

# Tyler County Fair Rules 2025

October 1 – 4, 2025



Tyler County Fair  
P.O. Box 725  
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**Livestock Auction Committee** – 1 Representative from each of the 5 Communities

**Chester-** Rodney Bendy

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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 (i.e., 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, is 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 chairman or show chairman.
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 6:00 am 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. **AGE AS OF DAY OF SHOW:**
    - i. Junior Exhibitors are age 8-10
    - ii. Intermediate Exhibitors are age 11-13
    - iii. 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 for 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. For example, an exhibitor that is always willing to help fair board members or who helps other exhibitors before and during the fair.
  - b. **Herdsmen 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. The 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 showmen 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 point 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.

**2025 Tyler County Fair Judges**

Heifers/Steers/Commercial Heifers – Wade Shackleford

Broilers – Alisa Hairston

Goats – Shawn Ramsey

Lambs – Shawn Ramsey

Rabbits – John Terry

Swine – Bryce Munn



## **Tyler County Fair Schedule of Events**

### **Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **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

Breeding Beef 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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM**

Pee-wee Show – Goats/Lamb/Swine in Small Animal Arena – Check in Open until 9:00 AM

**9:00 AM - Noon**

Home Economics Release; Home Ec building closes at noon

**10:00AM – 5PM**

Individual Ag Mechanics Silent Auction – South End of Main Arena

**2:00-4:00 PM**

BBQ Cook-off Judging

**3:00 PM**

Home Economics Auction

**5:00 PM**

Buyers' Dinner – Home Economics Building

**7:00 PM**

Livestock Auction

**Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00AM-12:00PM**

All Remaining Projects Released

## Broilers

Chair: Derrick Gray

Phone: (409) 656 - 2523

Entry Deadline: May 23, 2025

Entry Fee: \$115

Check In: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 by 7:30 pm

Judging: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 8:00 pm

***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. Each exhibitor will receive 50 birds.

### ORDER DEADLINE

Entry forms are due at the time of ordering broilers – May 23, 2025. Birds will arrive and be ready for pick up on August 22, 2025.

### 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 cannot 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 7 pm on October 1, 2025, and the gate will close at 7:30 pm. 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, or trailers nor 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 to 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 1, 2025

Entry Fee: \$25

Check In: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 3:00-6:30 pm

Weight Limits 75 lbs – 175 lbs

Judging: Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 11 am

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 75 lbs. The maximum weight will be 175 lbs. There will be a 2 lb 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 provides 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 1, 2025

Entry Fee: \$25

Check In: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 3:00-6:30 pm

Weight Limit: 55 lbs – 115lbs

Judging: Thursday, October 2, 2025 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 goat 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 55 lbs. The maximum weight will be 115 lbs. There will be a 2 lb 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 provides 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/Goat 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 Goat 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 Goat Chairman and the Livestock Chairman.

## Steer

Chair: Bryan Martin

Phone: 409-200-4202

Deadline: April 24, 2025 at validation

Fee: \$25

Check In: Thursday, October 2, 2025 7-9 am

Judging: Friday, October 3, 2025 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 steer's 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 through 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 prior to validation.
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 1000 lbs 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 break 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: Billy Thompson

Phone: 409-429-6067

Entry Deadline: July 1, 2025

Entry Fee: \$25

Check In: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 3:00-6:30 pm

Judging: Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm

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.**

## Market Rabbits

Chair: Melissa Dalton

Phone: 409-553-9812

Entry Deadline: September 6, 2025

Entry Fee: \$25 per pen

Validation (required): September 6, 2025 8:00-10:00 am at Tyler County Fair Grounds

Check In: Friday, October 3, 2025 9:00-11:00 am

Judging: Friday, October 3, 2025 12:00 pm

Release on Sunday

### 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 (ARBA). 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 4 weeks 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, or trailers nor 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 Deadline: Check In on Day of Show

Entry Fee: \$15

Validation (required): September 6, 2025 8:00-10:00 am at Tyler County Fair Grounds

Check In: Friday, October 3, 2025 9:00-11:00 am

Judging: Friday, October 3, 2025 immediately following Market Rabbit Show

Release on Sunday

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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: Meagan Swinney

Phone: 409-200-0188

Entry Deadline: September 5, 2025

Entry Fee: \$25

Check-In: Thursday, October 2, 2025 7:00-9:00 am

Judging: Friday, October 3, 2025 at 9:00 am

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules
2. The Breeding Beef is open to all active 4-H and FFA members enrolled in a home, public, private, elementary, or secondary school in Tyler County.
3. Entries must be entered on/before September 5, 2025.
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 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 glued 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	1/1/25 to 4/30/25
2	Senior Heifer Calves	9/1/24 to 12/31/24
3	Summer Yearling Heifers	5/1/24 to 8/31/24
4	Junior Yearling Heifers	1/1/24 to 4/30/24
5	Senior Heifers and Cows	4/1/23 to 12/31/23
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	1/1/25 and after
2	Senior Bull Calves	9/1/24 to 12/31/24
3	Summer Yearling Bulls	5/1/24 to 8/31/24
4	Junior Yearling Bulls	1/1/24 to 4/30/24
5	Senior Yearling Bulls	On or before 12/31/23
6	Division Champion and Reserve	
7	Overall Champion and Reserve	

## **Commercial Heifers**

Chair: Caleb Swinney

Phone: 409-790-3274

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at Validation

Entry Fee: \$25

Check In: Thursday, October 2, 2025 7:00-9:00 am

Judging: Friday, October 3, 2025 11:00 am

1. Commercial Heifers must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor under the supervision of Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent. Continuous ownership and care of the animal must be maintained from tag in to show time by the exhibitor.
2. The Official weigh-in will be held at the Tyler County Fair Grounds from 5:00-6:00 pm.
3. The weight of the heifer at validation cannot be less than four hundred pounds or more than eight hundred pounds
4. Any commercial not making the weight will be backed off the scales; scales balanced and reweighed one time only
5. Commercial heifers must be weaned by tag-in/wean-in in May.
6. All commercial heifers must be dehorned prior to show or be naturally scurred or 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. Each exhibitor may enter two heifers at validation and declare enter at time of check-in.
9. All commercial heifers must be born between March 1 and October 31 of the previous year and have a signed affidavit from the breeder at the time of validation.
10. No heifer will be allowed to show in the commercial heifer show and the breeding beef heifer show.
11. 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.
12. The judge will score each heifer with maximum of 60 points prior to the interview. The interview will be conducted with a maximum of 40 points. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be given to the heifer with the higher score. No heifer will be given the exact same score.
13. Only Grand and Reserve commercial heifers will be guaranteed to sell in the live auction on Saturday night.
14. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Tyler County Fair Board.

## Home Economics Overall Rules

Chair: Donna Blackerby

Phone: 409-429-0565

Entry Deadline for all Home Ec Categories: **Monday, September 1, 2025**

Fine Arts Entry Fees: \$10 per entry

Fine Arts Check-in: Thursday, October 2, 2025 7:00 – 9:00 am

Fine Arts Judging: Thursday, October 2, 2025 10:00 am

Baking Entry Fees: \$12 per entry – to include container

Canning Entry Fees: \$10 per entry

Baking/Canning Check-in: Friday, October 3, 2025 7:00 – 9:00 am

Baking/Canning Judging: Friday, October 3, 2025 10:00 am

1. The divisions for all home economics categories are as follows:

<b>Division:</b>	<b>Birthday as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup></b>
Senior Youth	14 – 18 years old
Junior Youth	9 (or 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade) – 13 years old
Pee Wee	8 years old (or 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) and younger

2. Each exhibitor must provide an entry form and fees at the deadline. All forms must be signed by the appropriate organizational representative (i.e.: FCCLA advisor, FFA advisor, county extension agent, or art teacher) and a parent certifying the exhibitor is eligible and a member of the qualifying organization or class according to these rules. All entries must be turned into organizational representatives by the deadline.
3. The exhibitor must be a member in good standing with FCCLA, FFA, Junior FFA, or 4H, regardless of whether the student attends public school or is home schooled.
4. Entries that are not complete or submitted by the entry deadline will not be accepted. Organizational representatives should submit all complete forms to the Home Ec Chair.
5. Do not put exhibitor name or identifying markings of any kind on any home economics entry. All entries will be given numbers at check-in that will be used during the judging process.
6. The division chair reserves the right to disqualify any item not meeting the rules. The division chair will make an attempt to contact participants about concerns with entries upon receipt of entry forms. Participants choosing not to enter due to concerns are NOT guaranteed a refund of their entry fee(s).
7. Parents may **supervise** the completion of projects entered; however, **ALL** project work will be completed by the exhibitor.
8. Entries up to 30 minutes late on each day of project turn-in will incur a points penalty. NO entries will be accepted after 9:30 am in any category or division.
9. Containers for baked goods will either be delivered to the appropriate organizational representative for distribution to exhibitors or be made available for pick up at the home economics building on a determined date (to be shared later if necessary).

**10. NO EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HOME EC BUILDING DURING JUDGING ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.**

**11. Awards will be given as follows:**

- a. Grand Champion in each age division (junior and senior) for each category will receive rosettes and a banner; Reserve Champion in each age division for each category will receive rosettes; First through fifth places in each category and/or division will receive ribbons; Pee Wee division will receive ribbon awards only.
- b. Junior and senior grand champion fine arts categories, sewing, overall canning, and overall photography will receive a \$75 premium. Junior and senior grand champion fresh floral will receive a \$100 premium.
- c. Junior and senior grand champions in the baking categories will go to the live auction. Live auction baked goods have a cap of \$500.
- d. Junior and senior divisions will each have a High Point Overall buckle and banner awarded to the individual participant of each age group with the highest point total based on combined scores for all categories entered.

**12. Results will be posted on the exterior door to the home economics building and on the Tyler County Fair Facebook page once judging is complete on each day. The building will be open for viewing once all judging and scoring is finished and finalized.**

**13. A Home Economics Reception will be held on Friday at 6:00 pm in the home economics building. All grand and reserve champions will be recognized. High point winners will be announced at this time.**

**14. All fine art, sewing, and photography entries **MUST** be picked up at the home economics building between 9 am – 12 pm on Saturday. After this time, the building will be closed to prepare for the buyers' dinner. All fresh floral entries **MUST** be left for display at the buyers' dinner; these entries may be picked up at the end of the dinner (approximately 6 pm) on Saturday. All baked goods **MUST** be picked up by the end of the under the barn sale on Friday (approximately 8 pm). **BAKED GOODS NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DISCARDED AFTER THIS TIME.****

**15. Photographs of all fine arts, baking, sewing, and canning grand champion winners will be taken during the home economics live auction on Saturday at 3 pm.**

**16. Entries are left at the participants' own risk. Each exhibitor is responsible for arranging the pick-up of their project(s). In no case will the fair committee or the Tyler County Fair Board assume responsibility for loss or damage. If able, the home economics chair will make an attempt to return items left to their appropriate schools; however, THIS IS NOT A GUARANTEE!**

**17. Checks for premiums, under the barn sales, and live auction bids will be mailed to exhibitors.**

## Fine Arts Rules

The junior youth and senior youth divisions are open to all FCCLA members, 4 members, art students, and Junior FFA and FFA members in Tyler County.

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. Categories for competition are:
  - a. Paintings – oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor
  - b. Drawings – ink, charcoal, pencil
  - c. Mixed Media – assemblage, collage
  - d. Digital Art – computer assisted; NO 3-D printed images
  - e. Crafts – miscellaneous crafts like diamond art, paper quilling, 3-D printed items, etc.
  - f. Wreaths
  - g. Fresh Floral
4. The junior division of paintings and drawings will be divided into the following subdivisions: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Ribbons will be awarded to first through fifth places in each category. One grand champion and one reserve champion will be awarded for each category; these winners will be determined based on judges' scores.
5. Entries must be checked in with the chairman or other designated personnel on the day of judging. Any entries dropped off without being checked in will be disqualified.
6. All articles must have been completed within the past year (October 6, 2024 – October 1, 2025).
7. No projects with frames and/or glass will be accepted, with the exception of Fresh Floral.
8. The home economics chair reserves the right to disqualify any item or contestant that does not meet the fair rules.
9. Please refer to the overall rules for information regarding entry deadlines and fees, awards, and entry pick-up.

## Photography Rules

The junior youth and senior youth divisions are open to all FCCLA members, 4 members, and Junior FFA and FFA members in Tyler County.

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. Categories for competition are:
  - a. People (portraits)
  - b. Places (scenery)
  - c. Objects (still life)
  - d. Animals / Wildlife
  - e. Fair Life / Farm Life
4. Ribbons will be awarded to first through fifth places in each category. One grand champion and one reserve champion will be awarded for each youth division; these winners will be determined based on judges' scores.
5. Entries must be checked in with the chairman or other designated personnel on the day of judging. Any entries dropped off without being checked in will be disqualified.
6. All photos must have been taken within the past year (October 6, 2024 – October 1, 2025). Photos that have previously placed in the Tyler County Fair will be disqualified.
7. Photos may be printed in color or black and white. Photos MUST be either 5x7 or 8x10 in size; no 4x6 prints will be accepted. 5x7 photos should be in an 8x10 mat; 8x10 photos should be in an 11x14 mat.
8. All photos must be matted, but not framed. No frames will be permitted, and no unmatted prints will be accepted.
9. Each entry must be accompanied by a copy of the appropriate section of the entry form. Please make a copy of your completed entry form for this purpose. Photos without the form will have points deducted.
10. The home economics chair reserves the right to disqualify any item or contestant that does not meet the fair rules.
11. Please refer to the overall rules for information regarding entry deadlines and fees, awards, and entry pick-up.

## Baking Rules

The junior youth and senior youth divisions are open to all FCCLA members, 4 members, and Junior FFA and FFA members in Tyler County.

All necessary signatures and entry fees must accompany all entry forms at the time they are submitted. All exhibitors may enter one item in each category. One copy of the complete recipe card(s) **MUST** accompany the entry form.

3. Entries received without complete recipes or proper signatures will be disqualified. The home ec chair will attempt to call participants with concerns over recipe ingredients and/or food safety.
4. Categories for baking are:
  - a. Breads – yeast breads, biscuits, cornbread, etc.
  - b. Bundt cakes (pound cakes)
  - c. Candy
  - d. Cookies
  - e. Sweet Breads – cinnamon rolls, zucchini bread, banana bread, etc.
  - f. Bars / Brownies
  - g. Pies – nut, buttermilk, etc.
  - h. Layer cakes
  - i. Fruit pies – apple, cherry, berry, etc.
  - j. Sheet cakes – 9x13 or cut to fit in container; cupcakes may be entered in this category
5. 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.
6. **Food safety rules:** No baked goods requiring refrigeration (like cheesecakes or refrigerator pies) will be allowed as entries. Custards, meringue toppings, and whipped cream toppings will not be allowed. Failure to follow food safety rules may result in disqualification. Questions regarding food safety should be directed to the home ec chair.
7. Alcohol of any kind (beer, liqueur, liquor, wine, etc.) is not permitted as an ingredient in recipes.
8. Recipe cards must be on plain white index cards; cards may be lined or unlined. No decorations or names may be on the card. The cards may be no larger than 5x8. Recipe cards may be typed or handwritten.
9. A second copy of the complete recipe card(s) must be submitted at the time of entry check-in on Friday. Failure to do so will result in a points deduction.
10. Baking division entries must be placed in a clear plastic container provided by the Tyler County Fair Board. Entries in the two pie categories are permitted to be in disposable pie tins

inside the container. Please avoid using glass pie plates if possible. **No other pans, plates, or tins will be accepted at the time of check-in.**

11. White paper doilies or white cake boards (rectangular or round) may be used to line containers. Non-edible decorations are not allowed (i.e. ribbons, bows, artificial flowers, etc.).
12. All baked goods will be judged on taste quality, recipe, and neatness of presentation.
13. Each judge may deduct up to two points per violation for the following: non-edible decorations, no recipe card(s), illegible or incomplete recipe card(s), or food safety violations. The home ec chair will deduct up to two points per violation for late check-in or illegal containers.
14. Junior and senior grand champions must participate in the live auction on Saturday at 3 pm. Participants qualifying for the live auction must provide a fresh, new baked good for the auction. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor not participating in the auction.
15. An “Under the Barn Sale” will take place on Friday following the Home Economics reception. Each exhibitor not qualifying for the live auction has the opportunity to sell their baked goods in this sale. Exhibitors will place sales slips on the item(s) they wish to sell; the slip must be filled out and turned in to the home ec chair before leaving the home ec building. Canning and fine arts entries are NOT eligible for this sale. Grand champion baked goods are also NOT eligible for this sale. Sale prices for this sale are as follows:
  - a. Junior or Senior Reserve -- \$50
  - b. Third place -- \$40
  - c. Fourth place -- \$30
  - d. Fifth place -- \$20
  - e. All others -- \$10
16. Please refer to the overall rules for information regarding entry deadlines and fees, awards, and entry pick-up.



## Canning Rules

1. The junior youth and senior youth divisions are open to all FCCLA members, 4-H members, and Junior FFA and FFA members in Tyler County.
2. All necessary signatures and entry fees must accompany all entry forms at the time they are submitted. All exhibitors may enter up to three varieties in each category. One copy of the complete recipe card(s) **MUST** accompany the entry form.
3. The categories for canning are:
  - a. Jams
  - b. Jellies
  - c. Preserves
  - d. Butters (Ex.-apple butter)
  - e. Fruit
  - f. Vegetables
  - g. Pickles
  - h. Relishes
4. Recipe cards must be on plain white index cards; cards may be lined or unlined. No decorations or names may be on the card. The cards may be no larger than 5x8. Recipe cards may be typed or handwritten.
5. All products must be in clear canning jars with matching standard rings and lids.
6. Alcohol of any type may not be used as an ingredient in any canning recipe.
7. Jars must be sealed; lids and rings must be free of rust and corrosion. Unsealed jars will be disqualified.
8. Items must have been canned within the past 12 months. **The jar or lid must be marked accordingly.**
9. The jar must be labeled with the name of the product, NOT the exhibitor's name.
10. No jars will be accepted with doilies or special covers.
11. A second copy of the complete recipe card(s) must be submitted at the time of entry check-in on Friday. Failure to do so will result in a points deduction.
12. Items will be judged on color, uniformity, clarity, headspace, air bubbles, standard jars and lids, cleanliness, etc. **Canned items will NOT be tasted.**
13. Judges can deduct up to two points per violation found during judging. The home ec chair will deduct up to two points per violation for late check-in and/or no recipe card(s).
14. Canning entries will not be allowed to sell "under the barn."
15. Please refer to the overall rules for information regarding entry deadlines and fees, awards, and entry pick-up.

### **Sewing / Needlework Rules**

1. The junior youth and senior youth divisions are open to all FCCLA members, 4-H members, and Junior FFA and FFA members in Tyler County.
2. All necessary signatures and entry fees must accompany all entry forms at the time they are submitted. Participants are limited to one entry in this category.
3. The sewing/needlework category will include hand or machine sewn articles, needlepoint, crochet, and knitting.
4. All entries must have been completed within the past year (October 6, 2024 – October 1, 2025).
5. Clothing must be on hangers when checked in. All other sewing exhibits must be able to be hung up. Needlepoint, such as embroidery or cross-stitch, may be in hoops as appropriate.
6. The pattern must accompany the project at the time of check-in. The pattern should be in its packaging or in a clear zip storage bag if printed from a computer or self-made.
7. Entries will be judged on construction and appearance.
8. Judges may deduct up to two points each for a missing or incomplete pattern. The home ec chair will deduct up to two points for late check-in.
9. Please refer to the overall rules for information regarding entry deadlines and fees, awards, and entry pick-up.

## **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 cooks' 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 11 am.

### **MEETING OF COOKS**

Cooks' meeting will be at the south end of the Rodeo arena on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 11 am.

### **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 6:00 pm on Friday, October 3. 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  
BBQ BAKED 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 4, 2025
Ribs	12:30 pm	Saturday, October 4, 2025
Pork Loin	1:00 pm	Saturday, October 4, 2025
Brisket	1:30 pm	Saturday, October 4, 2025

## **AWARDS**

Best Pit and Showmanship will be judged until 2 pm on Saturday, October 4. Awards will be awarded for first place in each category and will be given during the Livestock Auction on Saturday October 4. 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

Entry Deadline: September 5, 2025

Entry Fee: \$10 per entry

Check In: Thursday, October 2, 2025 7:00-9:00 am at the south end of the Main Arena

Judging: Friday, October 3, 2025 9:00 am

## **Woodworking and Welding Division**

1. Projects should fit in the general classes of Welding or Woodworking.
2. Projects will be judged on Friday at 9:00 am. Exhibitors will present their projects to the judges in the small animal arena. Check in will be from 7:00-9:00 am at the south end of the main arena.
3. Exhibitors must be enrolled in Tyler County 4-H or an FFA club/chapter.
4. Projects must have been completed in the last year (i.e., the project cannot have been started prior to the previous year's fair). The project must have been started after October 6, 2024.
5. All works must be original; no kits may be used.
6. Names should not appear on any portion of the project. 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. The following awards will be given in this division.
  - a. Grand Champion Welding and Grand Champion Woodworking will be selected and awarded banners and buckles.
  - b. Reserve Grand Champion Welding and Reserve Grand Champion Woodworking will be selected and awarded banners and buckles.
  - c. The Grand and Reserve projects in both categories will sell by live auction following the Home Economics auction on Saturday afternoon.
11. Judging System: Projects will be judged based on the following criteria, for a total of 100 points.
  - a. Workmanship – 25 points
  - b. Functionality – 25 points
  - c. Design and material used – 10 points
  - d. Presentation – 20 points
  - e. General appearance, finish, and/or preservation – 10 points
  - f. Degree of difficulty – 10 points

## 12. 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 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.
- 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 (20 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. General appearance, 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.
- f. Degree of 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**

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 tabulated.
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.

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