

Tyler County Fair Rules 2024

October 2nd – 5th, 2024



Tyler County Fair
P.O. Box 725
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General Rules

1. Entry in the livestock show shall be limited to active FFA, Junior FFA, and 4-H members who have personally fed and cared for their animals under the supervision of their Ag Science Teacher (AST) or County Agent (CEA). Entry in the home economics division shall be limited to active FFA, Junior FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H members who are members in good standing with their respective organization under the supervision of their Ag Science Teacher (AST), Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher (FCS), or County Agent (CEA). Entry in the fine arts division shall also include students in county art classes under the supervision of their respective Art Teacher.
2. Each exhibitor must comply with all provisions of “No Pass, No Play” as observed by University Interscholastic League rules. No substitutions will be allowed.
3. If an animal dies within the first 15 days of the entry deadline, a replacement may be made, excluding rabbits and broilers. The AST or CEA must be informed of the animal’s death and the replacement date.
4. All entries must be turned into the organizational representative IE Ag Teacher, County Agent, Art Teacher etc. who is responsible for delivering signed forms to the show secretary.
5. All entries must include a W-9 form. No sale funds will be disbursed without a completed W-9 submitted to the Show Treasurer.
6. All livestock exhibitors must complete the Quality Counts Program and submit a valid certificate number on each entry form. The Tyler County Fair does not tolerate the use of off-label medications or feed additives in any animal. Mistreatment of animals will not be tolerated while on fair grounds premises.
7. All market animals must be fed and managed by the exhibitor and be located in the county or at the exhibitor’s primary residence.
8. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and feed/water buckets.
9. Exhibitors are expected to attend the scheduled Fairgrounds Cleanup to prepare pens and show equipment.
10. Exhibitors may enter one animal for the entry fee of \$25, any additional validation tags will be an additional \$6 per tag. Exhibitors may validate as many animals as they want. Exhibitors must declare which animal they are showing at the time of check-in.
11. All animals must be free of all contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases. No animal will be given medication unless under the direction of the Fair Livestock Chairman or Division Chairman.
12. Unethical fitting is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to pumping or other means of directly introducing fluid or other material into the stomach. Malnutrition will also not be allowed. Drenching is permissible in pens or stalls. Feeding and watering, by any means, not to be performed in the main aisles, only in stalling areas.
13. All market animals will be weighed only once across the scales. The show superintendent will remove the animal from the scales, reset them, and reweigh immediately for an accurate weight.
14. All livestock must be in place and properly stalled after check-in. All exhibitors will keep animals in assigned stalls throughout the Fair, unless washing.

15. Exhibitors may only show their checked-in animal in showmanship competitions.
16. The Livestock Committee (Chairman) reserves the right to combine, change, or eliminate any class or division.
17. Any unruly animal will not be allowed to show at the TCF at the discretion of the livestock chairperson or show chairperson
18. All animals not meeting the requirements of the individual shows will be sifted.
19. All market animals are to be checked in on Wednesday between 3:00-6:30 pm unless otherwise noted in the species rules.
20. The TCF will not be responsible for loss, damage, or injury of person or property during the Fair.
21. The TCF Board reserves the right to remove from the fairgrounds any person whose actions are unsuitable or objectionable to the Board.
22. The fairgrounds gates will be locked at midnight and opened by 6:00am for access.
23. Final interpretation of the rules shall be left to the discretion of the TCF Board.

Junior Livestock Auction

1. All market species will have an automatic sale of five (5) animals plus twenty percent (20%) of the number of entries in that species. The respective judge will choose the sale order. See Market Steer rules for additional species information.
2. Tyler County Fair, Inc. will keep 5% of auction sales. These proceeds will go toward the cost of improvements for future fairs.
3. No animal will be released or removed from the fairgrounds until Sunday morning unless specified in species rules or the master schedule.
4. The price of Under the Barn sales will be posted in the office.
5. The Reserve Champion cannot be sold for more than the Grand Champion. Third place and beyond cannot be sold for more than the Reserve Champion.
6. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to dress and deliver all broilers and rabbits sold through the auction within two weeks of the sale unless the buyer expressly declines delivery.
7. It is not permissible to request that a buyer sell or donate back a project for any purpose.
8. A market animal not making the auction is eligible to sell "Under the Barn." Prices are as follows.
 - a. Lambs-\$250
 - b. Goats- \$250
 - c. Pigs- \$350
 - d. Steers- \$0.25 above current market price per pound. No Less than \$1.50/lb
 - e. Broilers- \$50
 - f. Meat Rabbits- \$50
 - g. Commercial Heifer - \$0.25 above current market price per pound. No Less than \$1.50/lb

Housekeeping

1. All exhibitors will be required to keep stalls or pens in a clean condition by removing any trash, litter, or manure.
2. No chairs are allowed in the aisles, only show boxes, to allow access to the pens. Do not block the animals.

Protests or Grievances

1. All protests must be in writing with signature and accompanied by a deposit of \$150.00 (not anonymous). The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint and be delivered to the show chair or secretary within 3 hours of the show for that species in the livestock show or division in the Home Economics department. The complaint will be presented to a committee of three people selected by the Fair Board.

Awards

1. There will be buckle awards for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in each species and High Point Sr and Jr for Home Economics.
2. Ribbons will be given to all participants.
3. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship buckles will be given for steer, swine, goat, breeding beef, rabbit, broiler, and lamb shows.
 - a. Junior Exhibitors are age 8-10
 - b. Intermediate Exhibitors are age 11-13
 - c. Senior Exhibitors are age 14+
4. The Pee-wee division will receive ribbons. Pee-wee will consist of goats, breeding rabbits and swine if time allows. Pee-wee entries can show animals of an older exhibitor that has already shown.
5. Special Awards- Fair Board Chairmen will select exhibitors to be recognized by the following awards at the Livestock Auction. Selection may be based on attending scheduled workdays, cooperativeness, politeness, involvement, and attitude.
 - a. Lamar Conner Award**
 - i. This award recognizes an individual that shows hard work throughout the fair. An exhibitor that is always willing to help fairboard members or helping other exhibitors before and during the fair.
 - b. Herdsman Award**
 - i. A herdsman award will be presented to the individual exhibitor who kept assigned stalls/pens clean and neat.
 - ii. This award will be presented as an overall participation award to an exhibitor with multiple projects in the fair. Multiple Projects could include, and are not limited to: Ag Mechanics ; Home Economics ; BBQ Team ; Livestock Species etc.
 - iii. Award is not limited to senior participants
 - c. Top Breeder**
 - i. - A top breeder award will be given to the Tyler County breeder with the highest overall placings, combining pigs, goats, lambs, and steers.
 - d. R.A. Jernigan Award and Scholarship**
 - i. Jernigan award is given to a senior exhibitor who exemplifies outstanding leadership over multiple years of involvement in the fair.
 - ii. Scholarship requirements include a general application turned into their respective Ag Teacher or Extension Agent
 - iii. The Scholarship committee will meet during the fair to determine recipients and amount based on application numbers and strength.
 - e. Legacy Showman Award**
 - i. These awards will be given to all senior showman who have participated in the livestock show in every possible year of eligibility starting with their 3rd grade year thru their senior year

f. Livestock Rookie of the Year Award

i. This award will be presented to the first year showman who makes an immediate impact on the Tyler County Fair. This award will be based on a points system. ii. Guidelines:

1. Each Rookie must be an active paid member of 4H or FFA in Tyler County
2. Accumulation of points will begin upon the first entry received by the show Award Chairman for that individual
3. Each Rookie must exhibit at least one livestock project to be eligible
4. Overall year-end points will be used to determine the winner of the overall Livestock Rookie of the Year

iii. Points system

1. 1 points per entry
2. 1 point per class winner
3. 3 points per reserve champion
4. 5 points per grand champion
5. 3 points per showmanship win
6. 5 points per day working and helping keep Tyler County Fairgrounds clean or assisting fair board members with needed tasks during fair week
7. 5 points for attending fair cleanup day and working throughout the day.

2024 Tyler County Fair Judges

Heifers/Steers/Commercial Heifers – Wade Shackleford

Broilers – Micah Osborne

Goats – Shawn Ramsey

Lambs – Shawn Ramsey

Rabbits – John Terry

Swine – Cody Hayes

Tyler County Fair Schedule of Events

Wednesday October 2nd

3:00 – 6:30 PM

Check in for Market Lambs, Goats, Swine

7:00PM- 7:30PM

Broiler Check in

8:00PM

Broiler Show

Thursday October 3rd

7:00-9:00 AM

Check in for All Beef Projects, including Market Steers; Commercial Heifers; Breeding Heifers & Bulls; Dairy Heifers & Bulls

Check in For Ag Mechanics at South End of the Main Arena

Check in For Home Economics, Sewing, Fine Arts and Photography

10:00 AM

Home Economics Judging- Sewing, Fine Arts, and Photography

11:00 AM

Market Lamb Show, followed by Market Goat Show

7:00 PM

Market Swine Show

Friday October 4th

7:00-9:00 AM

Check in For Home Economics- Food Products

9:00-11:00 AM

Rabbit Weigh-In

9:00 AM

Ag Mechanics Judging

BBQ Teams May Begin Move in

Chief Cook Meeting- South End of Large Arena

Dairy Heifer Show – followed by Breeding Heifer Show – Followed by Breeding Bull Show

10:00 AM

Home Economics Judging – Baking

11:00 AM

Commercial Heifer Show

12:00 PM

Market Rabbit Show- Immediately followed by Big Fryer Show

6:00 PM

Home Economics Awards in the Home Economics Building

5:30 PM

Market Steer Show

Saturday October 5th

9:00 AM

Peewee Show – Goats/Lamb/Swine in Small Animal Arena – Check in Open until 10:00 AM

10:00AM – 5PM

Individual Ag Mechanics Silent Auction – South End of Main Arena

Noon- 3:00 PM

Home Economics Release

2:00-4:00 PM

BBQ Cookoff Judging

3:00 PM

Home Economics Auction

5:00 PM

Buyers Dinner – Home Economics Building

7:00 PM

Livestock Auction

Sunday October 6th

8:00AM-12:00PM

All Remaining Projects Released

Broilers

Chair: Derrick Gray
Phone: (409) 656 - 2523
Entry Deadline: May 17th
Entry Fee: \$115
Check In: Wednesday by 7:30pm
Judging: Wednesday at 8:00pm

Please read this document carefully before ordering.

Only birds that the Tyler County Fair purchases through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Poultry Science office are eligible to compete in the Tyler County Fair youth market poultry show.

ORDER DEADLINE

Entry forms are due at the time of ordering broilers. May 17, 2024.

Broiler Chicks

1. Birds delivered for this show will be straight run commercial type broilers (pullets and cockerels randomly mixed). These are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) clean birds. They should be raised away from other farm fowl, especially older birds, and waterfowl.
2. The order form will serve as your official PT-04 Papers; you will not be required to submit any other health papers on these birds at the Tyler County Fair
3. The Broiler Order Checklist must be signed and turned in the day of the broiler pick-up.
4. Once an order is received and processed, it can not be refunded.

Bird identification

5. Each exhibitor's order will be identified by a series of numbered wing bands. Birds are assigned to exhibitors by these numbers.
6. **Birds losing their wing bands, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to enter the show. Birds with wing bands that show evidence of tampering will be sifted, and the decision of the show official is final.**
7. The chairperson of the Youth Market Poultry Show will instruct bird sifters and judges to disregard wing bruising and damage caused by a wing band.
8. Show officials reserve the right to collect tissue and/or blood samples at the show to verify if an entry has been given any substance that is illegal to the rules of the Tyler County Fair

Show qualifications

9. Exhibitors must have cared for the broilers from the time of delivery until show.
10. Exhibitors are allowed to show one pen of three chickens of either sex.
11. Any bird showing signs of needle marks, broken wings, or is not alive before entering the ring will be sifted.
12. No weight limits. Any Feed or Water Containers used at the fairgrounds must be provided by the exhibitor
13. No Adhesives, oils, coloring, powders, glitter, or paint are allowed on the show animal. Water is the only allowed substance to be on the show animal.

Show Check In

14. Exhibitors will take broiler entries to the **South End** of the **Large Arena**
15. Check in will begin at 7pm on October 2nd, 2024, and the gate will close at 7:30pm The sift of your birds may be done at this time.
16. At 7:45 pm only the exhibitor and the two students helping to hold birds will be allowed in the arena. Everyone else must exit the arena at this time.

After Show

17. All birds that do not make sale may be taken home after the broiler show. **Only Broilers that have made the sale will be penned.** Please take any sifted or non-auction sale birds' home after the show. Birds are not to be left in the arena, pens, parking lot, vehicles, trailers or released on the side of the road. Birds must be properly disposed of. Do not leave containers used to carry birds in behind.
18. All Sale Birds that remain need to be monitored, by the exhibitor, to ensure they have water, feed, and a fan if needed.
19. Sale broilers are to be taken home after the sale auction. Please clean your pen and any trash in your area before you leave. Please take home- water bottles, feed containers, and any personal items.
20. Any dead birds are to be disposed of in a bag and put into a dumpster.
21. One alternate will be named for the sale order and these birds must remain penned until the end of the sale Saturday night.
22. The livestock committee will inspect all livestock, poultry, and rabbits for proper care. Failure to feed, water, and care for your livestock may result in being barred from future shows or events at the Tyler County Fair.

Removal of Exhibits/ Release of Animals

23. Livestock, Poultry, and rabbits on exhibition may NOT be removed from the showgrounds without a release given by the Livestock Division Chairman
24. The exhibitor is responsible for obtaining the release papers for all livestock to be removed from the Fairgrounds

25. Animals sold at Auction will only be released by the appropriate approved contracted packers unless prior arrangements have been made by the exhibitor and the Livestock Chairman.

Broiler Showmanship

26. Showmanship will be awarded to one showman in each of the divisions. The divisions will be Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

All Decisions of the Broiler Show Committee are Final

Market Lamb

Chair: Josh Johanson

Phone: 361-318-0766

Entry Deadline: July 1st

Entry Fee: \$25

Check In: Wednesday 3:00-6:30 pm

Weight Limits 75lb-175lbs

Judging: Thursday at 11am

Release on Sunday

1. Lambs must be the property of and under daily feed and care of the exhibitor no later than the validation date. All lambs will be tagged with a special plastic tag furnished by the Tyler County Fair. The Livestock Chairman will issue tags. Each Exhibitor can tag as many lambs as they wish with family tags. Exhibitors will declare which animal is to be shown at check-in.
2. Wether and ewe lambs are eligible to show. Males must be wethered before the validation date
3. If an ear tag is lost, the County Agent or an Ag Science Teacher and the Lamb Chairman must be notified, and the lamb must be retagged within 7 days.
4. All market lambs will be weighed upon arrival. Lambs not being of show quality due to weight, displaying signs of disease, external parasites, or physical abnormalities will be sifted at the chairman's discretion.
5. All Lambs must be shorn to skin- slick shorn from the knee and hock up prior to entering the barn for weighing or they will be automatically sifted.
6. Fitting: Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Touch-up clipping below the knees and hocks with clippers, cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch-up clipping and the lamb is subject to disqualification. The exhibitor is expected to feed, care for, fit, and exhibit their animal/project while at the Tyler County Fair. If needed, the exhibitor may have the assistance of the exhibitor's family, AST, CEA, Local County/Chapter Adult Volunteer, or other 4H or FFA members. Violators of this rule may be disqualified and may be barred from future participation.
7. Any lamb showing evidence of live testicular tissue or exhibiting excessive ram characteristics will be sifted. Tails must also be docked, or the lamb will be sifted.
8. Minimum weight for the lamb show will be 75lbs. The maximum weight will be 175lbs. There will be a 2lb weight tolerance. All lambs will be weighed once. The first weight counts and there will be no re-weighing of entries. All lambs will be weighed on certified scales.
9. Show Equipment: The Livestock Show provided an opportunity for the public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the way it is being used. Show Management or Livestock Committee

Chairman/Lamb Chairman reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.

10. Weight Classes will be broken into a number of classes at the discretion of the Lamb Chairman
11. All Lambs will remain at the fairgrounds until the Sunday after the show has been completed. Anyone needing to remove a lamb earlier must have permission from the Lamb Chairman and the Livestock Chairman.

Goat

Chair: Josh Johanson

Phone: 361-318-0766

Entry Deadline: July 1st

Entry Fee: \$25

Check In: Wednesday 3:00-6:30 pm

Weight Limit – 55 lbs – 115lbs

Judging: Thursday 30 minutes after Lamb Show

Release on Sunday

1. Goats must be the property of and under daily feed and care of the exhibitor no later than the validation date. All goats will be tagged with a special plastic tag furnished by the Tyler County Fair. The Livestock Chairman will issue tags. Each Exhibitor can tag as many goats as they wish with family tags. Exhibitors will declare which animal is to be shown at check-in.
2. Only castrated males or unbred doe kids may be shown.
3. If an ear tag is lost, the County Agent or an Ag Science Teacher and the Goat Chairman must be notified, and the lamb must be retagged within 7 days.
4. All market Goats will be weighed upon arrival. Goats not being of show quality due to weight, displaying signs of disease, external parasites, or physical abnormalities will be sifted at the chairman's discretion.
5. Goats must be shorn slick (approximately 3/8 inch with indication of blocking) above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch, before arrival on the grounds. All goats not shorn on the head, body and belly will be sifted.
6. Fitting: Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Touch-up clipping below the knees and hocks with clippers, cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch-up clipping and the lamb is subject to disqualification. The exhibitor is expected to feed, care for, fit, and exhibit their animal/project while at the Tyler County Fair. If needed, the exhibitor may have the assistance of the exhibitor's family, AST, CEA, Local County/Chapter Adult Volunteer, or other 4H or FFA members. Violators of this rule may be disqualified and may be barred from future participation.
7. Any Goat showing evidence of live testicular tissue or exhibiting excessive buck characteristics will be sifted.
8. Exhibitors will be required to have horns tipped blunt (not less than the diameter of a dime at the end) before arrival on the grounds. Failure to do so will be grounds for the sifting of the animal.
9. Minimum weight for the goat show will be 55lbs. The maximum weight will be 115lbs. There will be a 2lb weight tolerance. All goats will be weighed once. The first weight counts and there will be no re-weighing of entries. All goats will be weighed on certified scales.

10. Show Equipment: The Livestock Show provided an opportunity for the public to be exposed to agricultural exhibits. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being used and the way it is being used. Show Management or Livestock Committee Chairman/Lamb Chairman reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited for all species. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
11. Weight Classes will be broken into a number of classes at the discretion of the Lamb Chairman
12. All goats will remain at the fairgrounds until the Sunday after the show has been completed. Anyone needing to remove a goat earlier must have permission from the goats Chairman and the Livestock Chairman.

Steer

Chair: Bryan Martin

Phone: 409-200-4202

Deadline: April 25th at validation

Fee: \$25

Check In: Thursday 7-9AM

Judging: Friday 5:30 PM

Release on Sunday

1. All steers must be validated on the validation date that is set by the Tyler County Fair Board, with a legible ear tag, and completed Validation Form. Validation tags must be in steers' ear prior to arriving on show grounds. Only validation tags should be present in the ear. Remove all breeder tags before official weigh-in.
2. All steers must be a bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously cared for by the exhibitor from validation date thru the Show date, under the supervision of AST, CEA or 4-H Club manager.
3. The animal must be castrated prior to validation and dehorned by July 1st.
4. Steers must weigh a minimum of five hundred pounds at tag in or they will be disqualified.
5. Minimum weight at the time of show is 1000lbs with a 3% tolerance.
6. Steers must be clipped to ¼ inch on the body. All steers must be dehorned or naturally polled. Steers must be dehorned prior to validation.
7. Exhibitors must be able to lead their own animal onto the scales at check in.
8. Steers must be trained to lead and handle properly. Nose leads will be permitted during weigh in and judging. If cattle breaks away twice, per entry into ring, animal will be tied to the fence. At that point it will be up to the judge's discretion.
9. An award for Rate of Gain will be given for the greatest weight gain between tag in and check in at the fair.
10. Only designated personnel will be allowed in the show ring 30 minutes prior to and during the show. The exhibitors will be called into the arena at the time of show with one helper per exhibitor in the alleyway or fenced area. At no time will the helper be allowed in the show ring.
11. A minimum of one county-bred steer will be guaranteed a sale spot. If no county-bred steer is selected by the judge for the sale order, all county-bred steers will re-enter the arena for the judge to select one additional sale spot. If a county-bred steer is already selected, there will not be an additional spot.
12. To be considered county-bred the steer must be calved within the boundaries of the 5 Tyler County School Districts.

Market Swine

Chair: Michael Evans

Phone: 409-429-6067

Entry Deadline: July 1

Entry Fee: \$25

Check In: Wednesday 3-6:30pm

Judging: Thursday at 7:00pm

Release on Sunday

1. Each exhibitor is allowed to tag as many animals as they would like, using family tags. Exhibitors will declare which animal at check-in.
2. Animals may be gilts or barrows.
3. The exhibitor must have owned, fed, and managed the animal from the entry deadline until the Fair.
4. Tags will be issued by the livestock chair.
5. The weight limit on swine is 215-285 pounds with a five-pound tolerance at the time of check in. Classes will be broken by weight only.
6. Animals may not be watered while in the holding pens or show without the permission of the show chair or the judge.
7. Only designated personnel will be allowed in the swine pen area prior to the show.
8. Clipping is optional. No clipping will be allowed while other shows are in progress.
9. **No oily residue on pigs in the show ring. Committee will inspect animals 30 minutes prior to show, students will be given the opportunity to correct, before entering the show ring. If not corrected, the animal will be disqualified.**

Rabbits

Chair: Melissa Dalton

Phone: 409-553-9812

	Market Rabbits
Entry Deadlines:	August 24 th
Validation:	August 24 th (Required) 8am-10am Tyler County Fair Grounds
Entry Fees:	\$25.00 /pen
Check-In:	Friday 9:00am –11:00am
Judging:	Friday at 12:00pm
Release:	Sunday by 12:00pm

Market Rabbit Rules:

1. All entries in this division are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Tyler County Fair
2. This show follows the latest revised rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Judging will be based on the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
3. One (1) meat pen per exhibitor. Each exhibitor must have their meat pens validated 42 days prior to the show. Exhibitors may validate up to ten rabbits individually or twenty total with a family validation.
4. Meat pens shall consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed. Maximum age is **seventy (70) days** old at day of show. The weight limits are **three and a half (3 ½) pounds** minimum to **five and a half (5 ½) pounds** maximum.
5. Each rabbit must have permanent identification in the left ear using three letters, numbers, or a combination of letters and numbers. Identification **MUST** be legible at weigh in.
6. All meat pen rabbits may be either (a.) kindled and raised by the exhibitor or (b.) purchased from a breeder. Exhibitors purchasing rabbits from a breeder must **buy and take possession** of the rabbits prior to the validation date. All meat pen rabbits must be the legal property of the exhibitor.
7. All rabbits must be free of any signs of disease or physical defects at the time of weigh in. If one rabbit in the pen is unhealthy, the entire pen will be disqualified. Some Market Rabbit Disqualifications include:
 - a. Ear Canker: An inflamed, swollen, scabby condition of the lower inside ear, caused by ear mites. Ears need to be clean so we can see the lower section of the ear.
 - b. Sore Hock: Infection and/or bleeding of either the fore or hind feet of the rabbit.
 - c. Malocclusion: “Buck” or “Wolf” teeth have the lower incisors extending in front of the upper incisors; sometimes curving to the sides and unusually long. Simple Malocclusion: When teeth meet “head-on” with no overlap of upper teeth
 - d. Colds: a respiratory infection characterized by sneezing and white purulent nasal discharge. Slightly matted fur on the inside of the front feet may also be present.
 - e. Conjunctivitis: Redness and inflammation of the inner membrane of the eyelid

8. No device or technique may be used to induce fluids or feeds in the effort to alter weight or conformation.
9. If requested by the buyer, each pen of three rabbits that make the sale will be safely processed, iced down in an insulated cooler, and delivered to the buyer within 13 days of the end of the show.
10. All rabbits that do not make sale may be taken home after the rabbit show. **Only Rabbits that have made the sale will be penned.** Please take any sifted or non-auction sale rabbits home after the show. Rabbits are not to be left in the arena, pens, parking lot, vehicles, trailers or released on the side of the road.
11. All Sale Rabbits that remain need to be monitored, by the exhibitor, to ensure they have water, feed, and a fan if needed.

Single Fryer Rabbit Show	
Entry Deadlines:	Check-In on Day of Show
Validation:	August 24 th (Required) 8am-10am Tyler County Fair Grounds
Entry Fees:	\$15.00
Check-In:	Friday 9:00am –11:00am
Judging:	Friday immediately after Market Rabbit Show
Release:	Sunday by 12:00pm

Fryer Rabbit Rules:

1. All entries in this division are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Tyler County Fair
2. This show follows the latest revised rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Judging will be based on the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
3. Each Exhibitor may enter only one single fryer rabbit
4. An entry shall consist of a single fryer rabbit weighing between three and a half (3 ½) pounds minimum and five and a half (5 ½) pounds maximum with a scale tolerance of two ounces. Maximum age is seventy (70) days at the day of show.
5. No rabbit enter in the single fryer show may have been entered in the market rabbit show
6. All entries must have a validation tattoo administered at the time of the market rabbit validation
7. Each rabbit must have permanent identification in the left ear using three letters, numbers, or a combination of letters and numbers. Identification **MUST** be legible at weigh in.
8. Single fryer rabbit check in will be held at the same time as the market rabbit check-in on the day of show. Show will be immediately following the market rabbit show
9. Belt Buckles and Banner will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Fryer Rabbits- This is a Non-Sale Item
10. Ribbons will be awarded for third thru 10th Place
11. This will be a carry case only show. Holding pens at the Tyler County Fair will not be provided for Fryer Rabbits.
12. Exhibitors will furnish their own carrying cases and all supplies for their rabbits.
13. No device or technique may be used to induce fluids or feeds in the effort to alter weight or conformation.
14. All rabbits must be free of any signs of disease or physical defects at the time of weigh in. Any diseased rabbit will be disqualified immediately and must be removed from the show grounds.

NOTE: Single Fryer Entries are to possess the same qualities as meat pen entries but judged as a single rabbit on its own merit.

Junior Breeding Beef

Chair: Lance Seamans

Phone: 409-200-4202

Entry Deadline: September 6th

Entry Fee: \$25-

Check-In: Breeding Beef—Thursday 7-9 AM

Judging: Friday at 9 am

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules
2. The Breeding Beef is open to all active 4H and FFA members enrolled in a home, public, private, elementary, or secondary school in Tyler County.
3. Entries must be entered online on/or before September 6th
4. Each Entry must be accompanied by \$25 entry fee per animal and a copy of registration papers at time of entry
5. Late Entries will be accepted until the Wednesday night start of the show. All late entries will cost \$50 per head. Late entries are not guaranteed stalling space inside the cattle barn.
6. All breeding beef registration papers MUST be submitted at time of entry. Any registration papers not received will be moved to a non-registered class. No Exceptions for pending papers.
7. Classes will be set according to the number of entries per breed at the discretion of the livestock chair
8. Crossbred animals must have a letter of affidavit verifying age and breed.
9. All animals in the breeding heifer/dairy show must be haltered, broken and trained to lead. Unruly animals will be tied to the fence and judged.
10. All exhibitors must wear an exhibitor number while showing.
11. All Animals must be shown in the show ring by the owner. No substitute showman allowed without prior approval from the chair.
12. Fitting requirements will be a blow and go show. Animals are to be shown in their natural confirmation and color. No animal may be shown that has any foreign objects flued to or otherwise attached in a matter so as to alter its confirmation or change its appearance; this includes but is not limited to false hair, artificial color, oil, and/or adhesives
13. There are no family entries in the junior breeding beef show.
14. Health certificates are not required.
15. Calves must be at least 6 months old at time of judging.

Junior Breeding Beef Classes

Female		Birth Date
1	Spring Heifer Calves	1/1/24 to 4/30/24
2	Senior Heifer Calves	9/1/23 to 12/31/23
3	Summer Yearling Heifers	5/1/23 to 8/31/23
4	Junior Yearling Heifers	1/1/23 to 4/30/23
5	Senior Heifers and Cows	4/1/22 to 12/31/22
6	Cow-Calf Pair	36 months and younger
7	Division Champion and Reserve	
8	Supreme Heifer and Reserve	
Bulls		Birth Date
1	Junior Bull Calves	1/1/24 and after
2	Senior Bull Calves	9/1/23 to 12/31/23
3	Summer Yearling Bulls	5/1/23 to 8/31/23
4	Junior Yearling Bulls	1/1/23 to 4/30/23
5	Senior Yearling Bulls	On or before 12/31/22
6	Division Champion and Reserve	
7	Overall, Champion and Reserve	

Commercial Heifers

Chair: Caleb Swinney

Phone: 409-790-9487

Entry Deadline: May 14th at Validation

Entry Fee: \$25

Check In: Thursday 7-9 AM

Judging: Friday 11 AM

1. Commercial Heifers must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor under the supervision of Agriculture Science Instructor or County Extension Agent. Continuous Ownership and care of the animal must be maintained from tag in to showtime by the exhibitor.
2. The Official weigh-in will be held at the Tyler County Fair Grounds. May 14th 5-6PM
3. The weight of the heifer at validation cannot be less than four hundred pounds nor more than eight hundred pounds
4. Any commercial not making the weight will be backed off the scales; scales balanced and re-weighed one time only
5. Commercial heifers must be weaned by tag-in/wean-in in May; Nurse cows are not permitted during the feeding period.
6. All Commercial heifers must be dehorned prior to validation or be naturally polled.
7. Purebred, grade, or crossbred heifers of any beef breed are eligible to enter. Any breed or cross from any of the beef breeds is eligible to enter the show.
8. No grooming aids will be allowed on heifers during the show.
9. Each Exhibitor may enter two heifers at validation and declare enter at time of check-in
10. All commercial heifers must be born between March 1st and October 31st of the previous year and have a signed affidavit from the breeder at the time of validation
11. Commercial Heifer classes will be broken into two divisions. American Bred Cross (ABC) and All Other Breeds (AOB). This classification will come from an affidavit from the breeder- and be based on the number of entries.
12. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Tyler County. Any parent or exhibitor not adhering to any rule of this program will be subject to discipline per the general and junior livestock rules as set by the Tyler County Fair Board of Directors
13. There will be no harassment of the judge and/or the commercial heifer committee members prior to, during, or after the show. Judges' reasons for their placing will be considered adequate explanation of their placing.
14. No heifer will be allowed to show in the commercial heifer show and the breeding beef heifer show.
15. Commercial Heifers will be judged based on 60% heifer quality and 40% exhibitor's interview. The docility of the heifer will be a trait considered by the judge when scoring the heifer. Heifers will be gentle enough so that they do not present a danger to

- themselves, spectators, exhibitors, show officials, or the public. Heifers deemed unsafe by the judge will be declared ineligible for placing.
16. Only Grand and Reserve Commercial heifers will be guaranteed to sell in the live auction on Saturday night.
 17. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Tyler County Fair Board.

2023 Home Economics Fine Arts Division Overall Rules

Chair:	Donna Blackerby (409) 429-0565
Fine Arts Check-in:	Thursday, October 3rd between 7:00am – 9:00am
Judging:	Thursday, October 3 rd , 10:30 am
Entry Deadline:	September 6 th
Entry Fee:	\$10.00 per entry
Baking/Canning Check – In:	Friday, October 4 th between 7:00am – 9:00 am
Judging:	Friday, October 4 th @ 10:00 am
Entry Deadline:	September 6th
Baking Entry Fee:	\$12.00- per entry to include container
Canning Entry Fee:	\$10.00 per entry
	Birthday as of Sept. 1st
SR. Youth	14-18 years old
Junior	9(or third grade)-13 years old
Pee Wee	8 years old (or second grade) & younger

- Each exhibitor must provide an entry form and fees at the deadline. All forms must be signed by extension agent, FCCLA advisor or Ag teacher and parent certifying the exhibitor is eligible and a member of the qualifying organization or class according to these rules. The exhibitor must be a member in good standing in FCCLA, FFA, Junior FFA, or 4-H, regardless of whether the student attends public school or is home schooled. If entries are not complete and fees are not paid by the entry deadline, they will not be accepted. All entries must be turned into organizational representatives.
- The division chair reserves the right to disqualify any item not meeting the rules.
- NO EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HOME EC. BUILDING DURING JUDGING.**
- Results will be posted, and the building will be open by 5:00 pm on Friday and announced at the Home Ec. Reception beginning at 6:00 pm on that Friday.**
- All Fine Art, sewing, and photography entries must be picked up at the Home Economics building; Saturday 12:00-3:00pm. Food must be picked up by 8pm Friday if not sold under the barn. Baked goods not picked up will be discarded

6. **Entries are left at the participants' own risk. The exhibitor is responsible for arranging the pickup of their project. In no case will the fair committee or the Tyler County Fair Board assume responsibility for loss or damage.**
7. Photographs of Grand Champion winners will be taken During the Home Economics Auction on Saturday @ 3pm.
8. Parents may supervise the completion of the project entered; however, all project work should be completed by the exhibitor.
9. Pee Wee division will receive ribbon awards only.
10. Jr and Sr divisions will receive rosettes for the Jr Grand champion and Sr Grand Champion, Jr Reserve Champion, and Sr Reserve Champion. Ribbons for first – fifth place Jr and Sr winners.
 - a. Jr and Sr Grand Champion Fine Arts/ Canning/ Sewing & Photography will receive a \$75 premium. Jr. And Sr. Grand Champion Baking will go to the live auction.
 - b. There is a \$500 cap on all Home Economics live auction items.
11. A “High Point Overall” Jr and “High Point Overall” Sr will be determined based on their individual combined Home Economics scores. They will receive a banner and belt buckle.
12. The Home Economics Reception will be held Friday @ 6pm in the Home Ec Building. Winners will be announced at this time.

Baking Rules

Chair:	Donna Blackerby (409) 429-0565
Check –In:	Friday, October 4 th between 7:00am-9:00am
Judging:	Friday, October 4 th @ 10:30am
Entry Deadline:	September 6th
Entry Fee:	Student: \$12.00 per entry

1. The Junior & Senior Youth division is open to all Tyler County 4-H members, FCCLA members, Jr. FFA members and FFA members.
2. All exhibitors may enter one item in each category.
3. The categories are Breads (Yeast, Biscuits, Cornbread, etc.), Candy, Cookies, Sweet Breads (Cinnamon rolls, Zucchini Bread, Banana Bread, etc.), Bars (brownies), Pies (Nut pies, Buttermilk pies, No refrigerator pies), Layer cakes, Pound (Bundt cakes), Fruit pies (Baked or fried, apple, cherry, berry, etc. No refrigerator or meringue pies), Sheet cakes (9x13 or cut to fit in the container).
4. All entries must be made from scratch ingredients to ensure a quality product. Commercial Pre-made products will not be allowed, this includes but is not limited to cake mix, biscuit mix, cornbread mix, pre-made icing, frosting mix, prepared dough, pie crust mix, or prepared pie dough.
5. Recipe cards must be on a plain, white index card. No decorations or names on the card. The recipe card must be no larger than five-by-eight and must accompany the entry form with the entry money. Entries received without complete recipes or proper signatures will be disqualified. Can be typed or handwritten. You must turn in a second recipe card at the time the project is turned into the judges.
6. Baking Division entries must be placed in a clear plastic baking container provided by Tyler County Fair Board. Only disposable pans or glass pie dish, if necessary. No cast iron. You may use white doilies or white paper board to line the container. Non-edible decorations are not allowed. (No bows, ribbons, or artificial flowers, etc.)
7. Do not put name or markings of any kind on entry. All entries will be given a number that will be used during the judging process.
8. All recipes/finished products will be judged on taste quality, recipe & neatness of presentation.
9. The Grand Champion Sr. and Jr. Grand Champion winners will participate in a live auction Saturday at 3:00 pm.

10. Food safety rule: custards, meringue toppings, whipped cream toppings, will not be allowed. Food must be Stable at room temperature and not require refrigeration. Failure to follow food safety rules may result in disqualification. No alcohol will be allowed in any recipe. Recipes not following these guidelines will not be allowed. **HOWEVER, for all food projects – to be eligible for the auction, you MUST provide a fresh, new project for the auction.** Failure to do so could cause you to not be in the auction.

11. Two points per judge per violation may be deducted from the score for failure to follow rules such as: decorations, illegible recipe cards, no recipe card with entry form or at check in, late entries, food safety violations, or illegal containers.

12. Under the Barn Sale for Baked Goods: Under the Barn Sale will take place immediately following the Home Economics Reception. Sale Slip for each item purchased must be filled out and turned in before leaving the home economics building. Canned Items are not eligible for under the barn sale. Grand Champion baked goods are not eligible for under the barn sale.

Under the Barn Prices –

Jr and Sr Reserve - \$50
3rd \$40
4th \$30
5th \$20
All others \$10

Canning Rules

Chair:	Donna Blackerby (409) 429-0565
Check-In:	Friday, October 4 th between 7:00am – 9:00 am
Judging:	Friday, October 4 th @ 10:30 am
Entry Deadline:	September 6th
Entry Fee:	Student: \$10.00 per entry

1. The Junior and Senior Youth divisions are open to all Tyler County 4-H members, FCCLA members, Jr. FFA and FFA Members.
2. All necessary signatures and entry fees must accompany all entries at the time they are submitted.
3. Recipes and procedures used must accompany entry on a plain, white index card, no larger than five-by-eight. A second recipe card must be turned in with the project when it is turned in to the judges. Recipes May be typed or handwritten.
4. The seven categories are: Jams, Jellies, Preserves, Fruit, Vegetables, Pickles, and Relishes. Three different varieties in each category may be entered.
5. All products must be in clear canning jars with matching standard rings and lids.
6. Jars must be sealed and lids and rings free of rust and corrosion. Unsealed jars will be disqualified.
7. Items must have been canned within the past 12 months and the **jar or lid must be marked accordingly.**
8. The jar must be labeled with the name of the product, NOT the exhibitor's name.
9. No jars will be accepted with doilies or special covers.
10. Items will be judged on color, uniformity, clarity, headspace, air bubbles, standard jars and lids, cleanliness, etc. Canned Items will not be tasted.
11. Canning categories will be placed first- fifth according to division. Jr. & Sr. Reserve Champions will receive rosettes. Jr. & Sr. Grand Champion Rosettes & Banners will be awarded to the highest canning score. Jr. & Sr. Grand Champions will receive a \$75 premium
12. Canning entries will not be allowed to sell under the barn

Sewing/Needlework Rules

Chair:	Donna Blackerby (409) 429-0565
Check In:	Thursday, October 3 rd between 8:00am – 9:00 am
Judging:	Thursday, October 3 rd @ 10:30 am
Entry Deadline:	September 6th
Entry Fee:	Student: \$10.00 per entry

1. The Junior Youth and Senior Youth division is open to all Tyler County 4-H members, FCCLA members, Jr. FFA and FFA Members.
2. All necessary signatures and entry fees must accompany all entries at the time they are submitted. Limited to one entry per member.
3. The sewing/needlework category will include hand or machine sewn articles, needlepoint, crochet & knitting. All entries must have been completed within the past fair year.
4. Clothing must be on hangers when checked in. All other sewing exhibits must be able to be hung up.
5. The pattern must accompany the project at the time of check in. (The pattern should be in the package or clear zip lock bag if printed from a computer or self-made.)
6. Entries will be judged on construction and appearance.
7. Rosettes will be awarded to Jr and Sr Grand and Reserve Champions. First – fifth place ribbons will be awarded to the Jr. & Sr. Divisions. These items will not go to the live auction. Jr. & Sr. Grand Champions will receive a banner & \$75 Premium

Fine Arts Rules

Chair:	Donna Blackerby (409) 429-0565
Check In:	Thursday, October 3 rd between 7:00 am – 9:00 am
Judging:	Thursday, October 3 rd , 10:30 am
Entry Deadline:	September 6th
Entry Fee:	Student: \$10.00 per entry

1. The Junior Youth and Senior Youth division is open to all Tyler County 4-H members, FCCLA members, Jr. FFA and FFA Members and Art Students.
2. All necessary signatures and entry fees must accompany all entry forms at the time they are submitted. Participants are limited to one entry per category.
3. All articles must have been completed within the past year.
4. No projects with frames and glass accepted, with the exception of Fresh Floral.
5. Categories for entry will be:
 - a. Paintings (oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor)
 - b. Drawings (ink, charcoal, pencil)
 - c. Mixed Media (assemblage, collage)
 - d. Digital Art (computer assisted) – Digital Art must be printed for entry at time of check-in
 - e. Crafts (miscellaneous crafts)
 - f. Wreaths
 - g. Fresh Floral
6. Attach a copy of your entry form to the back of paints, drawings, mixed media & digital art.
7. Fresh Floral Grand Champion Winners will receive a \$100 Premium. Fresh Floral Arrangements will be donated to the buyer's dinner after the awards ceremony.
8. The Chairman reserves the right to disqualify any item/contestant not meeting the fair rules.
9. No exhibitor will be present during the judging. Results will be posted no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 5th.
10. Entries must be picked up on Saturday at 12:00pm to 3:00pm. **The Fair Board nor the Home Economics Chairman is responsible for damages or loss of any kind to any project. Entries are left at the exhibitor's own risk.**
11. Categories will be placed first- fifth according to division. Jr & Sr. Reserve Champions will receive rosettes. Jr & Sr Grand Champions will receive a Rosette, Banner, & \$75 Premium will be mailed.

Photography Rules

Chair:	Donna Blackerby (409) 429-0565
Check In:	Thursday, October 3 rd , between 7:00am – 9:00am
Judging:	Thursday, October 3 rd @ 10:30am
Entry Deadline:	September 6th
Entry Fee:	\$10.00 per entry

1. The Junior and Senior Youth division is open to all Tyler County 4-H members, FCCLA members, Jr. FFA and FFA members.
2. All necessary signatures and entry fees must accompany all entry forms at the time they are submitted.
3. Entries must be checked in by the Chairman. Any entries dropped off without being checked in will be disqualified.
4. Tyler County Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage of any kind. **Only one entry per category.** Categories will be as follows:
 - a. People (portraits)
 - b. Places (scenery)
 - c. Objects (still life)
 - d. Animals/Wildlife
 - e. Fair Life (farm life)
5. Photos must be in color or black and white. Photos must be at least 5 X 7 with 8 X 10 mat or 8 X 10 with 11 X 14 mat. All photos must be matted, but not framed. No unmated prints will be accepted. No frames will be permitted.
6. Photos must have been taken by the exhibitor within the last fair year. Photos that have previously placed in the Tyler County Fair will be disqualified.
7. Each entry must be accompanied by a copy of the completed & signed entry form. Please make a copy of your entry form and secure it to the back of your photograph.
8. The division chair and judges reserve the right to disqualify any item not meeting the rules.
9. Photography Entries must be picked up on Saturday between 12- 3 PM
10. Categories will be placed first – fifth according to division; Jr. & Sr. reserve champions will receive rosettes. Jr. & Sr. Grand Champion rosettes & banners will be awarded to the highest photography score. Jr. & Sr. Grand Champions will receive a \$75 premium. Premiums will be mailed.

BBQ COOK-OFF

Chair: Laura David- (936) 635 - 9847

This event is held in conjunction with the Tyler County Fair, with all the rules for judging as written by that organization.

TEAMS

A team will consist of a Chief cook (adult) and up to eight assistants. Chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of the team. All contestants must be signed in before or at the Cook's meeting and are limited to FFA & 4-H members only. The team may move in at their convenience Thursday (All Day) or Friday Morning

Please have a list of names of team members ready by meat check in on Friday at 11AM

MEETING OF COOKS

Cooks' meeting will be at the south end of the Rodeo arena at 11 AM, Friday, October 4th.

COOKED ON-SITE

Any category entered must be cooked on site. Cook-off sites will be outside of the show arena on the west side. Only one (1) vehicle will be allowed on your designated space. This is to keep from overcrowding the BBQ area, and to allow easy access for Fire and EMS. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

SANITATION

Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. During and after the event each team is required to clean the area of all trash.

CATEGORIES

All categories entered must be cooked from scratch. No pre-cooking, marinating, etc. will be allowed prior to 6:00pm, Friday. Fires must be of wood or wood substance. Electric or Gas Grills are prohibited to cook brisket, chicken, or pork ribs. No ground fires are permitted.

BEEF BRISKET

PORK LOIN

RIBS

DRY PINTO BEANS ONLY

Beans can have meat or veggie additives, as long as they are not bigger than the pinto beans.

JUDGING

BBQ, Loins, Ribs and Beans will be judged on Aroma, Appearance, Color, Texture/Moisture, Taste and Overall Impression. Judging will be under the direction of the TCF BBQ Committee.

THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.

TURN IN TIMES

The TCF BBQ Committee does allow for a turn in time window which will be (10) minutes prior and ten (10) minutes after. Judging trays received after time will not be accepted for judging.

Beans	12:00 pm Saturday, October 5 th
Ribs	12:30 pm Saturday, October 5 th
Pork Loin	1:00 pm Saturday, October 5 th
Brisket	1:30 pm Saturday, October 5 th

PRIZES

Best Pit and Showmanship will be judged until 2 pm Saturday, October 5th. Awards will be awarded for 1st each category and will be given during the Livestock Auction on Saturday Oct. 5th. Each Team can decorate their pit area to increase their chances of winning showmanship.

Animals of any kind WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in any contestant's space or cooking areas.

Individual Agriculture Mechanics Division Rules

Chair:	Burke Dagle
Check In:	Thursday October 3 rd , between 7am – 9 AM, South end of Main Arena
Judging:	Friday, October 4 th @ 9am
Entry Deadline:	September 6th
Entry Fee:	\$10.00 per entry

Woodworking and Welding Division

1. Projects should fit in the general classes of Welding or Woodworking.
2. Projects will be judged on Friday at 9am. Exhibitors will present their projects to the judges in the small animal arena. Check in will be from 7am-9AM at the south end of the main arena.
3. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a Tyler County 4H or FFA club/ chapter
4. Projects must have been completed in the last year.
 - a. I.E. The Project cannot have been started prior to the previous year's fair. Started after October 9, 2023.
5. All Works must be original- No Kits may be used.
6. Names should not appear on any portion of the project.
 - a. However, a portfolio of the project, including pictures of work being done, and/or bill of materials, is encouraged but not required.
7. All projects exhibited in woodworking and welding classes should be built individually.
8. Projects will not be separated by age of exhibitor; all classes will be judged by the type of entry.
9. Projects will be exhibited to the judges where questions may be asked of the exhibitor.
10. A Grand and Reserve Welding and a Grand and Reserve Woodworking will be selected, awarded banners and buckles, and are eligible for sale.
 - a. This sale will be by silent auction opening at 10 am on Saturday and Closing at 5pm on Saturday.
 - b. A Cap of \$500 will be enforced.

11. **Judging System:** Projects will be judged on:

Criteria	Points
a. Workmanship	25
b. Functionality	25
c. Design and Material Used	10
d. Presentation	20
e. General Appearance, Finish, and/or Preservation	10
g. Degree of Difficulty	10
TOTAL	100

Minimum Judging Criteria Expectations a. Workmanship (25 points)

Projects should be constructed in a neat and clean manner. Care should be taken so material is fit well, welds are of appropriate size and quantity, sharp edges and weld spatter are removed from material, but grinding/sanding is not excessive, electrical connections are secure and neat, exposed wire is kept to a minimum, and material is joined in a manner that is aesthetically pleasing.

b. Functionality (25 points)

Projects should be constructed in such a manner they can function while at the time of show. Projects should be free from mechanical, hydraulic, or electrical malfunctions. Consideration will be given where space limits the ability to operate, such as a ramp hitting another project if it were to open.

c. Design and Material Used (10 points)

Material used should be considered by each individual showman. The material should match the purpose and the function of the project. Students should be knowledgeable about any specific, special, or unique material used during the construction of the project.

d. Presentation (10 points)

Students should be knowledgeable about the project they are presenting. They should be able to describe in detail, when requested, processes used in the construction of their project. Students should be able to answer questions pertaining to the end use, purpose, and functionality of the project they are presenting. Students should present projects in a professional and courteous manner.

e. Finish and/or Preservation (10 points)

Each project should be finished in an appropriate manner. Some projects, such as welding shop tables, may have portions where no finish is appropriate. The applied finish should match the use of the project and applied in an accepted manner. Students should be involved in the finishing process as much as possible, and at minimum have knowledge of the application process.

g. Difficulty (10 points)

Inherently some projects are more difficult than others. The difficulty of the projects will be evaluated by each set of judges based on the amount of fabrication, design engineering, and innovation within the given project.

Team Agriculture Mechanics Division Rules

General Rules

1. This is a chapter/club level project, but a presentation team of 1-4 students should be designated for the day of show.
2. Projects will be judged based on Workmanship, functionality, general appearance, and Presentation. A Bill of Materials, and portfolio of work may be included.
3. The project and portfolios should in no way identify the school or the names of students involved to the judges.
4. Following the Judging, the teams will be expected to come back and present their project to the public while the judges score is tableted.
5. The Judge will announce a Grand Champion Project Only. No other places will be announced.
6. As no entry fee is charged, the projects will be the property of the fair to sell to maintain the program.

2024 Project Guidelines TBA