

Hays County Livestock Show

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RULE CHANGES FOR 2024-2025

2025 HAYS COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	Jan 11	8:45am	Presentation of Queen's Court, Ambassador's & Scholarships
		9:00am	Horse Show
Sat	Jan 18	7:00pm	Buyer's Gala Horse Show Awards
Sun	Jan 19	5:00pm- 7:00pm	Ag Mechanics Projects Check In
		5:00pm- 7:00pm	Homeskills Projects Check In
Mon	Jan 20	8:00am	Barn Open
		8:00am (must be in line by 9:00am)	Check in Market Rabbits Followed by Market Rabbit Show, Breeding Rabbits immediately after Market
		9:00am	Judging of Ag Mechanics
		9:00am- 4:00pm	Judging of Home Skills
		4:00pm	Presentation of Home Skills Awards
		4:00pm- 6:30pm	Home Skills Open for Public Viewing
		5:00pm- 7:00pm	Goat and Lamb Check In
Tues	Jan 21	9:00am	Breeding Goat Show Followed by Market Goat Show
		11:00am- 5:30pm	Home Skills Open for Public Viewing and Check-Out
		3:00pm	Breeding Sheep Show Followed by Market Sheep Show
		5:00pm- 7:00pm	Swine Check In

Wed	Jan 22	9:00am	Breeding Swine Show Followed by Market Swine Show
		5:00pm- 7:00pm	Cattle Check In
Thurs	Jan 23	8:00am- 9:00am	Poultry Check in

		10:00am	Poultry Show
		3:00pm	Breeding Cattle Show Followed by Market Steer Show
Fri	Jan 24	10:00am	Setup auction ring. All help is appreciated
		by 6:00pm	All livestock and Ag Mechanics projects not going through the auction must be removed
Sat	Jan 25	10:00am	Awards
		10:30am	Auction Starts
Sun	Jan 26	9:00am	Show Breakdown/Clean-up

1.14 ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be submitted online and paid in full by 11:59pm on the third Wednesday of December. There will be NO REFUNDS ON ENTRY FEES. Late entries for ALL PROJECTS will be accepted up to check- in on:

- January 19, 2024 for Ag Mechanics and Homeskills
- January 20, 2024 for rabbits, goats and sheep
- January 21,2024 for swine
- January 22, 2024 for cattle
- January 23, 2024 for poultry

with an additional late fee of \$300.00 per project/per species as long as the exhibitor has met the general eligibility.

1.25 AG MECHANICS SHOWMANSHIP: A showmanship award will be presented to one (1) Clover kid, one (1) Junior, one (1) Intermediate, and one (1) Senior exhibitor. Age divisions are shown below and are as of the day of the show.

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

1.27 **GROOMING, FITTING & FEEDING:** Only Hays

County Agriculture Teachers, Hays County Agents, and immediate family (mother, father, legal guardian, brother, sister and grandparents) may assist exhibitors with grooming, fitting & feeding on the show grounds during the Hays County Youth Show.

- Only the exhibitors, the official judge and his certified assistant and the show attendants

tabulating the judging results, will be allowed in the judging ring.

- The only exception to this rule is for Broiler and Turkey Show where an adult or exhibitor may assist in the ring.
- A special needs exhibitor may be assisted by an exhibitor in that specific division.
- Groups in breeding animals (cow/calf, nannie/kid, ewe/lamb) may be assisted by an exhibitor in that specific division.

In the event of a safety concern arising, the decision and course of action will be determined by the executive committee.

1.28 **EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTION:** Entries in the Hays County Youth Livestock Show must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions must follow the guidelines stated below:

- **An Exhibitor substitution form must be requested, completed and submitted at least one (1) hour prior to the start of that species show. The completed substitution form must be submitted to the division superintendent.**

2 Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the following conditions. In all cases, the Department Superintendent must approve the exhibitor substitution and will do so only if all conditions are met:

2.27 **UIL or Standardized Testing:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent/guardian or leader at the Show. This request must be made on the Official Hays County Youth Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a letter signed by a School Administrator, on school letterhead stating the specific reason a substitute is requested. The completed Official Hays County Youth Livestock Show Exhibitor

Substitution Form and the notarized statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent one (1) hour prior to the start of the respective show.

2.28 **Sickness:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent/guardian, or leader at the Show. This request must be made on the Official Hays County Youth Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a Physician, on his/her letterhead. The completed Official Hays County Youth

Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form and the Physician's statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent one (1) hour prior to the start of the respective Show.

2.29 **More Than One Entry In A Class or the Exhibitor Has Entries In More Than One**

Department Show At The Same Time: This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent/guardian, or leader at the Show as soon as the problem arises, but in any case no later than the start of the respective show. This request must be made on the Official Hays County Youth Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. The completed Official Hays County Youth Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form must be returned to the Department Superintendent one (1) hour prior to the start of the respective show.

3 In any of the three (3) situations listed above, or in the case of an emergency, the Department Superintendent may use his/her own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered, the substitute must be from the same school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor with the following two

(2) exceptions:

- a. Original exhibitor is the only exhibitor from that school, Chapter/Club entered in that Department.
- b. All other members from that school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club are exhibiting at the same time.

4 In either case, any Exhibitor (meeting all requirements of the Hays County Youth Livestock Show exhibitor in the Department entered) meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent may exhibit the animal.

- 5 Any Exhibitor with an approved Exhibitor substitution for the reason of UIL or Standardized Testing or Sickness will be ineligible to participate in Showmanship in that respective show.

1.32 ETHICAL ANIMAL FITTING: Entry of unethically fitted animals is prohibited and grounds for immediate dismissal. 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 the 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.
- l) Unethically fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animals body or using controlled substances, drugs- including but not limited to over the counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal, **with the exception of magnetic pulse energy therapy.**

1.42 VENDORS: Those who wish to charge for services on the show grounds must remit a vendor fee to the Hays County Youth Livestock Show board.

HORSE RULES

4.6 Only one contestant per horse will be allowed. Sharing of horses with siblings will not be allowed. The only exhibitor substitution that will be allowed is in halter.

A warm-up will be allowed after Halter Classes
A warm-up will be allowed after Judged Performance Classes

4.18(a.) .All Around Awards, Patronage and Jackpot Awards will be distributed in presentations at the Buyer's Gala.

MARKET ANIMAL DIVISION RULES

CATTLE:

5.19 The use of equine pellets is only allowed for cattle.

11.2 Eligible heifers may be purebred, crossbred, or miniature. 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

BREEDING RABBITS:

15.5 Breeding rabbits check in will be on January 20, 2025, by 12:00 noon. The exhibitor will complete and turn in a completed show card to the superintendent by that time to be entered. This card must match the validation card for this rabbit previously submitted at validation. The rabbit will then be called up for exhibition once the breeding rabbit show begins.

HOME SKILLS DIVISION

16.2 All entries must be submitted online and paid in full by 11:59pm on the third Wednesday of December. There will be NO REFUNDS ON ENTRY FEES. Late entries for all projects will be accepted up to check-in on January 19, 2025 with an additional late fee of \$300.00 per project as long as the exhibitor has met the general eligibility. 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)”.

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun	Jan 19	5-7:00pm	Check-In all entries
Mon	Jan 20	9am-4pm	Judging of Entries
		4pm	Presentation of Home Skill Awards
		4:30-6:30pm	Public Viewing of entries
Tues	Jan 21	11am-5:00pm	Public viewing of Entries and Check-Out entries

16.9 Entries will be checked in between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm on the Sunday of the show. **No items will be accepted for check in after 7:00 PM on the Sunday 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. 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. The Home Skills Superintendent will have final decisions on division and class placement for each entry.

16.10 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 Home Skill area until check out on Tuesday afternoon. The Hays County Livestock Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify or alter results in cases where suspicion of dishonesty may arise.

16.14 Check-out of all projects will be Tuesday from 11am-5:30pm. Premium money will be distributed to Participants based on points (See Rule 16.13) Premium money will not be given to Grand and Reserve Champion since these projects are eligible for the auction.

17.10 Food items will be exhibited in clear plastic containers (like ones from a bakery), and a sample from each entry (one cookie, roll, piece of cake, etc.) must be removed from the item and sealed separately in a zipper bag or cling wrap. 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

18.7 There will **NOT** be any electrical outlets available for exhibitors to connect to. Battery power will be acceptable.

19.3 Photography classes:

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

Each participant may enter a maximum of 2 entries per class. Photos do not have to be determined until time of check in. Any entry that is entered in the wrong class will be disqualified. (Example: a photo of a pig could not be entered in Class 23 People)

21.0 AG. MECHANICS

21.1 Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun	Jan 19	5-7:00pm	Check-in all projects
Mon	Jan 20	9:00am	Judging of projects
Fri	Jan 24	by 6:00pm	All projects not going through the auction must be removed
Sun	Jan 26	9:00am-12:00pm	Check-out removal of all remaining projects

21.8 All projects must be complete and finished by 7:00 pm on Sunday, January 19, 2025, or be disqualified.

Division 8- Tractor and Farm Equipment Restoration	
Class 800	Tractor Restoration
Class 801	Farm Implement Restoration
Class 802	Trailer Restoration

Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion

21.11 Class 802: Trailers must be rebuilt to original manufacturer's purpose. Trailers must pass DOT registration requirements prior to entry. Only trailers with a 3500 LB GVWR may be entered.

Group V
Division 8-Tractor, Farm Equipment and Trailer Restoration

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. Only the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Breed Champion, and Reserve Breed Champion projects are allowed to be present at the auction.

22.5 Only the exhibitor, buyer(s) and a member of the Queen's Court will be allowed in the buyer's photo.

22.9 Buyer appreciation gift/gift baskets are allowed, but not required.

22.10 Exhibitors are not allowed to solicit buyers at the sale.

22.11 All exhibitors will be assigned a sale lot number.

22.12 Only the exhibitor will be allowed to enter the auction ring. Should the exhibitor need assistance, there will be a member of the Queen's Court/Ambassadors available.

22.14 Any exhibitor going through the auction must send each buyer a "Thank you" letter. Pictures and buyer's lists will be sent to the 4-H Club Managers, FFA, and FCCLA Advisors as soon as possible after the show. Buyers "Thank you" letters must be addressed, stamped, and delivered to the 4-H Club Managers, FFA, and FCCLA Advisors before checks are distributed. One photo must be sent to your main buyer. Additional photos may be purchased from the photographer.

22.15 All "add-on's" must be submitted to the treasurer within two (2) weeks after the current year's auction.