

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of February and before 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of April. Weigh a minimum of 2 pounds on validation date. Be in the exhibitor's possession by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May. Minimum weight is 8 pounds; maximum weight is 11½ pounds. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of April. Be in the exhibitor's possession by 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July. Minimum weight is 5½ pounds; maximum weight is 8 pounds. . Any 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. **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July **VALIDATION and TATTOO DATE:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of March **(TURKEYS, HENS AND TOMS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of May **(ROASTERS, MALES ONLY WITH A MINIMUM WEIGHT OF 5 POUNDS) POSSESSION and VALIDATION DATE:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** **VALIDATION DATE:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of June. Goats must be validated at the fairgrounds on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of August. Breeding goats must be validated by e-mail to [jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com) on or before 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of August. Breeding goats must be validated by e-mail to [jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com) on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jimwellscountyfair@gmail.com) on or before 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of August. **VALIDATION DATE:** The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**