



2026

Panola County Junior Livestock Show Rules



Show Dates: March 2nd – March 6th

RULES AND REGULATIONS GENERAL

All entries in the Panola County Jr. Livestock Show are subject to the following rules and regulations. Failure to comply with any of these provisions will result in disqualification of the exhibitor and his or her project and possible forfeiture of the right of future participation in the show.

- I. Exhibitors must live in Panola County or attend a Panola County public, private, or home school, and be a member of 4-H or FFA, in Panola County, during the feeding period. **No one may exhibit in any other county show other than Panola County.** Exhibitors must be in good standing as outlined in his or her respective school, 4-H or FFA Chapter in order to exhibit livestock or shop projects.
2. All exhibitors, 4-H and FFA must meet any and all school rules and policies which pertain to school approved extracurricular activities (i.e. student's school grades, excused absences, etc.) If an exhibitor fails, his or her animal fails as well. No one else will be allowed to show the project. **A child must be eligible, for the entire Panola County Jr. Livestock event and sale regardless of sale participation. The event is defined as from start of the show to the end of the sale. We will use UIL Rules for eligibility.**
 - All 4-H member participants must meet all requirements as outlined in the Panola County Standing Rules and State 4-H Rules during the school year a project is submitted for entry.
3. Exhibitors may show more than one project, but only one market animal per species per exhibitor may show, and only one market animal per exhibitor may sell, providing the project wins a blue or red ribbon. The exception to this being if an exhibitor wins Grand or Reserve in separate species then these champions must sell. No project may be PO 'ed for the sale. Grands and Reserves will not have the option to sell as "Premium" Sale only This will allow exhibitors except grand and reserve to declare (at weigh-in) that they intend to show their animals at another show for an additional opportunity.
 - Sale Order: on the day of sale, the order will be as follows, we will start the sale with Sale of Champions followed by all placing Steers then all first place Barrows, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, and Broilers and etcetera. **Every Market Animal will get a County Tag Steers, Barrows, Goats, Lambs except Rabbits and Chickens which will be assigned an exhibitor number.**

4. If an exhibitor has an animal that is validated with a major show tag and said exhibitor wishes to take that animal on to a major later in the year, at the time of check in, it must be declared as such. At which time, the animal will not be sold as a terminal project, rather an announcement will be made when the exhibitor and animal enter the auction ring announcing it as a premium project only. **No animal dead or alive may be sold at auction unless it was judged.**
5. Adults will not be permitted to show animals for an exhibitor. The exhibitor must show and sell his/her own project unless a valid excuse is provided. **Said excuse must be presented to the student's Advisor/Extension Agent in a timely manner who will present the issue to the board by 5 pm Wednesday after weigh in the week of the show to the show office.**
6. All beef animals must be shown at halter to receive ribbons, prize money, or be sold. No exceptions. No breeding stock will be sold. This includes beef heifers, bulls, gilts, boars. The committee has the right to delete classifications.
7. The show committee reserves the right to exclude participation of or sift any animal on the basis of quality and/or temperament **health/soundness and will be voted on after Wednesday weigh in.**
8. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to keep pens or stalls clean and in a presentable condition at all times during the show.
9. No change of major color pattern of any animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed.
10. Only judges, superintendent, and ring assistants appointed by the committee will be allowed in the ring during the show.
11. All entries for the Panola County Junior Livestock Show must be entered and validated by the following dates:
 - Steers--Last Tuesday in September prior to the show;
 - Barrows, Lambs, Goats, Chickens, all Breeding Animals and Ag Mech entries—**First Friday in December,**
 - Rabbits entries and payment are due at validation which is the 4th Thursday prior to the show. **No Late entries on Rabbits will be accepted.**
 - A \$30 entry fee must accompany the entry form for all animals shown. All breeding animals must be owned and in exhibitors name by November 30th prior to the show. Proof of ownership is recorded on official papers when showing registered cattle must be turned in w/entry.
 - Late entries will be accepted with a \$60 late fee plus regular entry fee until October 15th for steers and December 15th for all other animals except rabbits.
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12. Validation rules include: Double entry of an animal is limited to, immediate family or a child that lives within the same household under the legal guardianship. A Fee for double entry of animals will be \$5.00/ family, regardless of the number of entries. Validation will be done by assigned Ag. Teachers or the County Agent only.
13. Steers, Barrows, Lambs, and Goats will be divided into classes after weigh in by number of entries and weight.

14. Showmanship classes in all divisions will be divided into Jr. and Sr. classes. Except Swine which will have an intermediate class.

Beef Showmanship:

Heifers and steers will be combined for Beef Showmanship with classes not to exceed 8 exhibitors (Beef only) per heat. The exhibitor must show their own animal that was shown in the current PCJLS show in showmanship classes.

The Jr. Showmanship will be for those exhibitors who are 13 or under on January 1st of the year of the show.

The Sr. showmanship class will be for those exhibitors who will be 14 or over on January 1st of the year of the show.

Lambs and Goats Showanship:

The exhibitor must show their own animal that was shown in the current PCJLS show in showmanship classes.

The Jr. Showmanship will be for those exhibitors who are 13 or under on January 1st of the year of the show.

The Sr. showmanship class will be for those exhibitors who will be 14 or over on January 1st of the year of the show.

Swine showmanship:

The exhibitor must show their own animal that was shown in the current PCJLS show in showmanship classes.

The Jr. Showmanship will be for those exhibitors who are 8-11 or under on January 1st of the year of the show. Odd and even exhibitors numbers will start each showmanship.

The Intermediate Showmanship will be for those exhibitors who are 12-14 or under on January 1st of the year of the show. Odd and even exhibitors numbers will start each showmanship.

The Sr. showmanship class will be for those exhibitors who will be 15 or over on January 1st of the year of the show. Odd and even exhibitors numbers will start each showmanship.

15. All money from the sale of projects will be paid to the exhibitor as soon as possible, minus a **5% commission plus photography charge.** Exhibitors must present a thank you note at the time they pick up their check.

16. No animal may be fed or injected with anything that would not be adequate for human consumption.

17. A market animal that is a premium sale must be entered into any major show after our local show and have a state validation tag.

18. All Show Animals will be checked in at the PCJLS as follows:

5:30-6:30 pm..... Monday Weigh out for Steers (Carthage Veterinary Hospital)

Tuesday Pen of Heifers,

10 AM Judging,

6 PM Awards

6:30 PM Sale

10:00-12:00 pm..... Wednesday . Barrows, Goats, and Lambs - Weigh In (Expo)

12:30 pm Wednesday Broilers and Rabbits Check in (Expo)

1:00 pm Wednesday Broiler show and followed by Rabbits

7:00 am..... Thursday Gilt check in

8:00 am..... Thursday Barrows, Then Breeding Gilts, After Gilt

..... Show - Lambs and Goats

6:00 am..... Friday All Cattle in the barn

19. A grand and reserve champion will be selected provided that there are **three or more animals entered by entry deadline.**

20. All entries must be cared for (on a daily basis) by the exhibitor.

21. An animal must be exhibited to receive money from the Panola County Junior Livestock Show.

22. Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified.

- Unethical Fitting: Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the use of injections or feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass. unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, artificially filling animals by stomach pumping, airing injections and bruising.

BEEF DIVISION

Beef Superintendent – Jessica Shaddix

Registered Breeding Heifers

Only registered animals of beef parentage of recognized beef breeds that are recognized by Major Junior Livestock shows. Registered Breeding heifers only will be shown. Animals will be divided into 3 standard divisions used at major livestock shows. (American, British, Exotic) Division award winners will receive a rosette ribbon only.

Class 1: will consist of heifers born in the calendar year, January 1 " - December 31 ", of the year preceding the show.

Class 2: will consist of heifers born in the calendar year, January 1 " - December 31 ", in the calendar year preceding Class 1.

Class 3: will consist of heifers born in the last half, July 1 't - December 31 't, of the calendar year preceding class 2. Classes will be added as needed.

A copy of registration papers for all registered animals showing in any registered class is required with the entry form. The animal must be registered in the exhibitor's name.

Pre Junior Mini Hereford Heifers– All exhibitors must be a clover kid in 4H and be in good standing. Meet all guidelines of the National Mini Hereford Association for showing. Mini Herefords entries are due the same time as other Heifers.

Panola County Bred Heifers

All Panola County bred and born heifers will be invited back into the ring to receive placing by the judge. A calf must be conceived and born in Panola County. The breeder must sign a letter of authenticity. This must be provided at entry time or the animal will not be eligible for Panola County bred show.

Market Steers

Rate of Gain: it is mandatory that all steers entering the Panola County Jr. Livestock Show be present at the validation set for the last Tuesday of September preceding the show. Central Validation will be from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm at this time a start weight will be collected from each steer. Then on the Monday prior to the County show from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Carthage Veterinary Hospital and must weigh 900 lbs. All steers will be weighed out on Monday prior to the livestock show for the purpose of the rate of gain contest. The period for the contest will run from weigh-in date to weigh-out date. All steers must be slick sheered by check-in deadline. Steers may be weighed only one time at the official weigh-out. There will be a 5 lb. allowance for scale variance.

Panola County Born and Bred Steers

A calf must be conceived and born in Panola County. The breeder must sign a letter of authenticity that is due into show office one week after validation. The top 6 Panola County Bred Steers will be selected from the sale order.

SWINE DIVISION

Swine Superintendent – Bo Sharpe

Barrows

Barrows will show in an open ring by the exhibitor. No females will be shown in a barrow class. All barrows must weigh between 200 and 295 pounds. Barrows must be owned by November 30th prior to the show date.

Barrows may be weighed only one time at the time of the official weighing. There will be a 5 lb. Allowance for scale variance.

(Example: if a pig weighs 195 pounds or 300 pounds it will be allowed to show.)

Gilts

Gilts will be shown in open ring and must be owned by November 30th prior to the show.

GOAT DIVISION

Goat Superintendent – Mark Davis

Market Goats

Only wethers may be shown. All wethers must be owned prior to November 30th prior to the show date. They must be dehorned, disbudded, or tipped to the size of a dime. Wethers will be weighed Wednesday afternoon the day before the show and must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds. Goats may be weighed only one time at the official weighing. There will be a 5 lb. allowance for scale variance. They shall be sheared above the knee and hock joint uniformly.

LAMB DIVISION

Lamb Superintendent – Amy Podlewski

Minimum weight is 90 pounds. Only wethers will be shown. All lambs must be shown in short fleece. Lambs may be weighed only one time at the time of the official weighing. There will be a 5 lb. allowance for scale variance. They shall be sheared above the knee and hock joint uniformly.

POULTRY DIVISION

Superintendent – Paul Harvey

All chicks must come from the same source at the same time. Definite orders of chicks will be assembled by Ag. teachers and county agents. Participants will be notified when and where to pick up their chicks. Each exhibitor will start with a minimum of 25 birds. No less. An entry will consist of three birds. All birds will be sifted before the show to ensure that all exhibits are "A" quality birds.

RABBIT DIVISION

Superintendent – Cory Young

Market Rabbits

All entries will consist of three rabbits (fryers) of any sex and of the same breed, (example - all Californian or all New Zealand.) Market rabbits will be tattooed on validation day at the Exposition Center which will be Fourth Sunday prior to show date. The weight will be 3.5 pounds minimum and 5.5 pounds maximum with a .3 lbs. scale variance. The rabbits should be approximately eight weeks old. Entries will be weighed and sifted by the Rabbit Show Superintendent. Scales will be provided prior to weigh in for exhibitors to select their three rabbits to check in at the time of weigh in at the show.

Show superintendents for the 2026 Show are: Cattle – Jessica Shaddix, Barrows – Bo Sharpe, Lambs and Goats, Amy Podlewski, Chickens – Paul Harvey, Pen of Heifers – Bruce Johnson, Ag Mechanics – Jason Payne.