

**Agricultural Mechanics Project Show**  
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**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Monday, October 2, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.  
**MOVE IN:** Monday, October 9, 2023 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**JUDGING:** Monday, October 9, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.  
**AWARDS:** Will be presented after judging is complete  
**CHECK OUT:** After Awards or 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2023. Outside space will be available for projects left during the Fair.

**RULES:**

1. All Agricultural Mechanics Projects are subject to the Austin County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations.
2. An entry fee of \$25.00 will be charged per project entered. The entry deadline is Monday, October 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Please mail your entries to the:  
Austin County Fair  
Attn: Ag Mechanics Entry  
P.O. Box 141  
Bellville, TX 77418
3. Entries are limited to FFA, 4H, and SkillsUSA members residing in and/or attending school in Austin County.
4. Projects exhibited must have been constructed, fabricated, or reconditioned by the exhibitor.
5. A project can be exhibited only one time at the Austin County Fair and must have been constructed, fabricated, or reconditioned within one year of the exhibition date.
6. All projects must be clean, painted or treated and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used.
7. A working plan, blueprint or drawing, photographs showing construction and a bill of materials are required to be submitted with each project entered. Description of service performed and before and after photos required for reconditioned projects.
8. Projects may have been individually or group constructed.
9. Any project that does not fit into one of the stated classes will be disqualified by the Committee.
10. All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards provided by the Fair.

11. Projects may be exhibited outdoors.
12. The student/students must be present during the judging to meet and discuss their project with the judges.
13. Every precaution will be taken to protect the project entered; however, neither the Austin County Fair Association nor officials of this committee will be responsible for any losses or damages to projects.
14. Projects will be judged on the following:
  - A. Workmanship 30 points
  - B. Design & Materials Used 20 points
  - C. Practicality 15 points
  - D. Degree of Difficulty 15 points
  - E. Finish 10 points
  - F. Plans, Photos, Bill of Materials 10 points
15. Exhibitor agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair, including but not limited to the Release of Liability & Indemnity and Drug Certification Agreement, which spells out “Zero Tolerance” policy as well as the penalties associated with violation of these rules. All these rules are found in the 2023 Livestock Rule Book (page 17) which can be obtained at the Fair office, the Extension office, or from an FFA teacher or online at [www.austincountyfair.com](http://www.austincountyfair.com).
16. The 2023 Austin County Fair Ag Mechanics show will be divided into two divisions: Selling and Non-Selling projects. The exhibitor will make the determination as to which division they would like to enter when completing the entry form.
17. Each division will have a Grand Champion and a Reserve Champion.
18. The Grand and Reserve Selling Division Champions will sell in the Youth Supreme and Country Auction sale on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Exhibitors will be present during the auction while their project is being sold.
19. Exhibitors in the Ag Mech Selling Division can only sell one (1) project in the Youth Supreme and Country Auction. This does not affect the Youth Auction Livestock Sale.
20. General rules for the Youth Supreme and Country Auction can be found in the Home Economics Rule Book.
21. A project completed by multiple exhibitors and selling in the Youth Supreme and Country Auction will have their auction

monies divided equally among the exhibitors. This does not affect Add-On monies which are given individually.

22. Chapter projects are not eligible for the Selling Division.

## **AWARDS:**

Rosettes will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place projects in each class. Awards will be presented to the Selling Grand Champion and Selling Reserve Champion projects of the show. Non-selling Grand Champion and Non-Selling Reserve Champion will also be awarded too. Additional prizes may be awarded.

## **CLASSES:**

### **1. Agricultural Machinery and Equipment Class:**

Hay Equipment; Spraying Equipment; Mounted and Pull-Type Tractor Equipment; Hydraulic Equipment; Shop Equipment; Truck, Tractor and Agricultural Equipment or Accessories.

### **2. Electrical Equipment Class:**

Show and Livestock Equipment, Shop Tools, and Equipment

### **3. Livestock Handling Equipment Class:**

Gates and Panels; Squeeze Chutes and Restraining Equipment; Trim Chutes, Blocking Stands, Livestock Crates; Head Gates; Feeders; Other Livestock Equipment

### **4. Trailer Class:**

Small Utility; Small Stock; Utility and Implement Trailers; Stock Trailers; Multi-Bale Trailers

### **5. Home Convenience/Recreation:**

Barbecue Pits/Grills; Picnic Tables; Swings; Wood Racks; Furniture/Wood Projects; Projects for Horticultural Use; Wildlife Equipment

### **6. Reconditioned/Refurbished:**

Tractors; Small Engines/Lawn Mower; Agriculture Equipment; Trailers