

2025

LA VERNIA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SHOW

SHOW DATE: Feb 26-2-Mar 1

Rules and Regulations Revised:

July 29, 2024

Note: All changes made are italic and bold.

1. The name of this show will be the “La Vernia Junior Livestock and Poultry Show.”
2. This show reserves to its Executive Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with the show, and the right to amend and add to those rules as its judgment may determine. The Executive Board will be composed of the following:

Executive Board Members

Mark Koepp	Show Chairman
Gary Skrzycki	Goats / Lambs
Milton Lowak	Poultry
Keith Wildenstein	Swine/Recording/Ag Mech
Matt Koepp	<i>Auction</i>
Donnie Schroeder	<i>Steers and Heifers/Set-Up</i>
Doug Wildenstein	Awards
Steve Swygard	Rabbits
Sarah Young	Advertisement
Charity Schroeder	Treasurer
Mike Koepp	
Steven Reinhard	
Harold Fredrick	Life Member

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Advisory Committee

Agricultural Science Teachers-La Vernia High School
County Extension Agents

Ag Mechanics

Tommy Kotzur

Kitchen Contact

Steven Reinhard

Hospitality Contact

Chesney McQueen

3. Decisions of the Executive Board will be final in all cases. Complaints or differences (***with the exception of rules violations***) will be handled in writing only with a deposit of \$150.00. If the show rules against the claim, the deposit will become the property of the La Vernia Junior Livestock and Poultry Show. ***Any rules violation will result in disqualification from the show and sale.***
4. All entries must be exhibited by students who are bona-fide 4-H or FFA Members attending La Vernia's I.S.D. Public Schools. The Executive Board reserves the right to accept or reject any entry. ***If the parent or guardian of an exhibitor has an unpaid auction bill the entry will not be accepted until the outstanding bill is paid.***
5. Exhibitor Code of Ethics: The LVJLS is a Family Friendly event. As such, an individuals conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from Chamber Grounds

Violations include but are not limited to:

- Disruptive or improper conduct
- Public display of profanity of any sort
- Violence of any sort

6. Eligibility rules will comply with current UIL Rules. No alternate exhibitors will be allowed ***for show or sale***. All exhibitors must be grade eligible to show in the La Vernia Junior Livestock Show. ***Eligibility dates are shown in the attached Exhibit 2.***
7. OWNERSHIP DATES:

All entries must have been continuously and personally fed and cared for under the direct supervision of a County Extension Agent (CEA) or Agricultural Science Teacher (AST). Spot checks may be conducted by such sponsors and/or Executive Board members. All entries must be ***owned at validation and fed until show date*** The Executive Board reserves the right to confirm validity of any market animals when deemed necessary.

ALL MARKET & BREEDING ANIMALS MUST BE VALIDATED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

2025 LA VERNIA LIVESTOCK SHOW
VALIDATION AND OWNERSHIP DATES

MARKET STEERS:

June 22, 2024 7:00 – 11:00 am

June 24, 2024 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Wilson County Showbarn-Tag Orders contact AST/CEA

LVJLS Chairman-***Donnie Schroeder (830-534-3397)***

MARKET/BREEDING LAMBS: ***October 21 & 22, 2024***
Wilson County Showbarn-Tag orders contact AST/CEA
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
LVJLS Chairman -Gary Skrzycki (210-744-3092)

MARKET/BREEDING GOATS: ***October 21 &22 2024***
Wilson County Showbarn-Tag orders contact AST/CEA
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
LVJLS Chairman -Gary Skrzycki (210-744-3092)

MKT SWINE/BREEDING GILTS ***November 16, 2024***
8:00-11:00 am
November 18, 2024
5:00-6:00 pm
Wilson County Showbarn-Tag orders contact AST/CEA
LVJLS Chairman-Keith Wildenstein (210-213-1648)

TURKEYS: Must order through AST or CEA
LVJLS Chairman-Milton Lowak (210-260-4440)

BROILERS: Must order through AST or CEA
LVJLS Chairman-Milton Lowak (210-260-4440)

MEAT /BREEDING RABBITS: ***Jan 26, 2025*** 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. (Entry forms due at validation..Breeders do not need to be present)
La Vernia Chamber of Commerce
LVJLS Chairman –Steve Swygard (830-391-3747)

BEEF HEIFERS: ***Oct 14, 2024***
Poth Project Barn
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

BREEDING GILTS: Validate with Market Swine*

*Animals must be registered in the Herdbook of their Association in only the name of the Junior owner on or before December 1 the year preceding the show. Purchase, delivery, possession, transfer, and registration must all take place on or before December 1 the year preceding the show. Superintendents will check Original Registration Certificates at time of check-in. Registration Certificates must be available at all times.

8. *An Ag Mechanics Division has been added for the 2025 Show. Rules for participation are attached under separate cover.*

9. Application for entry:

- A. All forms of entry must be made out on the printed forms provided by the 4-H and FFA sponsors.
- B. All entry forms and fees are due with major show entries and must be received no later than December 2, 2024. Late entries must be approved by the Executive Board and are subject to a \$250 late charge per entry.
- C. Entry fees are as follows:
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| Turkeys..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Broilers..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Steers..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Sheep & Goats..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Swine | \$25.00 per entry |
| Meat Rabbits..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Single Fryer Rabbit..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Breeding Rabbits..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Breeding Cattle..... | \$2500 per entry |
| Breeding Nannies..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Breeding Swine..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Breeding Sheep..... | \$25.00 per entry |
| Ag Mechanics----- | \$25.00 per entry |
- D. No refunds of entry fees will be made.

10. Animals and ag mechanic projects must be in place according to the times listed and will be sifted on the following dates and times:

WEDNESDAY *Feb 26, 2025*

Rabbits	12:30-1:30 p. m.
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THURSDAY, *Feb 27, 2025- Arrival times*

Steers, Heifers, Lambs & Goats	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Swine	10:00-12:00 Noon

THURSDAY, *Feb 27, 2025- Weigh and Sift*

Only the exhibitor will be allowed to present an entry for weigh in. If the exhibitor is not available to check in his/her project then a substitution form must be completed to designate an alternate exhibitor. Only State identification tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed prior to weigh in.

Weigh in will end for each breed after a 5 minute last call is given.

Steers	Beginning at 2:00 p.m.
Lambs	Following completion of steers
Goats	Following completion of lambs
Swine	Following completion of goats

Ag Mechanics	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
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FRIDAY *Feb 28, 2025*

Broilers and Turkeys

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

All Market animals must be in place by noon *on Feb 27, 2025*,

Check in for all breeding animals (heifers, swine, goats and sheep) will begin following completion of market entries. Registration papers must be presented to verify ownership

11. The sifting judge will be instructed to accept only show quality animals and poultry in the La Vernia Junior Livestock and Poultry Show and follow guidelines as set up by the Livestock Executive Board. (Exhibit 1)
12. If an animal is over or under weight, the animal will be backed off the scale. The scale will be zeroed out and the animal will be re-weighed. Only one re-weigh will be allowed. All animals must be clean and free of foreign material at weigh in.
13. Judges of the show will be recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Executive Board and will be disinterested, qualified persons living or residing outside of Wilson County.
14. Time of release from the show grounds for animals will be governed by the special rules set up for each particular year. All entries will be released immediately after shown.
15. The exhibitor will be responsible for their entries through the show and until exhibits are taken home.
16. The exhibitor will keep his or her exhibits in show order at all times. All exhibits must remain in assigned pens or stalls, except for designated exercise and wash areas. Failure to comply with this rule is grounds for disqualification.
17. ***Wood and cedar shavings will be allowed. Exhibitors will be responsible for removal of bedding after the show. All bedding for all entries (including steers) must be removed by 10:00 am Sunday March 2, 2025. If bedding is not removed the exhibitor will be subject to a \$250 fee.***
18. The exhibitor will be responsible for having his/her show entry/entries weighed in and tagged at the designated times and in the show ring at sifting, judging, and auction time. Only the animals, exhibitors, judges and assigned ring men will be allowed in the arena during sifting and judging events.
19. All animals that are to be controlled by halter must be halter broken and under control of the exhibitor. Other animals will be controlled by the exhibitor.
20. Market animals may be purebreds or crossbreeds. Rabbits must be purebred. They will be judged for their amount of degree of finish and their body conformation. Market animals cannot exhibit in breeding classes.
21. Each year's show will be governed by special rules set during that particular year in accordance with the general show rules.
22. All livestock and poultry must comply with the current Texas Animal Health Commission Rules and Regulations. Sick or diseased animals will not be accepted for show. In keeping with the USDA Safe Food Regulations, exhibitors, by signing their entry cards, guarantee that their market steer, swine, lamb, goat, poultry, rabbit projects have not been administered or fed any non-approved drug or feed additive and that their animal(s) are not within any slaughter withdrawal times.
23. The following will be prizes for each division:

- A. Market Classes (lambs, steers, goats, swine, broilers, turkey and rabbits along with Ag Mechanics projects will receive a trophy banner for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits
- B. The Breeding Show entries will be awarded ribbons and the Overall Grand Champion will receive a trophy banner if five or more are entered in that division.
- C. Showmanship will be awarded to the top showman in the poultry, lambs, swine, goats, heifers, steers, and rabbit divisions.
- D. Two showmanship classes
 - Junior – Grades 3 thru 7
 - Senior – Grades 8 thru 12

24. Exhibits will be judged in the following order;

WEDNESDAY Feb 26, 2025

Rabbits	Immediately following check in (<i>1:30 p. m.</i>)
Fryer Rabbit	Immediately following Meat Pen
Breeding Rabbits	Immediately following Fryers

THURSDAY, Feb 27, 2025

Ag Mechanics	<i>11:00 a. m.</i>
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FRIDAY, Feb 28, 2025

<i>Broilers</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Turkeys</i>	<i>Immediately following Broilers</i>
Lambs	10:00 a.m.
Breeding Ewes	Immediately following Lambs
Goats	Immediately following Breeding Ewes
Breeding Nannies	Immediately following Goats
<i>Steers</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>
Breeding Cattle	Immediately following Steers
Breeding Swine	6:00 p.m.
Market Swine	Immediately following breeding Swine

- 25. Any exhibitor eligible to sell in the auction in more than one division must notify an official in the Committee Office thirty (30) minutes after the hog show specifying which exhibit he or she will choose to sell in the Auction. If no notification is given, the Executive Board will make the decision.
- 26. All animals are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and must be removed from grounds by ***9:00 a.m.*** on ***Saturday March 1, 2025.***
- 27. No projects will be presented at the Auction Sale.

28. *Any Exhibitor that is not present for his or her designated sale order will not be allowed to sell in the auction*
29. No electrical clipping will be allowed on the show grounds. Touch up clipping with cordless clippers will be allowed. Also, no heat lamps will be allowed.
30. Only designated scales will be allowed on the show grounds other than the official show scales.

SPECIAL RULES FOR THE 2025 LA VERNIA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SHOW

Auction Sale – 12:00 noon **March 1, 2025**

The number of exhibits to be sold in each class will be regulated by the Executive Board. The approximate number of exhibits to be sold by auction shall be determined by the Show Committee according to the amount of entries:

Steers-----	22	Broilers-----	12
Lambs-----	14	Rabbits (includes Champion Fryer)---	14
Swine-----	40	Turkeys-----	12
Goats-----	14	Ag Mech-----	4

An exhibitor will be allowed to sell one (1) item in the auction sale. Animals will not be decorated and gift baskets will not be allowed in the auction ring. All Market and Ag Mechanics Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits must sell. If an exhibitor has Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion in more than one species, the exhibitor will be required to sell his/her Grand Champion entries, Reserve Grand Champion entries, or a combination of both. If an exhibitor places two entries eligible for sale of the same type (i.e. 2 swine, 2 goats, etc.) they will be required to sell the highest placing entry. The auction will be designated as a Premium Auction. Exhibitors will retain ownership of all projects.

Only Exhibitors and one alternate will be allowed in the Auction Ring.

There will be 5% charge on all auction items with a minimum of \$10.00.

Participants exhibiting Market Animals, Baked Foods, Arts/Crafts or any other item eligible for Premium Auction at the Wilson County Junior Livestock Show, Bexar County Livestock Show, or Guadalupe County

Livestock Show are not eligible to exhibit market animals, Baked Foods, Arts/Crafts in the La Vernia Junior Livestock and Poultry Show. Also, any market animal exhibited in the Wilson County Junior Livestock Show, Bexar County Livestock Show, or Guadalupe County Livestock Show is not eligible for entry in the La Vernia Junior Livestock and Poultry Show. Participants at the above listed shows are allowed to exhibit breeding stock at the La Vernia Junior Livestock and Poultry Show.

All exhibitors who sell an item through the sale auction will be required to submit a thank you letter. A thank you letter must be written for each buyer or add on. These letters will be given to the appropriate 4H or FFA leaders by **June 1, 2025** in a self-addressed envelope with the appropriate postage ready to be mailed. Failure to follow this rule could lead to loss of 5% of premium check.

Market classes will be divided as equally as possible into as many weight classes as the Executive Board sees fit. The Executive Board reserves the right to break market classes by breeds and/or weights.

1. MARKET STEERS:

- A. No more than two steers may be exhibited for competition by any one exhibitor. Steers can be exhibited as American Breed Crossbreed (ABC) or All Other Breeds (AOB).
- B. All Cattle must be halter broke. Any disorderly cattle will be removed from the show at the discretion of the Executive Board.
- C. All steers must be shorn no more than ¼” on any location of the body, excluding the tale switch (the tail switch being no more than 12 inches above the end of the cartilage of the tail). ***This rule will be strictly enforced.***
- D. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds.
- E. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
- F. No grooming material or artificial coloring of any kind will be allowed.
- G. ***Only State identification tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed at weigh in.***
- H. American Breed Crossbreed (ABC) Class
 - American Breeds and American Crossbreeds will be comprised of combinations of purebred or crossbred Brahman, Beefmaster, Brahmousin, Brangus, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, and other Bos indicus based breeds. All steers in this division must exhibit predominant breed characteristics of one of these breeds.

Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Adequate length of ears, slightly drooping and opens forward
- Moderate dewlap development
- Moderate crest but no definite hump required

2. MARKET LAMBS:

- A. No more than two lambs may be shown by any one exhibitor in the market lamb division. All breeds of Market Lambs will be shown together. Lambs must weigh no less than 100 lbs. Market lambs may be either ewe or wether lambs.
- B. All lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up prior to arrival.
- C. No grooming material or artificial coloring of any kind will be allowed.
- D. ***Only State identification tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed at weigh in.***

3. MARKET SWINE:

- A. Market Swine will be judged in by breed: Hampshires, Durocs, Other Pure Breed, and Crosses. There must be a minimum of 10 animals per breed in order to constitute a class.
- B. No more than two market swine's may be exhibited for competition by on exhibitor. Market swine must weigh ***at least 250 lbs. with a maximum of 300 lbs.***
- C. No grooming material or artificial coloring of any kind will be allowed
- D. Swine entered in the Market Show cannot be entered in the Breeding Show. Swine entered in the Breeding Show cannot be entered in the Market Show.
- E. ***Only State identification tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed at weigh in.***

4. BROILERS:

- A. Each exhibitor may exhibit only one pen of pullets (3) birds and one pen of cockerels (3) birds.
- B. Only three birds may be presented to the official at check-in and there will be no weight limit on the pen.
- C. Birds must be of commercial type and must be purchased from the same hatchery and hatching. Hatching date will be coordinated through the Ag. Science Teachers and County Extension Agents
- D. Birds must be banded. Bands will be verified
- E. ***It is the exhibitors responsibility to present to the judge the proper species. If a pullet is presented for the cockerel show or a cockerel is presented for the pullet show then the exhibitor will be disqualified.***

5. TURKEYS:

- A. Each exhibitor is limited to one tom and one hen entry.
- B. All exhibited birds must be purchased from the same hatchery and hatching. (Statewide hatch for San Antonio/Houston turkeys).
- C. Birds must be banded. Bands will be verified

6. MEAT PEN RABBITS:

- A. All rabbits are to be judged by the American Rabbit Breeders Association standard of perfection and are subject to all disqualifications listed in the ARBA standard of perfection. The ARBA show rules found in the ARBA yearbook will apply.
- B. All judges hired by the La Vernia Stock show shall be a qualified ARBA judge and approved by the Executive Board.
- C. All meat pens must be produced from pure breed rabbits. The recommended breeds for meat pens are Californians or New Zealands. ***Fryer rabbits cannot come out of meat pens but must weigh three and one half to five and one half pounds.***
- D. Exhibitors may wish to purchase their breeders for breeding. Breeders must be purchased and bred 101 days from the day they are shown. If a doe fails to raise a litter, replacement rabbits must be purchased prior to or on validation day.
- E. Exhibitors may purchase meat pen rabbits prior to or on validation day. Meat pen rabbits should be tattooed in left ear at time of purchase and before validation. Rabbits not tattooed prior to validation will be charged a fee of \$3.00 per rabbit to tattoo.
- F. All meat pens will consist of 3 purebred rabbits of the same variety (color). Rabbits are to be no older than 70 days (10 weeks) on show date
- G. All meat pens will be validated on ***Jan 26, 2025*** from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. at the La Vernia Chamber of Commerce grounds at approximately 6 weeks of age. At this time rabbits will be checked for breeder tattoos. Breeders do not need to attend validation but must complete/pay for validation entries
- H. On the day of the show, sifting will be done by weighing each rabbit. If a rabbit in the pen fails to meet show weight (three and one half to five and one half pounds) or if any one (1 rabbit weighs more than 8 oz (1/2 pound) than the other rabbits in the pen, the pen will be sifted. No substitutions will be allowed.
- I. Remark cards and ribbons must be picked up after the show.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP:

- A. A written test (50% of total score) and a handling test (50 % of total score) will be given at the La Vernia Chamber of Commerce Hall on ***Feb 16 2025 at 1:00 p.m.*** and will be 50% of the total score.

7. AG MECHANICS (SEE ATTACHED RULES)

8. BREEDING STOCK:

- A. All breeding animals must have registration papers. Registration papers must be in the name of the exhibitor and presented at time of check in.
- B. Breeding Heifers: Bred heifers may be shown but heifers which have calved will not be permitted to show. Age limit will be as follows: 6 months to 2 years.

- C. Breeding Swine: All animals must be registered and have a registration number. Gilts must be born after ***June 1, 2024*** and not later than ***September 30, 2024***.
- D. Breeding Lambs and Breeding Nannies must be under 12 months of age,
- E. Breeding Rabbits: Any breed of rabbit in any class (pre-junior: under 3 months, junior: 3-6 months, intermediate: 6-8 months, senior: 8 months and older) recognized by the ARBA may be shown. Rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor 120 days prior to show. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear. No substitutions will be made after ***3:00 pm*** on the day of the show. Pick up remark cards and ribbons after the show
- F. Cordless clipping will be allowed. No adhesive allowed (blow and go).
- G. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
- H. No grooming material is allowed. No painting or dyeing allowed.

9. MARKET GOATS:

- A. Entry – Two animals per child. No bred females.
- B. Eligibility – The show is open to any breed or crossbreed. Market goats must weigh no less than 60 pounds (no maximum weight)
- C. The exhibitor will be required to have goats dehorned and /or tipped before arrival. Tip cannot be smaller than a dime.
- D. Restraint – Exhibitors will be allowed to use a collar or halter in the show ring.
- E. Goats must be shorn slick to within ***3/4*** inch of the skin above knee and hock joints excluding tail switch.
- F. Market goats may be either wethers or does with male being castrate.
- G. No grooming material or coloring of any kind will be allowed.
- H. ***Only State identification tags will be allowed. All other tags must be removed at weigh in.***

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSIFIERS

STEERS

1. Any decision of the sifting judges will be final.
2. The La Vernia Junior Livestock Executive Board will support decisions of the judges
3. All steers must be shorn no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch (the tail switch being no more than 12 inches above the end of the cartilage of the tail).

HOGS

1. Any decision of the sifting judges will be final.
2. The La Vernia Junior Livestock Executive Board will support decisions of the judges.

LAMBS

1. Any decision of the sifting judges will be final.
2. The La Vernia Junior Livestock Executive Board will support decisions of the judges.
3. Must be slick shorn above knee and hock.

GOATS

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2. The La Vernia Junior Livestock Executive Board will support decisions of the judges.
3. Goats must be shorn slick to within $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of the skin above knee and hock joints excluding tail switch.
4. Market goats may be either wethers or does with male being castrated.
5. Market goats must weigh no less than 60 lbs. (No maximum weight)
6. The exhibitor will be required to have goats dehorned and/or tipped before arrival. (Not less than the diameter of a dime at the end.)