



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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 - December 31, 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.

# PCJLS AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS RULES

**Superintendent – Jason Payne**

ENTRY DEADLINE: **First Friday in December**

Entries are due in the barn by 12:00 pm on Wednesday the week of the show. Once the project is on site, they may not be removed from the show grounds, until silent auction closing. Once projects have been put in place, projects can not be modified (painted, welded, or fixed in any way)

## SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry Fee: The entry fee for each project is \$30.00. Entries must be completed and submitted by December 1.
  - Exhibitors' names should be spelled correctly with the first letter of names capitalized.
  - 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. Late entry Fee of \$60 by the second Friday in December.
2. Eligible Entries: Contestants must meet all Panola County Junior Livestock Show Rule Requirements.
3. Projects: Projects must have been constructed by FFA or 4-H members either as a part of their agricultural mechanics instruction in agricultural science class or as part of their supervised work experience program within the 4H. Projects must be designed and constructed under the direct supervision and guidance of the AST/CEA.
4. Individual/Group Entries: Projects may be individually or group constructed. Entries must be made in the name of the FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Entries must include only the name(s) of those who participated in the planning and construction of the project. Group entries are composed of two (2) or a maximum of six (6) students.
5. Number of Entries: No exhibitor may be involved in the construction of more than 3 projects, whether group or individual. This does not limit the number of projects a chapter or club may enter. Individuals can sell no more than 1 project within the auction.



6. Exhibit Space: In so far as possible projects will be displayed by class. Placement of the projects will be at the discretion of show officials. Some projects will be displayed outside.
7. Judging Procedures: Only exhibitors of the project may present the project to the judges.
8. Project Sales: Junior Ag Mechanics Projects cannot be sold or advertised for sale during the Junior Ag Mechanics Show on Thursday. Exhibitors can only sell 1 project within the auction.
9. Construction Date: A project may be exhibited only one time at the Panola County Junior Livestock Show and must have been completed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
10. Project Substitutions: Substitutions are to be made directly to the show Superintendent, unless otherwise announced. Substitutions not officially recorded in this manner are invalid. Substitutions will not be permitted once Check-In is complete. Substitution of owners is not permitted.
11. Refunds: There will be no refund of entry fees.
12. . Only those projects that fit into the stated classes will be accepted. Final project classification will be at the discretion of the Classification Committee. Leather goods, spurs, knives, canoes, teepees, boats and glass top tables/benches are not approved projects. No repurposed structures or remodeled projects are allowed. The list of unacceptable projects above is not complete.
13. Vehicles: Trucks, tractors, trailers or other vehicles that are not entered to be exhibited are not allowed in the exhibit area. If a vehicle needs to be a part of a display the Superintendent must grant permission.
14. Project Completeness: All projects must be complete including finish. Any item necessary for use of the project must be a part of the project (example: hinges and latches on gates and panels). Documentation (all 4 components) is considered part of the project.
15. Project Presentation: Criteria to be considered for Showmanship:
  - a. Neatness of project – Clean and free of dust and debris.
  - b. Neatness of surroundings– Includes floor under and around the project.
  - c. Documentation – Presented in a manner that judges and the public can view. Awards, exhibitor cards, ribbons, or other materials from other or previous project shows should not be included in the documentation or display.
  - d. Signs–All projects are to be identified with the official exhibitor card. Other signs, banners, etc. are subject to approval by the Superintendent. "For Sale" signs are not permitted.
  - e. Exhibitor Card–It is recommended that the exhibitor card be placed in a clear plastic sleeve and affixed neatly to the front center of the project. Exhibitor Cards must be on projects when they arrive at show grounds.
  - f. Sponsors – Sponsors of a project may be identified with approval of Superintendent
  - g. Logos – Do not use company logos on projects unless provided a limited use agreement.

- h. Inappropriate Silhouettes – Inappropriate silhouettes or cutouts should not be used on projects.
- i. Safety – All safety procedures must be adhered to when displaying projects. Oxygen and fuel cylinders, acetylene or propane are not allowed.
- j. Clutter – Exhibitors should confine paraphernalia, chairs, show boxes, cleaning supplies, brooms, and wiping rags to their assigned display area.
- k. Painting/Scratches – Paint is not allowed in the display area. Judges will be instructed to make allowances for scratches or damage due to transportation or off-loading

16. Exhibitor Presentation: Criteria to be considered for Showmanship:

- A.** Attire – Exhibitors should be dressed appropriately and be with their project when it is judged.
- B.** Sportsmanship–Exhibitors should be courteous and helpful to those viewing their project, including those exhibiting next to them. Exhibitors should not interfere with or shield those who are exhibiting next to them.
- C.** Knowledge – Exhibitors should be available to answer questions when their project is being judged. Knowledge of the project will be evaluated at this time. Knowledge is part of Presentation on Judging
- D.** Criteria. Exhibitors should be well informed of the project they are representing.
- E.** Exhibit Aids – Exhibitors should provide any equipment that may be necessary to judge their project (flashlights, mat or creeper for judging projects where the judge needs to get under project such as trailers)
- F.** Exhibitors may be requested to hold measuring tape and assist judge in taking measurements of project.
- G.** Naming Project–Proper project name and classification will be reflected on the Exhibitor Card.

Note: At least one chapter/club exhibitor should be available to answer questions from the public or show officials, including showmanship and documentation to judges at all times.

18. Documentation & Research: Documentation is considered a research portfolio and should not be constructed as a scrapbook. Documents should be easy to read and arranged neatly in a tabbed notebook with table of contents and numbered pages.

Documentation & Research Package must include the following four components:

- A.** Working Drawing: Must include an original (exhibitor-drawn) multi-view orthographic projection drawn to a given scale with proper lettering and dimensioning. Scale must be identified on the drawing. Dimensioning shown on drawing should be specific and complete enough for it to be apparent that drawing was used to plan and construct project. Judges will spot check dimensions on projects to see if they comply with drawings. Drawing may be pencil or CAD (Computer Aided Design). Pictorials, isometric, oblique or perspective may be included.
- B.** Bill of Materials (BOM): Must include a list or a description of material, including columns  
1)Date, 2) Description, 3) Size, 4) Quantity, 5) Unit, 6) Cost per item, 7) Extended or Total Costs.  
Other information such as, OC (Opportunity Cost) to identify items that were donated but have

value, PE (Professional Expenses) to identify work done by others, sum of all (Total Costs) cost including OC and PE should be shown in BOM. Vendors name and/or Purchase Order Number, etc. may be included. Invoices or Sales Receipts are recommended to be included with the BOM, but do not replace the BOM. BOM may be developed using computer spread sheet program.

- C. Photographs: Show working progress and should illustrate proper safety procedures including clothing, eye and face shields, etc. Photographs should be sequenced in the order of constructing the project. Exhibitor(s) should be in pictures. CEA/AST should be in some of the pictures. Pictures must be of good quality with labels identifying activity and exhibitor(s) in the picture. No more than 40 pictures may be included. Two, but no more than four pictures per page is recommended. Pictures should be labeled identifying person in them and skill. Additional photographs may be displayed in a separate notebook for public viewing, or may be displayed using computer display if electricity is available. Videos may also show construction, but computer displays and videos do not substitute for the photos required in the documentation notebook.
- D. Research - Papers to be included: Product Information (PI) bulletins and/or Safety Data Sheets (SDS) or (MSDS) must be germane to the project and should include paints and chemical supplies, etc. Manufacturer's specifications or PIs for trailer and equipment components such as axles, springs, wheels, jacks, break-aways, and hydraulic cylinders should be included.

Projects having no documentation are not complete and will be disqualified.

19. Project Safety:

A. Display: Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects requiring support. Sharp edges and points; such as found on roofs of self-feeders, bale movers, etc., must be padded and/or protected where necessary to prevent possible injury to spectators and exhibitors.

B. General Safety: Flammable and/or combustible liquids shall not be stored or sprayed in buildings, or on the show grounds. This shall include, but not limited to enamel paints, thinners, reducers, or gasoline. No cylinders (oxygen, acetylene, or propane) are allowed. Electric extension cords must not cross aisles used as exit ways.

C. Projects with Engines: No more than 2 inches of fuel depth is allowed in any fuel tank. The fuel tank cap must be in place. Fuel cap does not need to be taped. All batteries, except tractors must be disconnected.

- 20. Transportation Statutes: All trailers and other equipment that will be operated and/or transported on public roads must be equipped with safety equipment specified in Codes of Federal Regulations, Title 49 Transportation, parts 300 to 399. No Agriculture Exemptions except farm tags are allowed.

A. Trailer wiring, lights and brakes will be working properly. Colors of conductors in the wiring harness should meet industry standards. Trailer must be grounded to the vehicle with a grounding wire in harness. (Trailer grounding only through hitch is not acceptable.)

All Projects pulled on public highways must include relevant DOT codes including Federal Lighting

B. All trailers must have a Vehicle Identification Number(VIN) or Serial Number(SN) or Trailer Identification Number (TIN) placed on the tongue. SN, VIN or TIN will not be used to check registration. All trailers that are pulled to the show must have a license plate. May use Farm Tag.

C. All tongue equipment that are pulled on a public highway – for example: trailers, squeeze chutes, hydraulic log splitters, mowers, tillage tools, sprayers, etc. will have DOT approved (1) safety chains, (2) tongue jacks, (3) lights and reflectors.

D. All trailers rated 4500 pounds GWR or greater must have approved brakes, safety chains and break-away equipment. This includes bumper pull as well as gooseneck trailers.

E. All trailers must be equipped with lift jacks for hitching and unhitching including goosenecks and tongue.

F. Tie down attachments (D Rings) (minimum of 4) are recommended on all utility trailers.

G. Fender Wheel Clearance– Judges will abide by specifications provided in PI documents. General specifications are: (a) Four-inch fender clearance above the tire is required with exceptions of (b) torsion axle 3 inches and (c) single axle trailers 3 inches. Fenders must be wider than tire tread so the edge of the fender does not cut the tire.

H. Any trailer that is over wide (102 inches) must have a signed Texas over width permit. Current over width permit must be presented at the time of DOT inspection. Trailer widths will be measured at the widest point on the trailer, metal to metal. Permit dates must include days in transportation to and from PCJLS. Review *Trailer Construction Guide* for major codes and rules. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to have reviewed and understand all TxDOT and Federal Codes.

Any trailer that is over 102 inches in width without permit will be discounted 10 points. Over wide without a permit does not designate disqualification for the show.

21. Loss or Damage: Every precaution will be taken to protect projects, however, neither the Panola County Junior Livestock Show nor the show officials will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects during unloading and loading them.

22. Projects Needing Off-loading Assistance: Projects that must be hoisted from the topside are to be fitted with lifting eyes at balance points that will accommodate one-inch shackles. Projects that Show Officials conclude cannot be safely off-loaded with equipment available may be shown on the trailer.

23. Project Show Judging Criteria: (see scorecard for further breakdown)

Workmanship 30

Design 20

Interview/Showmanship 20

Record Book 20

Safety 10

Judges will place projects using the scorecard.

24. FFA or 4-H show cards must be on each exhibit showing the name or names of the students who built the project and the name of the chapter. All names appearing on projects will be removed during the judging

## **Judges**

Judges will only serve two consecutive terms.

## **Awards**

Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Showmanship will receive a belt buckle and a banner. The show will provide up to two belt buckles for team entries. If more buckles are needed it is the responsibility of the FFA or 4-H to provide them.

Reserve grand champion will receive a belt buckle and a banner.

Top two wood and top two metal projects receive a rosette.

Ribbon awards are blue and red. Blue ribbons are presented to the top 10. Red ribbons for 11th and under. Only Blue Ribbon projects are eligible for placing Showmanship award. The judges can choose to add blue ribbons past 10th place.

## Showmanship Award

A separate award will go to the individual who best displays and demonstrates their knowledge of their project. The judges will pick this person from among the top 10 blue ribbon exhibitors. The showmanship winner will get a belt buckle.

## AUCTION

All qualified projects will participate in the Silent Auction. The highest bidder through the Silent Auction is the winning bid *if the Market Value is met*. Bidding will start at 8:00 AM Friday morning. Bid sheets will be displayed with the project. Silent auction ends at 3:00PM on Friday.

All bids must require a registered buyer's number. Falsifying bids will disqualify a project from the auction.

If for sale, a minimum price must be exhibited. Starting bid is \$100 over material cost.

All projects must be removed from property the day of Auction.

## PCJLS 2026 Ag Mech Classes

**Class 1: Trailers-** single axle, tandem axle, gooseneck Example- utility, car hauler, low boy, float trailer.

**Class 2: Livestock Equipment and Agricultural Machinery:** Example- creep and mineral feeders, saddle racks, hay forks, box blades, carryalls, shop tables, wire rollers, goat carriers, hay unrollers, bumpers, gates, etc.'

**Class 3: Yard Conveniences:** Example- picnic tables, swings, arbors, playhouses, wood racks, bar-b-que pits, fish cookers, smokers, fire pits, etc.

**Class 4: Household Projects:** Example- gun cabinet, hutches, corner shelves, chests, household furniture, coffee tables, bakers racks, etc.

**Class 5: Wildlife:** Example- deer stands, deer feeders, hog traps, game hangers, duck blinds, etc.

Top project from each class gets a rosette. Grand and reserve come from the rosette group. Judges have the discretion to pull more than one from a group for Grand and reserve champion.

<b>Class #:</b>	<b>Entry #:</b>	<b>Project:</b>
<b>Chapter/Club:</b>	<b>E=Excellent G=Good NI=Needs Improvement</b>	
<b>Workmanship (30)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Square- Diagonals &amp; Square</li> <li>❖ Weld Quality- Uniform bead profile, feathering good penetration, cold welds, over welding, lack of penetration, undercutting, overlap, distortion control, poor bead profile, pin holes</li> <li>❖ Fabrication- Good joints and fit-up. Sharp edges, poor fit up, rough torch cuts</li> <li>❖ Weld grinding- excessive or lack of proper grinding, sharp corners</li> <li>❖ Paint Prep &amp; Finish- slag and buckshot removal, no body filler, uniform paint coating with no runs.</li> </ul>	_____ Square & True _____ Weld Quality _____ Fabrication- Metal cutting & Drilling _____ Grinding ( leave beads if possible) _____ Paint Prep & Finish (Powder coating allowed but not rewarded)	
<b>Design and Materials (20)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Dimensions consistent with drawing</li> <li>❖ Materials- over or undersized for load</li> <li>❖ Fasteners- Screws, bolts etc. Screws and bolts coating compatible with treated lumber</li> <li>❖ Design principles- gussets and braces. Materials- angles, I beams and trusses</li> <li>❖ Practicality and functionality</li> </ul>	_____ Dimensions _____ Materials _____ Fasteners _____ Design _____ Practicability	
<b>Documentation and Presentation (20)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Drawing- to scale, dimensioned, complete enough to build from</li> <li>❖ BOM- include receipts</li> <li>❖ Photos- sequenced work in progress, labeled, 40 max</li> <li>❖ Knowledge of manufacturing process and materials</li> <li>❖ Presentation-Speaking ability and presentation to judges and public, attire</li> </ul>	_____ Organization _____ Presentation _____ Drawing _____ Display _____ Bill Of Materials _____ Photographs ( 40 Max) _____ Technical Knowledge (Why questions and knowledge of project)	
<b>Difficulty (20)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Size, Scope, Complexity- use of several skills and processes</li> <li>❖ Sophistication- Intricate, technical and more difficult to build.</li> </ul>	_____ Size, Scope _____ Sophistication	

**Safety (10)**

- ❖ Safe work environment- shown in photos
- ❖ Safe Projects- good smooth joints & fit up
- ❖ Project Displayed Safely- sharp points & edges protected, sturdy stands
- ❖ Electrical- extension cords, appliances, video display & computers

\_\_\_\_\_ Safety- depicted in pictures

\_\_\_\_\_ Safe project

\_\_\_\_\_ Project display

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**Showmanship Comments:**



**PCJLS**  
**Commercial Pen of Heifers Show**  
**Rules and Regulations**  
**Superintendent – Bruce Johnson**

**2026 Panola County Commercial Pen of Heifers Show Itinerary**

Tuesday, March 3, 2026..... 9:00 am – Exhibitors cattle need to be in place in Expo Hall  
10:00 am – Exhibitors at the concession stand for Testing  
information testing will begin at  
10:30 am - Interviews will begin immediately after testing  
2:00 am - Heifer Judging Begin  
5:30 pm - Buyers Dinner  
6:30 pm - Winners Announced.  
7:00 pm - Commercial Heifer Sale

(All Heifers removed from barn following conclusion of sale and animals paid for in full)

**Rules and Regulations**

General rules and regulations of show apply. See official show schedule for all show times.

**Entry Fee: \$30.00 per pen, due with entry forms at validation**

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag-Science Teachers and County Extension Agents. 4-H members must be eight years of age and entering the third grade before September 1st, year preceding the show to be eligible to participate. All participants must meet eligibility criteria as established by the Panola County Junior Livestock Show Association.
2. The Commercial Beef Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Beef Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Breeding Beef Heifer Show of the Panola County Junior Livestock Show.

3. Third party ownership heifers will not be allowed to show. Bill of Sale will be due at the time of validation.

4. **Entry Form Deadline:** all forms/paperwork are required to be turned at the time of Animal Validation.

- Exhibitor Information Sheets (Breeding Animal Entry Forms)
- \$30.00 per pen of three Entry Fee (\$10 for additional animals with max of two head) (non-refundable). A \$60 Late Fee validate 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in December – Contact Bruce Johnson for validation.
- Bill of Sale.
- If appropriate paperwork is not turned in at the time of validation, point deductions will be made. Lost tags must be reported immediately to a committee member.

5. **Animal Validation:** Last Sunday in November preceding the show with it being mandatory that all entering the Panola County Jr. Livestock Show pen of heifer show and sale be present for a central animal validation. Central Validation will be from 2 to 4 pm with location TBA.

- Heifers consigned to the show and sale will be tagged in at validation time and date.
- All heifers must arrive at Validation presorted into there respected groups. There will not be any sorting between groups while at validation.

6. Heifers must be between 9 and 24 months of age by the start date of the Panola County Junior Livestock Show.

7. Exhibitor may validate a total of 5 heifers, exhibiting only one pen of three at the 2025 PCJLS.

8. Heifers cannot be added to or switched from their respective validated pen.

9. Exhibitors must own their heifers by date of validation. The feeding period begins on the date of purchase. Proof of ownership must be available at the time of validation. Exhibitors must feed and care for their heifers in Panola County on their facility, or other committee approved facilities, and exhibit heifers without any aid or assistance other than that of Panola County Extension Agents, Ag-Science Teachers, 4-H Adult Leaders, or immediate family members. (Violations will cause the exhibitor to forfeit all rights to participate in the Commercial Beef Heifer Show.)

10. Attendance of exhibitors is mandatory at the time of judging.

11. Pen of Heifers will not be divided into an age division and will be judged as one division. Those heifers being shown as bred will be required to be certified bred by a veterinarian max age of heifer eligible for the show is 24 months of age. Heifers can not be with their first calf nor can they have a calf nursing during the show or during the feeding period.

12. The scoring system used for the overall showman will be as follows: (Point to be based on the number of entries)

- Points awarded for placement of record book.
- Points awarded for placement on written test.
- Points awarded for placement in the interview.

Overall placements will be determined as follows: each exhibitor will have their total points awarded per category added together for a total cumulative score. Final over all placings will be based on these total combined scores.

**Point deduction protocol:** anytime during the feeding period if it is determined that a rule violation has occurred that warrants the removal of points, a Rules Violation Form will be presented to the exhibitor and family stating the rule violation in question and total points to be deducted from the exhibitor's total cumulative score. At that time the family and supervising advisor will be asked to sign the form consenting to the action.

Note: Failure to sign the form and complying with rules, will result on immediate dismissal from the Pen of heifer show for that year.

13. Heifers may be inspected for quality, condition, etc. up to one week prior to the show, by member(s) of the Commercial Beef Heifer Committee. Heifers may be removed from the show, with a majority vote of committee members, pending the results of the inspection(s). A pen may be removed from the show prior to one week before the show.

14. The Commercial Beef Heifer Show Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Panola County Junior Livestock Show Association members.

15. Grand, Reserve Grand and other placing heifers in this program will be sold and become the property of the buyer at a special sale that is not in conjunction with the PCJLS and Sale. **All purchases must be paid in full before directly after the sale.** Those pens that are not grand or reserve grand have the option to sale or not to sale, however if they decide to place their animals in the sale, no project may be PO 'ed during the sale. (Those participants selling in the Commercial Pen of heifer sale will be eligible to sell a market animal 15. during the PCJL sale on Friday at 1 pm.) (Heifers that do not win Grand or Reserve and are held out of the sale and met the age requirements will be eligible to show a second year)

16. There will be no harassment of the judge and/ or Commercial Beef Heifer Committee members prior to, during, or after the show.

17. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Panola County. Any parents or exhibitor found to not be adhering to any rule(s) pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show will be banned, along with his/her family, for a period of one (1) year, to a lifetime, from exhibition in the program, per the Commercial Beef Heifer Show Committee discretion.

## **Test, Interviews, and Record Book Section**

1. For the Testing, Interview, and Record Book sections, exhibitors will be divided into age divisions as follows, Junior Division (consisting of those exhibitors 13 years of age and younger on the day of show) and Senior Division (Consisting of those exhibitors 14 years of age and older). At the awards program we will recognize the high point individual per age division for the Testing and Interview/Record Book sections. An accumulative score will be totaled to achieve an Overall Showman in each age division.
2. Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for competition. Also, exhibitors are required to answer questions in a testing and interview process at the time of the show.
3. Record books will be turned in the morning of the Test and interview date no later than 9:30 am. (pregnancy check papers need to be included in record book).
4. Record books will go by the following format:
  - a. Summary of expenses (forms will be provided by the show at validation)
  - b. Essay (Minimum of two-page story about your project)
  - c. Pictures (Max two pages)
  - d. Receipts (must include all receipts associated with project)
    - i. Record books will only need data from the time between validation and turning in of the record books.
5. Record book covers will be a three-ring binder with all articles. Placement points will be deducted for those books not turned in correctly.
6. Testing and interview study guides will be handed to all exhibitors at the validation.
7. Testing for those youth entered will be conducted on the Wednesday one week prior to the Judging of the pen of heifers, with testing to be conducted at 10:00 am and interviews starting at 1 pm.

## **Example Of Scoring**

10 entries

Record Books would be placed with top record book receiving 10 points.

Interviews would be placed with top interview exhibitor receiving 20 points.

Test Scores would be placed with the High score exhibitor receiving 20 points.