



2020-2021

Rule Book

2020 – 2021
Hays County
Livestock Show
Rules

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2020 Winners

Ag Mechanics

Grand Champion	Bryan Obanon	West San Marcos 4-H
Reserve Champion	Guy Massey	Wimberley FFA
Division Champion	Cliff Leinneweber	Wimberley 4-H
Division Champion	Carl Ferguson	Jack C Hays FFA
Division Champion	Parker Buaas	Dripping Springs 4-H
Division Champion	Hays High School FFA Team	Jack C Hays FFA

Home Skills

Grand Champion-Senior Foods	Joseph Nino	East San Marcos 4-H
Reserve Champion-Senior Foods	Kaylee Robertson	Hays FFA
Grand Champion-Intermediate Foods	Kurry Friedman	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Champion-Intermediate Foods	Stella Hendrixs	Dripping Springs 4-H
Grand Champion-Junior Foods	Layton LaCaze	Buda 4-H
Reserve Champion-Junior Foods	Hudson Young	Wimberley 4-H
Grand Champion-Senior Arts/Crafts/Clothing	Hailey Kirkup	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Champion-Senior Arts/Crafts/Clothing	Hunter Leinneweber	Wimberley 4-H
Grand Champion-Intermediate Arts/Crafts/Clothing	Kellen Embrey	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Champion-Intermediate Art/Crafts/Clothing	Cliff Leinneweber	Wimberley 4-H
Grand Champion-Junior Arts/Crafts/Clothing	Clara Leinneweber	Wimberley 4-H
Reserve Champion-Junior Arts/Crafts/Clothing	Wyatt Borchert	Wimberley 4-H

Grand Champion-Senior Photo	Mia Cariaga	Buda 4-H
Reserve Champion Senior Photo	Priscilla Ruiz	Wimberley 4-H
Grand Champion Intermediate Photo	Michael Cariaga	Buda 4-H
Reserve Champion Intermediate Photo	Rayne Mendez	Dripping Springs 4-H
Grand Champion-Junior Photo	Layton LaCaze	Buda 4-H
Reserve Champion Junior Photo	Tommy Darity III	Buda 4-H

Horse

Grand Champion Mare	Chloe Cannon	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Champion Mare	Clara Leinneweber	Wimberley 4-H
Grand Champion Gelding	Chloe Cannon	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Champion Gelding	Skylar Duleba	Dripping Springs FFA
Grand Junior Overall	Sienna Gonczeruk	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Junior Overall	Chloe Cannon	Dripping Springs 4-H
Grand Senior Overall	Skylar Duleba	Dripping Springs FFA
Reserve Senior Overall	Leah Tate	Wimberley 4-H

Market Steer

Grand Champion	Madison Leach	Wimberley 4-H
Reserve Champion	Hannah Griffin	Dripping Springs 4-H
Breed Champion	Kase Gardner	Dripping Springs FFA
Breed Champion	Rylan Cox	Wimberley 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion	Nathan Powers	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion	Kelsey Tovar	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion	Joseph Nino	San Marcos FFA

Breeding Cattle

Grand Champion	Soledad Soto-Casarez	San Marcos FFA
Reserve Champion	Jonah Barnard	Dripping Springs 4-H

Market Goats

Grand Champion	Caitlin Alderson	Dripping Springs FFA
Reserve Champion	Matthew Bridges	Jack C Hays FFA
Division Breed Champion	Camryn Cunningham	Dripping Springs 4-H
Division Breed Reserve Champion	Marlena Moore	Buda 4-H
Division Reserve Breed Champion	Riley Berkholz	Dripping Springs FFA
Division Reserve Breed Champion	Morgan Hernandez	Buda 4-H

Breeding Goats

Grand Champion	Morgan Hernandez	Buda 4-H
Reserve Champion	Matthew Bridges	Jack C Hays FFA

Market Lambs

Grand Champion	Riley Steinecke	Wimberley FFA
Reserve Champion	Roman Benitez	San Marcos FFA
Breed Champion	Madison Barbee	Wimberley FFA
Breed Champion	Caitlyn Alderson	Dripping Springs FFA
Breed Champion	Jerzi Deatherage	Wimberley FFA
Reserve Breed Champion	Brady Barbee	Wimberley FFA
Reserve Breed Champion	Barrett Collins	Dripping Springs FFA
Reserve Breed Champion	Hannah Ballett	Dripping Springs FFA

Breeding Sheep

Grand Champion	Isaac Marcantel	West San Marcos 4-H
Reserve Champion	Madison Barbee	Wimberley 4-H

Market Swine

Grand Champion	Trace Jansen	Buda 4-H
Reserve Champion	Austin Novosad	Dripping Springs FFA
Breed Champion	Elizabeth Jansen	Buda 4-H

Breed Champion	Coleman Crow	Wimberley FFA
Breed Champion	Emery Robertson	Wimberley FFA
Reserve Breed Champion	Kandyce Young	Wimberley FFA
Reserve Breed Champion	Dakota Clark – Corder	Buda 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion	Brooklyn Alexander	Buda 4-H
Reserve Breed Champion	Konleigh Eben	Buda 4-H

Breeding Swine

Grand Champion	Trace Jansen	Buda 4-H
Reserve Champion	Grace Harney	Wimberley FFA

Market Rabbits

Grand Champion	Katie Eiben	West San Marcos 4-H
Reserve Champion	Grace Vasicek	Dripping Springs 4-H

Breeding Rabbits

Grand Champion	Hayden Lugo	Buda 4-H
Reserve Champion	Katie Eiben	West San Marcos 4-H

Turkey

Grand Champion	Riley Coco	West San Marcos 4-H
Reserve Champion	Bobby Allen	Buda 4-H

Broilers

Grand Champion	Carson Cook	Dripping Springs 4-H
Reserve Champion	Katie Eiben	West San Marcos 4-H

2021 Hays County Livestock Show Schedule of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	Jan 16	8:30am	Presentation of Queen's Court, Ambassador and Scholarships
Sat	Jan 16	9:00am	Horse Show – Awards after Show
Sat	Jan 23	7:00pm	TBD- Buyer's Gala Dripping Springs Ranch Park
Tues	Jan 26	5:00pm-7:30pm	Check-In Ag Mechanic Projects
		5:00pm-7:30pm	Check-In All Livestock Entries, Pre-register Breeding Rabbits
		5:00pm-7:30pm	Check-In Home Skills
		7:30pm	All Weight Cards Turned In
Wed	Jan 27	9:00am - 4:00pm	Home Skills Judging
		9:00am	Breeding Goat Show Followed by Mark Goat Show
		9:00am	Breeding Rabbit Show Followed by Market Rabbit Show
		4:00pm-5:00pm	Home Skills Exhibits Open for Public Viewing
		5:30pm-6:30pm	Tasting of Food Projects - \$10.00fee
		6:30pm	Home Skills Awards
		5:00pm-8:00pm	Check-In Poultry
		4:00pm	Breeding Sheep Show Followed by Market Lamb Show
Thurs	Jan 28	9:00am	Breeding Swine Show Followed by Market Swine Show
		11:00am	Poultry Show
		12:00pm-4:30pm	Home Skills Exhibits Open for Public Viewing
		4:00pm	Breeding Cattle Show Followed by Market Steer Show
		4:30pm – 5:30pm	Home Skills Check Out
Fri	Jan 29	9:00am	Judging of Ag Mechanics
		10:00am	Set Up Auction Ring. All help is appreciated.
Sat	Jan 30	10:00am	Awards
		10:30am	Auction Starts

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15 Top Buyers

Dripping Springs Ag Boosters

Gunner Thames Memorial Foundation

Dick & Dodie Scott

Kohler Pot/Mark Jones

McCoy's Building Supply

Travis & Bettina Mathis

Wimberley FFA Alumni

Davey Plumbing

Grande Equipment

Buda VoAg Booster Club

Wimberley 4-H Buyers Pool

Pecan Park Riverside RV Park

Lone Star Cattleman

Sunset Construction and Excavation

MusicFest@Steamboat and Huck Foundation

1. HAYS COUNTY YOUTH SHOW GENERAL RULES

1.1 INVITATIONAL SHOW: This is an invitational show. The HCLE Board of Directors reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any contestant.

1.2 RULES INTERPRETATIONS AND VIOLATIONS: Exhibitors are requested to report any rule violation(s) to the appropriate division superintendent immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. The Hays County Livestock Expo, Inc (HCLE) reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or arising out of, or in connection with, or incident to, the exposition and to amend or add to these rules. Exhibitors who violate any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the HCLE Board of Directors may order.

1.3 SPECIAL RULES: Special Rules are published in any department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, the Special Rules will govern.

1.4 LIABILITY: All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the hosting organization, but in no case will the Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc. (HCLE), their respective agents, directors, officers, managers, employees and volunteers be responsible for any loss, injury or damage which may occur. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or property exhibited by him/her. Exhibitors shall indemnify and hold HCLE harmless against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees for defense thereof arising out of conduct or management of the show, including, but not limited to, their negligence. In no case will HCLE, its directors, officers, managers, employees, or volunteers be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character, person, animal, or article while on HCLE grounds at the event or at any other time or place caused by the exhibitor or any animals exhibited with such exhibition, or any of the animals so exhibited. All owners or persons in charge of property or animals shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as HCLE does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property, animals, owners, or exhibitors thereof.

15 DISPUTES AND PROTESTS: All protests or other matters must be submitted in writing and accompanied with a deposit of \$100, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the appropriate division superintendent immediately after the occasion for the protest. All protests will be reviewed by an Executive Board of the Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc. Judges' and classifiers' decisions will be final and may not be protested. Weight backs may not be protested.

16 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY: Youth exhibitors and contestants who have been suspended under **Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play"** are ineligible to participate in any Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc. activity, event or competition. **Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition.** All Hays County 4-H and FFA exhibitors are considered to be eligible by the Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc. to participate in the Youth Livestock Show at the time entries are received from the AST/CEA, FFA, or FCCLA advisor. Any AST/CEA, FFA, or FCCLA advisor who has a member in his/her 4-H or FFA program who becomes ineligible to participate in the Youth Livestock Show according to the Texas Education Code must provide written and signed notification to the Hays County Livestock Exposition, Inc. Board and the appropriate division superintendent prior to check-in.

17 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY: Participants must be a member of a Hays County FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H Chapter and be eligible to be enrolled in a public primary or secondary school in Hays County and in good standing in an FFA Chapter and/or 4-H Club in Hays County at the time of the Show.

****Good Standing** means that a youth participant must have met the attendance requirement of attending 3 meetings and/or events of the organizations between the months of August through January. Ag Science teachers and CEAs will certify eligibility of all of the chapter/club exhibitors to the HCLE. Exhibitors who do not follow this eligibility will not be allowed to participate in the HCLE show.

18 OTHER COUNTY SHOWS: The participant and/or project may not enter or participate in another county youth show in Texas other than Hays County in the same school year.

19 OWNERSHIP/VALIDATION DATES AND FEES: All animals and poultry for the Hays County Youth Show will be owned and **State validated** no later than dates as shown below.

Item	Date	Fee
Turkeys	Ordered by County Agent in June	-
Broilers	Ordered by County Agent in September	-
Steers	3rd Saturday in October	\$16.00
Heifers	3rd Saturday in October	\$16.00
Lambs	3rd Saturday in October	\$16.00
Ewes	3rd Saturday in October	\$16.00
Market Goats (Male & Female)	3rd Saturday in October	\$16.00
Breeding Meat Goats	3rd Saturday in October	\$16.00
Market Barrows & Gilts	Sunday, November 22, 2020 Dripping Springs HS Ag Facility	\$17.00 Late fee \$20.00
Breeding Gilts	Sunday, November 22, 2020 Dripping Springs HS Ag Facility	\$17.00 Late fee \$20.00
Market Rabbits	December 19, 2020 Buda VoAg Building	\$2.00 per rabbit
Breeding Rabbits	December 19, 2020 Buda VoAg Building	\$2.00 per rabbit

Validation time will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

1.10 HORSE OWNERSHIP: An affidavit of ownership prior to November 1 is necessary to enter grade horses. For registered horses, completed registration papers prior to November 1 through the breed registry/association will prove ownership. Transfer papers will not be accepted as proof of ownership. Papers must be submitted to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County.

1.11 VALIDATION TAGS: A state validation tag, tattoo, or registration papers are required at check-in. If a tag is lost or pulled out, contact the division superintendent AND County Extension Agent within 24 hours of the loss. Validation tag must be properly affixed to all animals before entering the show barn.

1.12 DECLARATION OF BREEDING ANIMALS:

Declaration of whether the animal shows in market or breeding will be done at check in as long as two entries have been paid for the animal to show in either market or breeding.

For clarification, this means that a paid market entry AND a paid breeding entry are required in order to have a choice at check in. It does **NOT** mean that a single animal can show in both classes.

1.13 ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be submitted online and paid in full by 11:59pm on the **third Wednesday of December**. The entry must show the number of head, breed, and division. There will be **NO REFUNDS ON ENTRY FEES**. Late entries for **ALL PROJECTS** will be accepted up to check-in on January 26, 2021 with an additional late fee of \$300.00 per project/per species as long as the exhibitor has met the general eligibility.

1.14 ENTRY FEES AND ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT:

Cash is not accepted. Entry fees must be paid by personal check, cashiers check, or money order. No personal checks for late entries.

Entry Fees

Item	Fee
Turkeys	\$20.00
Market Steers	\$20.00
Market Lambs	\$20.00
Market Goats (Male & Female)	\$20.00
Market Swine	\$20.00
Market Rabbit Pen	\$20.00
Market Rabbit Fryer	\$20.00
Broiler Pen	\$20.00
Horses	\$10.00 per Class
Breeding Meat Goats	\$20.00
Breeding Ewes	\$20.00
Breeding Cattle	\$20.00
Breeding Rabbits	\$20.00
Breeding Swine	\$20.00
Home Skills	\$10.00
Ag Mechanics	\$20.00

1.15 ENTRY SIGNATURES: All required signatures must be on the entry form when it is submitted or a completed online entry in order for it to be considered valid.

1.16 MARKET ENTRIES: Up to four entries will be allowed in all market classes except market rabbits which will be limited to two pens and one fryer. To be eligible to enter one fryer the exhibitor must enter at least one pen.

1.17 BREEDING ENTRIES: There will be no limit to entries that are allowed in each breeding division.

1.18 OWNERSHIP DECLARATION: Once ownership has been declared at check-in, it will not be changed.

1.19 ANIMAL BEHAVIOR: For safety reasons, any animal deemed uncontrollable by the division superintendent must be removed from the show grounds by the exhibitor.

1.20 CHECK-IN: All species will be weighed, checked-in and classified by Superintendent and Classifier. Weight cards will be turned in and be considered final. Validation tags must be properly affixed to all animals before entering the show barn.

1.21 SIFTING: All animals and poultry brought to the show must be of sufficient quality to show. A sifting committee may inspect all entries. One or more classifiers may be used in each division at the discretion of the HCLE Board of Directors.

1.22 CHAMPIONS: One exhibitor may not win both the Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion in the Market division.

1.23 GOOD HERDSMAN AWARD: Herdsman Trophies may be awarded to individuals, FFA chapters and/or 4-H clubs as a reward for their Good Housekeeping in each Division of Beef, Swine, Rabbits, Lambs, Poultry and Goats. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the Herdsman contest should notify their division Superintendent at check in. There is no entry fee. Awards will be presented prior to the auction. A committee of the HCLE Board will make periodic inspections to determine winners based on the following criteria:

Good Herdsman Criteria

1. Good Housekeeping in orderliness and cleanliness of animals, stalls, tack and public walkways.
2. Promptness in having stalls and pens clean by 9:00 am each

day and animals in their pens or stalls from 9:00am to 6:00pm daily except during judging or being prepared for judging.

3. All tack, feed and equipment, including show boxes and chairs must be kept in area not impeding public walkways.
4. In the rabbit division, hanging rabbit feeders securely attached with approximately six (6) ounces of dry pellet food per rabbit and a spill proof water bottle of appropriate size with clean water in each cage, at all times during the show.
5. Personal appearance of exhibitors.
6. Availability of personnel to furnish information about exhibit.
7. Number of animals in exhibit.
8. Observance of rules and regulations of the show.
9. Cooperating with show officials and other exhibitors as well as exhibiting an attitude of good sportsmanship in general.
10. Plants, flowers, latticework, and other decorations will not be taken into consideration.

1.24 MARKET ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP: Awards will be made in sheep, beef, swine, poultry, rabbit, and goat divisions in a separate showmanship class at the conclusion of each show. Age divisions are shown below and are as of the day of the show.

Class	Age
Senior	9 th Grade – 12 th Grade
Intermediate	6 th Grade – 8 th Grade
Junior	3 rd Grade – 5 th Grade
Clover Kids	Kinder – 2 nd Grade

No entry fee will be charged and any exhibitor with an entry in a division may participate in that division. The exhibitor must be entered in that division to participate in showmanship

1.25AG MECHANICS SHOWMANSHIP: A

showmanship award will be presented to one clover, one junior and one senior exhibitor. Age divisions are shown below and are as of the day of the show.

Class	Age
Senior	9 th Grade- 12 th Grade
Junior	3 rd Grade – 8 th Grade
Clover Kids	Kinder – 2 nd Grade

1.26 HORSE SHOWMANSHIP: A

showmanship award will be presented to one clover, one junior and one senior exhibitor. Age divisions are shown below and are as of the day of the show.

Class	Age
Senior	9 th Grade – 12 th Grade
Junior	3 rd Grade – 8 th Grade
Clover Kids	Kinder – 2 nd Grade

1.27 GROOMING, FITTING & FEEDING:

Only Hays County Agriculture Teachers, County Agents, 4-H and FFA adult leaders, and parents may assist exhibitors with grooming, fitting & feeding on the show grounds during the Hays County Youth Show.

1.28 ANIMAL TRIMMING: Trimming will be allowed on the show grounds with battery operated clippers for touch up only.

1.29 ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY: Any one animal is not eligible to participate in both the Market and Breeding Shows.

1.30 FEED & WATER: No water or feed will be left unattended in pens or stalls for livestock except poultry, rabbits, swine, and cattle.

1.31 RELEASE TIMES: Release times will be designated by division superintendents.

1.32 ETHICAL ANIMAL FITTING: Entry of unethically fitted animals is prohibited. Unethical fitting will include, but is not limited to, the following:

a. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counter-irritant, or

other substance to temporarily improve confirmation.

b. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs or depressants or by using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment other than normal exercise.

c. Blocking nerves to prevent limping or tail switching.

d. Striking an animal to cause swelling.

e. Surgery to change the natural contour or appearance of an animal's body, hide, or hair except for the removal of warts, horns, and permitted clipping and dressing of hair and hoof trimming.

f. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.

g. Changing the color of hair at any spot or area of the animal's body.

h. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.

i. The use of diuretics.

j. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other esophageal method.

k. The administration of any FDA or USDA unapproved drug.

1.33 DRUG TESTING: Drug testing may be performed on all breed/division champions and reserve champions in addition to one animal, chosen randomly, from each market show. Testing will be administered according to standard drug testing protocols. All testing, sample collection, and analysis will be paid for by the HCLE Board of Directors. Animals will be tested for steroids, diuretics, and anti-inflammatories. Antibiotics will NOT be tested for.

1.34 PENALTY FOR POSITIVE DRUG TEST

RESULT: Exhibitors will be required to return all auction proceeds, buckles, and ribbons to the HCLE Board of Directors, for

the animal that tested positive. The results obtained by the analysis will be final. The exhibitor waives any right for recourse towards the HCLE Board of Directors, their appointed veterinarians, or the analyzing laboratory for actions taken against them as a result of this rule.

1.35 DRUG CERTIFICATION

AGREEMENT: Included with each entry form, exhibitors, with their parent/guardian, will certify that their entry has not been administered any substance (by them or others) that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Also, the exhibitor and parent/guardian will certify that their entry is free and clear of ALL drug and chemical residue withdrawal and have exceeded elimination time periods.

1.36 DOGS: Dogs are not allowed on the show grounds at any time. Support dogs are exempt from this rule.

1.37 SAFETY AND SECURITY: Any behavior deemed unsafe or unacceptable by the HCLE Board will result in immediate removal from the show grounds by security.

1.38 FRATERNIZATION: Parents and exhibitors may not talk to the judge or ring steward during the show. Failure to comply may result in the participant being disqualified from the show.

1.39 EXCESSIVE COACHING: A contestant may be disqualified from a class, at the division superintendent's discretion, for receiving excessive verbal instructions from outside the ring.

1.40 DRESS CODE: All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip flops, T-shirts, ball caps, or bare midriffs are not acceptable show attire and therefore may not be worn during a show event.

1.41 TRAILER PARKING: All stock trailers must be parked in the designated trailer parking area. Those trailers left unattended and NOT within the designated parking area, after check in and during the show, may be removed at the discretion

2 AMBASSADOR AND QUEEN'S COURT CONTEST

A. AMBASSADOR AND QUEEN'S COURT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

2.1 The Queen's Court will be comprised of a queen, a princess, and duchesses.

2.2 The Ambassador's Court will be comprised of a senior ambassador and ambassadors.

2.3 The Queen's Court will have no more than nine girls.

2.4 The Ambassador's Court will have no more than nine boys.

2.5 The Ambassador and Queen's Court Program will be organized and directed by the HCLE Scholarship, Ambassador and Queen's Court Committee, hereafter referenced as *the committee*.

2.6 In order to participate in the Ambassador and Queen's Court Contest, candidates must meet eligibility requirements, attend the mandatory meeting, submit an application, and participate in a personal interview.

2.7 A panel of judges will score each candidate based on his/her application and personal interview to determine the awarding of titles.

2.8 Title holders must fulfill duties and responsibilities as set forth by the committee.

2.9 Representatives of the Ambassador and Queen's Court will hold their titles for one year.

2.10 All questions or conflicts that arise must be addressed, by phone call, to the committee chair or superintendent. Contacts are as follows:

Committee Chair – Janis Weinheimer (512) 809-3441

Superintendent – Lexi Lugo (512) 426-9292

B. ELIGIBILITY

2.11 Prior to submitting his/her application, candidates must have shown in the Hays County Youth Livestock Show at least once during his/her 4-H or FFA career. In the event that a member of a Hays County 4-H club or FFA chapter moved to the county and has been unable to show in the Hays County Youth Livestock Show, eligibility will be considered if the individual has

previously participated in another 4-H or FFA's livestock show. If the previous circumstance applies, please contact the committee prior to the application due date.

2.12 Candidates must be enrolled in high school or be eligible to be enrolled in high school in Hays County.

2.13 A selected candidate may only hold the title of Queen or Senior Ambassador for the duration of one year. Once a Senior Ambassador or Queen of the Hays County Youth Livestock Show has completed his/her reign, he/she will retain a place on the court and will be honored with the title of Senior Ambassador Emeritus or Queen Emeritus for the duration of their remaining high school years.

2.14 If a previous title holder has been released from his/her title, he/she may not apply for the court the following year. After one year, the individual's eligibility will be reconsidered at the discretion of the committee.

2.15 Queen's Court candidates may be any high school girl involved in 4-H or FFA in Hays County, as long as all other applicable eligibility requirements listed in this section are met.

2.16 Ambassador's Court candidates may be any high school boy involved in 4-H or FFA in Hays County, as long as all other applicable eligibility requirements listed in this section are met.

2.17 There will be no limit to the number of candidates from an individual club.

2.18 Potential candidates must attend a mandatory meeting with at least one parent or legal guardian. Applicants who fail to attend will be disqualified from the contest. Please see Section 2.C for further details.

2.19 Candidates shall not display facial piercings, facial hair, tattoos, or unnaturally colored hair.

C. APPLICATION, RESUME, TRANSCRIPT, AND PHOTOGRAPH

2.20 Both a hard copy and an electronic copy of the completed application must be submitted.

2.21 The completed, hard-copy application must contain four copies of each of the following: application form, resume, reference letter, and photograph. All aforementioned documents must be placed in a sealed envelope, which will only be opened by the judges. Additionally, one copy of the entry form must be completed and attached to the front of the envelope. **DO NOT** place the entry form inside the application envelope.

2.22 The completed electronic copy of the application must contain a copy of each of the following: entry form, application form, resume, reference letter, and photograph. All documents must be submitted in PDF format. Please email all PDF documents in a single, zipped folder named in the following manner: *CandidateName_2020_2021*.

2.23 The candidate's hard-copy application must be submitted to the Hays County Extension Office by 5:00 PM on October 15, 2020. The electronic copy of the completed application must be submitted via email by 5:00 PM on the same date.

2.24 Application forms can be downloaded from the HCLE website.

2.25 The resume must contain a description of activities and achievements in 4-H, FFA, civic, community, church, and school organizations. Please include honors won and any leadership positions held.

2.26 A reference letter must be included in each candidate's application. Four copies of the reference letter must be enclosed within the submitted, hard-copy application. Additionally, a copy of the reference letter must be included in the electronic submission.

2.27 Four, 4x6 copies of a headshot photograph of the candidate must accompany all entries. A scanned or electronic copy of the same photograph must be included in the electronic submission. Please ensure that the electronic copy is in PDF format. If necessary, the candidate may insert the photograph on a Microsoft Word document and save the document as a PDF.

2.28 The entry form can be downloaded from the HCLE website.

D. JUDGES' PANELS

2.29 Prior to the interviews, the committee will select six judges from outside of Hays County to serve on the interview panels.

2.30 The judges will be formed into two panels of three judges. One panel will interview the Queen's Court candidates, while the other will interview the Ambassador's Court candidates.

F. PERSONAL INTERVIEW, CANDIDATES' SCORE SHEETS, AND JUDGES' COMMENTS

2.31 Interview date has not been set and will be determined later.

2.32 Pending extenuating circumstances, such as complications surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the personal interview may be conducted using alternative methods.

2.33 The duration of each personal interview with the judges' panel will not exceed ten minutes.

2.34 Each judge on the panel will score each candidate's application and interview using a standard score sheet provided by the committee. The judges will also be able to add comments on the score sheets.

2.35 After the court has been announced, each candidate will receive a copy of their own score sheets and comments as marked by the judges.

2.36 It is intended that each candidate use his/her own score sheets and comments as a tool to learn in what areas he/she excelled and how he/she can make improvements in future applications and interviews. Score sheets ARE NOT provided so that the candidates or their parents/legal guardians may compare scores. These scores are intended for private and personal use. Please DO NOT abuse this privilege.

F. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.37 The queen and court will reign for one year.

2.38 If the queen is unable to fulfill her responsibilities, the princess will reign in her absence. If the princess is unable, then the next highest scoring duchess will reign in her absence.

2.39 The senior ambassador and court will reign for one year.

2.40 If the senior ambassador is unable to fulfill his responsibilities, then the next highest scoring ambassador will reign in his absence.

2.41 The Ambassador and Queen's Court are required to be present at all livestock show events, including the auction, to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- a. Pass out awards at all events and be in show pictures.
- b. Pass out refreshments and assist the buyers at the auction.
- c. Be in auction pictures.
- d. Be available for miscellaneous duties as assigned by both the HCLE Board and the committee throughout the livestock show.
- e. Attend and help at the HCLE Dance.
- f. Attend other livestock show related events throughout the year.

2.42 The Ambassador and Queen's Court representatives are required to attend certain community events throughout the year, as determined by the committee and HCLE Board.

2.43 The Queen's Court representatives must wear their tiaras

and sashes at all events unless participating as an exhibitor at the livestock show.

2.44 Ambassadors must wear their ambassadors' vests and badges at all events, unless participating as an exhibitor at the livestock show.

2.45 It is the responsibility of each Ambassador and Queen's Court representative to sell, at minimum, the allotted number of raffle tickets he/she is assigned.

H. SCHOLARSHIP, AMBASSADOR AND QUEEN'S COURT COMMITTEE

2.46 A committee will be formed each year and will consist of at least one HCLE board member and at least 3 volunteers.

2.47 The committee has the discretion to remove any Ambassador and Queen's Court representative who does not fulfill his/her commitments and/or conducts himself/herself in a manner deemed inappropriate.

2.48 The committee has the discretion to make changes to the program as needed.

I. AWARDS

2.49 In honor of Dr. Glen & MaryLou Rydl, the Hays County Livestock Exposition (HCLE) will give a \$1,200.00 scholarship to the Queen upon proof of enrollment in a college, university, or technical trade school.

2.50 The Hays County Livestock Exposition (HCLE) will give a \$750.00 scholarship to the Senior Ambassador upon proof of enrollment in a college, university, or technical trade school.

3 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A. SCHOLARSHIP, AMBASSADOR AND QUEEN'S COURT COMMITTEE

3.1 The Scholarship Program will be organized and directed by the HCLE Scholarship, Ambassador and Queen's Court Committee, hereafter referenced as *the committee*.

3.2 A committee will be formed each year and will consist of at least one HCLE board member and at least 3 volunteers.

3.3 All questions or conflicts that arise must be addressed, by phone call, to the committee chair or superintendent. Contacts are as follows:

Committee Chair – Janis Weinheimer (512) 809-3441

Superintendent – Lexi Lugo (512) 426-9292

B. ELIGIBILITY

3.4 Candidates must be a high school senior.

3.5 Candidates must be an active member of a 4-H club and/or FFA Chapter in Hays County.

C. APPLICATION, RESUME, TRANSCRIPT, REFERENCE LETTERS, AND PHOTOGRAPH

3.6 Both a hard copy and an electronic copy of the completed application must be submitted.

3.7 The completed, hard-copy application must contain four copies of each of the following: application form, resume, signed and sealed grade transcript, three reference letters, and photograph. All aforementioned documents must be placed in a sealed envelope, which will only be opened by the judges. Additionally, one copy of the entry form must be completed and attached to the front of the envelope. DO NOT place the entry form inside the application envelope.

3.8 The completed electronic copy of the application must contain a copy of each of the following: entry form, application form, resume, official grade transcript, three reference letters, and photograph. All documents must be submitted in PDF format. Please email all PDF documents in a single, zipped folder named in the following manner: *CandidateName_2020_2021*.

3.9 The candidate's hard-copy application must be submitted to the Hays County Extension Office by 5:00 PM on October 15, 2020. The electronic copy of the completed application must be submitted via email by 5:00 PM on the same date.

3.10 Application forms can be downloaded from the HCLE website.

3.11 The resume must contain a description of activities and achievements in 4-H, FFA, civic, community, church, and school organizations. Please include honors won and any leadership positions held.

3.12 Official grade transcripts must accompany all entries.

a. Four signed hard copies of the candidate's official grade transcript must be enclosed in a separate, sealed envelope provided by a school official. Transcripts can be obtained at the candidate's school's counselor office.

b. Candidates will be subject to disqualification if the official grade transcript is not signed and sealed in a separate envelope by a school official.

c. Additionally, the candidate must include a copy of his/her

- official grade transcript in the electronic submission.
- e. DO NOT open and scan your official grade transcript provided to you by your school official. Instead, please request an electronic PDF copy of your official grade transcript.
- f. Both formats are mandatory, though only the hard copies must be signed and sealed by the candidate's school official.
- g. Should the judges notice any discrepancy in the electronic or hard copies of the transcripts, the candidate may be subject to disqualification.

3.13 Three reference letters must be included in each candidate's application. Four copies of each of the reference letters must be enclosed within the submitted, hard-copy application. Additionally, a copy of each reference letter must be included in your electronic submission.

3.14 Four, 4x6 copies of a headshot photograph of the candidate must accompany all entries. A scanned or electronic copy of the same photograph must be included in the electronic submission. Please ensure that the electronic copy is in PDF format. If necessary, the candidate may insert the photograph on a Microsoft Word document and save the document as a PDF.

3.15 The entry form can be downloaded from the HCLE website.

D. PERSONAL INTERVIEW, CANDIDATES' SCORE SHEETS, AND JUDGES' COMMENTS

3.16 Prior to the personal interviews, the committee will select three judges from outside of Hays County to serve on the interview panel.

3.17 Interview date has not been set and will be determined later.

3.18 Pending extenuating circumstances, such as complications surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the personal interview may be conducted using alternative methods.

3.19 The duration of each personal interview with the judges' panel shall not exceed ten minutes.

3.20 Each judge on the panel shall score each candidate's application and personal interview using a standard score sheet provided by the committee. The judges may also add comments on the score sheets.

3.21 Candidates will be judged on exhibition of highest achievements in the following areas: church, school, leadership, cooperation, character, and participation.

3.22 After the scholarship recipients have been announced, each candidate will receive a copy of their own score sheets and comments as marked by the judges.

3.23 It is intended that each candidate use his/her own score sheets and comments as a tool to learn in what areas he/she excelled and how he/she can make improvements in future applications and interviews. Score sheets ARE NOT provided so that the candidates or their parents/legal guardians may compare scores. These scores are intended for private and personal use. Please DO NOT abuse this privilege.

E. AWARDS

3.24 HAYS COUNTY LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION, INC.
AWARD: The Hays County Livestock Exposition (HCLE) will give one scholarship for \$1,500.00 to the selected individual upon proof of enrollment in college, university, or technical trade school.

3.25 GARLAND WARREN MEMORIAL AWARD: The Hays County Livestock Exposition (HCLE) will give one \$1,000.00 scholarship to the selected individual upon proof of enrollment in a college, university, or technical trade school.

3.26 The committee actively seeks additional scholarships. When additional scholarships are available, they will be announced.

EQUINE DIVISION

HORSE RULES

4.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

4.2 A Minor’s Release Form, signed by a parent or guardian, must accompany all entries.

4.3 An affidavit of ownership prior to November 1 is necessary to enter grade horses. For registered horses, completed registration papers prior to November 1 through the breed registry/association will prove ownership. Transfer papers will not be accepted as proof of ownership. Papers must be submitted to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County.

4.4 Horses must be solely owned by the contestant or the contestant's father, mother, brother, sister, grandparents or legal guardian.

4.5 A contestant may enter as many horses as he or she chooses but shall enter only one per class. The contestant must designate which horse they are accumulating points on for the high point award.

4.6 Only one contestant per horse will be allowed. Sharing of horses with siblings will not be allowed.

4.7 Proof of a negative Coggins Test, within the last twelve months, must be provided for all horses brought to compete at the Hays County Horse Show. Failure to provide such proof will result in the immediate removal of the animal from the show grounds. Paid entry fees will be forfeited.

4.8 There will be two high point awards in each of the Junior and Senior age divisions based on one horse and one rider for all class entries. To be eligible for the High Point award, contestants must enter and participate in a Showmanship or Halter Class, one judged event and speed event.

4.9 All classes must be pre-entered by the deadline specified in the "General Rules".

4.10 Showmanship and riding classes will be divided into Clover Kids (Kinder – 2nd) Junior (3rd-8th grade) and Senior (9th-12th) divisions. Grade is determined at of time of the show.

4.11 Clover Kid ages will be allowed to do halter and showmanship but will NOT be allowed to participate in Riding Events.

4.12 All buckle and saddle recipients must write a thank you letter and attach a photo to their donor within 30 days of the show.

4.13 The arena will be dragged after 10 runs or as deemed necessary by the division superintendent.

4.14 A contestant may be disqualified from a class, at the judge's discretion, for receiving excessive instructions from outside the ring.

4.15 All contestants are asked to refrain from allowing their horse(s) to be ridden by anyone other than the exhibitor. Many of the participants have family members who will want to help hold, groom, saddle, and bridle horses in preparation for classes. This is encouraged, because family involvement is an important part of the 4-H Horse Program.

4.16 For safety reasons, speed events will run back to a closed gate.

4.17 Rules will be based on Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules as applicable.

1. Showmanship at Halter - Junior
2. Showmanship at Halter - Senior
3. Registered Mares (5) five and over
4. Registered Mares (4) four and under
5. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Mares
6. Registered Geldings (5) five and over
7. Registered Geldings (4) four and under
8. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

Gelding A 30-minute warm-up will be allowed after

Halter Classes

9. English Pleasure - Junior
10. English Pleasure- Senior
11. English Equitation - Junior
12. English Equitation - Senior

A 45-minute break will be allowed for lunch

13. Western Pleasure - Junior
14. Western Pleasure - Senior
15. Western Horsemanship - Junior
16. Western Horsemanship - Senior
17. Western/Stockhorse Trail - Junior
18. Western/Stockhorse Trail - Senior
19. Stockhorse Pleasure - Junior
20. Stockhorse Pleasure - Senior
21. Stockhorse Horsemanship - Junior
22. Stockhorse Horsemanship - Senior
23. Stockhorse Reining - Junior
24. Stockhorse Reining - Senior

A 30-minute warm-up will be allowed after Performance Classes.

25. Pole Bending - Junior
26. Pole Bending - Senior
27. Stake Race - Junior
28. Stake Race - Senior
29. Clover Leaf Barrels - Junior
30. Clover Leaf Barrels - Senior
31. Straight Away Barrels - Junior
32. Straight Away Barrels - Senior

4.18 Prizes, saddles, and buckles will be awarded at the end of the horse show.

MARKET ANIMAL DIVISION RULES

MARKET STEERS

5.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

5.2 Steers must be halter broke, groomed, and may be shown in the hair. Cattle may be blocked, however, this will be a Blow and Show only with no painting or dyeing allowed. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of grooming rules.

5.3 Light oils and foams will be allowed for preparation on show day. Adhesives, glues, false hair, and coloring are NOT allowed.

5.4 Weight classes will be determined by breeds.

5.5 The following breeds will be the only breeds eligible for show. All breed classification guidelines are listed below. The classification guidelines will be provided to the classification committee for reference. The interpretation of these guidelines is at the sole discretion of the classification committee. Decision of the classification committee will be final.

1. British (Includes Angus, Red, Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, and Shorthorn)
2. American Breeds Cross (ABC)
3. All Other Breeds - Black (AOB Black)
4. All Other Breeds - Other Color (AOB - Other Color)

5.6 British Guidelines: To classify in the British Division, the steer must have breed characteristics of Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, or Shorthorn. The Breed guidelines are listed below. It is important to note that crossing and Angus and Hereford will not result in a British steer. This steer would be classified as an AOB. In the following sections, are specific traits of each breed that will be considered when classifying into the British Division.

5.7 Angus Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus
b. Solid black
c. Polled

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Continental breed type structure and head
b. Bumps between the poll and the ear
c. Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (Black skin color is acceptable and white or pink skin is a disqualification)
d. Bos Taurus type ear set (Ear size is not to be discriminated against)

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. White skin resulting in white hair above the underline of the front of the navel (White on the navel is acceptable)
b. White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot, or tail
c. Horns or scurs
d. Brindle
e. Diluter color pattern
f. Dehorning scars
g. Double muscling

5.8 Red Angus Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Red Angus
b. English/British characteristics
c. Solid red
d. Polled
e. Black Pigmentation (May have 2 of 3 areas of black pigmentation on the nose, around the eyes and anus, but not all 3)
f. A blonde, light red or mixed switch
g. Black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and shoulder

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Course joints or head (Big feet, big dewclaws)
b. Bumps between the poll and the ear
c. Solid white switch

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Horns or scurs
b. White above the underline or in front of the navel
c. White on the leg
d. Black Pigmentation (May have 2 of 3 areas of black pigmentation on the nose, around the eyes and anus, but not all 3)
e. Diluter color pattern
f. Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
g. Solid white tail
h. Double muscling

5.8 Hereford Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford
b. Red body with white face, white underline and white marked legs
c. Feather neck
d. Horned Herefords must be dehorned

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Dark red color
b. Red neck
c. Solid red or solid white ear, size and shape is questionable
d. Excess white on legs
e. Excess white above the underline
f. Black hair in tail, ear, or on rear end of animal
g. Black on reproductive tract
h. Black spotting/smut or freckling on the nose
i. Lineback
j. White above switch in tail
k. White across rump above the twist
l. Course joints, head or ribs
m. Straight line white markings on legs
n. White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
o. Excess pigment or color around eyes
p. Red neck in combination with excess white on legs

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Diluter color pattern
b. Brindles
c. Double muscling
d. Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

5.9 Polled Hereford Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford
b. Red body with white face, white underline and white marked legs
c. Feather neck
d. Must be polled or loose scurs

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Dark red color
b. Red neck
c. Solid red or solid white ear, size and shape is questionable
d. Excess white on legs
e. Excess white above the underline
f. Black hair in tail, ear, or on rear end of animal
g. Black on reproductive tract
h. Black spotting/smut or freckling on the nose
i. Lineback
j. White above switch in tail
k. White across rump above the twist
l. Course joints, head or ribs
m. Straight line white markings on legs
n. White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
o. Excess pigment or color around eyes
p. Red neck in combination with excess white on legs

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Diluter color pattern
b. Brindles
c. Double muscling
d. Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

5.10 Shorthorn Breed Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

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| a. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn |
| b. Solid red, solid white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, or tail; or red and white on any combination of red and white; with the red and white color pattern bleeding together |

Discriminatory Characteristics:

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| a. Motley face or brockle face |
| b. Orange or light red color |
| c. Black nose pigment |
| d. Straight line white markings across leg |
| e. Course head |
| f. Double muscling |

Absolute Disqualifications:

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| a. Diluter color pattern such as yellow or yellow roan |
| b. Blacks, blue roans or grays |
| c. Brindle |

5.11 ABC Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Any color or pattern
b. Progression of importance to include Bos Indicus influenced head, eye and ear of moderate length, slightly drooping and opens down and forward
c. Crest or slick neck
d. Sheath score of 2 or more

Discriminatory Characteristics:

a. Bos Taurus head
b. Bos Taurus short ear
c. Sheath score of 1

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. A combination of Bos Taurus head, eye, and ear
b. Without adequate Bos Indicus head, eye and ear characteristics, sheath score is irrelevant

5.12 AOB Black Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must be at least 60% black (only black, not blue) in color and pigmentation
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5.13 AOB Other Color Guidelines

Acceptable Characteristics:

a. Must be less than 60% black in color and pigmentation
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5.14 There will be a 900 lb. minimum weight with a 60 pound + or – tolerance.

5.15 There will be a Grand Champion and a Reserve Champion steer of the show.

5.16 All cattle must be checked in with the Superintendent before entering the barn.

5.17 All disorderly cattle will be removed from the show grounds at the discretion of the division superintendent.

6. MARKET SWINE

6.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

6.2 Barrows and gilts are eligible. Declaration of whether the animal shows in market or breeding will be done at check in as long as two entries have been paid for the animal to show in either market or breeding.

For clarification, this means that a paid market entry AND a paid breeding entry are required in order to have a choice at Check-in. It does NOT mean that a single animal can show it in both classes.

6.3 Hogs will be classified and divided by breeds. Hogs classified out of purebred classes will go into the cross bred class.

6.4 Market Swine will have a minimum weight of 160 lbs. and a maximum of 280lbs with 10 pound + or – tolerance.

6.5 Hogs will be exhibited in one or more weight classes by breed. Weight classes will be determined by the division superintendent at Check-In.

6.6 All hogs in each class will be placed.

6.7 There will be a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. They will compete for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.

6.8 No pasting, painting, oil-based products, or powder is to be used in grooming. Only water can be used. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of grooming rules.

6.9 All breed classification guidelines are listed below. The classification guidelines will be provided to the classification committee for reference. The interpretation of these guidelines is at the sole discretion of the classification committee. Decision of the classification committee will be final. Classifications will be done at check in.

6.10 OPB Guidelines

6.11 Dark OPB Guidelines:

Berkshire

a. Black and white with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire characteristics
b. White on face and tail (unless tail is docked). Three of four legs must be white
c. Must NOT have a solid white or solid black face from the ears forward
d. Must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose)
e. White is allowed on the ears, but neither ear can be entirely white
f. An occasional splash of white may appear on the body

Spotted

a. Must be black and white
b. Must possess Spotted breed characteristics
c. Ears cannot be erect
d. Must NOT have red tinted or brown spots
e. No solid black head from ears forward
f. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder
g. Must NOT show any signs of the use of weighted ear tags

Poland China

a. Must possess Poland China breed characteristics
b. Must be black with a white face and switch (unless tail is docked). Three of the four legs must be white. May have an occasional splash of white on the body
c. Must have ears down
d. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation
e. Must NOT have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment
f. Must NOT show any signs of the use of weighted ear tags

6.12 Light OPB Guidelines:

Chester White

a. Must possess Chester White breed characteristics
b. Must be solid white with no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar. All hair must be white
c. Ears must be down and medium sized
d. Must NOT show any signs of the use of weighted ear tags

Landrace

a. Must be white and possess Landrace breed characteristics
b. All hair must be white
c. Must NOT have any more than three spots of skin pigmentation. No pigmentation spot can be larger than a US minted quarter
d. Must have ears down
e. Must NOT show any signs of the use of weighted ear tags

6.13 Duroc Guidelines:

a. Must be red and possess Duroc breed characteristics
b. Ears must down and medium sized
c. Must NOT have any white hair, anywhere on the animal
d. Must NOT have any black hair
e. Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter
f. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt

6.14 Hampshire Guidelines:

a. Must be black in color with a white belt starting on a front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body
b. Must possess Hampshire breed characteristics
c. Ears must be erect and not rounded
d. Must NOT have any white hair or indication of streaking on the forehead
e. Must NOT have any red hair

6.15 Yorkshire Guidelines:

a. Must be white and possess Yorkshire breed characteristics
b. Ears must be erect
c. All hair must be white
d. Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than one US minted silver dollar
e. Must NOT have masking above the eyes larger than a silver dollar

6.16 Crossbred Guidelines:

- **Light Crossbreed:**

- Any pigs with white and/or blue only.

- **Dark Crossbreed:**

- All other colors (i.e. black, red and sandy)
- Excluding solid white or blue.

7. MARKET POULTRY

- 7.1** Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.
- 7.2** Poultry will be released by the division superintendent.
- 7.3** Broilers are to be shown as a pen of three.
- 7.4** Broilers will be Commercial Breed with all three birds from the same hatch date. These will be ordered through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County. The County Agent and FFA Advisors will coordinate.
- 7.5** There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion “Pen of Three” Broilers.
- 7.6** All Poultry will be sifted and classified at check-in.
- 7.7** Turkeys will be shown as singles.
- 7.8** Turkeys will be Commercial Breed from the same hatch date. These will be ordered through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County. The County Agent and FFA Advisors will coordinate.
- 7.9** Turkeys will be divided into two classes (Hens & Toms).
- 7.10** There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Turkey. The First Place Hen and First Place Tom will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Turkey of the Show.
- 7.11** All Poultry must be shown by a 4-H or FFA exhibitor. Parents will not be allowed to help exhibitors show their project.

8. MARKET RABBITS

8.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

8.2 All recognized meat breeds of rabbits will be eligible.

8.3 The American Rabbit Breeders Association Rules will apply.

8.4 Any animal showing symptoms of disease such as buck teeth, malocclusion, broken teeth, sniffles, ear canker, mites, mange vent disease, runny eyes, missing toenails or other disqualifying features will be excluded from the show. Refer to the “Standards of Perfection” section of the ARBA rules for further details on disqualifying diseases and features.

8.5 Each market rabbit must be clearly and permanently earmarked in the RIGHT ear during validation with the designated tattoo for this show and family number.

8.6 Before Check-In, rabbits must be individually earmarked with a clear and permanent tattoo in the LEFT ear with identification letters and/or numbers.

8.7 Market rabbits that have been validated for any other county show will not be eligible for the Hays County Show.

8.8 Market rabbits are shown as either a pen of three rabbits (3) or as single fryer (FRYER). There will be a minimum weight of 3.5lbs. and a maximum of 5.5lbs per rabbit. There will be an allowed two-ounce tolerance per rabbit. The age of each rabbit must not be more than 70 days old at check in on January 26, 2021. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of two pens and one fryer. To be eligible to enter a fryer the exhibitor must enter at least one pen. The exhibitor must therefore have validated at least 4 rabbits. An exhibitor is not required to show a pen to show a fryer.

8.9 All rabbits will be sifted at weigh-in. The exhibitor will present their PEN and/or FRYER to be weighed and sifted. The FRYER cannot be one of the rabbits used to make the PEN. If a rabbit is disqualified the exhibitor may substitute another rabbit at this time only. After the exhibitor has determined which three rabbits will constitute their PEN and which one rabbit will be their FRYER entry, only those rabbits and no others will be placed in the show holding cages until the time of the show. To aid in the show the superintendent, at their discretion, may use a permanent marker or some other means to help identify which rabbit is being used as the fryer.

8.10 There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Pen and Fryer. Market Pens are eligible to go to auction and the number shall be established by the board.

8.11 Winners of the “Fryer Show” shall be paid a premium based upon the number of entries paid by exhibitors. The amount per premium and the number of premiums to be paid shall be determined by the board prior to the show.

9. MARKET LAMBS

9.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

9.2 Wether and ewe lambs are eligible. Declaration of whether the animal shows in market or breeding will be done at check in as long as two entries have been paid for the animal to show in either market or breeding.

For clarification, this means that a paid market entry AND a paid breeding entry are required in order to have a choice at Check-in. It does NOT mean that a single animal can show it in both classes.

9.3 All lambs will have a minimum weight of 90lbs, except Southdowns and Dropers which have a minimum weight of 80lbs but with a 5 pound + or – tolerance.

9.4 Lambs will first be divided into Finewool, Finewool Cross, Medium Wool, and Southdown breeds, and Dorper. A Finewool Cross must be a first cross between a Finewool and a Medium Wool breed. All sheep will be classified at Check-In and decisions of the classifiers will be final.

9.5 Lambs will be divided into one or more weight classes by breed: Southdown, Dorper, Fine-Wool, Fine-Wool Cross, and Medium-Wool.

9.6 Weight classes will be determined by the division superintendent after weight cards have been received at Check-In.

9.7 All lambs will be slick shorn at time of arrival on the show grounds. Leg sheering is optional.

9.8 There will be a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion. They will compete for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Show.

9.9 No painting or dyeing will be allowed. Water or waterless shampoo is allowed. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of grooming rules.

9.10 All lambs must stay in their assigned pen in the show barn and may not be kept or put into trailers or outside pens.

9.11 All breed classification guidelines are listed below. The classification guidelines will be provided to the classification committee for reference. The interpretation of these guidelines is at the sole discretion of the classification committee. Decision of the classification committee will be final.

9.12 Fine Wool Breed Characteristics

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

a. Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet or a cross between these breeds
b. Silky ears, medium to moderate in size
c. Yellow to white hooves (neutral)
d. Black pads on hooves
e. Silky, white face
f. Soft pelt
j. Nose should be neutral to pink in color
k. May be polled or horned

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

a. Moderate amounts of brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool
b. Moderate freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, and lips
c. Black streaking in the hooves
d. Black eyelashes
e. Birthmarks

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt
b. Excessively coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs
c. Excessive brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool
d. Excessive freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, and lips
e. Brown or black spots in hairline above hooves
f. Solid black hooves
g. Black lambs
h. Surgical alterations other than redocking
i. Steep hip or tendency to show the callipyge gene

9.13 Fine Wool Cross Breed Characteristics

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

a. Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% fine wool breeding and the remaining percentage exhibiting predominance of medium wool breeding (Hampshire and/or Suffolk)
b. Soft pelt that which is characteristic of 1/2-blood wool (60's -62's spinning count)
c. Face and ears should be soft and silky
d. Mottling and/or some spotting on face and ears and legs below the knees and hocks
e. Wool must be present below the hocks on the rear legs; wool below the knees on the front legs is not necessary
f. White, ring-eyed crosses are acceptable if pelt is acceptable
g. Birthmarks are acceptable

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

a. Solid brown face and ears with little to no mottling
b. Excessive black or brown spotting in the skin above the knees and hocks
c. Moderate amounts of colored fibers (black or brown) in the wool

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Excessive black or solid dark chocolate brown color on face, ears, and legs (including wool)
b. Excessive coarse britch and/or harsh pelt
c. Excessively coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs
d. Total absence of wool on rear legs
e. Black lambs
f. Surgical alterations other than redocking
g. Steep hip or tendency to show the callipyge gene

9.14 Southdown Breed Characteristics

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

a. Hair color on muzzle should be mouse colored, gray to brown
b. Nostril pigmentation may be black to purplish-gray
c. Muzzle should be broad; head of moderate length
d. Ears should be of moderate length, covered with short hair of wool
e. Black hoof color
f. Birthmarks are acceptable

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

a. Solid white color or dark chocolate on muzzle
b. Coarse, chalky, white hair around eyes extending to and including the muzzle
c. Coarse hair in the flank
d. Coarse britch and/or harsh pelt
e. Predominately pink nose with few black spots
f. Long, narrow nose
g. Excessive coloration on ears
h. Excessive ear length
i. Predominantly slick ears
j. Scurs
k. Open poll on head
l. Striped hooves
m. Black fibers in wool

Absolute Disqualifications:

a. Speckled face or legs
b. Horns
c. White hooves
d. Intentional alteration of hair color or skin pigmentation
e. Total pink pigmentation of nostrils
f. Black lambs
g. Surgical alterations other than redocking
h. Steep hip or tendency to show the callipyge gene

9.15 Medium Wool Breed Characteristics:

This class includes the Suffolk and Hampshire breeds, plus all lambs that do not fit in the Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, or the Southdown breed divisions. This includes all other breeds and crosses of animals not listed above

9.16 Dorper Characteristics:

Acceptable breed characteristics

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| a. Must be a Dorper, White Dorper, or a cross among these two breeds. |
| b. Conformation – long, deep, wide body with well spring ribs and excellent muscling. Relationship between body depth and hip height should be in equal proportion. Avoid extremely leggy, shallow bodied lambs. |
| c. Head should be strong, bold, with a deep jaw. |
| d. Polled or small horns or scurs. |
| e. Must have at least 1/3 hair primarily on belly, forearm, and britch. Lambs should be shorn with blades that leave enough stubble to be able to distinguish hair and/or wool. Classifiers have the authority to disqualify lambs that have been clipped to close to make this distinction. |
| f. Moderate size ear with no wool covering. |
| g. No wool below the knees and hocks. |
| h. Solid brown, red, rust colored head. |
| i. No wool forward of poll. |
| j. Color: Dorper – white sheep with black head or black head and neck. |

Discriminatory breed characteristics

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| a. Tall, leggy, shallow bodied, narrow, light muscled lambs. |
| b. Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm and britch). |
| c. Heavy horns. |
| d. Long, pendulous ears. |
| e. Long, narrow muzzle. |
| f. Wool forward of poll. |
| g. Excessive coloring on the body (paints). |
| h. Excessive speckling in the fleece or on the body. |

Absolute disqualifications

a. All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm or britch.
b. Wool below the knees or hocks.
c. Wool on the ears.
d. Lambs with predominately solid black bodies.
e. Lambs with significant speckling on face, ears or legs.
f. Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper.
g. Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
h. Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.

10. MARKET GOATS

10.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

10.2 Wethers and nannies are eligible. Declaration of whether the animal shows in market or breeding will be done at check in as long as two entries have been paid for the animal to show in either market or breeding.

For clarification, this means that a paid market entry AND a paid breeding entry are required in order to have a choice at Check-in. It does NOT mean that a single animal can show it in both classes.

10.3 Market Goats will be weighed in with a minimum limit of 60lbs. and maximum limit 120lbs with a 5 pound + or – tolerance.

10.4 Weight classes and divisions will be determined by the division superintendent after weight cards have been received at Check-In.

10.5 Market Goats must be taught to lead and should be shown with a collar or halter.

10.6 All market goats must be slick shorn at the time of arrival. Leg shearing is optional.

10.7 Market Goats must be dehorned or tipped to achieve a blunt end.

10.8 The first and second place of each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of their division. Division Champions will compete for the overall Grand and Reserve Champion.

10.9 The use of talc, oils, or any foreign material is prohibited. Water or waterless shampoo is allowed. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of the grooming rules.

10.10 All goats must stay in their assigned pens in show barn and may not be kept or put into trailers or outside pens.

BREEDING ANIMAL DIVISION RULES

11. BREEDING BEEF CATTLE

11.0 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

11.1 Eligible heifers may be either purebred or crossbred. Heifer classes will be broken by entries into respective classes in order of judging.

Heifer Classes
Heifer Calves up to 12 months old
Junior Heifers 13 months to 18 months
Senior Heifers 19 months to 28 months

11.2 All cattle must be checked in with the division superintendent before entering the barn. All disorderly cattle will be removed from show grounds at the discretion of the division superintendent.

11.3 Light oils and foams will be allowed for preparation on show day. Adhesives, glues, false hair, and coloring are NOT allowed.

12. BREEDING GOATS

12.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

12.2 Bucks are not eligible to compete.

12.3 The show is open to any breed or crossbreed.

12.4 The age of the animal will be computed as the age at check in.

12.5 Shearing is not required.

12.6 Classes will be as follows:

Breeding Meat Goat Classes
0 – 12 Months
13 Months to 24 Months
25 Months to 4 Years
Over 4 Years

13. BREEDING EWES

13.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

13.2 Ewe classes will be fairly and equitably divided according to age by the division superintendent.

13.3 Ewe’s will be divided into the following classes:

Breeding Ewe Classes
Milk Teeth Yearling
Aged

14. BREEDING GILTS

14.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

14.2 Classes will be determined by breed, and will be fairly and equitably divided by the division superintendent.

14.3 Breeding swine should be farrowed after July 1, 2020.

14.4 There will be a Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion of each breed listed: OPB, Duroc, Hamp, York, Cross. They will compete for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.

14.5 No pasting, painting, oil-based products, or powder is to be used in grooming. Only water can be used. Animals will be disqualified from the show for violation of grooming rules.

15. BREEDING RABBITS

15.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

15.2 All recognized breeds of rabbits will be eligible. The American Rabbit Breeders Rules will apply.

15.3 During validation, each rabbit must be clearly and permanently earmarked with an individual tattoo in its left ear and a validation tattoo in its right ear. Previous validation or ARBA tattoos in the right ear will suffice as a validation tattoo. All rabbit entries must include ear number, class, sex, and breed.

15.4 The breeding show will be a carrying cage show. Breeding rabbits will arrive the same day as judged. Exhibitors will furnish their own carrying cages.

15.5 Breeding rabbits will be pre-registered at Check-In on January 26, 2021, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Bring only breed, sex, I.D. number, age & show class. It is not necessary to bring the rabbit. Refer to class list for age category.

15.6 Classes are as follows:

Rabbit Classes	
Pre. Jr. Doe	Under 3 Months
Junior Doe	3 Months To Less than 6 Months
Doe	6 Months To Less than 8 Months
Senior Doe	8 Months and Older
Pre. Jr. Buck	Under 3 Months
Junior Buck 3-6 months	3 Months To Less than 6 Months
Buck 6-8 months	6 Months To Less than 8 Months
Senior Buck	Months and Older

15.7 Any animal showing symptoms of disease such as buck teeth, malocclusion, broken teeth, sniffles, ear canker, mites, mange vent disease, runny eyes, missing toenails or other disqualifying features will be excluded from the show. Refer to the “Standards of Perfection” section of the ARBA rules for further details on disqualifying diseases and features.

HOME SKILLS DIVISION

16. HOME SKILLS GENERAL RULES

16.1 Refer to the “General Rules” regarding all matters not listed under the specific division rules.

16.2 All entries must be submitted to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Hays County by **4:30 PM on the Third Wednesday of December.** In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit your recipes on the “Food Recipe Form,” available on the HCLE website and from your advisor. Baked foods and preserved foods must be submitted on the proper “Food Recipe Form.” Please keep a copy of your “Food Recipe Form(s)”.

16.3 Contestants in the Home Skills Division will NOT be excused from school because their participation does not require time away from school.

16.4 Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tue	Jan 26	5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Check-In All Entries
We d	Jan 27	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Judging of Entries
		4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Public Viewing of Entries
		5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Food room closed to prepare for tasting
		5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Tasting of baked food entries - \$10.00 Fee
		6:30 p.m.	Presentation of Home Skills Awards
Thu	Jan 28	12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Public Viewing of Entries (Removal not permitted)
		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Check Out All Entries

Hays County Livestock Expo, Inc. (HCLE) or its designated workers, leaders, or supervisors are not responsible for items entered in the show. Every effort will be made to protect items from damage or theft but valuable items should not be entered or should be insured.

16.5 Participants are divided into 4 grade groups Grade are as of time of the show

Class	Grade
Clover Kids	Kinder-2 nd Grade
Junior	3 rd Grade – 5 th Grade
Intermediate	6 th Grade – 8 th Grade
Senior	9 th Grade-12 th Grade

16.7 All items must have been made by the participant since the previous year's show. When making Home Skills projects, participants may only utilize minimal assistance from others

16.8 An entry fee of \$10.00 per item will be charged.

16.9 Each participant may enter up to 2 entries per class. Participants may not change entry classes once entries are submitted.

16.10 Entries will be checked in between 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm on Tuesday of the show. No items will be accepted for check in after 7:30pm on the Tuesday of the show, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Each food item must have a "Baked Food Recipe Form" or "Preserved Food Recipe Form" attached. All other items must have an "Arts, Crafts, and Clothing, Photography, or Horticulture Form" attached. A Horticulture form will need to be completed and turned in as well. Forms are available from the HCLE website and your advisor. Names of participants will be covered during judging. No additional information may be attached to any entry. Home Skills Superintendent will have final decision on division and class placement for each entry.

16.11 The decisions of the judges are final. Questions concerning entries during judging will be resolved at the judge's discretion. Following judging, all items must remain in the HomeSkills area until check out on Thursday afternoon.

16.12 Awards

Ribbon Color	Criteria
Blue	High Quality, Meets All Standards
Red	Lower Quality than Blue, Meets Most Standards
White	Lower Quality than Red, Meets Some Standards

16.13 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards will be given to the top entries in each category (a. Foods, b. Arts, Crafts, & Clothing, c. Photography and d. Horticulture). The same exhibitor **MAY NOT** win both Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in the **SAME** category. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will sell in the auction.

16.14A sweepstakes award will be given to 4 contestants (one in each age group) who accumulate the largest number of points within his/her age group.

Ribbon Color	Points
Blue	8
Red	4
White	2

If the score in the sweepstakes contest is tied, the participant with the most blue ribbons will be declared the winner. If two participants are tied in points and have the same number of blue ribbons, the award will go to the participant with the most entries.

16.15 Check out of projects will be Thursday afternoon from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Premium money will be distributed to participants based on points (see Rule 16.14). Premium money will not be given to Grand or Reserve Grand Champion since these projects are eligible for the auction. Premium money and award/items not collected during check out Thursday will become the property of the HCLE Board.

17. A. BAKED FOODS

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit your recipes on the “Baked Foods Recipe Form” available on the HCLE website or from your advisor. Please keep a copy of your “Baked Foods Recipe Form(s).”

17.1 All food entries must be prepared from scratch. Pudding mix is the only type of mix allowed in the preparation. Cake mixes are not allowed for any portion of the product.

17.2 Commercial bread making machines or any other appliance which prepares a product without using standard preparation procedures are not allowed.

17.3 All pie crusts must be made from scratch and must include the recipe for the pie crust itself.

17.4 If a recipe calls for a biscuit mix, such as “Bisquick”, the contestant must make a homemade version.

17.5 Participants must submit a whole or complete recipe, including ingredients, measurements, and instructions, for each of their food entries, and then prepare and bring those whole or complete recipes at check-in.

17.6 Only edible garnishes are allowed.

17.7 After Check-In, all food items and their recipes become the property of the HCLE Board.

17.8 A “Baked Food Recipe Form” must be attached securely on the top of the plastic container, taped on one edge for viewing, but not obstructing the view of the product.

17.9 To ensure food safety, since refrigeration is not available, no uncooked foods are allowed. Examples include, but are not limited to, milk (up to 2 tablespoons allowed), half and half, cream, cream cheese, yogurt, whipping cream, egg or egg substitute. Food requiring refrigeration after baking are not accepted. Examples include, but are not limited to, cheesecakes, lemon bars, cream pies and fillings, pumpkin pies, custards, whipped toppings, cream cheese icings and fillings, meringue, or cakes with a high moisture content. If further clarification is needed concerning this rule, please contact the Home Skills superintendent. The Home Skills Committee will review recipes, and will contact participants if any of their recipes are unacceptable. Participants will then have until fourth Monday in December to submit a new recipe (must be within same class) to the Home Skills Superintendent for approval. No new recipes or substitutions will be accepted after the fourth Monday in December.

17.10 Food items will be exhibited in clear plastic containers like the ones from a bakery), and a sample from each entry (one cookie, roll, piece of cake, etc.) must be removed from the item and wrapped separately in a quart zipper bag. The sample should then be placed on a small disposable plate and sat on top of the container so that the judges can taste without having to disturb the container.

17.11 Judging criteria:

Criteria
Complexity of Ingredients
Taste
Appearance, Creativity, and Eye Appeal

17.12 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion items that will be auctioned will remain on display. That item will be auctioned; in addition, a fresh item will be prepared and delivered by the winner to the buyer within one week of the auction.

17.13 Baked food tasting for the public will be allowed on Wednesday of the show between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. A \$10.00 fee will be charged for each person wishing to participate. The fee will permit tasting of all baked foods except the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions.

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17.15 Food classes:

Baked Food Classes	
Class 1	Cakes
Class 2	Cookies
Class 3	Bars / Brownies
Class 4	Pies / Cobblers
Class 5	Candy
Class 6	Quick Breads
Class 7	Yeast Breads
Class 8	Sugar Free

17.16 B. PRESERVED FOODS

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit your recipes on the “Baked Foods Recipe Form” available on the HCLE website or from your advisor. Please keep a copy of your “Baked Foods Recipe Form(s).”

17.17 For information regarding appropriate jars, lids, preserving processes, head space, product appearance, etc., please refer to the “USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning,” Bulletin NO. 539, reprint [2009, available at http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html](http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html).

17.18 Judging of all preserved foods is based on visual judging only. Judging criteria:

Criteria
Appearance (color, texture, size, etc.)
Appropriate container, processing, headspace, etc.

17.19 Preserved Food Classes

Class 9	Fruits/Vegetables
Class 10	Pickles/Relishes/Sauces
Class 11	Jellies/Jams/Preserves

18. ARTS, CRAFTS, & CLOTHING CATEGORY

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit a description of your project on the “Arts, Crafts, & Clothing, Photography or Horticulture Form” available on the HCLE website or from your advisor.

18.1 Kits are not allowed. Kits are defined as packages of pre-cut or pre-finished materials that have all the supplies to finish a project in the package. METAL PROJECTS SHALL BE NO MORE THAN 2ftX2ftX2ft.

18.2 All clothing must be on hangers. All items must be clean, pressed, and undamaged to be accepted. Items should be covered with clear plastic bags.

18.3 Welded projects shall be no bigger than 2ft x 2ft x 2ft.

18.4 Judging criteria:

Criteria
Construction - Quality of Work
Appearance
Degree of Difficulty
Design - Originality

18.5 Arts, Crafts, & Clothing classes:

Arts, Crafts, & Clothing Classes	
Class 12	Art – Oil, Pencil, Ink, Water Color, Pastels, Acrylic
Class 13	Home Accessories or Decorations
Class 14	Leather
Class 15	Needlework – Crochet, Knit, Embroidery, Cross Stitch
Class 16	Ceramics
Class 17	Quilts
Class 18	Clothing
Class 19	Jewelry
Class 20	Recycled Items
Class 21	Miscellaneous

19. PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORY

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit a description of your project on the "Photography Form" available on the HCLE website or from your advisor

19.1 All photographs must be 8x10 or 8x12 in dimension. Permanently flush mounted on thin foam board the same size as the photo (8x10 or 8x12) without any additional frame or mat. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or poster board is not acceptable. No other sizes will be accepted. Photographs must not be framed. All photographs must have been taken by the contestant since the previous year's show. In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit a description of your project on the "Arts, Crafts, & Clothing, Photography or Horticulture Form" available on the HCLE website or from your advisor at check in.

NOTE: Velcro tabs may be attached to the back of each photo for display during the youth show.

19.2 Judging criteria:

Criteria
Technical (Focus, Exposure, Lighting, Quality)
Subject (Creativity, Composition, Impact, Uniqueness)

19.3 Photography classes:

Photography Classes	
Class 22	Photo -Animals
Class 23	Photo- People
Class 24	Photo -Landscapes
Class 25	Photo -Miscellaneous

20. Horticulture Category

In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit a description of your project on the "Horticulture Form" available on the HCLE website or from your advisor

20.1 While exhibitors are not required to take Horticulture or Floral Design Classes, projects exhibited must have been constructed by the 4-H, FCCLA or FFA member during the year since the previous show. All projects must be made available to the ag teacher or 4-H leader at any time.

20.2 Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of two projects. The projects can be exhibited only one time at the Hays County Livestock Show.

20.3 Exhibitors may not assemble the projects in the check in room. All projects must be finished at the time of check-in. (paint, varnish, water shed, weatherproofed etc.) Only dead or dying live flowers may be replaced after check-in.

20.4 Entries may be Fresh Flower Arrangements, Dish Gardens/Terrarium, Potted Plant, or Silk Floral Arrangement. Exhibitors may not change the class of their project at check-in, even if that means the class is now incorrect. All projects in incorrect classes will be disqualified.

20.5 Entries must not exceed 2ft x2 ft.x2 ft. in size and must weigh no more than 30 lbs.

20.6 Plants must be free of insects and disease. Leaf polish or other commercial foliage enhancers are not permitted.

20.7 Plants must be watered prior to entry and maintained during the show.

20.8 There will **NOT** be any electric outlets available for exhibitors to connect to. Battery power will be expectable.

20.9 Accessories and decorative containers may be used; however, emphasis should be on the creative use of floral and plant material to create a design rather than that of accessories.

The HCLE will not be held responsible for lost, damaged or dead items. Small items, accessories, etc. should be securely fastened to their container. Items of great sentimental value should not be used. Any entry that does not comply with all competition rules will be disqualified.

20.10 Judging Criteria: Judging may include but is not limited to: Use of elements of design (line, color, texture, form/shape, spacing & pattern). Use of principles of design (balance, proportion, focal, rhythm, contrast, harmony & unity). Quality of materials used

including health and condition of plants/flowers, quality of materials used (“materials”= includes silk flowers, containers and mechanics). Quality and method of construction used.

20.11 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion entries in each age group will be eligible for the auction. The same exhibitor may not win both Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Horticulture,

Horticulture Classes:

Horticulture Classes	
Class 26	Fresh Flower Arrangements
Class 27	Dish Gardens/Terrariums
Class 28	Potted Plants
Class 29	Silk Floral Arrangements

20.12 In addition to entry forms and fees, you must also submit a description of your project on the “Arts, Crafts, & Clothing, Photography, or Horticulture Form” at check in available on the HCLE website or from your advisor.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS DIVISION

21 AG. MECHANICS

21.2 Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tues	Jan 26	5 pm – 7:30 pm	Check In All Projects At DSPR
Fri	Jan 29	9:00 a.m.	Judging of Projects
Sat	Jan 30	After Auction	Check-Out - Removal Of All Projects

21.3 An entry fee of \$20.00 will be charged for each project.

21.4 Projects must have been constructed by FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H members either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in vocational agriculture or as a part of their supervised work experience program.

21.5 A project can be exhibited only one time at the Hays Livestock Show and must have been constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.

21.6 All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used.

21.7 A working plan, drawing, and photographs showing construction and a bill of materials is required with each project.

21.8 Projects may have been individually or group constructed and may be individually or chapter owned.

21.9 All projects must be complete and finished by 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, or be disqualified.

21.10 Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects, however, neither the HCLE Board of Directors nor the officials of this Division will be responsible for any losses or damage to projects.

21.11 Classes and examples for each class are shown below: Please contact Superintendent for guidance of division classifications

Division I: Livestock and Shop Equipment

Class 1: Shop Equipment
Shop Equipment
Gates
Class 2: Livestock/Truck
Head Gates/Squeeze Chutes
Truck Accessories
Class 3: Wildlife
Wildlife and Exotic Game
Feeders

Division II: Trailers

Class 1: Trailers
Trailers
Trailer Mounted Barbecue Pit

Division III: Home & Yard Conveniences

Class 1: Wood/Metal Working (Smaller than 2x2x2)
Wood Working Project (Furniture)
Metal Working Project (Furniture)
Class 2: Wood/Metal Working (Larger than 2x2x2)
Wood Working Project (Furniture)
Metal Working Project (Furniture)
Class 3: Other
Barbecue Grills
Other (Including Electrical Projects)

Division IV: Restoration

Class 1: Tractor Restoration
Tractors
Class 2: Farm Implement Restoration
Farm Implements

21.12 Blue, Red, and White ribbons will be awarded for each class according to the awards criteria. Projects will be judged based on IDEAL or SUPERIOR quality.

Criteria	Points
Workmanship	30
Degree of Difficulty	20
Presentation & Knowledge of Project	20
Quality of Finish	20
Documentation & Research	10

Ribbon Color	Points Needed
Blue	90 – 100 Points
Red	80 – 89 Points
White	70 – 79 Points

21.13 Projects are shown in three age groups:

Class	Age
Clover Kids	Kinder – 2 nd Grade
Junior	3 rd – 8 th Grade
Senior	9 th - 12 th Grade

Each age group will have a champion and reserve champion, provided there is at least one entry from these age groups.

21.13 Each division will have a division champion that must meet Blue Ribbon Quality. The division champion from each age group will receive a belt buckle. Team projects are only eligible for one belt buckle.

21.14 Clover Kids, Junior and Senior division champions will compete against one another for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.

21.15 All blue quality division champions will be sold in the auction. Ownership of the projects will be retained by the exhibitor.

21.16 Exhibitors may offer their project for sale by placing a “For Sale” sign and a price on the project. It may be necessary to move the project to designated area during auction, at the discretion of the superintendent or the HCLE Board.

21.17 Kits are not allowed. Kits are defined as packages of pre-cut or pre-finished materials that have all the supplies to finish a project in the package.

21.18 Exhibitors should be prepared for an interview by the judge. They may be asked questions concerning, but not limited to, project construction, design, use, operation, etc. Exhibitors may be asked to demonstrate all or part of the project operation.

21.19 Superintendent has final decision on division and class placements.

AUCTION

22. SALE RULES

22.1 This will be a ribbon sale with ownership of the animals and projects retained by the exhibitor except for food items which will be claimed by the buyer.

22.2 An exhibitor may sell one unit per division, with a maximum of two units across different divisions, in the auction. The only exception to this is if he or she has a Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in more than two divisions. As an example: to sell more than two items, the exhibitor must have more than two Grand or Reserve Champions in different divisions. Grand and Reserve Champions in breeding classes will be eligible to sell.

22.3 A “Unit” will be defined as follows:

Units
One Steer
One Lamb
One Swine
One Broiler Pen
One Meat Rabbit Pen
One Turkey
One Market Goat
One Breeding Animal
One Food Item
One Photograph
One Arts & Crafts or Clothing Item
One Horticulture
One Ag Mechanic Project

22.4 Each exhibitor must appear in the auction ring with his or her own animal for the sale unless otherwise authorized by the HCLE Board of Directors.

22.5 All auctioned items will be assessed a 10% commission charge.

22.6 No floor price will be available for those animals not making it into the auction.

- 22.7** Each exhibitor will be responsible for the removal and return home of their own animals after the show. A \$25.00 handling fee will be assessed to exhibitors who do not remove their animals. All animals will be removed one hour after the *sale*.
- 22.8** The HCLE Board of Directors will determine the number of projects to be sold and the order of the sale prior to the auction.
- 22.9** Pictures and buyer's lists will be sent to the 4-H Club Managers, FFA, and FCCLA Advisors as soon possible after the show.
- 22.10** A copy of the buyers "Thank-You Letter" must delivered to the 4-H Club Managers, FFA, and FCCLA Advisors before checks are distributed.
- 22.11** All "add-on's" must be submitted to the treasurer within one week after the current year's auction.
- 22.12** The HCLE Board of Directors will assess 1.5% interest per month to all outstanding invoice balances that are not paid within 90 days after the current year's auction.
- 22.13** Any exhibitor going through the auction must send each buyer a "Thank you" letter.

