

**89TH ANNUAL
JIM WELLS COUNTY FAIR**



**PROMOTING HOMEMAKING,
AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK
PRODUCTION**

**ALICE, TEXAS
OCTOBER 21-24, 2026**

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JIM WELLS COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

8:30 A.M. Horses Check-In.....Rodeo Arena
9 A.M. Junior Horse Show.....Rodeo Arena
9 A.M. Commercial Heifer Show Pen of 2 – Exhibitor Interviews and Project EvaluationGulf Coast Livestock Auction Barn

MONDAY OCTOBER 19

10 A.M. Outside Merchant Exhibits Set-up.....JWC Fairgrounds
3 P.M. - 7 P.M. Homemaking Entries Check-in.....Women’s Building

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20- No Animals Will Be Unloaded on Fairgrounds Before 12 Noon

8:30 A.M. Homemaking Division Judging.....Women’s Building
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Inside Merchant Exhibits Set-up.....Merchant’s Building
10 A.M. – Commercial Heifer Sale Pen of 2 – Special Replacement Heifer SaleGulf Coast Livestock Auction Barn
2:30 P.M. - 6 P.M. Vocational Shop Projects Check-in.....Merchant’s Building
5 P.M. - 7 P.M. Pick-up Homemaking Entries.....Women’s Building
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Weigh and Sift Rabbits.....West Arena
6 P.M. All Swine Must Be in Place.....Swine Barn
6 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Weigh and Sift Lambs.....Show Arena
5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Weigh and Sift Poultry..... West Arena
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Classify Weigh and Sift Steers.....Cattle Barn
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Calf Scramble Heifers Check-in.....Cattle Barn
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Junior Commercial Heifers Check-in.....Cattle Barn
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Junior Breeders Beef Heifers Check-in.....Cattle Barn
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Weigh and Sift Swine..... Swine Barn
7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Weigh and Sift Goats.....Show Arena
10 P.M. Night Watchman on Duty.....JWC Fairgrounds

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21 - Official Opening Day

8 A.M. Market Lamb Show.....Show Arena
Market Goat Show 30 Minute after Market Lamb Show.....Show Arena
Breeding Meat Goat Show immediately following Market Goat Show Show Arena
Market Goat Showmanship Contest immediately following Breeding Meat Goat Show..... Show Arena
8:00 A.M. Market Poultry Show West Arena
8:30 A.M. Vocational Shop Projects Judging..... Merchant’s Building
10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. Open to the Public for Viewing (Homemaking)Women’s Building
10:30 A.M. Presentation of Vocational Shop Projects Ribbons.....Merchant’s Building
11 A.M. - 11 P.M. Open to Public for Viewing and Sales.....Merchant’s Building
4:00 P.M. Market Swine Show Followed by Market Swine Showmanship ContestShow Arena
4:30 P.M. Jim Wells County ParadeDowntown Alice
6 P.M. Presentation of Photogenic Contest Winners..... Pavilion
8 P.M. Queen’s Pageant.....Pavilion

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22

8 A.M. Market Rabbit Show.....West Show Arena
Breeding Rabbit Show Immediately Following Market Rabbit Show.....West Show Arena
10 A.M - 7 P.M. Open to Public for Viewing.....Women’s Building
10 A.M Breeding Gilt Show Show Arena
11 A.M. - 11 P.M. Open to Public for Viewing and Sales.....Merchant’s Building
3 P.M. Dairy Milk Goat Show or 30 minutes Following the Breeding Gilt Show Show Arena
6:00 P.M. Talent Contest.....Pavillion

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

8 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. Rising Star Goat Show Check-In West Show Arena
Rising Star Goat Show will start after classes have been broken and posted West Show Arena
8:30 A.M. Market Steer Show..... Show Arena
10 A.M - 7 P.M. Open to Public for Viewing.....Women’s Building
11 A.M. - 11 P.M. Open to Public for Viewing and Sales.....Merchant’s Building
11 A.M. Scramble Heifer Show.....Show Arena
11:30 A.M. Junior Commercial Heifer Show.....Show Arena

12:00 P.M. Junior Breeders Beef Heifer Show.....Show Arena
1:00 P.M. Sweepstakes Heifer Show.....Show Arena
5 P.M. Overall Showmanship ContestShow Arena
 Calf Scramble Immediately Following Overall Showmanship Contest.....Rodeo Arena
7:30 P.M. Ranch Rodeo.....Rodeo Arena

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

9 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. Peewee Goat Show Check-in.....West Show Arena
 Showmanship will follow weigh-in. Peewee Goat Show will start after classes have been broken and posted.
West Show Arena
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Open to Public for Viewing.....Women's Building
11 A.M. - 11 P.M. Open to Public for Viewing and Sales.....Merchant's Building
11 A.M. Presentation of Awards.....Pavilion
2 P.M. Junior Livestock Auction SaleShow Arena
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Pick-up Homemaking Items.....Women's Building
7:00 P.M. Bull RidingRodeo Arena

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

6 A.M. All Livestock Entries and Vocational Shop Projects are officially released and must be removed by 12 noon or they become the property of the Jim Wells County Fair Association.
11 A.M. All Outside and Inside Merchants must be off premises.

**2026 JIM WELLS COUNTY FAIR
CHAIRMEN, SUPERINTENDENTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

ADVISORY: Jim Wells County Commissioners' Court, Jim Wells County Sheriff's Department

ANNUAL MEETING: Annual Meeting Committee (Raffle, Food, Music, Decorating)

AWARDS & CATALOG: Annabel Chapa (CHM.) – Paula Gebert, Vilma Moore, Joyce Trevino

GENERAL OVERALL SUPERINTENDENTS: Patrick Thomas, Pamela Olivarez

GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Lloyd Green (CHM.) – Patrick Thomas, Annabel Chapa, Nathan Green, Kyle Ann Jamerson, Kim Streadl, Joe Trevino, Joyce Trevino

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Patrick Thomas (CHM) Wil Baucom, Nathan Green, Rogelio Mercado, Robert Montalvo(CO-CHM), Isaac Salinas, Katheryne Pressley, Kim Streadl, Joe Trevino

MEMBERSHIP: Wil Baucom (CHM.) - Annabel Chapa, Vilma Moore

PUBLICITY: Mark Alaniz (CHM.) Jennifer Flowers, Nathan Green, Pamela Olivarez, Lilly Rodriguez, Isaac Salinas

SWEEPSTAKES HEIFER DONATIONS: Mark Alaniz (CHM) – Erika Hesseltine, Annie Recio, Lilly Rodriguez,

GATE ADMISSION: St. Joseph Church (CHM.) – Patrick Thomas ,Wil Baucom, Annabel Chapa, Kyle Ann Jamerson, Jody Raska, Joyce Trevino

PARADE: Annabel Chapa (CHM.) Vilma Moore, Annie Recio

ENTERTAINMENT: Mark Alaniz (CHM) – Jennifer Flowers, Nathan Green, Kyle Ann Jamerson, Pamela Olivarez (CO-CHM), Annie Recio, Lilly Rodriguez, Isaac Salinas, Kim Streadl

MERCHANT'S SPACE: Joyce Trevino(CHM) and Lilly Rodriguez (CO-CHM.) – Charlene Baucom, Nathan Green, Bianca Montalvo, Liza Ramirez, Makayla Rodriguez, Patrick Thomas, Joe Trevino, Iliana Trevino-Colmenero, Ty Wursthorn

QUEEN'S PAGEANT: Jennifer Norton (CHM) – Lupita Asevedo, Ebony Garcia, Vanessa Nunez, Alma Olvera, Larissa Ruiz, Martha Valdez

PHOTOGENIC CONTEST: Pamela Olivarez (CHM.) – Franchesca Adams, Jennifer Salinas

TALENT CONTEST: Jennifer Norton (CHM) _____

SHOP PROJECTS: Patrick Thomas (CHM.) – Lino Requenez

SPECIAL EVENTS: Ranch Rodeo: Abraham Aguilar & Santiago Recio (CO-CHM.) – Higinio Garcia, Sebastian Palacios, Anna Recio, Christina Recio; Bull Riding: Jerrell Shumake (CHM) Pee Wee Goat Show: David McFatter (CHM.) – David Gebert, Paula Gebert, Laura McFatter, Emily McFatter, Trey McFatter, Amanda Cole; Rising Star Goat Show: Paula Gebert (CHM.) – Amanda Cole, David Gebert, David McFatter, Laura McFatter, Emily McFatter, Trey McFatter

CALF SCRAMBLE: Joe Trevino (CHM.) – Mike Barrera, Paula Gebert, David McFatter, Anne Recio, Iliana Trevino-Colmenero, Joyce Trevino

CAR PARKING: Patrick Thomas & St. Joseph Church (CO-CHM.)- Nathan Green

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: Lilly Rodriguez, Pamela Olivarez, Patrick Thomas, Joyce Trevino, Jane Tymrak, Wil Baucom

RV HOOKUPS: Justin & Katheryne Pressley (Co-CHM.) - Jody Raska, Kevin Raska, Nicole Raska

JUNIOR AUCTION SALE: Patrick Thomas (CHM.) – Mike Barrera, Wil Baucom, Randall Eulenfeld, Marcos Garcia, Judy Hackfeld, David McFatter, Rogelio Mercado, Eloy Perez, Annie Recio, Joe Trevino, Iliana Trevino-Colmenero

SALES OFFICE STAFF: Patrick Thomas (CHM.) – Wil Baucom, Charlene Baucom, Kyle Ann Jamerson, Connie Pena, Jody Raska, Lilly Rodriguez, Kim Streadl, Joyce Trevino

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Erika Hesseltine (CHM.) – Wil Baucom, Mike Barrera, Katheryne Pressley, Anna Recio, Kim Streadl, Joyce Trevino

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY: David Gebert (Supt) – Wil Baucom

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Patrick Thomas (CHM.) – Wil Baucom, Lloyd Green, Nathan Green, Rogelio Mercado, Robert Montalvo, Justin Pressley, Katheryne Pressley, Jody Raska, Kim Streadl,

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE: _____ (SUPT.) - Mark Alaniz, Wil Baucom, Jody Raska, Lilly Rodriguez, Jerrell Shumake, Joyce Trevino

WEBSITE: www.jimwellscountyfair.com

LIVESTOCK DIVISIONS

MARKET STEERS – Erika Hesseltine (SUPT.) – Mark Alaniz, John Barton, Michael Dobson, Jennifer Flowers, Lloyd Green, Elise Hesseltine, Scooter Hesseltine, Don Jamerson, Kyle Ann Jamerson, Robert Montalvo, Eloy Perez, Isaac Salinas, Kim Streadl, Joe Trevino, Joyce Trevino, Brent Tymrak, Buddy Tymrak, Jane Tymrak, Jim Tymrak, Wayne Wursthorn

HEIFERS: Mark Alaniz (SUPT.) – John Barton, Pete Flores, Jennifer Flowers, Erika Hesseltine, Scooter Hesseltine, Raymundo Hinojosa, Don Jamerson, Kyle Ann Jamerson, Quentin Lee, Eloy Perez, Cris Rodriguez, Roberto Rodriguez, Kim Streadl, Iliana Trevino, Wayne Wursthorn,

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS PEN OF 2 – Jerrell Shumake (SUPT.) – Mark Alaniz, Cody Dugat, Patricia Brown (SEC), Jon Hermann, Rogelio Mercado, Justin Pressley, Darrell Spitzer, Kim Streadl, Buddy Tymrak

MARKET LAMBS - David McFatter (SUPT.) – Franchesca Adams, Wil Baucom, Patricia Brown, Jerry Contreras, Crystal McFatter, Emily McFatter, Laura McFatter, Trey McFatter, Bianca Montalvo, Robert Montalvo, Kelly Murdoch, Pamela Olivarez, Isaac Salinas

MARKET SWINE – Cody Dugat & Justin Pressley (CO-SUPTS) - Abraham Aguilar, Pepe Cantu, Beau Cherry, Amanda Cole, Randall Eulenfeld, Higinio Garcia, Mark Klatt, Davey Migura, Dean Nesloney, Sebastian Palacios, Santiago Recio, Roberto Rodriguez, Jerrell Shumake – Tracy Klatt, Katheryne Pressley, Jody Raska, Nicole Geary Raska, Bailey Rode, Debbie Williams (SECS.)

BREEDING GILTS: Santiago Recio & Pepe Cantu (CO-SUPTS.) - Abraham Aguilar, Annabel Chapa, Cody Dugat, Marcos Garcia, Sebastian Palacios, Lilly Rodriguez, Anna Recio (SEC)

MARKET GOATS: Trey McFatter and David Gebert (CO-SUPTS) – Trey Burgeson, Amalia Duncan, Tyson Duncan, Ben Ellis, Paula Gebert, Scott Gebert, Richard Griffin, Lloyd Green, Nathan Green, David McFatter, Emily McFatter, Pamela Olivarez, Jaedyn Pool, Isaac Salinas, Kim Streadl

BREEDING MEAT GOATS: Wil Baucom (SUPT.) – Ben Ellis, Richard Griffin, Pamela Olivarez, David McFatter, Trey McFatter

DIARY GOATS: Janie Tymrak (SUPT) - Jennifer Hale, Amy Ruiz, Delores Victor Misty Gawlik

MARKET POULTRY: Anna Baldeschwiler (SUPT.) Beth Baldeschwiler, Ronnie Baldeschwiler, Misty Gawlik, Nathan Green, Ty Wursthorn

MARKET & BREEDING RABBITS: Darrell Kennemer (SUPT) – Wil Baucom, Alicia Pearson Carlisle, Olivia Carlisle, Mitch Hippensteal, Austin, Kennemer, Brandy Kennemer, Cooper Kennemer, C J Pena, Connie Pena, Arnold Salinas, Patrick Thomas

HORSES: Kyle Ann Jamerson (SUPT) – Erika Hesseltine, Connie Longoria, Don Jamerson, Annie Recio, Rebecca Rush, Wayne Wursthorn

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST: Mark Alaniz, Anna Baldeschwiler, Kyle Ann Jamerson, Erika Hesseltine, Darrell Kennemer, David McFatter, Trey McFatter, Justin Pressley, Brent Tymrak, Janie Tymrak

HOMEMAKING DIVISION

COORDINATOR: Kandance Fox and Niki Kaiser (Co-Supts) – Nora Contreras, Jaslynn Estrada, Sylvia Gonzalez, Celia Kaiser, Pamela Olivarez, Zeld Saenz, Judy Tiller

**JIM WELLS COUNTY FAIR
VALIDATION DATES and ENTRY FEES**

PLEASE NOTE:

All Jim Wells County Fair animal projects must be owned, placed on feed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation dates.

All livestock entries and memberships are due to the fair office on the 2nd Wednesday of September 2026, by 5:00 p.m. The County Extension Agent or FFA Advisors must sign entry cards BEFORE they are turned into the fair office. All paper work must be completed before it is turned into the fair office.

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION – (STEWER RABBITS) Born after 4th Friday of February and before 4th Monday of April. Weigh a minimum of 2 pounds on validation date. Be in the exhibitor's possession by the 3rd Saturday of May. Minimum weight is 8 pounds; maximum weight is 11½ pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** 3rd Saturday of May, at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Any stewer rabbit may be double entered in the Breeding Show as long as they meet the required weights for breeding rabbits outlined in the American Rabbit Breeder Association "Standard of Perfection" book. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head. **(ROASTER RABBITS)** Born after 4th Monday of April. Be in the exhibitor's possession by 2nd Saturday of July. Minimum weight is 5½ pounds; maximum weight is 8 pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** 2nd Saturday of July at the fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION - Must own rabbit by the 2nd Saturday of July **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** The 2nd Saturday of July at the fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head. May be double entered in Breeding Rabbits, Roaster and Stewer Market Rabbit Division

MARKET POULTRY DIVISION – All market poultry must be ordered by order date. Minimum project consists of 5 turkeys per exhibitor, 15 chicks per exhibitor to show both broilers (PULLETS ONLY) and roasters. Turkey Order date 1st Wednesday of March **(TURKEYS, HENS AND TOMS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** The 2nd Wednesday of June, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent, **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head. Broiler (PULLETS)/Roaster Order by the 3rd Friday of May **(ROASTERS, MALES ONLY WITH A MINIMUM WEIGHT OF 5 POUNDS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** 1st Tuesday of September from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head. **(BROILERS (PULLETS), 1 PEN OF 3-PULLETS ONLY, WITH A TOTAL PEN WEIGHT NOT TO BE LESS THAN 12 POUNDS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** The 1st Tuesday of September from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per pen. **PLEASE NOTE:** Exhibitors cannot exceed a total of three (3) poultry entries. Some examples are: Exhibitor may show 3 turkeys, or 3 roasters, or 3 pens of 3 broilers (pullets), or 1 turkey, 1 roaster and 1 pen of 3 broilers (pullets), etc.

MARKET STEER DIVISION - Minimum weight 1000 pounds; maximum weight 1500 pounds. Steers must be shorn to not more than ¼ inch on any location of the body excluding the tail switch before arrival onto the fairgrounds; ¼ inch length will be checked at weigh-in. Steers not shorn will be disqualified from showing. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 2nd Saturday of June at the fairgrounds from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. **NOSE PRINTS WILL BE TAKEN. ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

MARKET LAMB DIVISION – Minimum weight 90 pounds except Southdown 80 pounds; maximum weight 155 pounds. Lambs must be slick/clean shorn from the hocks up prior to final weigh-in. **CLASSIFICATION and VALIDATION DATE:** The 4th Saturday of June at the fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

MARKET SWINE DIVISION - Minimum weight 230 pounds; maximum weight 290 pounds. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 3rd Saturday of June: Orange Grove Ag Farm 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Alice Ag Farm 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Ben Bolt Ag Farm 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Premont Ag Farm 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

BREEDING GILT DIVISION – Minimum weight 220 pounds; maximum weight 300 pounds. Breeding gilts will consist of 4 divisions: Duroc, Hampshire, OPB and Crosses. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 3rd Saturday of June: Orange Grove Ag Farm 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Alice Ag Farm 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Ben Bolt Ag Farm 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Premont Ag Farm 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

MARKET GOAT DIVISION – Market goats may be either wethers or does and must weigh between 60-115 pounds at weigh-in. **POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATES:** All goats must be in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 4th Saturday of June. Goats must be validated at the fairgrounds on the 4th Saturday of June from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

BREEDING MEAT GOAT DIVISION – POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE: All goats must be owned, validated, ear tagged or tattooed, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession in Jim Wells County by the 1st Saturday of August. Breeding goats must be validated by e-mail to jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com on or before 1st Saturday of August on official validation forms. Information provided must include exhibitor name, mailing address, physical address, phone #, club or chapter, name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s), photo of goat, goat's number id, goat's sex, and goats approximate date of birth. Verification of validation will be e-mailed back to exhibitor at address provided. **CHECK-IN:** Goats are to be on the fairgrounds Wednesday, October 22, 2026, for check-in by noon. The division superintendent will assign pens if available. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per breeding goat.

DAIRY GOAT DIVISION - All goats must be owned, validated, ear tagged or tattooed, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession in Jim Wells County by the 1st Saturday of August. Breeding goats must be validated by e-mail to jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com on or before the 1st Saturday of August on official validation forms. Information provided must include exhibitor names, mailing address, physical address, e-mail address, phone #, club or chapter, name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s), photo of goat, goat's number id, and goat's approximate date of birth. Verification of validation will be e-mailed back to exhibitor at address provided. **ENTRY FEE: \$15.00** per dairy milk goat.

JUNIOR HORSE DIVISION – All horses entering the Jim Wells County Fair must be tested for EIA according to the Texas Animal Health Commission rules & regulations. The exhibitor or immediate family must own animal by the 1st Saturday of August. Horses under lease, but not owned by exhibitor, do not qualify. Animal may be grade or registered, any breed. **VALIDATION DATES:** Horse must be validated by e-mail to jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com on or before 1st Saturday of August. You must have a Grade Identification Form or a copy of Registration Forms and a copy of all Coggins. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per class.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION PEN OF 2 – A maximum of four (4) head per exhibitor may be tagged for validation: only two head will be permitted to compete in the show. However, validated heifers that were not shown will be allowed sell in the Commercial Heifer Sale but will be ineligible to compete for awards and prizes. Projects may be validated by family, individual ownership must be designated at final weigh in. A maximum weight of no more than 800 pounds per head will be allowed at validation. Heifers may be weighed by the head or by the pen, but the average will be on all heifers in the pen. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 2nd Saturday of June from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Livestock Auction Barn. **ENTRY FEE:** \$20.00 per pen.

JUNIOR BREEDERS BEEF HEIFER DIVISION – Heifer must be owned, in possession and registered in the name of the exhibitor by the parent association prior to the 1st Saturday of August. Heifers and papers to be checked at validation. Please bring a copy of registration papers to be left with heifer committee at validation. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 1st Saturday of August at the fairgrounds from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECK-IN.** **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per head.

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION – A statement from the breeder as to the date of birth will determine age of heifers. Must show proof of ownership. Heifer must be in the exhibitor's possession prior to the 1st Saturday of August. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 1st Saturday of August at the fairgrounds from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECK-IN.** **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

SCRAMBLE HEIFER DIVISION – A statement from the breeder as to the date of birth will determine age of heifers. Heifers must have come from a previously held Jim Wells County Calf Scramble. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 1st Saturday of August at the fairgrounds from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECK-IN. **ENTRY FEE: \$10.00** per head.

VOCATIONAL SHOP PROJECTS DIVISION – Projects constructed during the previous 12 month period prior to the fair are eligible. The project must be the direct result of the student's own efforts. Prefabricated, nor prepackaged project kits that require assembly only are not qualified to be entered in the Shop Project Division.

Portfolios will be required for each project; they must contain: 1) Design/Drawing plans, 2) Bill of materials, 3) Photos of building process (Start to Finish). 4) Research, and 5) MSDS of chemicals (metals, paints and primers). Shop Projects entry cards and fees must be turned in to 4-H leaders, FFA advisors or FCCLA teachers by 2nd Wednesday of September to JWCFA Office. Shop Projects must be delivered to the BACK of Merchant's Building on Tuesday October 21, 2026 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Check-in signatures are required from either exhibitor, designated individuals, FCCLA teachers, 4H leaders, FFA advisors or Parent/Guardians at drop-off.

Exhibitor must sell a fair membership. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per project and \$20.00 per team project.

HOMEMAKING DIVISION – All entries **MUST** be the complete work of the exhibitor and completed within one (1) calendar year of the previous fair. All entries must be pre-registered to be eligible for judging. Registration of entries must have the exact description of each entry. All entry forms will be available on the Jim Wells County Fair Association website and must be turned in during Home Economics Entry Registration on the second Sunday of September between 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Building. Entries to the Jim Wells County Fair will be taken to the Woman's Building on Monday, October 20, 2026 between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. No late arrivals will be accepted. All index cards for entries must be completed and placed with entry before checking in with the department superintendent. Food Items must have a copy of the recipe without participant's name included with the item. Pre-registration description must match with item turned in. **ENTRY FEE:** None (BUT PLEASE NOTE) all youth entries must be a member of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or an organized club and must sell one (1) fair membership. All adult (19-59) entries must be a member of the Jim Wells County Fair Association. The Senior Citizen division is open to any Jim Wells County resident 60 years of age or over.

CALF SCRAMBLE DIVISION – Only active 4-H and FFA members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may participate. Contestants must answer 5 questions (on a separate sheet of paper) that are attached to the minor's release/entry card. Contestants must submit the answered questions, minor's release/entry card to the 4-H leaders and FFA advisors on 2nd Wednesday of September. Incomplete minor's release will not be accepted. All information requested must be complete. **RECIPIENTS MUST SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS TO THEIR ORGANIZATION ADVISOR, SPONSORS AND THE SCRAMBLE HEIFER SUPERINTENDENT BY NO LATER THAN THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.**

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Final interpretation of the rules of the Jim Wells County Fair Association will be made by the Jim Wells County Fair Executive Committee.
2. Violation of any general or division rules will bar exhibitor from Junior Auction and eligibility for awards and premiums.
3. Any person who fails to practice proper animal husbandry, as determined by the division superintendent or two committee members may be penalized by withholding awards and premiums from auction division sales.
4. Any exhibitor, parent/guardian or individual being unruly or causing a scene, will be removed from show arena or pen/stall area. Exhibitors will forfeit any premiums and awards. Parents/Guardians or other individuals will be removed from fairgrounds immediately and not be allowed back on fairgrounds until a meeting with Executive Board and a decision is made. His or her actions deemed unruly are at the discretion of the Division Superintendent or Committee Members.
5. The Jim Wells County Fair Association abides by all legislative mandates on student eligibility including Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play". Ineligible student will not be allowed to participate in activities, events or competitions. Substitutes will not be permitted for ineligible students. The County Agent, FFA Advisors and FCCLA Advisors will submit a written list of ineligible students to the Jim Wells County Fair Association prior to check-in.
6. Only active 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may exhibit in the Junior Livestock Division. All animal projects must be owned, placed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation dates. Immediate family is defined as members of a common household. The Jim Wells County Fair Association will provide upon request, a written list of all exhibitors to neighboring livestock shows or fair associations
7. An exhibitors may be barred from participation if they, a close family member or an associated entity are not in good standing with the Association.
8. All Junior Livestock and Horse Show exhibitors must be Texas Quality Counts verified and Verification Number must be provided on all entry forms when entries are submitted. Entries will not be accepted without Quality Counts Verification Number
9. Eligibility of all active 4-H and FFA members to show in the Junior Division will expire at graduation.
10. This is a closed county show.
11. A number or tag for the show and sale will identify all market animals.
12. Jim Wells County Fair Association assumes no liability in case of sickness or accident of any animal in the show.
13. Each Jim Wells County exhibitor will sell a fair membership and will be due and turned in by the 2nd Wednesday of September 2026.
- **NEW**** 14. All exhibitors must notify their adult leader or agriculture science teacher of animals on feed prior to the division deadlines. All livestock, poultry, and horse projects can be visited during the feeding period by the Division Committee. Animals must be housed in Jim Wells County or within the boundaries of the school district the exhibitor is attending during the entire feeding period. The Jim Wells County Fair Association must be notified by e-mail (jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com) if the project is taken outside these boundaries and not accompanied by the exhibitor. Notification must take place prior to the event. Physical address of animal residency must be provided at validation
15. All validation lists and validation fees must be submitted to the fair office within 10 days after the division deadline date. Validation lists and validation fees not turned in within 10 days after the division

deadline date will result in invalid entries. Notification of invalid entries will be the responsibility of the division superintendent. Any exhibitor not on a validation list will not show. Validation forms should include individual exhibitor's name, address, date of birth, phone number, club or chapter, school campus exhibitor will be attending, and grade level.

****NEW****16. All livestock, home economics, calf scramble and shop project entries and memberships are due by 2nd Wednesday of September to the respective 4-H leaders, FCCLA Advisors and FFA Advisors. All livestock entries and memberships are due in the fair office by Agents and Advisors on 2nd Wednesday of September by 5:00 p.m. No entry fees will be refunded after this date. Late entries will be accepted up to the Thursday prior to the Fair opening date with a late fee of \$50/entry. All entry fees must be in the form of money order, school or 4-H check. No personal checks will be accepted. The County Extension Agent, FFA Advisors or FCCLA advisors must sign entry cards BEFORE they are turned into the Fair Office.

17. Exhibitors must immediately notify the Division Superintendent when a tag is lost or damaged. Ear tags must be replaced prior to arrival to the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds. All replacement tag orders must be submitted 10 days prior to the show for timely delivery of replacement tag. If an ear tag is lost or damaged within 10 days of the show, County Agent or Ag Teachers must immediately notify the Division Superintendent. Any animal arriving to the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds without original ear tags supplied by the Jim Wells County Fair Association or without replacement ear tag form on file **WILL NOT** show. A retag fee of \$5.00 per replacement tag will be charged.

18. Scales of the Jim Wells County Fair will be used to determine the official weight of a project. Each division superintendent has the discretion to establish a tolerance for the scale weight when determining the official weight of a project. No protest will be allowed and no exhibitor will be allowed to reweigh after crossing the scales at weigh-in.

19. Each junior exhibitor may enter three projects in each market division. If an exhibitor wins more than one champion, the superintendent will direct the judge to select the third best animal of the division for the sale order only.

20. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals in all market classes must sell at the auction sale. If any exhibitor wins more than one Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion the exhibitor may choose which project to sell, but all Grand Champions must sell over Reserve Grand Champions.

21. No animals will be unloaded on the fairgrounds before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

22. All Market and Breeding entries may be designated to only one exhibitor at the time of check-in or sift.

23. **Attention: Use of Drugs**

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) They are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals. (2) The Jim Wells County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug. (3) The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown. The Jim Wells County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

*Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

a. Unapproved Drug Use: The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

b. Approved Drug Use: If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at Jim Wells County Fairgrounds. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on the fairgrounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.

c. Animal Inspection: As condition for participation in the Jim Wells County Fair, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Jim Wells County Fair. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Jim Wells County Fair or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Jim Wells County Fair or any of its officers. Further, the Jim Wells County Fair specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Jim Wells County Fair or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, over age, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Jim Wells County Fair.

d. Emergency Treatment: If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Fair veterinarian, but the official Fair veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, the Official Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with Fair Management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Fair Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Fair Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and or elimination time, the animal will be determined ineligible for competition.

e. Treatment Cost: All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

f. Animal /Exhibitor Disqualification: To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is not FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug upon arrival at Jim Wells County Fairgrounds. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on fairgrounds.

1. Unethical Fitting: Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified.

Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following:

- Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species
- Use of injections
- Draining of fluids
- Bruising
- Feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass
- Surgical alterations
- Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections

g. Wholesome Meat Act: The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock. Only animals eligible for immediate slaughter may be brought onto the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds and exhibited.

1. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.

2. Drug labels must be observed. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.

3. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

The Jim Wells County Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of carcasses or the sale price of the animal. In such cases, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to any and all proceeds including: Auction Price, Scholarships, Premium Awards, Market (Floor) Price and Special Awards.

h. Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act: As required, in 21 CFR 589.2000, entry in the Market steer, lamb, and goat shows, competition shall serve as verification by the exhibitor that, to the best of their knowledge, while under their ownership, possession or direct control, the animal(s) were not fed any feed

containing ruminant-derived meat or bone meal. Entrants agree to allow packer inspections of feed ingredient records and facilities.

i. Disqualification/Condemnation of Animal: "The Jim Wells County Fair practices a Zero Tolerance policy on all residue violations." The Jim Wells County Fair reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of Rule 23 of the Jim Wells County Fair General Rules & Regulations listed in the catalog and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified, the class placing will not change. A disqualified exhibitor may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Jim Wells County Fair.

j. Disclaimer of Warranties: Jim Wells County Fair expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the Jim Wells County Fair or others (such as drug testing). The Jim Wells County Fair does NOT provide security or guard services and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the Jim Wells County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug shown by the drug test. Even if the source of the drug is unknown. The Jim Wells County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification results in forfeiture of all prize money and auction proceeds.

k. Rule Infraction Database: Each exhibitor understands and agrees that the Jim Wells County Fair is entitled to report any and all rule infractions to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID). The exhibitor agrees that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSRMA.

l. Ultimate Care and Responsibility: By making entry into the Jim Wells County Fair the exhibitor agrees and understands that ultimate care and responsibility for an animal rest solely upon the exhibitor until such time that possession of the animal is turned over to the commission agency or taken into custody by Jim Wells County Fair Show management.

24. All animals will be sifted by a sifting judge appointed by the division superintendent. If any animal is sifted, the animal must be removed immediately. The only exception will be for weight only and if sifted animals are needed to meet the weight quota of the resale truck. These animals will be placed in a designated area with the exhibitor being responsible for the care and feeding of their animal.

25. Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor is required to put a stall card or sign over his/her exhibit.

26. Each exhibitor must keep their animal and premises clean through the duration of the fair or exhibitor will forfeit right to sell and/or premium money. \$100.00 per pen will be withheld from sales or premium checks if pens are not cleaned. Superintendent of the division will have authority to enforce this rule.

27. Each FFA, FCCLA and 4-H exhibitor who brings a project to the show will be issued one exhibitor's arm band, which must be worn at all times during the show. The arm band will serve as the exhibitors' admission to the fairgrounds. Exhibitors who lose their arm band will be charged \$5.00 for replacement.

28. Parents, advisors, leaders, agents or other adults will not be allowed to assist boys or girls during judging. Exhibitors must meet all membership and eligibility requirements in order to show in the ring.

29. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to bring his/her animal or animals when his/her name is called. No complaint or protest that an animal was overlooked will be considered. The same rules apply during the Junior Auction Sale. Animals must be shown to be able to sell in the auction.

30. An exhibitor who is unable; due to illness, injury or extenuating circumstances to show or sell their animal, may substitute an exhibitor of the same age group to show or sell the animal. This will be ruled upon by the Division Superintendent. Prior notice must be given to the Division Superintendent. Substitutes will not be permitted for ineligible exhibitors.

31. There will be up to ten placings in each class.

32. Any entry that becomes unruly or creates a disturbance in the show arena will immediately be excused at the discretion and instruction of the Division Superintendent or judge and will not be eligible to compete thereafter in the same class.
33. All entries will be officially released Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 6:00 a.m. and must be removed from the fairgrounds by 12:00 noon or animal becomes property of the Jim Wells County Fair Association. All livestock and poultry sold at the auction will remain the responsibility of the original owner until released by the division superintendent.
34. Any market animals with a pending drug test AND scheduled for resale will be held by a JWCF member designated by the respective species superintendent until the results are received and the animal is released for processing. The JWCF is not responsible for the death or injury to an animal while under the care of the association pending drug test results. In the event an animal dies while waiting for the drug testing results, the JWCF Association will reimburse the buyer the resale value of the animal.
35. The checks for all sales and/or premiums will be given to the teacher or sponsor in charge and will be invalid after 60 days.
36. Night watchman service will not be available prior to Tuesday, October 20, 2026.
37. Any dog on the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds during the fair must be on a leash.
38. No fireworks allowed or sold on fairgrounds during the Jim Wells County Fair. Violators will be removed.
39. No golf carts, three or four-wheelers or motorcycles will be allowed on fairgrounds. Only fair officials that have obtained authorization from show management will be allowed to use certain types of off road vehicles.
40. Any protest must be lodged immediately, with a \$250.00 non-refundable deposit, to the division superintendent. Protest Committee will consist of three Jim Wells County Fair Board members.
41. The Jim Wells County Fair Association will not provide a float in the annual Fair Parade for the Photogenic Contest winners, nor under any circumstances may parents of the Photogenic Contest winners solicit sponsors or donations to enter their child in the Fair Parade under the Photogenic Contest name. Failure to abide by these rules will result in winner being disqualified.
- **NEW**** 41a. : Awards of the Little Mr. and Miss Jim Wells County Photogenic division shall consist of a buckle, sash, and banner.
42. Livestock judges' decisions will be final.
43. **Ethics Rule:**
Each exhibitor, his or her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) agrees to abide by the General and Special Rules published in the current catalog. Any violations of the rules or any exhibitor and/or parent(s), guardian(s) found to have participated in unethical Practice (i.e. (1) approaching buyers for the purpose of asking to exchange, return, or purchase any sale item(s) (2) the showing of any animal that has been administered any unapproved/unlabeled medication will forfeit all prizes, awards, and premiums.
- **NEW**** 44. The area between the cattle barn and the rodeo arena is reserved for vehicle parking only. The parking area directly north of the swine and rabbit barns is reserved for vehicle parking only. No trailers may be parked in these areas.



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

1. All general rules and regulations will apply.
2. Only active 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County will be allowed to sell in the auction ring. All market animals must have been owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation dates.
3. Eligible exhibitors who are members of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA that live and go to school in Jim Wells County are eligible for add-ons, A Commission of 8% will be collected from all add-ons with 1% going to the Jim Wells County Fair Scholarship Fund.
4. Each youth livestock and poultry exhibitor will sell a fair membership and will be due and turned in to the 4-H leaders and FFA advisors.
5. Any animal turned down by the sifting judge will not be permitted in the sale.
- **NEW**** 6. All projects will sell Premium (ribbon) only. No projects will change hands in the auction. Exhibitors will retain ownership of all projects.
- **NEW**** 7. All market animals not designated for the Junior Livestock Auction Sale Saturday night or on the resale truck at resale bid must be removed from the fairgrounds by 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2026. The only exceptions will be as follows: All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions and any animals chosen for Overall Showmanship Contest will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds. All market animals being removed from the fairgrounds must be logged out on a logout sheet provided by the division superintendent. Any market animal that is removed and not logged out will be required to return the animal. **Each exhibitor must designate SALE (Junior Auction), RESALE (Resale Truck) or KEEP (Take Home) on each project. This designation must be made within 30 minutes after completion of show division.** Resale is available for Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Swine and Market Goats. Report sale, resale or keep to the division superintendent on official form. Auction projects eligible for RESALE must also designate RESALE or KEEP to indicate destination after auction. If no designation is made the project will be placed on the resale truck. All designations are final. Any project that has been designated to go on the resale truck by the division superintendent and has been removed from its pen or the fairgrounds may be replaced by a project that has been designated for the Junior Auction Sale, if the resale project is not returned to its pen and division superintendent notified.
8. **Sale will be Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**
9. No animal will be permitted in sale more than once.
10. All Grand Champion animals will sell first and all Reserve Grand Champion animals will sell second followed by classes of steers, lambs, swine, goats, poultry and rabbits.
11. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals in all market classes must sell at the auction sale. If any exhibitor wins more than one Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion the exhibitor may choose which project to sell, but all Grand Champions must sell over Reserve Grand Champions.
12. In the event of the death of an animal during the show, after placing, an announced substitute will be allowed to enter the ring. Substitutes will not become the property of the buyer.
13. An exhibitor may sell one entry in the Junior Auction Sale. Animals not eligible for the auction sale may be sold at resale prices. Sifted animals may not be sold at resale unless the Fair Association needs to meet weight quotas of the resale truck.
14. No sale entries will be released without consent of respective superintendent.
- **NEW**** 15. Exhibitors must be in line when called by the division superintendent or the entry will be deleted from the sale order. Only Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Champion and Reserve

Champion projects will be presented in the sale ring during the sale. All other exhibitors will not need to bring their projects to the auction ring.

16. The Reserve Grand Champion of any division must sell for less than the Grand Champion of that division, and any other project in each division must sell for less than the Reserve Grand Champion of that division.

17. Decoration of market animals for the Junior Auction Sale is prohibited; animals must be presented for auction in their natural showing state.

****NEW****18. Buyers and exhibitors alike must retain all sales slips issued them. Lack of such receipt will void any and all claims of error. Sales slips will be used during the Junior Livestock Auction.

20. Any items other than market projects that will be auctioned at the Junior Livestock Auction Sale must have prior approval from the Board of Directors. These items will be auctioned after all market projects have been sold.

21. An 8% sales commission will be collected from each project sold with 1% going to the Jim Wells County Fair scholarship fund. The 1% collected from the previous year's auction for the Jim Wells County Fair Scholarship Fund and any other scholarship fundraising activities will be divided equally among the scholarship award recipients; not to exceed \$2000 per recipient. If the maximum of \$2000 is met and there are additional monies remaining, that amount will be carried forward for next year's Jim Wells Fair Scholarship award winners.

****NEW****22. Checks will be issued the 2nd Friday in December for add-ons that have been paid in full. Breeding animal, sweepstakes and horse premiums will also be paid at this time. Junior Livestock Auction checks will be issued beginning the 2nd Friday in January for projects that have been paid in full. The remaining checks will be paid when the project is paid for in full.

23. The checks for all sales and/or premiums will be given to the teachers or sponsors in charge and will be void after 60 days.

**TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION RULES and
REGULATIONS FOR SHOWS, FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS**

If any portion of this guide is in conflict with any regulations or statute pertaining to the Texas Animal Health Commission, the regulations or statute shall prevail.

Requirements for entry of livestock and poultry into shows, fairs and exhibitions: Livestock entered in all intrastate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (those functions that require Texas livestock and poultry of the same species to be housed and exhibited separate and apart from livestock and poultry from out of state) are exempt from the entry and permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and testing requirements, except poultry must originate from flocks or hatcheries free of pullorum disease, and fowl typhoid or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days of exhibition and all horses entering the Jim Wells County Fair must have had a negative EIA test within the past 12 months prior to exhibition. The EIA test document-the VS10-11 form-is suitable proof of testing.

MARKET STEER DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.

2. The exhibitor will pay an entry fee of \$10.00 per steer.

3. All calves must be owned, placed on feed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation date.

4. All steers will be validated on the 2nd Saturday of June, at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Steers will be ear tagged and nose printed at validation. The Jim Wells County Fair will have three classifiers at weigh-in who will determine the official breed classification of each steer on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. The decision of the classifiers is final and not subject to protest.

5. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market steers validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market steers at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.

6. All steers must have an ear tag for show and sale. If a steer loses an ear tag, it must be replaced prior to check-in by division superintendent. Steer Superintendent must be notified immediately upon notice of lost tag.

7. All calves must be dehorned, halter broken and fitted to show. No breaking halters or nose tongs are permitted in the show arena.

8. Hair—Steer must be shorn to not more than ¼ inch on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch. Steers must be shorn before arrival onto the fairgrounds. Only touch-ups with cordless clippers will be allowed at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds. Steers will be checked at weigh-in for ¼ inch length. Steers not shorn will be disqualified from showing. There will be no paint, powder or use of any substance to change, alter or enhance the color on the body of the steer—ONLY WATER.

9. There will be three (3) steer divisions. All entries in each division may be purebred or crossbred. Visible breed characteristics will determine eligibility for this classification. Each division will be broken into three weight classes with a Champion and Reserve Champion being selected. These champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

10. The superintendent will divide the entries in each division into light, medium, and heavy weight. The superintendent will decide the steer weight classes to his discretion.

11. Divisions are as follows:

A. American	At least one parent being Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster or Simbrah
B. Exotic	At least one parent being Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Limousin or Chianina
C. English	Both parents being either Horned or Polled Hereford, Red or Black Angus, Shorthorn or a cross of these breeds

12. Ownership of each project will be designated at the final weigh-in on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. All exhibitors must be ready to weigh-in between 5:30 pm. and 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Minimum weight for steers will be 1000 pounds and maximum weight will be 1500 pounds. Steers under 1000 pounds and over 1500 pounds will be sifted

13. All animals will be presented to a sifting judge. All steers must grade select or better.

14. Awards will be given to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.

15. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8:30 a.m. each morning and not allowed to remain in an unsightly or untidy condition. All animals must be in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless being judged or being prepared for judging, have superintendent's

permission, or going to sale ring. A committee will make inspections during the four days of the show, taking into consideration the following points; 1) Orderliness and cleanliness of animals; 2) Promptness in having stalls and pens clean by 8:30 a.m. each day and animals in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except during sifting or judging or being prepared for judging; 3) Personal appearance of exhibitors; 4) Availability of exhibitors to furnish information about exhibit; 5) Observance of all rules and regulations of the fair; 6) Cooperating with show officials, other exhibitors and exhibiting an attitude of good sportsmanship in general; 7) Plants, flowers, lattice work and other decorations WILL NOT be taken into consideration for Herdsman Award; 8) The decision of the judges will be final.

16. Steers are allowed to go from stall and directly to wash rack and back to stall between 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

SCRAMBLE HEIFER DIVISION

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Jim Wells County Fair.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per head.
3. Only active 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may exhibit in this division.
4. Each heifer in this division must have come from a previously held Jim Wells County Calf Scramble.
5. Heifers in this division will be validated on the 1st Saturday of August at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Heifers will be checked in on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

****NEW**** 6. Classes will be set as follows:

Class 1	Junior Heifer Calf	01-01-26 to 05-31-26
Class 2	Senior Heifer Calf	09-01-25 to 12-31-25
Class 3	Summer Yearling Heifer	05-01-25 to 08-31-25
Class 4	Junior Yearling Heifer	01-01-25 to 04-30-25
Class 5	Senior Yearling Heifer	07-01-24 to 12-31-24
Class 6	Division Champion	
Class 7	Reserve Division Champion	

Please Note - A statement from the breeder as to the date of birth will determine the age of heifers. Age of heifer will be determined as of official opening date of the show for class purposes. Age of all heifers will be subject to toothing by a veterinarian.

7. All heifers in this division must be dehorned or tipped with a blunt end, halter broken and fitted to show. This is a **BLOW AND GO** Show. Grooming or fitting with foreign materials, including (but not limited to) adhesives, painting, powdering, oiling, or artificial coloring is prohibited. Water based products are allowed.

8. Showmanship in this division will be considered in the overall heifer division.

9. The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will be eligible to compete in the sweepstakes heifer competition

10. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8:30 a.m. each morning and not allowed to remain in an unsightly or untidy condition. All animals must be in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless being judged or being prepared for judging, have superintendent's permission. A committee will make inspections during the four days of the show, taking into consideration the following points; 1) Orderliness and cleanliness of animals; 2) Promptness in having stalls and pens clean by 8:30 a.m. each day and animals in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except during sifting or judging or being prepared for judging; 3) Personal appearance of exhibitors; 4) Availability of exhibitors to furnish information about exhibit; 5) Observance of all rules and regulations of the fair; 6) Cooperating with show officials, other exhibitors and exhibiting an attitude of good sportsmanship in general; 7) Plants, flowers, lattice work and other decorations WILL NOT be taken into consideration for Herdsman Award; 8) The decision of the judges will be final.

11. Premium scale: \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

EXAMPLE	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH
6 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	
5 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH		
4 head		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH		
3 head or less			1 ST	2 ND	3 RD		

12. Heifer are allowed to go from stall and directly to wash rack and back to stall between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm.

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Jim Wells County Fair.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per head.
3. Only active 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may exhibit in this division.
4. All heifers in this division must be dehorned or tipped with a blunt end, halter broken and fitted to show. This is a **BLOW AND GO** Show. Grooming or fitting with foreign materials, including (but not limited to) adhesives, painting, powdering, oiling, or artificial coloring is prohibited. Water based products are allowed.
5. Exhibitor must show proof of ownership and in possession prior to the 1st Saturday of August. Heifers in this division will be validated and classified on the 1st Saturday of August at the fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Heifers will be checked in on Tuesday, October 21, 2026 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

****NEW**** 6. Classes will be set as follows:

Class 1	Junior Heifer Calf	01-01-26 to 05-31-26
Class 2	Senior Heifer Calf	09-01-25 to 12-31-25
Class 3	Summer Yearling Heifer	05-01-25 to 08-31-25
Class 4	Junior Yearling Heifer	01-01-25 to 04-30-25
Class 5	Senior Yearling Heifer	07-01-24 to 12-31-24
Class 6	Division Champion	
Class 7	Reserve Division Champion	

Please Note – A statement from the breeder as to the date of birth will determine the age of heifers. **Bring a copy to be left with validation committee.** Age of heifer will be determined as of official opening date of the show for class purposes. Age of all heifers will be subject to toothing by a veterinarian.

7. Heifers will be classified according to breed characteristics into AOB or ABC divisions by a qualified classification judge.
8. Showmanship in this division will be considered in the overall heifer division.
9. The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will be eligible to compete in the sweepstakes heifer competition.
10. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8:30 a.m. each morning and not allowed to remain in an unsightly or untidy condition. All animals must be in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless being judged or being prepared for judging, have superintendent's permission. A committee will make inspections during the four days of the show, taking into consideration the following points; 1) Orderliness and cleanliness of animals; 2) Promptness in having stalls and pens clean by 8:30 a.m. each day and animals in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except during sifting or judging or being prepared for judging; 3) Personal appearance of exhibitors; 4) Availability of exhibitors to furnish information about exhibit; 5) Observance of all rules and regulations of the fair; 6) Cooperating with show officials, other exhibitors and exhibiting an attitude of good sportsmanship in general; 7) Plants, flowers, lattice work and other decorations WILL NOT be taken into consideration for Herdsman Award; 8) The decision of the judges will be final.

11. Premium scale: \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

EXAMPLE	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH
6 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	
5 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH		
4 head		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH		
3 head or less			1 ST	2 ND	3 RD		

12. Heifer are allowed to go from stall and directly to wash rack and back to stall between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm.

JUNIOR BREEDERS BEEF HEIFER DIVISION

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Jim Wells County Fair.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per head.
3. Only active 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may exhibit in this division.
4. Animals owned or cared for by any 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Jim Wells County are not eligible.
5. All animals must be owned, in possession and registered in the name of the exhibitor by the parent association prior to validation on the 1st Saturday of August at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Heifers and papers will be checked at validation. **PLEASE BRING A COPY OF REGISTRATION PAPERS TO BE LEFT WITH HEIFER COMMITTEE AT VALIDATION.** Heifer will be checked in on Tuesday, October 21, 2026 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

****NEW**** 6. Classes will be set as follows:

Class 1	Junior Heifer Calf	01-01-26 to 05-31-26
Class 2	Senior Heifer Calf	09-01-25 to 12-31-25
Class 3	Summer Yearling Heifer	05-01-25 to 08-31-25
Class 4	Junior Yearling Heifer	01-01-25 to 04-30-25
Class 5	Senior Yearling Heifer	07-01-24 to 12-31-24
Class 6	Breed Champion	
Class 7	Reserve Breed Champion	

Please Note - There will be a minimum of three (3) animals at time of check in to constitute a breed division or they will go into the American Registered Breed (ARB) or Other Registered Breed (ORB) division. The most recent San Antonio Livestock Show premium book will determine classification into ARB/ORB classes.

7. All animals will be sifted according to general appearance and true breed type.
8. All heifers in this division must be dehorned or tipped with a blunt end, halter broken and fitted to show. This is a **BLOW AND GO** Show. Grooming or fitting with foreign materials, including (but not limited to) adhesives, painting, powdering, oiling, or artificial coloring is prohibited. Water based products are allowed.
9. Showmanship in this division will be considered in the overall heifer division.
10. The Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions will be eligible to compete in the sweepstakes heifer competition. American Registered Breed (ARB) and Other Registered Breed (ORB) will be considered as a breed for sweepstakes.

11. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8:30 a.m. each morning and not allowed to remain in an unsightly or untidy condition. All animals must be in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless being judged or being prepared for judging, have superintendent's permission. A committee will make inspections during the four days of the show, taking into consideration the following points; 1) Orderliness and cleanliness of animals; 2) Promptness in having stalls and pens clean by 8:30 a.m. each day and animals in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except during sifting or judging or being prepared for judging; 3) Personal appearance of exhibitors; 4) Availability of exhibitors to furnish information about exhibit; 5) Observance of all rules and regulations of the fair; 6) Cooperating with show officials, other exhibitors and exhibiting an attitude of good sportsmanship in general; 7) Plants, flowers, lattice work and other decorations WILL NOT be taken into consideration for Herdsman Award; 8) The decision of the judges will be final.

12. Premium scale: \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

EXAMPLE	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH
6 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	
5 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH		
4 head		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH		
3 head or less			1 ST	2 ND	3 RD		

13. Heifer are allowed to go from stall and directly to wash rack and back to stall between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm.

SWEEPSTAKES HEIFER DIVISION

1. Grand Champion Heifer Class. The Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions in the Junior Breeders Beef Heifer Division, The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion in the Scramble Heifer Division, and the Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion in the Junior Commercial Heifer Division are eligible to show in the Sweepstakes Heifer Division.

2. These heifers will be judged and placed as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Third Place Overall Heifer, Fourth Place Overall Heifer, Fifth Place Overall Heifer, Sixth Place Overall Heifer.

3. Awards will be presented to the overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

4. Premium money will be awarded as follows:

Breed/Division Champions--\$200

Breed/Division Reserve Champions \$100

Remaining Heifer Sweepstakes monies collected divided according to the chart below:

Grand Champion Heifer of the Show	29% of monies collected
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer of the Show	24% of monies collected
Third Place Heifer of the Show	19% of monies collected
Fourth Place Heifer of the Show	14% of monies collected
Fifth Place Heifer of the Show	9% of monies collected
Sixth Place Heifer of the Show	5% of monies collected

**JIM WELLS COUNTY FAIR
COMMERCIAL HEIFER PEN OF 2 DIVISION**

COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE

1. **PURPOSE:** The Purpose for the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is to provide a project that will expose exhibitors to commercial cattle production. This includes the purchasing, development, exhibition, and marketing of crossbred beef heifers.
This project will not be sold in the Jim Wells County Fair Premium Auction.
2. The Junior Commercial Heifer show and sale is an opportunity to show and sell commercial heifers. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale will not be allowed to compete in any other Cattle division show of the Jim Wells County Fair.
3. All entries in this division will be subject to the Jim Wells County Fair general rules and regulations.
4. Entry fee will be \$20 per pen.
5. **Validation:** All Heifers will be weighed and tagged with ear tags provided by Jim Wells County Fair Association at validation.
6. Validation will be held at Gulf Coast Livestock Auction in Alice, TX. on June 13, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
7. A Maximum of four (4) head per exhibitor may be tagged for validation; only two head will be permitted to compete in the show. However, validated heifers that were not shown will be allowed to sell in the Commercial Heifer Sale but will be ineligible to compete for awards and prizes.
8. Projects may be validated by family, individual ownership must be designated at final weigh in.
9. Heifers may be weighed by the head or by the pen, but the average will be on all heifers in the pen.
10. Animals may be grazed or fed and will judged as replacement heifers.
11. **Weigh in:** final weigh in and sift will be at Gulf Coast Livestock Auction in Alice, TX on October 17, 2026 at 9:00am. Interviews and evaluation of cattle will begin 30 minutes after sift.
12. Pen of 2 Heifers must average no less than one (1) pound of daily weight gain per head from validation date or they will be sifted. Exhibitors will be allowed one re-weigh.

13. All heifers will be palpated and certified open by a licensed veterinarian at the exhibitor's expense (deducted from the sales price of each heifer). Any bred heifer will be disqualified.
14. **Judging guidelines and selection for heifers:** Evaluation of heifers and exhibitor interviews will take place at Gulf Coast Livestock Auction in Alice, TX on October 17th immediately following weigh in. Projects will be scored on a 100 point scale.
15. Heifers evaluation:
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| A. Quality, confirmation, and condition. | (30 Pts.) | |
| B. Structural soundness | (10 Pts.) | |
| C. Frame size for age | (10 Pts.) | |
| D. Reproductive soundness | (10 Pts.) | |
| E. Uniformity | (10 pts.) | 70 Points |
16. Interview will take place at the exhibitor's pen and will be based on the exhibitors Knowledge of all aspects of his/her project 20 Points.
17. An Official Record Book will be issued at validation and must be kept (with no alterations). Information should be correct and legible, with documents supporting all expenditures. 10 Points
18. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion followed by third place through the final number of exhibits will be determined by the highest accumulation of heifer pen evaluation, exhibitor interview, and record book scores.
19. Buckles (if sponsored) will be awarded to Highest scoring interview/record book in each age division (Junior, Intermediate. Senior)
20. **Sale:** Commercial Heifer sale will be held at Gulf Coast Livestock Auction in Alice, TX on Tuesday October 20, 2026.
- A. **All shown heifers must be sold.**
 - B. Validated heifers that were not shown will be allowed to sell after all placed heifers sell.
 - C. A sales commission may be reserved from each sale to offset cost of sale contractor, general expenses, and future scholarships
 - D. If an exhibitor wishes to PO their own heifers during the sale, they will be charged a \$50.00 PO fee per head.
 - E. Commercial heifer exhibitors are eligible to receive "add-ons" through the Jim Wells County Fair premium auction.

MARKET LAMB DIVISION

DIVISIONS: SOUTHDOWN - FINEWOOL - FINEWOOL CROSS - MEDIUM WOOL – HAIR

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per lamb.
3. All lambs must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by 4th Saturday of June. Lambs will be validated and classified the 4th Saturday of June at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Classifier's decision is final. No protest will be accepted.
4. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market lambs validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market lambs at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.
5. No tags other than health or validation tags will be allowed. All other tags will be removed at validation.
6. All lambs will be slick/clean shorn from the hocks up prior to final weigh-in. Superintendents have the authority to turn back any lamb at the scale.
7. Lambs are to be on the fairgrounds Tuesday, October 20, 2026 for weighing and sifting from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
8. Ownership of each project will be designated at final weigh-in.
9. No exhibitor will be allowed to reweigh after crossing the scales at weigh-in.
10. All animals will be presented to a sifting judge.
11. Sifting judge will sift any animal that shows any signs or symptoms of pregnancy.
12. Lambs must grade good or the sifting judge will sift them. Judges decision will be final. No protest accepted. All sifted animals must be designated as keep or resale by the exhibitor by the end of the weigh and sift. All sifted animals designated as keep must be removed immediately. Any undesigned sifted animals will be designated as resale. Exhibitors are responsible for all sifted animals designated as resale until resale animals are loaded Sunday morning.
13. All lambs must meet minimum and maximum weight limits (minimum 90 pounds, except Southdown, which will be 80 pounds – maximum 155 pounds). Lambs will be divided into weight classes, not more than 4 weight classes per breed.
14. Lambs exhibiting symptoms of over-fill to meet minimum weight limits will be sifted at the discretion of the sifting judge.
15. Division superintendent will assign pens.
16. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion of each division. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen by the proper procedure from the champions and reserve champions of each division.

MARKET SWINE DIVISION

NOTE - ALL SWINE MUST BE IN BARN BY 6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026.

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per swine.
3. All swine must be tagged in the left ear at validation, with ear tags provided by the Jim Wells County Fair Association.
4. All market swine must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 3rd Saturday of June. A swine validation form will be available and must be complete. Validation for market swine will be held on the following dates, locations, and times: 3rd Saturday of June: Orange Grove Ag Farm 8:00 am - 10:00 am, Alice Ag Farm 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Ben Bolt Ag Farm 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm, Premont Ag Farm, 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
5. A swine validation form will be filled at time of validation. Breed, sex, animal ID tag number and ear notches will be recorded.
6. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market swine validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market swine at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.
7. Each 4-H and FFA organization is to submit a list of all swine on feed. This list is to be turned in at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds by 10 days after validation. The list must contain breed, sex and tag number.
8. Each exhibitor is required to make sure his/her pen assignment is posted in the swine office on or before Tuesday, October 20 by 12:00 noon.
9. The breed division will be designated by the market swine superintendents at their discretion.
10. Awards will be given in each division.
11. Swine must weigh between 230-290 pounds at weigh-in. The division superintendents of the market swine will decide the weight classes to their discretion.
12. Any sifted or keep swine may be removed from swine barn between 7:00 am and 8:30 am Friday only. Animals that make auction may be removed starting at 7:00 am on Sunday. All swine must be removed by 10:00 am on Sunday. All animals must be signed out through superintendent.
13. Weighing and sifting will be done by alleys between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday. No exhibitors will be allowed to reweigh after crossing the scales unless deemed necessary by the market swine superintendents.
14. The sifting judge will rule out any entry that does not grade U.S. No. 1. Sifting and classifiers decision will be final. Exhibitors are responsible for all sifted animals.
15. **Resale truck will be offered to any swine that competes in the market show, ONLY IF QUOTA IS MET FOR RESALE BUYER.** All resale designations must be made no later than 30 minutes following the market show.
16. The two (2) top animals in each weight class will be considered for Champion and Reserve Champion.
17. All breed champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

18. Wash rack is not to be used as a holding pen or for feeding; **NO FEED PANS ALLOWED.** The division superintendent will post feed schedule.

19. No clipping is allowed on the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds.

20. All swine shall be groomed with **WATER ONLY** (no oil based products) for the sift, show and sale. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, oiling, artificially coloring or adhesives is prohibited. If anything, other than water is used during show, will be disqualified from show and animal will not be shown.

21. No show sticks used by exhibitors in the judging ring shall exceed 1/2 inch in diameter.

JUNIOR BREEDING GILT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and must be a 4-H or FFA member in Jim Wells County.

2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per swine.

3. All animals must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 3rd Saturday of June. Breeding Gilts will be validated on same dates, locations and time as market swine validations.

4. Breeding Gilts will consist of five divisions as follows:

Duroc	Hampshire	Other Pure Breeds	Light Crosses	Dark Crosses
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5. The superintendent will determine number of classes within each division. In the event that more than ten head of another breed are entered, a division will be established.

6. Breeding gilts must weigh between 220-300 pounds at weigh-in. All breeding gilts must be weighed-in.

7. No clipping is allowed on Jim Wells County Fairgrounds.

8. All swine shall be groomed with **WATER ONLY** (no oil based products) for the sift, show and sale. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, oiling, artificially coloring or adhesives is prohibited. If anything, other than water is used during show, will be disqualified from show and animal will not be shown.

9. All breeding animals not selling in the Junior Auction Sale may be removed on Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

10. An award will be presented to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.

11. Premium scale \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

EXAMPLE	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH
6 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	
5 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH		
4 head		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH		
3 head or less			1 ST	2 ND	3 RD		

Please Note - Premium money will be paid on 3 animals owned by one exhibitor. Superintendent will determine number of places to be paid at his discretion.

MARKET GOAT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per market goat.
3. All goats must be owned, validated, ear tagged, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by 4th Saturday of June. Market goats must be ear tagged and validated at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds on the following date and time: 4th Saturday of June from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
4. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market goats validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market goats at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.
5. No tags other than health or validation tags will be allowed. All other tags will be removed at validation.
6. All goats must be shorn slick/clean above knee and hock joints excluding the tail switch prior to final weigh-in.
7. All goats must have horns tipped blunt prior to arrival at the Jim Wells County Fair or they will be sifted by the sifting judge.
8. Goats are to be on the fairgrounds Tuesday, October 20, 2026, for weighing and sifting from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All non-sifted goats shall remain in their designated barn/area from 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2026 until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2026
9. Ownership of each project will be designated at final weigh-in.
10. No exhibitor will be allowed to reweigh after crossing the scales at weigh-in.
11. All animals will be presented to a sifting judge.
12. Market goats may be either wethers or does. Market goats must weigh between 60 – 115 pounds at weigh-in. Weight classes will be divided into 1) Light, 2) Medium and 3) Heavy Weight Divisions. The top two (2) animals in each class will be considered for Weight Division Champion and Reserve Champion.
13. The division superintendent will assign pens.
14. A Grand and a Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat will be chosen from the Champion and Reserve Champion entries in each Weight Division.
15. Exhibitors will be allowed to use collars without spikes in the show ring.
16. No hay allowed in goat pens.

BREEDING MEAT GOAT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per breeding goat.

3. All goats must be owned, validated, ear tagged or tattooed, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession in Jim Wells County by the 1st Saturday of August. Breeding goats must be validated by e-mail to jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com on or before the 1st Saturday of August on official validation forms. Information provided must include exhibitor names, mailing address, physical address, e-mail address, phone #, club or chapter, name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s), photo of goat, goat's number id, goat's sex, and goat's approximate date of birth. Verification of validation will be e-mailed back to exhibitor at address provided.

4. Classes will be set as follows:

BUCK CLASSES

Class 2701	Kids (no breaking of skin or eruption of either of two permanent front teeth)
Class 2702	Yearlings (two tooth)
Class 2703	Two Year Olds (four tooth)
Class 2704	Aged (six tooth or older)
Class 2705	Grand Champion Buck
Class 2706	Reserve Grand Champion Buck

DOE CLASSES

Class 2707	Kids (no breaking of skin or eruption of either of two permanent front teeth)
Class 2708	Yearlings (two tooth)
Class 2709	Two Year Olds (four tooth)
Class 2710	Aged (six tooth or older)
Class 2711	Grand Champion Doe
Class 2712	Reserve Grand Champion Doe

5. Goats are to be on the fairgrounds Wednesday, October 21, 2026, for check-in by noon.
6. Ownership of each project will be designated at final check-in.
7. The division superintendent will assign pens if available.
8. A Grand and a Reserve Grand Champion Buck Goat will be chosen from the first and second place entries in each buck class.
9. A Grand and a Reserve Grand Champion Doe Goat will be chosen from the first and second place entries in each doe class.
10. Scrapie tags/numbers for registered animals will be required for all breeding goats.
11. Class premium scale: \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

# Shown per class	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
6 head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	
5 head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th		
4 head		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th		
3 head or less			1 st	2 nd	3 rd		

*Premium money will be paid on 3 animals owned by one exhibitor.

DAIRY GOAT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations.
2. Entry fee will be \$15.00 per dairy goat.

2026. All goats must be owned, validated, ear tagged or tattooed, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession in Jim Wells County by the 1st Saturday of August. Breeding goats must be validated by e-mail to jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com on or before the 1st Saturday of August on official validation forms. Information provided must include exhibitor names, mailing address, physical address, e-mail address, phone #, club or chapter, name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s), photo of goat, goat's number id, and goat's approximate date of birth. Verification of validation will be e-mailed back to exhibitor at address provided.

4. Classes will be set as follows:

JUNIOR DOES	Under 2 years old and never freshened
Class 2026501	0 – 6 months old
Class 2026502	6 – 12 months old
Class 2026502026	12 – 18 months old (never freshened)
Class 2026504	18 – 24 months old (never freshened)
Class 2026505	Grand Champion Junior Doe
Class 2026506	Reserve Grand Champion Junior Doe

SENIOR DOES	Any age that has ever freshened
Class 2026507	All milking does
Class 2026508	Grand Champion Senior Doe
Class 2026509	Reserve Grand Champion Senior Doe

Class 2026510	Best In Show
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5. Goats are to be on the fairgrounds Thursday, October 22, 2026 for check-in by noon.
6. Ownership of each project will be designated at final check-in.
7. A Grand Champion and a Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat will be chosen from the first and second place entries in each age division.
8. A Best In Show Dairy Goat will be chosen from the Grand Champion Junior Doe and Grand Champion Senior Doe.

9. Scrapie identification for registered animals will be required for all dairy goats.

10. Class premium scale: \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

# Shown per class	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
6 head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	
5 head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th		
4 head		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th		
3 head or less			1 st	2 nd	3 rd		

*Premium money will be paid on 3 animals owned by one exhibitor.

MARKET POULTRY DIVISION

1. All entries in this division will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.

2. Entry fee is \$10.00

3. All poultry projects will be purchased through the Fair Association. All birds will be wing banded prior to pick up with the exhibitor responsible for pick up on or before validation date. Validation is when birds are picked up and wing band numbers are recorded by exhibitor and member of Poultry Committee. Pick Up/Validation will be at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors who order poultry and DO NOT validate them will not be reimbursed.

4. All poultry must be owned, placed on feed and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by validation dates.

5. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees for validating up to triple the project minimum. Exhibitors may validate additional market poultry at a cost of \$5.00 per project minimum or portion thereof. Validation fees must be paid at validation.

6. Exhibitors may show up to three (3) Poultry entries. Minimum projects consist of five (5) turkeys per exhibitor, 15 chicks per exhibitor to show both broilers (PULLETS ONLY) and roasters.

7. There will be four divisions of poultry as follows:

Division	Description	Possession & Validation Date	Validation Date
Division 1	Turkeys - Hens only.	Possession & Validation Date	2 nd Wednesday of June from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent
Division 2	Turkeys - Toms only	Possession & Validation Date	2 nd Wednesday of June from 10:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m., unless notified but superintendent
Division 3	Roasters - Males only, with a minimum weight of 5 pounds per bird.	Possession & Validation Date	1 st Tuesday of September from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent
Division 4	Broilers - 1 pen of 3 broilers (pullets only) with a minimum weight of 12 pounds.	Possession & Validation Date	1 st Tuesday of September from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., unless notified by superintendent

8. Each division in poultry (turkey hens, turkey toms, roasters & broilers (PULLETS ONLY)) will be awarded a Grand Champion and a Reserve Grand Champion. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each division will go through the auction as Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of their division.

9. All exhibitors must provide their own equipment for feeding and watering their chickens and turkeys. Chicken exhibitor will be required to bring two 1-3 pound coffee cans or two large cans approximately 30 ounces per pen. Turkey exhibitors will be required to bring two 3 or 5 gallon buckets per pen. Any other feeding and watering containers will not be allowed. Poultry must have feed and water at all times. Pens will be checked 4 times a day: 8:00 am, 12 noon, 4:00 pm, 8:00 pm for feed and water. If birds are not fed and watered, the poultry division superintendent will feed and water them, at a charge to the exhibitor of \$25.00 per violation. Pens WILL be kept clean at all times. Violations of this (Rule #25, page 12 of the Rule Book) will result in monies being withheld from fair checks as stated. Violations will be at the superintendent's discretion.

10. The judge will place the entries on the quality of live birds. Ribbons will be awarded through ten places.

11. Sifting of live birds - The Poultry Judge will sift and judge the poultry show. They will examine all birds to determine live market value. During sift and/or show, entries showing symptoms of sickness, disease, or external parasites will be excluded at the discretion of the judge with the poultry division superintendent's final say. Any (Breast blisters to the degree that is determined objectionable by the judge as well as bruising, broken bones, and/or lacerations.)

****NEW**** 12. All poultry will be sifted and weighed at sifting judge discretion between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday October 20, 2026. After weigh and sift, no substitutions will be allowed for injured or expired poultry. If any poultry expires after making it through sift or during the show, the exhibitor can still show the project and can be placed accordingly by the judge.

13. Poultry showmanship will consist of two separate categories with broilers and roasters making chicken showmanship, turkey hens and turkey toms making turkey showmanship.

14. The Poultry Barn will be locked from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

15. Chicken and Turkey exhibitors will be responsible for their own locks and keys, if they choose to lock their individual pens. Committee will NOT hold keys. Any damage to pens from loss of keys will be deducted from sale money.

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00
- **NEW**** 3. There will be two (2) groups of market rabbits. All rabbits must be American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) recognized commercial breeds.

Group are as follows:

Group	Stewer Rabbit		Show Weight: Minimum -8 pounds. Maximum weight-11 ½ pounds	Validation and Tattoo Date	3rd Saturday of May, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds
1	- May be double entered in the Breeding Show	Must be under 3 months and weigh 2 pounds on validation date			
2	Roaster Rabbit May be double entered in the Breeding Show	Must be under 6 months of age at show.	Show Weight: Minimum weight-5½ pounds. Maximum weight-8 pounds	Validation and Tattoo Date	2nd Saturday of July, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds

Rabbits will be divided into classes at Superintendent's discretion.

4. Stewers are to be born after the 4th Friday of February and before the 4th Monday of April, and be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by 3rd Saturday of May. Roasters are to be born after the 4th Monday of April, and be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 2nd Saturday of July.
5. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market rabbits validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market rabbits at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.
6. Tattoos will be assigned by the Rabbit Committee. Tattoos will be placed in the right ear of all rabbits and consist of a special fair symbol OR number.
7. All rabbits will be delivered to the fairgrounds at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. Rabbits will be weighed and sifted in the presence of the rabbit superintendent and sifting judge as they are brought in. Any rabbit showing signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded from the show and must be removed from the show grounds immediately.
8. Sifted rabbits will be returned to the exhibitor.
9. All exhibitors will be responsible for their own feed and water equipment and will be responsible for their own locks and keys. Committee will not hold keys. Any damage to pens from loss of keys will be deducted from sale money. No more than one rabbit per pen. Rabbits must have feed and water at all times. Pens will be checked daily, if an exhibitor is notified and corrective measures are not taken within 12 hours, this will be considered a violation. Violations will result in a \$25.00 fine and will be withheld from their fair check. Violations will be at the Superintendent's discretion, with fair board approval.
10. The rabbit barn will be locked from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. each day.

11. Cages to be numbered.
12. The exhibitors are to show rabbits at the time of judging.
13. A Grand Champion and a Reserve Grand Champion market rabbit will be selected from the top two animals in each class.
14. Sale rabbits will not be removed from pens until superintendent lines them up for sale.
15. At auction sale, committee will supply rabbits at sale ring and picture booth.
- **NEW**** 16. All market rabbits will be judged by breed standards as outlined in the "Standard of Perfection" published by the American Rabbit Breeder's Association (ARBA) unless specified otherwise in the Jim Wells County Fair rules.

BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 for each breeding rabbit entry.
3. All breeding rabbits must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by the 2nd Saturday of July.
4. All breeding rabbits must be American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) recognized commercial breeds. They must meet weight and breed standards as outlined in the current "Standard of Perfection" published by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). Breeding rabbit classes will be broken by breed, variety, age class and sex.
5. Validation and tattooing date will be 2nd Saturday of July at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
6. All animals will have an identifying tattoo in the right ear.
7. Breeding rabbit divisions: Breeding Rabbit Divisions:

Division 1	New Zealand bucks
Division 2	Californian bucks
Division 3	All other ARBA recognized commercial breed bucks
Division 4	New Zealand does
Division 5	Californian does
Division 6	All other ARBA recognized commercial breed does

Breed divisions will be created for any ARBA recognized commercial breed with at least five rabbits validated.

8. All rabbits will be delivered to the fairgrounds at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.
9. All animals will be sifted at time of weigh-in for the show. Any rabbit showing signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded from the show and must be removed from the show area immediately.
10. All exhibitors must provide their own equipment for feeding and watering.
11. The rabbit barn will be locked from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. each day.

12. A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion doe and a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion buck will be selected from the top two animals in each breed division.

13. Class Premium Scale: \$8.00 per head up to 5 head and \$4.00 thereafter.

# Shown per class	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
6 head	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	
5 head	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
4 head		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
3 head or less			1st	2nd	3rd		

JUNIOR HORSE DIVISION

1. The Texas 4-H Horse Show rules and regulations will apply with the exceptions of the general rules and regulations specific to our show that will be posted prior to the beginning of performance registration.
2. All horses entering the Jim Wells County Fair must be tested for EIA according to the Texas Animal Health Commission rules and regulations. Exhibitors must present Horse Show Officials with a copy of the EIA test results that are current **prior** to reporting for the Saturday morning show. This copy will become the property of the Jim Wells County Fair Association.
3. Horse entry form is to be filled out completely and correctly. One form per horse. Entry fee is \$10.00 per class. Form must be signed by exhibitor, guardian, and advisors.
4. Show to start at 9:00 a.m. Registration at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026.
5. The exhibitor or immediate family must own horse by the 1st Saturday of August. Horses under lease do not qualify. Validation will be done online. Forms are available on website. All Forms to be completed and turned into fair office by the 1st Saturday of August with a picture of horse and a copy of a current coggins. You do not need to bring horse to fairgrounds for validations.
6. Contestants may enter more than one horse in a halter class. Contestants may enter up to three horses per halter class. Immediate family may compete on the same horse in trail or speed classes provided they are not in the same age division, junior or senior. All fees and validation apply.
7. All contestants will show in western attire with a hat, boots, long-sleeve shirt, or a helmet may be substituted.
8. No horseback riding except in designated arenas per superintendent.
9. Horses will be sifted according to general appearance.
10. All horse entries will be shown according to the chart below. Must have at least three (3) in a class for class to qualify with exception of halter classes.

11. Classes are as follows:

Class 1	Fillies two years and younger
Class 2	Registered Mares under five years
Class 3	Registered Mares five years and over
Class 4	Grade Mares of all ages
Class 5	Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mare
Class 6	Colts two years and younger
Class 7	Registered Geldings under five years
Class 8	Registered Geldings five years and over
Class 9	Grade Gelding of all ages
Class 10	Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding
Class 11	Junior Showmanship at halter
Class 12	Intermediate Showmanship at halter
Class 13	Senior Showmanship at halter
Class 14	Walk Trot (non canter/lope class, may not enter any other canter or lope class)
Class 15	Western Pleasure
Class 16	Western Horsemanship
Class 17	English Pleasure
Class 18	English Equitation
Class 19	Trail
Class 20	Costume
Class 21	Pole Bending(Junior)
Class 22	Pole Bending (Senior)
Class 23	Clover Leaf Barrels (Juniors)
Class 24	Clover Leaf Barrels (Seniors)
Class 25	Figure 8 Barrels (Juniors)
Class 26	Figure 8 Barrels (Seniors)

13. All classes will be divided between Junior and Senior, with the exception of Halter classes and Showmanship classes. There will be no division at all on Halter. Showmanship will be divided into Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Overall High Point individual will be determined by 4H point system with no division of Junior and Senior.

14. Buckles will be awarded to the following: Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Mare, Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding, Junior, Intermediate, Senior Showmanship, Junior and Senior High Point Performance and Junior and Senior Overall High Point.

15. Premiums will be paid in all classes on the following basis:

EXAMPLE	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$4	\$4
7 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH
6 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	
5 head	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH		
4 head		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH		
3 head or less			1 ST	2 ND	3 RD		

CALF SCRAMBLE RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. The Jim Wells County Fair Association of Jim Wells County, Texas will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur to any contestant in the Calf Scramble before, during or after the scramble.
2. Contestant will be permitted to catch a calf no more than one time in his/her 4-H or FFA career at the Jim Wells County Fair.
3. No contestant will be permitted to participate in more than one scramble performance (either 4-H or FFA) in any one year at the Jim Wells County Fair.
4. The Jim Wells County Fair Association reserves the right to confiscate an individual's heifer and return it to the sponsor if the animal has been abused, fed or cared for improperly.
5. Each contestant must submit a minor's release/entry card, the five answered questions and summary to the Fair Office on the 2nd Wednesday of September. Release forms may be obtained from the County Agents, FFA Advisors or the Fair Office. Contestants will be notified of their acceptance and the date and time they are to participate. An announced meeting will be held prior to the calf scramble. This is a mandatory meeting that each contestant must attend to be eligible to compete.
6. INCOMPLETE MINOR'S RELEASE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. All information requested on the minor's release must be complete. The parents and contestant along with the notary must sign the release. Both parents must sign the release. However, if the parents are divorced, or if one is deceased, one signature is sufficient. But the notation of "divorced" or "deceased" must be made on the minor's release will be returned.
7. Calf scramble will be held in the Rodeo Arena during the Ranch Rodeo Contest.
8. Calf scramble winners will obtain their heifers from their sponsor that will be determined at the calf scramble. Each sponsor will donate a heifer to his or her 4-H or FFA winner.

SELECTION OF CONTESTANTS

1. Only active 4-H Club or FFA Chapter members that live or go to school in Jim Wells County may participate in the calf scramble.
2. The Calf Scramble Committee will select contestants.
3. Scramble participants must have reached their 12th birthday, but not their 17th birthday before the date of the scramble and not be beyond their sophomore year in high school.
4. Each FFA Chapter or 4-H Club may submit as many applications as desired, but final number of participants will be determined based on number of heifer sponsors obtained.
5. Twice as many contestants will be placed in the rodeo arena as there are calves or closest to this ratio as possible.
6. After positions have been filled, remaining applications will be kept on file and alternates will be notified should a position become available.
7. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WILL NEED TO BE ANSWERED AND TURNED IN ON A SHEET OF PAPER ALONG WITH YOUR MINOR'S RELEASE FORM AND ENTRY CARD.
 1. Are you financially able to care for this animal?
 2. Do you have access to facilities to house and feed a heifer? If yes, please give a description and physical address to facility.

3. Do you have a sincere interest to learn and become knowledgeable of beef cattle production practices and the beef cattle industry as well?
 4. Do you have the time that is needed to care for this animal?
 5. Give a summary of why you want to be a participant in the calf scramble.
8. RECIPIENTS OF CALF SCRAMBLE HEIFERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS TO THEIR ORGANIZATION ADVISOR, SPONSORS AND THE SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE SUPERINTENDENT BY NOT LATER THAN THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.

ARENA RULES

1. The calf scramble is to be refereed by an appointed group of referees.
2. Participants and calves will be placed in the arena as directed by the arena director.
3. Contestants must wear blue jeans and a calf scramble jersey (Jim Wells County Fair Association will provide jerseys).
4. SHOES WITH ANY TYPE OF METAL CLEATS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
5. Undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referees. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any participant.
6. Participants will take into the arena a rope halter, which will be supplied by the Jim Wells County Fair Association. The halter can not be used as a lariat. Halters must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way. (It is suggested that the supervisors of all participants instruct the participants in the proper use of a rope halter and how to place it on the head of a calf before coming to the show to participate in the scramble).
7. At no time will a participant be permitted to tie the rope to his body or belt.
8. Each participant will attempt to catch and halter one of the calves released. The participant catching a calf is required to halter it and lead it across the finish line without aid.
9. If a participant catches a calf, no other participant will be allowed to touch the calf unless it breaks free.
10. If a participant catches a calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to the head; otherwise, the referee will instruct them to release the calf.
11. If two or more participants simultaneously catch the same calf, the calf will be released.
12. Contestants may not work as a team.
13. If a participant loses a calf with his halter on it, it then becomes a "free calf". The participant is permitted to recapture the calf by the halter or rope, but any other participant who catches this calf will have to catch it in the usual manner, then remove the halter and put his own halter on the calf.
14. A participant who catches and properly halters a calf and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referees.
15. Sponsors will be numbered and calves will be awarded in order of contestants finish.

OWNERSHIP AND POSSESSION OF HEIFER

1. The heifer will remain the property of the Jim Wells County Calf Scramble Committee until all obligations are fulfilled by the scramble participant.
2. The Jim Wells County Calf Scramble Committee reserves the right to regain possession of the heifer and return it to the sponsor if the scramble participant fails to meet all the requirements for exhibition.
3. Forfeiture of the heifer will include, but is not limited to the following criteria:
 - a. Failure to contact sponsor and secure possession of heifer prior to validation.
 - b. Failure to follow ethical husbandry practices including providing adequate facilities, feed, water and health care. Any abuse including physical mistreatment will be grounds for forfeiture.
 - c. Failure to halter break and train the heifer to effectively and safely participate in the show.
 - d. Failure to present the heifer for validation.
 - e. Failure to submit an entry for the Calf Scramble Show.
 - f. Failure to comply with any and all eligibility requirements for exhibition at the Jim Wells County Fair.
 - g. Failure to exhibit the heifer in the Calf Scramble Show in the next Jim Wells County Fair.
4. Calf scramble heifers may be commercial or registered and are encouraged to participate in the Commercial or Junior Breeders Shows. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to submit an entry in these divisions. Calf scramble heifers must comply with the age requirements of the commercial and junior divisions.
5. A "FOR SALE" sign cannot be displayed under any circumstance while a calf scramble heifer is being exhibited at the Jim Wells County fair.
6. Calf scramble participants will be required to post an exhibitor sign recognizing the sponsor of the heifer.

CALF SCRAMBLE

Calf scramble will be held at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena, on Friday, October 23, 2026, immediately following the Overall Showmanship Contest.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

1. The Showmanship Contest will be divided into three (3) categories as follows:

Junior	9 years old or 3 rd grade - 5 th grade
Intermediate	6 ^h grade - 8 th grade
Senior	9 th grade - 12 th Grade

2. During the judging of the classes in each livestock division, judges selected by the division superintendents will observe each boy and girl exhibiting an animal, owned, fitted and trained.

3. The judges will select junior, intermediate and senior showmanship finalists. Finalists will be announced at the conclusion of each class. After the last class of the livestock judging in each division, those finalists selected shall return to the arena with their animal to compete for Champion and Reserve Champion junior, intermediate and senior showmen.

4. Only senior showman winners will be allowed to compete in the Overall Showmanship Contest to select an overall showman.

5. Judges obtained by the Overall Showmanship Contest Committee will make selection of the overall showman.

6. Senior Champion showman winners must agree to participate in the Overall Showmanship Contest representing their division and must also agree to show livestock in each of the following divisions: Steer, heifer, lamb, swine, goat, dairy goat, chickens, turkey, rabbit and horse.

7. Each Champion senior showman has the option of using his/her own animal in the division they won. If they choose not to use their own animal, they will draw for their animal.

8. If the selected Champion senior showman does not agree to compete in the Overall Showmanship Contest the selected Reserve Champion senior showman will be allowed to compete. The Reserve Champion senior showman must agree to all the rules of this division.

9. The decisions of the judges, superintendents and Showmanship Committee will be final.

10. Awards will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion junior, intermediate and senior showman winners and to the overall showman.

11. The Overall Showmanship Contest will be conducted on Friday, October 23, 2026 starting at 5:00 p.m. The overall showman winner will be announced following the completion of this contest.

SHOP PROJECTS DIVISION

1. This division is open to all 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA members enrolled in the public and parochial schools of Jim Wells County.
2. Individual Projects and Team Projects can be entered. Team Project(s) cannot exceed more than four exhibitors on a team
3. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per Individual Project and \$20.00 per Team Project. Have entry cards completed and signed by the teacher or 4-H leader or FFA Advisor. EXHIBITOR MUST SELL A FAIR MEMBERSHIP.
4. Projects constructed during the previous 12 month period prior to the fair are eligible. The project must be the direct result of the student's own efforts.
 - Prefabricated, nor prepackaged project kits that require assembly only are not qualified to be entered in the Shop Project Division.
 - Portfolios will be required for each project; they must contain: 1) Design/Drawing plans, 2) Bill of materials, 3) Photos of building process (Start to Finish). 4) Research, and 5) MSDS of chemicals (metals, paints and primers).
5. A removable exhibitor sign will need to be attached to the project(s). Information may only include Exhibitor's name and Club name. This information needs to be on an 8 x10 paper/sign.
6. Exhibitors may enter three projects per class. The exhibitor will assign the Class to which the project belongs. No changes can be made after entry card is turned in. Classes are determined on construction, materials. Intended use, etc. Projects will be divided into the following Classes for Individual and Team

Class	Individual	Team
1	Farm machinery and livestock trailers (Chutes, head gates, movers, work tables, etc.)	Farm Machinery and livestock trailers (Chutes, head gates, movers, work tables, etc.)
2	Welding projects (Headache racks, barbecue pits, flatbed and utility trailers, etc.)	Welding projects (Headache racks, barbecue pits, flatbed and utility trailers, etc.)
3	Yard conveniences (Picnic table, swing set, hanging baskets)	Yard conveniences (Picnic table, swing sets, hanging baskets)
4	Indoor furniture (Gun cabinets, coffee tables, stereo cabinets, etc.)	Indoor furniture (Gun cabinets, coffee tables, stereo cabinets, etc.)
5	Internal combustion engines	Internal combustion engines
6	All others	All other

7. Shop Projects entry cards and fees must be turned in to 4-H leaders, FFA advisors or FCCLA teachers by 2nd Wednesday of September to JWCFA Office. Shop Projects must be delivered to the BACK of Merchant's Building on Tuesday October 20, 2026 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Check-in signatures are required from either exhibitor, designated individuals, FCCLA teachers, 4H leaders, FFA advisors or Parent/Guardians at drop-off. Superintendent will designate a display area for each project.
8. Any project with a lid or door (example, barbecue pit) will need to be secured by exhibitors to prevent accidental injury to JWCFA patrons in either an open or closed position when not being judged. Exhibitors may make final touchups at check-in only (Dusting, Polishing and Wipe-downs etc.)
9. Projects will be judged at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday. JWCFA patrons will be allowed to view judging in designated area. No comments, cheering, or interaction with exhibitor(s) or judge while judging/interviewing will be allowed. Any infraction will result in disqualification of the exhibitor.

10. Exhibitor ribbons will be presented at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the Merchant's Building following judging. If exhibitor is not able to attend, please send a representative.

11. Judges(s) will award each project a ribbon according to the following: Excellent, Blue Ribbon (100-90 pts); Good, Red Ribbon (89-80pts); Fair, White Ribbon (79-70 pts). Awards will be presented to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion which will be chosen from the First place and Second place in each Division. Any ties will result in a second interview. Judges results are final.

Categories	Points
Workmanship	30
Documentation	20
Knowledge of Project	20
Design	10
Interview	10
Difficulty	5
Safety	5
TOTAL	100

12. Exhibitors may sell their project by private treaty at any time during the show; A "For Sale" sign may be displayed. Exhibitors will be held responsible for issuing a receipt to the purchaser and seeing that the project is not removed prior to the release date and time.

13. Awards as follows: Grand Champion Project; \$500.00 and Reserve Grand Champion Project; \$300.00. If a Team wins then they will split Grand Champion Premium of \$500 and Reserve Grand Champion Premium of \$300.

14. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors will need to be at the Presentation of Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 24, 2026 by 12:30 p.m. at designated area.

15. Projects may be removed by exhibitors/designated individuals between 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Saturday, October 24th or 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Sunday October 25th. No early pick-ups. Any projects left after 11:00 a.m. Sunday October 25th will be surrendered to the Jim Wells County Fair Association.

16. All Shop Projects are eligible for add-ons.

HOMEMAKING DIVISION RULES

1. All general rules and regulations of the Jim Wells County Fair Association will apply.

2. No entry fee will be charged for placing exhibits in the fair; however, all youth entries must be a member of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or an organized club and must sell one (1) fair membership. All adult (19-59) entries must be a member of the Jim Wells County Fair Association. The Senior Citizen division is open to any county resident 60 years of age or over.

Age Groups:

Group 1	Pee Wee (age as of September 1 st) Kinder-2 nd Grade
Group 2	Junior (age as of September 1 st) 3 rd - 5 th Grade
Group 3	Intermediate (age as of September 1 st) 6 th - 8 th Grade
Group 4	Senior (age as of September 1 st) 9 th - 12 th Grade
Group 5	Adult - 19-59 years
Group 6	Senior Citizen - 60 years or over

3. All entries **MUST** be the complete work of the exhibitor and completed within one (1) calendar year of the previous fair. All entries must be undamaged and clean. Unfinished entries will not be accepted.

4. Any entry which has been entered and judged previously in the Jim Wells County Fair, cannot be exhibited or judged again.

5. Participants may enter as many entries in any given division, but only two (2) per class, with the exception of photography. Only one photo per class will be accepted.

6. Entries that do not follow the Homemaking Division Rules will be disqualified. Disqualifications may occur during judging. Acceptance of an entry at check-in is not an acknowledgement that an entry meets all Homemaking Division Rules. The Superintendent of each department has the authority to reject unworthy exhibits or items not packaged according to division rules or reclassify any articles. Food items requiring refrigeration will be disqualified.

7. All entries must be pre-registered to be eligible for judging. Entry forms must be filled out completely and have a brief description of each entry. **Entry forms will be available on the Jim Wells County Fair Association website and must be turned in during Home Economics Entry Registration on the second Sunday of September between 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics building.** No late entries will be accepted.

8. Youth and adult entry check-in to the Jim Wells County Fair will take place in the Home Economics building on Monday of fair week between 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Senior citizen entries will be accepted from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. No late arrivals will be accepted. All 3x5 index cards for entries must be completed and placed with entry before checking in. Pre-registration description must match the item turned in. Food items must have a copy of the recipe without the participant's name included on the form.

9. Judge's orientation will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by judging of items at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday of fair week. Only the judges, superintendents, assistants and appointed tabulators will be allowed in the Home Economics building during judging. Superintendents will not be the final tabulators.

10. In each class, there must be at least three similar pre-registered entries to be eligible for a class winner ribbon. Items in classes with fewer than three entries may still be eligible for division winner if they have a blue ribbon.

11. Entries will be judged and given ribbons according to scores received. Ribbons are awarded based on scores with a 90-100 = Blue Ribbon and 80-89 = Red Ribbon. Any score below 80 will not receive a ribbon. There will be Class Winner Ribbons awarded in each class when there are

three (3) or more similar pre-registered entries. A Blue Ribbon or Class Winner Ribbon is required for Division Winner Ribbon.

12. Only a portion of the cakes will be displayed, the remaining portion must be removed from the Home Economics Building after judging on Tuesday between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Any items not picked up by 7:00 p.m. will be thrown away. Other items which may be removed on Tuesday are entries that are rejected or disqualified.

13. Point System: Exhibitors may enter as many items as desired but only the top 25 high scoring entries will be used for determining Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age division. Exhibitors will still be awarded ribbons for all items. Points will be tabulated as follows: score from individual class, +5 points for Class Winner + 10 points for Division Winner.

Ex. #1: 92 points (item score) +5 for Class Winner = 97 points.

Ex. #2: 95 points (item score) +5 for Class Winner +10 for Division Winner = 110 points.

14. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Banner and Plaque will be awarded to the individuals with the most points in each age group: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Adult and Senior Citizen. Points will be tabulated from their judging results. In case of a tie, the individual with the most class & division winner ribbons from the top 25 high scoring entries will be the winner. The Grand Champion Sweepstakes Award may only be awarded to the same individual two (2) consecutive years in any age group. **The Sweepstakes Awards will be presented at the Parade-of Champions on Saturday of fair week.**

15. Persons interested in buying items may contact the owner.

16. All entries are to be picked up on Saturday of fair week between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. After Sunday, unclaimed items with the exception of food entries will be donated to local charitable organizations. The Home Economics Division will not be responsible for unclaimed items.

17. Any protest must be lodged immediately, with a \$250.00 deposit to the Home Economics Division Chairmen. The \$250.00 will be forfeited if protest is not upheld. The protest committee will consist of Home Economics Division Chairmen and Fair Board Appointed Committee. The protest committee's decision will be final.

HOME ECONOMICS ENTRY REGISTRATION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHEDULED ITEM</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>
2nd Sunday; September	Entry Forms Due	2:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.

HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING SCHEDULE

<u>FAIR WEEK DAY</u>	<u>SCHEDULED ITEM</u>	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>CLOSE</u>
Monday	Senior Citizen Entries Due	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
	All Youth and Adult Entries Due	3:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Judging of Entries	8:30 a.m.	Late p.m.
	Pick up Cakes	5:00 p.m.	7:00p.m.
Wednesday	Open to Public	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Open to Public	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Open to Public	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Open to Public	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
	Pick Up All Items	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

QUEEN'S PAGEANT DIVISION

Requirements to compete in the Jim Wells County Fair Pageant follow:

- Required to reside in Jim Wells County and/or attend a Jim Wells County School.
- Must be an active member of 4-H, FFA or FCCLA.
- Participants must exhibit a livestock or home economics project in the fair and follow all required validation and entry deadlines.
- Maintain high moral standards: Juvenile delinquency, school truancy, pregnancy, excessive failing grades or any act found detrimental is not allowed,
- Required to sell a fair membership.
- Queen's Pageant Entry Deadline will be the 2nd Friday in September by 5:00 p.m. to the Jim Wells County Fair Office. Entry Applications must be complete with all required forms, ads, and ad money in order for entry to be accepted.

Requirements listed above are a must for Jim Wells County Fair Pageant winners (Miss Jim Wells County/1st Runner-up/2nd Runner-up) during the duration of their reigning year. Failure to follow requirements will result in forfeiting their title/scholarship. Responsibilities of Miss Jim Wells County and court are to attend the Jim Wells County Fair in its entirety (assisting with shows/events/auction/etc.) Each are to sign in/out at the Fair Office as they assist, with the division superintendent/event chairperson in charge to verify time worked. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting their title/scholarship.

PEEWEE GOAT SHOW DIVISION – SPECIAL EVENT

1. Only does and wethers will be allowed in the show. NO BILLIES – NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. All goats will be dehorned or blunt tipped horns.
3. Pee Wee Goats are allowed on the fairgrounds for the show only, they must be removed upon completion of Pee Wee show.
4. Classes will be divided by exhibitor age group
5. This show is open to Jim Wells County children 8 years old or younger, no child having shown any type of animal in the Jim Wells County Fair will be allowed to show in the Pee Wee Goat Show.
6. The Jim Wells County Pee Wee Goat Show will be Saturday, October 24, 2026. Check-In will be from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Show will start upon completion of breaking classes.
7. Awards will be as follows: Participation Ribbons and Trophies to all exhibitors.

RISING STAR GOAT SHOW DIVISION – SPECIAL EVENT

1. This show is open to students in the Jim Wells County that are 3rd grade thru 12th grade, ages 8 – 22, in Adaptive Education or Life Skills Program that are not already exhibiting in the Jim Wells County Fair. Home Schooled, private, public or parochial schools students are eligible.
2. The show will have classes and a grand drive. Classes will be divided by Junior (3rd grade – 8th grade) and Senior (9th grade – 12th grade) Divisions. Classes may be broken down further at the discretion of the committee chairman.
3. Students participating in the Rising Star Goat Show will need to check-in and receive their exhibitor number 30 minutes prior to the start of the show.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Rising Star Goat Show Check-InWest Arena
Rising Star Goat Show will start after classes have been broken and postedWest Arena

JOHN L. WILLIAMS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

In May of 2001, the youth of Jim Wells County lost a great friend, supporter and advisor, John L. "Johnny" Williams. Anytime you had a problem or needed an answer, you could turn to Johnny.

After his passing, we wanted to remember him the only way we could think of, with a Sportsmanship Award.

The recipient could be a boy or girl, junior exhibitor or senior, and an exhibitor of steers, heifers, lambs, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits, or horses.

The recipient of the award would have to exhibit some of Johnny's qualities: 1) Willingness to help anyone at anytime; 2) Being able to laugh at yourself when you really want to cry; 3) Helping out anyway you can; 4) If you don't have the answer to a question, finding out the answer and following through with a promise.

The recipient is nominated by their Club leader or advisor and watched during the fair by a secret panel of judges. The nominee must exhibit the qualities listed above not only at the fair but throughout the year. The recipient is then selected and announced during the awards ceremony before the Junior Auction.

The nominees are asked to be submitted by October 1st to:
P.O. Box 3675
Alice, Texas 78333-3675

RV/TRAILER SPACES

1. All assigned RV/Trailer spaces must be paid by the due date of the 2nd Friday of September. If not paid by the due date, the space will be forfeited. No exceptions.
2. No RV/Trailer may be moved in prior to the Friday before the fair. If RV/Trailer is moved in, an additional fee of \$25.00 per day will be assessed.
3. All trailers must be in place by Monday, October 19, 2026.
4. All trailers and vehicles must not be parked in designated fire lanes.
5. The RV/Trailer you plan on using, must fit in the designated assigned area. Space is limited, so make sure your RV/Trailer will fit. If it does not fit, and you do not find one to use in the assigned space, your space will be forfeited.
6. RV space must be occupied ONLY by the assigned person(s). If not occupied by the assigned person(s), the assigned person's space will be forfeited.
7. Any unoccupied paid spaces will be subject to forfeiting the following year's space.
8. No BBQ trailers (competition cooking trailers) will be allowed in RV/Trailer spaces.
9. After 10:00 p.m., no loud music/noise will be permitted. Any violation will cause immediate removal from Fair Grounds and your RV/Trailer space will be forfeited. Please be considerate and respectful of your neighbors.
10. Wilderness Trailer parking must be paid before the trailer is brought to fairgrounds. Any trailer that has not paid, will be towed at the owner's expense