to the day of validation.
5. Validation will be conducted on the same day as the initial replacement heifer validation. Place of validation will be determined at a later date.
6. All calves will be ear-tagged and weighed the day of validation.
7. All steers must be weighed in at the fair and be on exhibit no later than the scheduled time.
8. Fifteen (15) steers will be sold in the Premium Sale at the Sale of Champions. The number selling at the auction from the combined overall steer show; will be by selection and placement by the judge at the completion of the steer show.
9. No change of color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed.
10. Any grooming materials that allow color to come off the animal will not be allowed at show time.
11. Each steer must be halter broke, taught to lead, dehorned, controllable, clean and trimmed to participate in the show.
12. Any steer found in violation of the official livestock rules will be disqualified from the show.
13. The division chairman may use his/her discretion when dividing class weights into 2 or 3 classes.
14. Exhibitors must clean up their own tie up area. (Removal of manure, hay and level shavings etc.). A \$50.00 fine will be deducted from exhibitor's check if space is not cleaned.
15. Prior to arrival at the show, steers will be pre-clipped to no more than ¼ inch of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch which may be ratted and balled or bobbed off. Steers will be checked for hair length at time of check-in.

16. Steers found in violation of the hair length rule will be given (1) chance to fix the areas in question and must be re-evaluated prior to the end of check-in. Steers found in violation after re-evaluation will be eliminated from all competition for that year.
17. Steers will be broken at the discretion of the chairperson into breed and weight classes as follows:
 1. Brahman Influenced;
 - light, middle, and heavy weight classes
 - British/Continental;
 - light, middle, and heavy weight classes
 - Breed classification will be determined by a committee of 3 sifters at the time of validation.
 - American Influenced cattle must show at least 3/8 Brahman characteristics. All other breeds will be in British/Continental division.

JUNIOR BREEDING SWINE SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior Breeding Swine division is \$10.00 per entry.
 - Market gilts who would like to show in the breeding show may pay a \$10 entry fee **"at the gate"** and participate in the breeding show. The animal must already be entered in the market show to be eligible to show.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. Gilts must be in possession of the exhibitor and on feed no later than 90 days before the show.
4. The breeding swine show will be before the market hog show and all gilts will be eligible for the market hog show. To show in each division, exhibitors must pay an entry fee for both the breeding and market division.

JUNIOR MARKET HOG SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Junior Market Hog division is \$25.00 per entry.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds at time of weigh-in.
4. Hogs will be divided after weigh-in into classes of **NO MORE THAN 15**. The only exception being, if 2 or more hogs weigh where the classes are broken they will be shown in the lighter class.

5. If a “crypt cut” hog shows up in the slaughterhouse, it will be the student’s responsibility to satisfy the buyer with another hog or refund his money.
6. No grooming of hogs will be allowed in the holding pens or show arena.

PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP SHOW

1. PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES: All participants excluded from the show by Eligibility Rules because of age are eligible to enter the Pee Wee Showmanship Classes if they are between the **ages of 5 and 8 years old (not in the Third (3rd) grade)** at time of show. Age is determined as of date of species show. Current 4- H members (excluding Clover Kids) and Jr. FFA members are deemed ineligible.
2. Pee Wee exhibitors must be a current resident of Houston County, attend a school district within Houston County or attend a Houston County Home School Program. *Out of county residents will not be allowed to participate.*
3. Pee Wee Showmanship shows will be conducted in the species of: Beef Cattle, Lamb and Goats, and Swine only. There will be no Pee Wee Showmanship classes in Replacement Heifers, Rabbits or Broilers.
 - All haltered Steers and Heifers will be shown together at the same time.
 - All Lambs and Goats will be shown together at the same time.
 - All Breeding and Market Swine will be shown together at the same time.
4. Showmanship Only. Pee Wee Exhibitors that meet the age requirement above will compete in showmanship only.
5. Pee Wee classes will be held at the completion of the above species regular showmanship show.
6. Pee Wee Showmanship Judge, if they are agreeable, will be same judge used for the species classes. Substitute judge will be secured if necessary. No fees or additional fees will be paid to Pee Wee Showmanship judge.
7. No entry fee required to participate in Pee Wee Showmanship Classes.

8. Participants will be presented with ribbons only unless otherwise sponsored.
9. Animals shown must have been validated and weighed in or checked in at the proper times and be on show grounds the week of the fair. No outside animals allowed.
10. Show halters, neck chains, poly halters and other show equipment are to be used at the discretion of parent(s) or guardians of Pee Wee exhibitor.
11. Supervision by adult or owner of animal is **REQUIRED** in the show ring at time of Pee Wee Showmanship show.
12. Owner of the animal used may be present in the show ring if needed.
13. Pee Wee exhibitor and family are responsible for obtaining animal for showing.

SCHOLARSHIP

1. The Houston County Fair will offer (6) six scholarships of \$2,000 each to be used for tuition, fees or books for up to four years. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: Houston County 4-H, Crockett ISD, Grapeland ISD, Kennard ISD, Latexo ISD, and Lovelady ISD. In addition, (1) one \$1,000 scholarship – The Michelle Lynn Holsey Memorial Scholarship donated by The Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation will be awarded.
2. Applicant must declare 4-H or FFA.
3. Applicant must be graduating senior.
4. Applicant must have a minimum SAT score of 1200 or a minimum ACT score of 16 to apply.
5. Applicant must declare they will be attending college or trade school on application.
6. Applicant must be a member in good standing in 4-H, FFA, or be enrolled in Agriculture/Natural Resources or Family & Consumer Science Classes.
7. Applicant must have competed in the current year Houston County Fair as well as two previous Houston County Fairs.
8. Applicant must complete the “Houston County Fair Scholarship Application” of the Houston County Fair.
9. Applicant must submit on official high school transcript including rank, total number in class, and SAT or ACT scores.
10. Applicant must submit **three** letters of reference. **One** of the **three** should be from your **4-H Leader, Family Consumer Science** or **FFA Advisor**.

11. Applicant must submit an essay of at least (500) five hundred typed words on the topic: ***The Advantage I Received from Participating in the Houston County Fair.***
12. Applicant must provide a head and shoulder photo: (school picture). Do not send a Polaroid or instant photo. Photo should be identified with applicants name affixed on the back of photo. Absolutely nothing larger than 2 ½ x 3 ½.
13. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled as a full time student in the fall semester immediately following graduation in an accredited institute of higher learning during the regular school year (Fall-Spring). There can be no decline in full time status during the regular school year. However, under extenuating circumstances – each case will be reviewed – additional time may be allowed. This decision will be left up to the scholarship committee. If there is a decline in full time status any funds remaining will be forfeited. If an educational facility considers less than (12) twelve hours a full load the scholarship committee must have written documentation from that institute.
14. It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to notify the scholarship committee of the name and address of the Financial Aid Office, Cashier's Office or the Scholarship Office, whichever is applicable, of the institute they will be attending. Payment will be made directly to the institution they will be attending. Funds can be used up to \$1,000 per semester upon receipt of proof of full time status and grades.
15. In order to receive payment for the upcoming semester the recipient must provide proof of registration. Thereafter, recipient must provide proof of registration as well as official grades from the previous semester. A GPA of 2.0 is necessary for registering for the second semester. Afterward, a 2.5 GPA will be required.
16. If there are no applications received from a school and/or the 4H, then that scholarship will be awarded to another qualified applicant based on the scholarship committee's decision.

FOAL FUTURITY SHOW

1. Entry fee for the Foal Futurity division is \$15 for non-sale entry and \$25 for sale entry.
2. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Junior Livestock Show except where they conflict, in which case the special rules of this division will prevail.
3. All foal exhibitors must be in good standing with their 4-H Club or FFA Chapter as of September 15, 2016, or join a Houston County

4-H Club as of that date and attend their meetings regularly. A fifteen- (15) day grace period will be allowed for new resident members.

4. Exhibitors must participate in fair set up and clean up, and will sign in and out on the roster sheet.
5. Any breed may be exhibited. All horses must be foaled prior to May 1st of the calendar year preceding the show.
6. Sign up date for participation in this program will be September 15, 2016. Each member is allowed to show one (1) sale and one (1) non-sale horse entry. Exhibitors must possess a breeder's certificate or photocopy of the horse's papers with transfer form showing the name and registration number of the horse's sire and dam plus breeder's name. These are to be presented to the Division Chairman by the entry deadline. There will be no substitutions once the program has started.
7. Exhibitor or immediate family must own the horse on or before sign-in date and continue to own the horse throughout the period. Exhibitor must feed, care for and exhibit horse entered without any aid or assistance from anyone other than the Houston County Extension Agents, Vocational Agriculture Teachers, County Adult Leaders, or the Foal Futurity Committee.
8. Parents/guardians are not allowed in the arena during clinics or practices unless requested to do so by the Foal Futurity Committee.
9. Proof of a negative Coggins test within 12 months of the show date will be required at check-in for all entries.
10. All exhibitors are required to have their registration papers (unless the horse is not registered/register able) available for inspection by January 15, 2017, unless otherwise approved by the committee. A horse must be registered (if applicable) in its respective breed and be eligible to show under the conditions of their respective breed.
11. All stallions must be gelded by January 1st of the show year.
12. Under the Chairman's authority, a substitute horse may be allowed within 30 days of show, in the event of a debilitating injury or death of the horse, with the written verification from a veterinarian.
13. Horses must be in good body condition and finish according to their breed characteristics, the norm being able to press the barrel with 2 fingers and feel the ribs, but not able to see the ribs.
14. Any horse not nutritionally or otherwise sound will not be allowed to show.
15. No body clipping allowed other than head, feet, and legs up to the knees.
16. The Division Chairman of the Foal Futurity Show may combine classes if there are insufficient entries.

17. Exhibitors desiring to sell their Horses **will notify the Chairperson ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2017.** When committed to the sale, a horse may not be withdrawn.
18. All exhibitors, including those selling in the auction will continue to feed and care for the horse until it is released to the buyer. EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT THE BUYER IS PROVIDED A GOOD HALTER AND LEAD ROPE. IF A HALTER IS NOT PROVIDED, THE COST OF PURCHASING ONE (\$25.00) WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF THE EXHIBITOR'S CHECK.
19. Sale foals will be required to be on display Friday just prior to the auction.
20. ALL FOALS IN THE AUCTION BECOME PROPERTY OF THE BUYER AND WILL REMAIN SOLD.
21. All exhibitors who sell MUST HAVE THEIR THANK YOU NOTES to the buyer submitted to the appropriate Vocational Agriculture teacher or County Extension Agent for approval. Checks WILL NOT BE ISSUED until thank you notes are written and the buyer has paid.
22. Dress code for the show and sale is the same as AQHA rules.
23. Any exhibitor having two horses entered may select an alternate exhibitor in the event classes are combined.
24. All sale horses will be trained to load in a trailer, and will demonstrate satisfactory ease of loading at the last training meeting, or will not be allowed to show or sell.
25. Educational programs will be held in conjunction with the horse program. Participants must attend 2/3rds of the meetings/clinics or they will not be allowed to show.

SALE HORSE DIVISION

1. Fillies
2. Geldings
3. Grand and Reserve Champion

NON-SALE DIVISION

1. Fillies
2. Geldings
3. Grand and Reserve Champion

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Juniors (9 through 13)
2. Seniors (14 through 19)

HORSE SHOW

1. All AQHA rules apply unless otherwise written.
2. Exhibitors will show in one of the following age groups:
 - 8 & under
 - 9 – 13
 - 14-19
 - 20 & over
3. Age will be determined as of show date. Proof of age may be requested at show.
4. The six point system will be used the entire show.
5. Points may be accumulated on a one-horse/one rider basis for High Point awards.
6. High Point in all age groups will be determined by counting points in two divisions – Judged and Timed.
7. Proof of a Negative Coggins test within 12 months of show date will be required at time of show.
8. Protests must be filed in writing, during or immediately upon conclusion of this event accompanied by a \$50.00 cash fee. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded to the protester. If the protest is overruled, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Houston County Fair Association.
9. High point awards will be awarded in the 8 & under age group to the individual with the most points from the following judged event classes:
 - Halter
 - Walk & Trot
 - Showmanship
 - Western Horsemanship
 - Trailand from the following timed events classes:
 - Halter
 - Barrels
 - Poles
 - Straight-A-Ways
 - Flag
 - Speed Race
10. High point awards will be awarded in age groups: 9 – 13, 14 – 19, 20 & Over, to the high point individual in the judged events:
 - Showmanship
 - Halter
 - Western Pleasure
 - Western Horsemanship

- Trail
- and high point individual in timed events:
- Halter
 - Barrels
 - Poles
 - Straight-a-Way
 - Flag

2016- 2017 Home & Garden Fair RULES

**Chairperson:
Mandy Patrick**

DIVISIONS

Art (Adult, Youth & Elementary)
Canning
Crafts
Foods
Horticulture
Photography
Quilts (Adults Only)
Woodworking

***ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED BETWEEN
8:00 – 9:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY of FAIR WEEK***

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 17, 2017
to the Houston County Extension Office
in Davy Crockett Park**

Entry forms & fees can be submitted by:

- **Art, FFA, FCCLA and 4-H Leaders**
- **Mailed to Chairperson Mandy Patrick
c/o Houston County Extension Office
716 Wells, Crockett, TX 75835**

★ *Notes Changes in Rules*

I. Eligibility

1. The Home & Garden Fair (HGF) is open to all residents of Houston County.
2. All exhibits must be the work of the contestant and may not have been entered in previous Houston County Fairs. All Home & Garden Project entries must have been made in current fair year and must be completed.
3. All youth participants will be required to write a “Thank You” note to the sponsors of Best of Class rosettes, Best of Show plaques, and buyers of their exhibited items.
 - Each “Thank You” note must have a stamp on it.
 - Notes must be checked by the person at the table before items are picked up Friday, April 10th.
 - “Thank you” notes must be checked before Best of Show winners will be allowed to participate in the auction.
4. All Adult Best of Class and Best of Show Winners must send a “Thank You” note(s) to the sponsor of their rosettes and/or plaque.
 - These “Thank You” notes need to be given to the person at the table before items are picked up on Friday, April 10th.
5. Each 4-H or FFA exhibitor of The Home & Garden Fair (HGF) is **REQUIRED** to participate in both “Set Up” and “Clean Up”.
 - ★ • Each HGF exhibitor will sign in and out on a form provided by the Fair, located in the Civic Center, showing proof of attendance.
 - The appropriate amount of time qualifying as participating will be deemed by the Fair Association.
 - An exhibitor that misses “Set Up” and/or “Clean Up” will have \$75.00 per absence deducted from their check or premium money.

- If that exhibitor does not have monies due they will be ineligible to exhibit an animal in the next year's Houston County Fair.
- The money deducted goes into the Houston County Fair General Fund.
- If the fair chairman approves an excuse for missing "Set Up" and/or "Clean Up", that exhibitor will have to work two (2) hours per absence in the concession stand during the fair or perform other assigned duties by the fair board.

II. Entries

1. ENTRY FEES per Entry:
 - **Elementary Art:** K through 6th - \$1.00.
 - **ALL OTHER ENTRIES:**
 - Youth (3rd-12th grades), \$2.00,
 - Adults \$3.00
2. Exhibitors may enter as many items in a class/category as desired except in Photography and Art (limited to 4 items per class), provided entry fee is paid for EACH exhibited item.
3. **All entries are to be picked up at the Civic Center between 8:00 am – 9:00 am on Friday of Fair Week.** If necessary, the division chairperson may use their discretion in scheduling a different release time under special circumstances.

III. Delivery of Goods/Items

- ★ 1. All entries **EXCEPT Baked Goods and Fresh Floral Arrangements** are to be checked in at the **Civic Center** on **TUESDAY** of fair week, between the hours of **5:00-8:00 pm.**
- ★ 2. **Baked Good and Fresh Floral entries** are to be brought to the **Civic Center** on **Wednesday** of fair week between the hours of 8:00- 9:00 a.m.

IV. Awards

- ★ 1. Ribbons will be awarded to exhibitors on a points system. The item with the highest score in each class will become the Class Winner. Class winners will receive a Blue Rosette and will compete for Best of Show in each Division. Point system is as follows:
- 100-90 points = Blue
 - 89-80 points = Red
 - 79-70 points = White

V. General

1. The Home & Garden Fair Division will exercise reasonable care of all entries, but assumes no liability for loss or damage by fire, theft, or accident.
- ★ 2. All entries must be clearly labeled with the **Name, Age, Grade, Phone Number, and School**. Labels for Elementary Art will be provided to schools and will be attached to the front of the art. All other division entries should be labeled on the back or underside of the item. Items should be labeled **before check-in**.
3. The Civic Center will be closed from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday of fair for judging. No one will be allowed in the building during judging.
4. Any item(s) not picked up between 8:00 -9:00 a.m. on Friday of fair week will be subject to disposal at the discretion of the Home & Garden Fair Committee.
5. All Youth Best of Show winners must sell in the Premium Sale on Friday of fair week at 6:00 pm in the Porth Ag Arena in accordance *with* **Sale – Premium & Freezer Sale Rule** regarding section on *The Houston County Fair Home & Garden Division Best of Show sale items will count as one (1) of the two (2) projects sold in the Sale.*

DIVISION RULES HOME & GARDEN FAIR

ADULT ART

Class 1.....Non-Professional

1. All artwork should be the original work of the artist. No copies will be accepted.
2. All entries must be dry, matted and prepared for hanging.
 - You **MUST** have a hanger of some type on the art work.
 - **No frames or glass allowed due to weight and safety concerns.**
 - **Art not properly matted per matting instructions as detailed in the *Instructions for Matting Art Work or Photographs* Section will not be accepted.**
 - **Do not use Scotch Tape or Duct Tape to attached hangers to art or photo. It will not hold!**
3. Entry fee for each entry is **\$3.00**.
 - Fees must be paid by the established date. No late entries will be accepted.
 - Entries must be delivered to the Civic Center by the established date and time.
 - Entries must be picked up by the established date and time.
4. Each exhibitor may enter (4) four times provided entry fee has been paid for each entry.

JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH ART (grades 7-12)

Age divisions in these classes will be:

- Junior Youth (7th – 8th grade)
- Senior Youth (9th –12th grade)

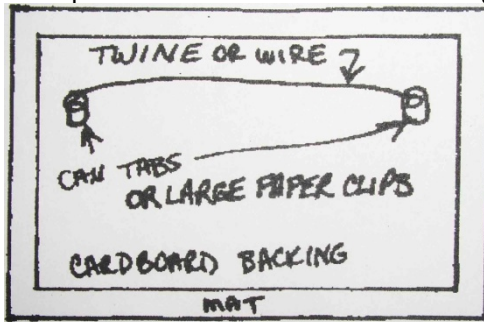
1. All artwork should be original. No student should enter a copied drawing/painting of the same thing.
2. All artwork should be dry and matted with a sturdy backing.

- Stretched canvas or canvas boards are accepted without mats or frames.
 - All entries **MUST** have a hanger per the matting instructions provided.
 - **No frames or glass allowed due to weight and safety concerns.**
 - **Art not properly matted per matting instructions as detailed in the *Instructions for Matting Art Work or Photographs* Section will not be accepted.**
 - **Do not use Scotch Tape or Duct Tape to attached hangers to art or photo. It will not hold!**
3. Each exhibitor may enter (4) four times provided entry fee has been paid for each entry.
- Name tags must be affixed to the bottom right corner.
 - Tags are available from art teachers, or at the Civic Center.
4. Junior High will be judged in two categories:
- Junior High Art 1
 - Junior High Art 2
5. Senior High will be judged in four categories:
- Senior High Art 1
 - Senior High Art 2
 - Senior High Art 3
 - Senior High Art 4

Instructions for Matting Art Work or Photographs

1. Cut your own mat or purchase a pre-cut mat. Secure your artwork in the mat.
2. Cut a backing of sturdy cardboard that is 1 inch smaller than the mat on all four sides.
 - Securely attach the backing.
 - Suggestions for backing:
 - heavy poster board
 - side of a cardboard box
 - Mat board, etc.
3. **Hot glue** two soda can tabs or jumbo paper clips securely to the backing board.

- Tie a piece of heavy twine or light weight wire between the tabs or paper clips.
 - Be sure to space them far enough apart to allow the picture to be balanced and hung straight.
 - **DO NOT USE SCOTCH TAPE OR DUCT TAPE TO ATTACH HANGERS TO ART OR PHOTOS. IT WILL NOT HOLD.**
4. If you are concerned about protecting your art work, you may cover the mat with acetate. It is available by the foot and on rolls from several art supply companies. **NOTE:** Pre-cut mats and acetate are available at Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby, Michael's and other craft stores. There are also many on-line stores that carry these materials. Some of them are: Sax Arts and Crafts – www.saxarts.com, Mister Art Online Supply – www.misterart.com, Dick Blick Art Supply – www.dickblick.com, United Art & Education – www.unitednow.com.
5. Look at the example below for clarification on matting instructions.



PHOTOS/ART WORK NOT PROPERLY MATTED PER THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ELEMENTARY ART

1. A contestant in this class may submit two (2) entries provided entry fee is paid for each entry.
2. The following art mediums will be accepted:
 - finger paint
 - chalk
 - watercolor
 - pencil
 - crayon

- magic marker
 - ink
 - tempera paint
 - oil
 - acrylic
 - colored pencil.
3. Pictures should not be matted, and need not be prepared for hanging. Use 9x12 or 12x18 inch Manila paper or construction paper. Do not use a poster board.
 4. All entries must have a name tag affixed to the bottom right corner of the work. **Child's name, grade, and school** should be **written on back** to ensure proper return of the entries. No artwork will be hung if it does not show name, grade, and school of student.

CANNING

Adults & Youth (Junior & Senior)

Class 1.....	Canned Fruits
Class 2.....	Canned Vegetables
Class 3.....	Jellies
Class 4.....	Preserves, Jams & Butters
Class 5.....	Relishes &, Pickles
Class 6.....	Soups & Miscellaneous

1. ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE STANDARD CANNING JARS (MAYONNAISE JARS, ETC. WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED). RINGS OR RIMS MUST BE LEFT ON JARS. JARS WITH RUSTED RINGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PECTIN MAY BE USED IN JELLIES. NO DECORATED JARS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
2. **Class 1** - CANNED FRUITS, (Peaches, pears berries, apples, plums, figs, tomatoes- whole, tomatoes- stewed).
3. **Class 2** - CANNED VEGETABLES (Corn, beans, peas, squash, okra, sauerkraut, peppers, greens, vegetable soup mix, beets, and potatoes).
4. **Class 3** - JELLIES (Plum, grape, berry, apple, peach, etc.).
5. **Class 4** - PRESERVES, JAMS AND BUTTERS (Peach, grape, berry, plums, fig, apple, pear, strawberry, pineapple, watermelon, tomato, marmalade).
6. **Class 5** - RELISHES AND PICKLES (Catsup, salsa, chow-chow, pepper relish, tomato relish, corn relish, pear relish, chili sauce, peach, pear, beets, onion,

7. carrots, okra, beans, hot peppers, sweet peppers, cucumber – dill, cucumber – sour).
8. **Class 6** – SOUPS AND MISCELLANEOUS (Honey, lard, homemade soup, homemade syrup, sausage, ham, cooked cheese).
9. Each exhibitor may enter as many items as desired in a class/category provided entry fee is paid for each entry.
10. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor and have been processed in the last year
11. All jars must be labeled with the name, address, and telephone number of the exhibitor placed on the BOTTOM of the jar.
12. Canning will be judged in accordance with Ball guidelines and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service guidelines
13. Canned items exhibiting clear indications of spoilage will be automatically disqualified.

CRAFTS

Adults & Youth (Junior & Senior)

- Class 1.....Crocheted & Knitted Items includes Afghans
Class 2.....Decorative Painting
Class 3.....Holiday Accessories
Class 4.....Needlework (Counted cross stitch, plain cross-stitch, embroidered, punched, barjello, doilies, scarves, wall hangings, candle wicking, chicken scratch).
Class 5.....Miscellaneous & Novelties (Bed spreads, (booties, napkins, place mats, aprons, pillow cases-one pair, pot holders, cup towels, bead work, string art, household accessories).
Class 6.....Wall hangings
Class 7.....Recycled/Reused/Repurposed

1. This division is open to Junior Youth (3rd - 8th grade), Senior Youth (9th –12th grade), and Adults.
2. Articles can be exhibited only by the maker or producer.
3. All entries must be clearly labeled on the back with the name, address, and phone number of the exhibitor before they can be accepted.
4. Each exhibitor may enter as many items as desired in a class/category provided entry fee is paid for each entry.

FOODS

Adults & Youth (Junior & Senior)

All food entries become the property of the HCFA

Class 1.....	Yeast Breads/Rolls (No Bread Machines)
Class 2.....	Quick Bread
Class 3.....	Cookies
Class 4.....	Iced or Glazed Cakes
Class 5.....	Non-Iced Cakes
Class 6.....	Decorated Cakes
Class 7.....	Candy
Class 8.....	Brownies and Bars
Class 9.....	Miscellaneous
Class 10.....	Creative baked goods (No Bread Machines)

1. This division is open to Youth (3rd – 8th grade), Youth (9th – 12th), and Adults.
2. Class 6 – Decorated Cakes – will be judged only on appearance.
3. All entries are to be brought to the Civic Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesday of fair week.
4. All work must be done by the exhibitor.
2. All entries must be on a thin board or paper plate (no glass) and in a disposable plastic container provided by exhibitor or the Home & Garden Fair Committee. Large decorative cakes will be accepted on a thin board or paper plate covered with plastic wrap (no foil).
3. Two printed or typed copies of the recipe on 5x8 index cards must accompany your entry item.
4. Each exhibitor may enter as many items as desired in a class/category provided entry fee is paid for each entry.
5. No glass containers will be accepted.
6. No food requiring refrigeration will be accepted. Items containing fresh fruits WILL be accepted however, items CAN NOT be garnished with fresh fruit. No cream or fruit pies, including cobblers, will be accepted.
7. Classes 1-9 food items must be made from scratch. Class 10 is the only class that can be made from cake, cookie or brownie mixes. This means you must add ingredients to the recipe other than the ingredients listed on the mix package
8. Food items may be listed for silent auction after judging and may only be viewed from 3-6pm on Wednesday of fair week.

9. Best of Class Winners items are not included in silent auction and winners are required to bake a fresh item for the Sale of Champions, except for decorated cakes.
10. All food entries become the property of the Houston County Fair Association and time permitting, may be included in a silent auction at the conclusion of judging.
11. Youth Auction sale participants will be expected to prepare a fresh baked food item for the **Friday** Auction.

HORTICULTURE

Adults and Youth (Junior & Senior)

- Class 1.....African Violets (light-dark-double-single)
a. Regular b. Semi-Mini c. Mini
- Class 2.....Ferns
- Class 3.....Herbs
- Class 4.....Succulents & Cactus
- Class 5.....Ivies
- Class 6.....Miscellaneous
- Class 7.....Container Garden
- Class 8.....Floral Design
a. Fresh b. silk c. dried d. combination of fresh and dried

1. All plants must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
2. Each exhibitor may enter as many items as they would like in Class 6 category provided entry fee is paid for each entry.
3. Do not decorate plants or displays with ribbons, deco mesh or craft supplies
4. Exhibitor name, grade and phone number must be included on the bottom of the entry.
- ★ 5. **Fresh Floral and Combinations of fresh and dried floral may be checked-in on Wednesday morning from 8:00 to 9:00 am.**

PHOTOGRAPHY

Adults & Youth (Junior and Senior)

- Class 1.....Black and White – film or digital
Photos may be taken with a film or digital camera. Digital photos converted to black and white with a computer are included in this class.

Class 2.....Color – film or digital
Photos may be taken with a film or digital camera.

Class 3.....Digitally Enhanced
Photos are manipulated using a computer for special effects such as watercolor, blurring, enhanced color effects, sepia tone, etc.

1. This division is open to Junior Youth (3rd – 8th grade), Senior Youth (9th – 12th grade), and Adults (Professional and Non-Professional).
2. All photography must be original work done by the entrant.
3. Photography will be judged on creativity, originality and quality of work.
4. All photographs must be matted and have a secure hanger. No frames or glass allowed due to weight and safety concerns. PHOTOS NOT PROPERLY MATTED PER THE “MATTING ART WORK OR PHOTOGRAPHY” INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED AT THE END OF THE HOME& GARDEN RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. DO NOT USE SCOTCH TAPE OR DUCT TAPE TO ATTACH HANGERS. IT WILL NOT HOLD!
2. All entries must be 8 x 10 inch prints. Nothing smaller or larger than 8 x 10 will be accepted.
3. Each exhibitor may enter four (4) items per class provided entry fee is paid for each entry.

QUILT DIVISION

Adults Only

★ **Note NEW CLASSES**

- Class 1.....Hand Quilted
- Class 2.....Machine Quilted
- Class 3.....Combination of Hand and Machine
- Class 4.....Wall Hangings
- Class 5.....Baby Quilts
- Class 6.....Antique Quilts – DISPLAY ONLY

- ★ 1. Quilts may be any size, but must be clean and in good condition.
- ★ 2. **Quilts will be judged on Workmanship, Overall Appearance, and Creativity.**
- ★ 3. **Each quilt entered must have a 4 inch casing sleeve or loops for a rod pocket hanging.**

WOODWORKING

Adults & Youth (Junior & Senior)

- Class 1.....Outdoor Furniture and Accessories
(Lawn furniture, bird houses)
- Class 2.....Indoor Furniture and Accessories
(Chair, gun cases, book cases, etc.)
- Class 3.....Toys

1. This division is open to Junior Youth (3rd – 8th grade), Senior Youth (9th – 12th grade), and Adults.
2. All entries must be original work done by the entrant during the preceding 12 months.
3. All entries must be clearly labeled with the name, address and phone number of the exhibitor before they can be accepted.
4. No entries made from kits or pre-cut material will be accepted. No string art will be entered in this division.
5. All entries will be judged on creativity, construction and appearance.
6. Each exhibitor may enter as many items in a class/category as desired provided entry fee is paid for each entry.

**2017 HOUSTON COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW
and HOME & GARDEN FAIR Schedule**

Monday, April 3

5 PM until FinishedSet Up Fair Grounds
ALL YOUTH PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND (EVERYONE ENTERED!)

Tuesday, April 4

★ **5 PM – 8 PM** Check in Home & Garden Entries (*Quilts Included*) @
Civic Center (*non-baked goods only*)
6 PM – 8 PMCheck Market Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Steers,
Replacement Heifers, In-County Heifers and Breeding Gilts
5 PM – 5:30 PMRegister for Pet Show
6 PMPet Show

Wednesday, April 5

★ Prior to 9 AM.....Check in Shop Projects
★ 8 AM – 9 AMCheck in Home & Garden **Fresh Floral Entries**
and Baked Goods @ Civic Center
9 AMJudge Shop Projects
10 AM – 3 PM..... Civic Center closed to Judge Home & Garden Entries
10 AMCheck in Rabbits and Sift. Show to Immediately Follow
3:30 PM – 6 PMCivic Center open for Home & Garden viewing
5:30 PMMarket Lamb Show followed by Market Goat
followed by Pee Wee Showmanship upon completion of regular showmanship

Thursday, April 6

10 AMReplacement Heifer Show (Interview to be held last)
10 AM – 10:30 AMCheck in Broilers with Show to immediately follow
2 PM..... In County Heifer Show followed by Steers
followed by Pee Wee Showmanship upon completion of regular showmanship
3 PM – 6 PMCivic Center open for Home & Garden Entry viewing
6:30 PM.....Breeding Gilts show followed by Market Hog Show
followed by Pee Wee Showmanship upon completion of regular showmanship

Friday, April 7

- 8 AM – 9:30 AMPick up Home & Garden Entries **except** Best of Show
- 1 PMSet up Arena for Sale of Champions
- 4 PM – 5:30 PMBuyers Appreciation Dinner
- 5:30 PMLine up for Premium Sale Participants
- 6:00 PMSale of Champions

Saturday, April 8

- 9 AM – Until.....Clean-up ALL Fair Youth Participants
(No matter if made Sale of Champions or not)

★ Notes Changes in Schedule

The Houston County Fair Association meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 5:30 PM. The meetings are held at the Houston County Electric CO-OP Meeting Room.

All parents, exhibitors, future exhibitors and the public are welcome to attend.

