



LCFA
2023-2024



RULE BOOK

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**LIMESTONE COUNTY
FAIR ASSOCIATION**

Youth Livestock Show

MARCH 16 - 23, 2024

**COMMISSION - FREE
YOUTH PROJECT SALE
MARCH 23, 2024**

2024 Limestone County Fair Dedication Page

The Limestone County Fair Board is pleased to dedicate the 2024 Fair to:



Arnold & Penny Gray

Penny Gray, a true force to be reckoned with, comes from the medical field where she traveled all over the United States. Throughout her career in nursing, she worked in a rural hospital, a large hospital labor & delivery, taught nursing in college, worked in home health, was in administrative offices of St. Joseph Hospital (750 beds) in downtown Houston, and she worked for several years as a Medicare surveyor. Mrs. Gray taught in an LVN program at Job Corps where she met Arnold Gray. She took students from San Marcos to a military hospital in San Antonio and Mr. Gray was on occasion, her bus driver.

Arnold Gray served in the Army, during which time he was separated from Mrs. Gray for three years. Mr. Gray served one year in New York before going to Vietnam for one year, where Mrs. Gray would write to him faithfully. Upon completion of his tour in Vietnam, Mr. Gray was sent to Germany for a year before he was able to come home and marry Mrs. Gray. They have now been happily together for 59 years.

Mr. & Mrs. Gray came to Limestone County when Mrs. Gray accepted the position of Administrator/CEO of Limestone Medical Center. The Gray's bought land in Limestone County in 1982 and quickly made friends within the community as weekenders and became permanent citizens of Limestone County in 1996 when she accepted the LMC position. The Gray's started supporting the youth projects as buyers in the early 1980's, buying from both the Young Farmer's and the Limestone County Livestock Show annually. When the two shows combined to form what is known today as the Limestone County Fair Association, there were seven members from each group chosen and Mr. Gray was the "independent" fifteenth appointed board member. Everyone that knows the Gray's are a package deal. While Mr. Gray was the official board member and superintendent of Ag Mechanics, Mrs. Gray did the books and was the brains behind the Treasurer's position. The Gray's served LCFA faithfully for 15 years on the board. In addition, the Gray's are the founders of the fund to build the Limestone County Fairgrounds. They worked very closely with the Limestone County Commissioners to make sure the youth of Limestone County had an opportunity to show in a barn suitable for our fast-growing show. Mr. Gray has served his community well by sitting on several boards and attaining membership in several civic groups. Mr. Gray will receive a Congressional Veteran's Commendation award, to be presented by Congressman Sessions on Veteran's Day of 2023. Mr. Gray received this award in recognition of his military service and his community involvement.

The Limestone County Fair Board is honored to dedicate the 2024 fair to Arnold & Penny Gray for their dedicated service to our community!

2023 Top Buyers

Mike Terry Auto Group

R Construction

Patriot Inspection

Services

Citizens State Bank

Circle H Ag Services, LLC

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The Limestone County Fair Association would like to thank the County Agents, Agricultural Science Teachers and anyone else who has helped make this show a success.

LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

2023-2024

** Indicates new or revised rule

GENERAL RULES

1. Each family represented in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show is required to pay a \$10.00 yearly family membership fee or **\$100.00 lifetime membership**. This is your contribution to help create and improve our show activities.
2. **The Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show reserves to its Board of Directors the final right to interpret these rules and questions and differences regarding or otherwise arising out of or connect with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than seven and no more than 15 members from the county.**
3. **Any false representation, interference, unethical conduct or violation of any of the following rules will result in a forfeit of all privileges and premiums and be barred from showing in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show. Reinstatement of this privilege shall come by the decision of the Board of Directors. The use of drugs, stimulants, or alcohol will be banned from use on the show grounds.**
4. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Limestone County Fair Association, its officers or agents by or on behalf of any persons exhibiting at the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show. The Limestone County Fair Association shall not be held responsible for any injury or damage to property or persons attending or exhibiting at the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.
5. **JUNIOR (4th-8th) & SENIOR (9th-12th) EXHIBITORS MUST BE A 4-H OR FFA MEMBER. PEE-WEE (K-3rd). EXHIBITORS HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN 4-H OR FFA AND HAVE ATTEND THREE (3) MEETINGS.** Pee-Wee (K-3rd) are eligible to show and will be supervised by a designated Superintendent. ALL exhibitors must permanently reside in Limestone County and/or be enrolled in a Limestone County school, grades K-12. 4-H & FFA membership must be achieved by 10/31/23. **Members must be in good standing by attending at least 3 meetings or sanctioned events in their enrolled chapter, prior to the 2024 Fair. Verification will be by official sign-in sheet.**
6. All exhibitors must own and exhibit their animal. Substitution of showmen are allowed only for exhibitors having 2 or more animals in the same class or with a verified doctor's excuse. The Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show will enforce no pass-no play rule during the show. If the student is eligible to show, he/she will be eligible to sell. It is the

responsibility of the schools or Agricultural Science Teachers to check grades. There will be no substitutions of showmen for failing students. Substitutions are also permitted with excused school functions or UIL events, with Board approval.

7. Exhibitors may validate as many projects as they desire to own and care for; however, may only show 2 animals per division. (Refer to General Rule #14).
8. **Exhibitors must be registered with FairEntry.com and register each project with FairEntry.com. If registering multiple exhibitors for one animal under the family rule, each family member **must** be listed for that animal. Entry fees and membership fees must be paid on FairEntry.com or turned into the Fair Association by 11:59 p.m. on the validation date. All exhibitors' registration and entry information must be verified by an Agriculture Science Teacher or Extension Agent. Entry fee and final entry date will be the current dates as set by the Fair Association. (See dates at end of rules). No entry will be accepted unless: it is accompanied by the entry fee; membership form, waiver form, and drug policy forms; the family membership is paid or the family is a lifetime member. All entries must be approved by LCFA.
9. Market and breeding animals can be validated by family name instead of individual exhibitor's name. **All eligible exhibitors in the family must be listed in FairEntry.com at time of validation with primary exhibitor listed first; The exhibitor must declare the animals they will show at the time of check-in at the fair.**
10. All projects must be owned, in the possession of the exhibitor and fed by the exhibitor during the feeding period. No other individual will care for the animal during the feeding period.
11. **No entry fees will be refunded.**
12. Any and all protests must be made in writing to the Superintendent within one (1) hour of incident and a deposit of \$100.00 (cash) must be made which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained.
13. Exhibitors must furnish feed, care for and keep animals in a presentable condition while on the show grounds – any violations will be subject to board review.

14. Divisions of the Fair will be as follows:

Market Division

Breeding Division

A. Market Steers

A. Halter Heifers

B. Pen of 2

B. Breeding Rabbits

C. Market Swine

C. Breeding Swine

D. Market Lambs

D. Breeding Lambs

E. Market Goats

E. Breeding Goats

F. Market Rabbits

F. Horses (Mares & Geldings)

G. Market Broilers

H. Market Turkeys

I. Family & Consumer Health

J. Ag Mechanics

15. A “**class**” is defined as one of two or more groupings derived from a division as the division is broken down into smaller more manageable or judgeable units. A class will be formed into units based on factors such as: number of projects, weight, and age. Classes will be broken by the Fair Board at natural weight breaks.

16. Ribbons and Trophies will be awarded at the time of showing. Prize money will be awarded following the show.

17. Superintendents of each division will have full and complete charge of all livestock in their respective division. Each Superintendent will be responsible for their division at validation and show including help, arrangements, setup, and delivery of animals in their divisions.

18. The Superintendent, and at least 2 designated assistants, will be present in the ring during the show. **NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL** will be allowed to enter the ring once the exhibitor steps through the show gate. Disqualification of the exhibitor will be at the discretion of the board.

19. Any animal standing in a class by itself will be moved to the closest class fitting its qualifications at the discretion of the show officials.

20. Animals must be trained to lead and/or show. Proof of demonstration will be required at check-in/weigh-in by the exhibitor, or another eligible exhibitor, Ag Teacher, Extension Agent. **NO PARENTS** (i.e., demonstration of showmanship), with the exception of the Pen of 2. See General Rule #14. **UNRULY ANIMALS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE**

SHOW GROUNDS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. Disqualified animals must also be removed from the show grounds.

21. There will be no breeding of livestock on the show grounds.
22. ****When grooming all livestock, no foreign color shall be added to the hair coat.**
23. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CLIPPED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ON SHOW GROUNDS. CLIPPERS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR CLEANUP ONLY.**
24. All animals must meet requirements concerning health as set forth by the Texas Animal Health Commission.
25. All projects shall be in place by the time designated by the rules under the appropriate division. If said projects are not in its appropriate place by third call, it and its owner will be disqualified.
26. All students who are planning to exhibit livestock in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show will notify the Agricultural teachers or County Agent upon receiving their project.
27. All exhibitors are requested to dress appropriately for the show. The dress of the exhibitor will affect showmanship.
29. If an exhibitor shows two animals in the same class, the person showing the second animal must be an eligible exhibitor. If entered under the family rule, then another eligible exhibitor in the family must show that animal.
30. All market animals will be weighed one time only during weigh-in. If the Superintendent or exhibitor has a question regarding the weight, the animal can be taken off the scale, scale can be re-balanced, and animal **re-weighed immediately.**
31. If bedding is used on the grounds, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove bedding/trash after the show. Failure to remove bedding/trash from the assigned stall will cause a \$25.00 cleanup bill to be charged. Pens will be assigned and \$25.00 will be deducted from the sale proceeds. Each Livestock Superintendent will inspect their pens after the show.
32. There will be a Breeding Swine, Breeding Ewe, Breeding Goat and/or Breeding Rabbit Show **ONLY** if there is a minimum of 5 entries.
33. Projects will be washed in designated washing areas **ONLY.** Prior to classifications all animals must be cleaned.

****2023-2024 VALIDATION DATES AND ENTRY FEES**

(DATES ARE DEADLINES THAT WILL BE OBSERVED)

Market Turkeys (ordered by Superintendent).....	upon pick-up
Market Turkeys Online Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. of pick-up date
Pen of 2 (Must Bring – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)	10/28/23
Pen of 2 Online Registration Due Date.....	11:59 p.m. 10/28/23
Market Steers (Must Bring – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)	10/28/23
Market Steers Online Registration Due Date.....	11:59 p.m. 10/28/23
Market Lambs (Must Bring – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.).....	12/04/23 & 12/05/23
Market Lambs Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. 12/05/23
Breeding Lambs (Must Bring – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.).....	12/04/23 & 12/05/23
Breeding Lambs Online Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. 12/05/23
Market Goats (Must Bring – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)	12/04/23 & 12/05/23
Market Goats Online Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. 12/05/23
Breeding Goats (Must Bring – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)	12/04/23 & 12/05/23
Breeding Goats Online Registration Due Date.....	11:59 p.m. 12/05/23
Market Swine (Must Bring – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.).....	12/04/23 & 12/05/23
Market Swine Online Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. 12/05/23
Breeding Swine (Must Bring – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)	12/04/23 & 12/05/23
Breeding Swine Online Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. 12/05/22
Breeding Heifers (Must Bring – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.).....	12/04/23 & 12/05/23
Breeding Heifers Online Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. 12/05/23
Horses (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.).....	03/02/24
Horses Online Registration Due Date.....	11:59 p.m. 03/02/24
Market Broilers (Ordered by Superintendent)	upon pick-up
Market Broilers Online Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. of pick-up date
FCH (recipes and entry forms due to extension office).....	03/01/24
FCH Online Registration Due Date	11:59 p.m. 03/01/24
Pen of 2 (2 nd Validation 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.)	03/02/24
Market & Breeding Rabbits (Must Bring – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)	03/02/24
Market & Breeding Online Registration Due Date.....	11:59 p.m. 03/02/24
Ag Mechanics (by card & entry)	03/06/24
Ag Mechanics Online Registration Due Date.....	03/06/24
Queens Application Deadline	02/15/24

LCFA Validation/Entry Fees

Livestock/Ag Mechanics	\$30.00
Pen of 2	\$50.00
Pen of 2 (2 nd validation)	\$10.00 (per animal)
Queen Entries.....	\$30.00
FCH Food Entries	\$10.00
FCH Other Entries	\$5.00

- If an exhibitor purchases a project, it is the responsibility of that exhibitor or guardian to find out the deadline date for validation. Regular validation fees will be charged for animals validated on or before the deadline dates. Advisors, such as the County Extension Agent, located in the basement of the County Courthouse, or the Vocational Agriculture Teachers at most High Schools in the County, will provide this information. Locations of the validations will be publicized on the LCFA website and social media.
- The LCFA will attempt to publicize the dates and locations as they approach, but the LCFA has no way of knowing who has purchased a project; therefore, it will be impossible for the LCFA to contact every person involved.
- ****A two-week grace period will follow each validation date, except for rabbits, horses, turkeys, broilers, FCH, Queens, and Ag Mechanics. During that two-week period, any animal not validated may be validated. If an exhibitor validates during that two-week grace period, exhibitor must pay the original validation/entry fee in addition to the late validation/entry fee of \$100.00 per entry. There is only a three-day grace period for rabbits, horses, turkeys, and broilers. There is no grace period for FCH, Queens, and Ag Mechanics.**
- **If you do not have the animal validated and entry approved by the end of the grace period, the entry will not be permitted, and the animal will not be allowed to show in the fair. There will be no exceptions.**

SALE RULES

1. An exhibitor may sell a maximum of two projects in any one year, but they must be from two different divisions.
2. ****The project and animal classes eligible for the sale are: Market Steers; Market Goats; Market Sheep; Market Swine; Market Turkeys; Market Broilers; Market Rabbits; Pen of 2; Ag Mechanics; and some high placing Family & Community Health projects. Of these, only the following will be given a floor price: Market Steers; Market Goats, Market Sheep; Market Swine; and Pen-of-2. LCFA Board may determine to add animal classes to the sale for premium only.**
3. **Once the buyer of the floor has been designated, LCFA will no longer be responsible for the animal.**
4. All sale items' pictures (one copy) and plaque will be paid for by the exhibitor, at a cost not to exceed \$20.00, and will be deducted from check. This picture and plaque will be given to the buyer. Any additional pictures will be paid for by the exhibitor and paid in advance of ordering.

5. **No commission** fee will be placed on sale items.
6. If a person has two animals of the same division to qualify for the sale, it is at the discretion of the exhibitor as to which animal will be sold but will still be in placing order for the sale.
7. Additional rules may be stated prior to the sale by the announcer concerning the terms of the sale.
8. **Unless otherwise instructed prior to the sale by the Superintendent, the project must be brought to the sale holding pen by the exhibitor and/or parent. If not, the project will be skipped and not sold until end of the sale.
9. The student will place the animal in designated pen after the animal is sold. Do not remove any sold animals from the show grounds unless instructed by the Superintendent.
10. If you have an animal you wish to floor that did not make the sale, you must submit a "Floor Form" to the Fair Office by 9:00 a.m. Saturday of sale. You may obtain the "Floor Form" from the Fair Office.
11. If you have a project or animal that does not fall under the above two categories, you must remove that project from the Show Barn Area by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, after the show, with approval from the Superintendent.
12. Thank you notes will be handwritten to project buyers, put in a stamped envelope and **turned in to the Extension Office, Ag Science Teacher, or LCFA Board before the check will be distributed.** If the check is not picked up and cashed within 90 days, the check will be voided, and the award money will be placed in the Scholarship Fund.
13. The Limestone County Fair Youth Project Sale Order will be determined by the Fair Board before start of sale. Sale order will be determined by class placing beginning with the highest placing animal. Sale numbers will be posted after the show and before the sale.
14. All Grand and Reserve Champion **animal projects** must sell. (Sale Rules #1 & #6 will take precedence if an exhibitor has more than 2 champions).
15. Projects in the sale or being floored will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Unclaimed projects will be floored and the money will be placed in the LCFA Scholarship Fund.
16. **Once an animal has been sold in the Youth Project Sale, it is ineligible for entry into any future LCFA Youth Livestock Show. This rule does not apply to premium only animals.
17. There must be a minimum of 5 entries to make a class.

18. All non-floor projects including poultry and rabbits, must bring a gift basket in lieu of animal to sale ring.
19. **Number of sale lots will be determined by LCFA Board of Directors.**

SHOWMANSHIP

1. ****All exhibitors are eligible to compete for these awards:**
 - A. Haltered Heifers
 - B. Market Steers
 - C. Swine (Market)
 - D. Sheep (Market)
 - E. Goats (Market)
 - F. Horses
2. Classes will be divided into three age groups: Pee-Wee (K-3rd Grades); Juniors (4th -8th Grades); Seniors (9th-12th Grades), on day of check-in.
3. All exhibitors are requested to dress appropriately for the show. Dress of the exhibitor will affect showmanship.

MARKET STEERS

1. A three-man committee will be appointed by the Limestone County Fair Association to oversee the steer show.
2. All steers will be validated on 10/28/23 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Groesbeck Livestock Auction, 1401 HWY 164 E., Groesbeck
3. Steers cannot weigh less than 300 pounds with no grace on the day of validation.
4. The gain contest starts the day of validation.
5. Steers will be weighed only once the day of validation (See General Rule #30).
6. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 10/28/23.
7. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds, with a 5-pound grace, upon weigh-in at the show.
8. All steers will be tagged with an ear tag on the day of validation.
8. Each exhibitor may validate as many steers as wanted but may only show two steers and sell only the top placing steer, if both make the sale. Fees will be charged at validation per animal.
9. Steers will be divided into weight classes as determined by the steer committee and each class will not exceed 10 head per class.
10. Steers must be dehorned.
11. Animals that are sifted or disqualified must be removed from the show grounds immediately.
12. No change of the major color pattern of the animal by painting or dying will be allowed.
13. Any grooming material that allows color to come off will not be allowed.
14. All steers shall be clipped to have no more than 1/4 (one fourth) inch of hair on any part of its body upon arrival to the show grounds. The only exception will be the tail switch. Steers will be checked at the time of weigh-in for conformity of the quarter inch of hair or less. All steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated from competition and removed from the grounds.

HALTERED HEIFERS

1. Haltered heifers will be divided into two divisions, Exotic or British and American, according to the number of entries entered into the show. The Haltered Heifer Committee will divide the divisions.
2. Animals will be divided into classes by age according to major show rules. Heifers must be born 09/01/21 and after.
3. All exhibitors must meet all requirements as set forth in the general rules of the show.
4. Haltered heifers will be validated on 12/04/23 and 12/05/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
5. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 12/05/23.
6. Haltered heifers must show breed registration papers at validation except non-registered heifers.
7. Haltered heifers must **show proof of bangs vaccination at time of validation.**
8. Clipping of heifers on the show grounds will be allowed for clean-up only.
9. All haltered heifers must be dehorned at time of show.
10. The Fair Board will consider paying premiums on the heifers, depending on number of entries per class.
11. Heifers must be shown in natural state.
12. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.
13. Haltered heifers are released upon completion of Heifer Show.
14. There will be one overall Grand Champion and one overall Reserve Champion.

****PEN OF 2 COMMERCIAL HEIFERS****

Participation

1. For an Exhibitor to participate in the LCFA Commercial Heifer Show, he/she must:
 - a. turn in the record book at check-in.
 - b. go through the interview process on the date and time specified; and
 - c. check in a pen of two heifers, that meet the requirements set out in the rules outlined herein, the day of check-in at the Limestone County Fair Grounds located in Groesbeck, Texas.
2. If any of these three requirements are not met, the participant will be deemed ineligible for show and the sale.
3. There will be two portions of the show:
 - a. The Record Book and Interview Presentation portion; and
 - b. The Heifer Judging portion.
4. The Record Book/Interview and the Heifer Judging portions of the heifer show will be separate; and therefore, separate awards given for winners in the Record Book/Interview Presentation portion and the Heifer Judging portion of the commercial heifer show.
5. The Record Book and Interview Presentation portion of the show –
 - a. This portion of the commercial heifer show will be judge and scored with 30% for record book and 70% for the interview. There will be three age divisions broke up into:
 - i. Pee-Wee (Kindergarten through 3rd grades);
 - ii. Junior (4th through 8th grades); and
 - iii. Senior (9th through 12th grades).
 - b. The LCFA will present awards to the Grand and Reserve Pee-Wee, Junior and Senior Record Book/interview presentation winners.

6. The Heifer Judging portion of the Show –

- a. The pen of two heifers will be judged at the time designated in the Limestone County Fair Schedule. Placing will be determined based on the quality of the heifers. This portion of the show will **not** be broken up into divisions.
- b. LCFA will present buckles to the Grand and Reserve Champion pens, and awards to other placing pens in this portion of the commercial heifer show.
- c. This portion of the show is the only sale qualifying portion of the show. All pens will be ranked from top to bottom with Grand being number one and Reserve being number two and on down. At least 25% of the top pens will be sold.

Initial Validation

1. October 28, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Groesbeck Livestock Auction, 1401 HWY 164 E., Groesbeck.
2. Exhibitor must bring heifers to validation, **there will be no exceptions to this rule.**
3. Exhibitor may validate a minimum of 2 heifers and a maximum of 5 heifers.
4. Online validation through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 10/28/23.

Second Validation

1. March 2, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Groesbeck Livestock Auction, 1401 HWY 164 E., Groesbeck.
2. Exhibitor must bring heifers to validation, **there will be no exceptions to this rule.**
3. Heifers must be palpated OPEN by a vet determined by the LCFA Board no more than 30 days prior to show. A copy of vet certificate must be provided at check-in.
4. Heifers must be vaccinated with Bangs, Lepto, Vibrio, IBR, 7 Way Black Leg, Vet verification must be present in record book or heifers will be disqualified.
5. There will be a \$10.00 per head fee at the second validation that is due at the time of validation.

Rules:

1. Heifers must be a **beef type breed**;
2. Heifers must be **14-24 months old at the time of the show**;
3. Heifers must be vaccinated with Bangs, Lepto, Vibrio, IBR, 7 way Black Leg. Vet verification must be present in record book or heifers will be disqualified;
4. Only head-clipping 30 days prior to the show; and
5. Each heifer must be polled or de-horned by **initial-validation**.
6. Cattle
 - a. Cattle will be judged by a minimum of 2 judges.
 - b. Characteristics that the cattle will be judged on will include, but not necessarily limited to how well the pair are matched; overall quality; structural correctness; maternal characteristics; marketability; and performance.
 - c. All other tags other than state and federally mandated tags must be removed by time of show.
7. Interview
 - a. Interview will consist of management questions about the heifers and general record book questions.
 - b. Characteristics that the interviews will be judged on will include, but not necessarily limited to general knowledge; knowledge of the record book; justification of management decisions; and presentation.
8. Record Book
 - a. Record books should include, at a minimum: input costs; break even costs; vet records; feed records; monthly detailed expense reports (October through March); monthly consumption records and must be typed.

- b. Record Books should include, at least 10 pictures documenting the heifers throughout the management period. The following pictures are required:
 - i. At Least one picture of the initial heifer group (must include all heifers validated); and
 - ii. At least one “final” picture of the two heifers selected for judging.

BREEDING SWINE

1. Breeding swine may be shown in market class. This determination must be made at validation and fees paid accordingly.
2. Breeding Swine will be validated on 12/04/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on 12/05/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds.
3. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 12/05/23.
4. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.
5. ****Remove all tags except major validation, breeders' association, state mandated, and federally mandated tags prior to validation date.**

MARKET SWINE

1. All market swine must be on feed by the exhibitor and validated and ear-tagged on 12/04/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 12/05/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds.
2. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 12/05/23.
3. Gilts may be shown in the market class.
4. Market swine will be weighed prior to the show.
5. Swine will be divided into the following breed divisions: Yorkshire, Hampshire, Duroc, Cross & Other Pure Breeds (OPB). Classes will then be set by weight. This will be done only with the weights on the day of the show.
6. All swine must be clipped prior to arrival on the show grounds.
7. All market swine must weigh 220 pounds (with a 5-pound grace) or they will be disqualified. Floor will pay up to 280lbs.
8. **All animals must be clean prior to weighing and classification including validation tag.**
9. ****Remove all tags except major validation, breeders' association, state mandated, and federally mandated tags prior to validation date.**

BREEDING EWES

1. Breeding ewes may be shown in market class. This determination must be made at validation and fees paid accordingly.
2. Breed ewes will be validated and ear-tagged on 12/04/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 12/05/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds.
3. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 12/05/23.
4. All socks and blankets must be removed prior to crossing scales.
5. **Must be validated with a Limestone Co. major tag & tattoo or LCFA tag, all other tags except breeders' association tags, state mandated, and federally mandated tags must be removed prior to validation.
6. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.
7. Hair will be pulled, and pictures taken from all validated entries.

MARKET LAMBS

1. Lambs must be on feed by the exhibitor and validated with a Limestone Co. Major tag & tattoo or LCFA tag on validation.
2. Lambs will be validated and ear-tagged on 12/04/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 12/05/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds.
3. **All other tags except breeders' association, state mandated, and federally mandated tags must be removed prior to validation.
4. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 12/05/23.
5. Lambs will be weighed and divided into weight classes as determined by the superintendent.
6. All lambs must weigh at least 90 pounds (with a 5-pound grace) or they will be disqualified.
7. Ewe lambs may be shown as market lambs.

8. All lambs must be slick shorn from the hocks up upon arrival to the show grounds.
9. Lambs will be required to have all baby teeth at validation.
10. All socks and blankets must be removed prior to crossing scales.
11. Hair will be pulled, and pictures taken from all validated entries.

BREEDING GOATS

1. All breeding goats will be clean and groomed.
2. Breeding goats will be validated and ear-tagged on 12/04/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 12/05/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds
3. ****Must be validated with a Limestone Co. major tag & tattoo or LCFA tag, all other tags except breeders' association, state mandated, and federally mandated tags must be removed prior to validation.**
4. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 12/05/23.
5. Breeding goats may be shown in market class. This determination must be made at validation and fees paid accordingly.
6. Breeding goats cannot have more than 6 adult teeth at validation.
7. **Horns must be blunt (dime size - no pointed horns).**
8. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.
9. Hair will be pulled, and pictures taken from all validated entries

MARKET GOATS

1. The Goat show is open to any breed or crossbreed meat type goat.
2. Goats must be on feed by the exhibitor and validated with a Limestone Co. Major tag & tattoo or LCFA tag on 12/04/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 12/05/23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds.
3. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 12/05/23.
4. Only castrated males or un-bred does will be allowed to show.
5. **All goats must be dehorned.**
6. Minimum weight of 65 pounds, maximum 120 pounds, with a 5-pound tolerance.
7. All socks and blankets must be removed before crossing the scales.

8. **Remove all tags, except major tags, breeders association, state mandated, and federally mandated tags prior to validation date.
9. Goats will be divided into classes by weight. Number of classes will be determined by the superintendent.
10. Goats will be required to have all baby teeth at validation.
11. Goats must be slick shorn, except the tip of tail and below knees and hocks, upon arrival to the show grounds.
12. **Hair will be pulled, and pictures taken from all validated entries.

BREEDING RABBITS

1. Exhibitor must own and bring rabbit(s) on validation date. Rabbits will be validated on 03/02/24 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds Annex Building.
2. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 03/02/24 at the Limestone County Fairgrounds Annex Building.
3. Each exhibitor can validate only 3 rabbits.
4. **RABBITS MUST HAVE CLEAN EARS.**
5. The classes of rabbits are: 1) Breeding Bucks; 2) Breeding Does
6. Exhibitor must handle and show their own rabbits.
7. **NO BREEDING will be allowed.**
8. All breeding rabbits shall leave grounds at completion of Breeding Show.
9. Any additional rules will be left to the committee in charge.

MARKET RABBITS

1. Rabbit projects must be owned by the exhibitor and will be validated on 03/02/24, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds Annex Building.
2. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 03/02/24.
3. Fryer rabbits must be six to twelve weeks of age at the time of show.
4. Exhibitors can validate up to ten rabbits (2 pens) each, but only three per pen can be checked in. Each family will have one tattoo number.
5. Fryers will be shown in pens of three with each pen being uniform in size and breed.
6. Exhibitors may show two (2) pens of fryers but sell only one.
7. **RABBITS MUST HAVE CLEAN EARS.**
8. Rabbits must be brought to validation where they will be tattooed.

9. Fryer rabbits shall weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and not more than 5 pounds the day of the show when weighed in.
10. **Pens must be set before coming to official weigh-in.**
11. **No re-weigh of rabbits.**
12. **All rabbits shall leave grounds at completion of Market Show.
13. **Per SALE RULES (pg. 8, #18): All non-floor projects including poultry and rabbits, must bring a gift basket in lieu of animal to sale ring.

MARKET TURKEYS

1. Turkeys must be from a certified pullorum-free hatchery and will come from the same hatch.
2. All participants are eligible to enter hens **only**.
3. Each exhibitor must order at least five poults. Exhibitor's name will be turned into Superintendent.
4. **Payment is due when turkey order is placed.**
5. Turkeys will be validated upon pick-up.
6. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. the day of pick-up.
7. Turkeys will be from 5 to 6 months old at time of show.
8. Verification of entry will be received by the poultry superintendent at the time of delivery.
9. Turkeys will be shown in pens of one. A total of 2 pens may be shown by the exhibitor.
10. **TURKEYS MUST BE CLEAN AT TIME OF SHOW.**
11. Exhibitor is required to label each pen at check-in.
12. All turkeys shall leave grounds at completion of Market Show.
13. Per SALE RULES (pg. 8, #18): All non-floor projects including poultry and rabbits, must bring a gift basket in lieu of animal to sale ring.

MARKET BROILERS

1. Broilers must be from a certified pullorum-free hatchery.
2. Broilers will come from the same hatch and will be wing-banded. Broilers will be ordered by the Superintendent.
3. Each exhibitor must order at least 25 chicks. Exhibitor's name will be turned in to the Superintendent.
4. **Payment is due when broiler order is placed.**
5. Broilers will be validated upon pick-up.
6. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. the day of pick-up.
7. Broilers will be from six to eight weeks old at time of show.
8. Broilers will be shown in pens of three **AND MUST BE CLEAN AT TIME OF THE SHOW**. A total of 2 pens may be shown by the exhibitor.
9. Broilers will be divided into 2 classes: Pullets & Cockerels.
10. First and Second place pens from both divisions are eligible for Grand & Reserve placing.
11. Exhibitor is required to label each pen at check in.
12. All broilers shall leave grounds at completion of Market Show.
13. Per SALE RULES (pg. 8, #18): All non-floor projects including poultry and rabbits, must bring a gift basket in lieu of animal to sale ring.
14. At broiler validation and pick up all broilers will be wing banded and numbers will be recorded for each exhibitor/family.
15. All broilers must have wing bands attached to birds wing at time of show. Wing band and number will be checked prior to show the morning of check in.
16. If broilers lose their band and/or wing webb shows evidence of tampering or the wing webb is torn away with no band present that bird will be disqualified. (just the one bird missing wing band will be disqualified, exhibitor may bring alternate bird to swap at check in)

17. Once checked in and given pen, no birds may be exchanged/swapped out.
18. Top 10 placing pens of each pullet and cockerel show will have wing bands and numbers will be checked.

**LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
MISS LIMESTONE COUNTY QUEEN'S APPLICATION**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

CHECK ONE: 4-H _____ or FFA _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: _____

AWARDS OR SPECIAL RECOGNITION: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

**LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
MISS LIMESTONE COUNTY QUEEN'S APPLICATION
(CONTINUED)**

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

HOBBIES: _____

FAVORITE FOOD: _____

FAVORITE SINGER/SONG: _____

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: _____

OTHER ENTRIE(S) IN THE FAIR: _____

2024/2025 MISS LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN'S CONTEST

The purpose of the LCFA Miss Limestone Queen's Contest is to select young ladies who can best represent the youth of Limestone County. Guidelines and dates are subject to change as the Fair Board sees fit.

Competition Age Divisions K-12th:

- Miss Limestone must be in grades 9th – 12th.
- Teen Miss Limestone must be in grades 6th – 8th.
- Junior Miss Limestone must be in grades 3rd – 5th.
- Little Miss Limestone must be in grades K – 2nd.

***Each Division will consist of two categories Evening/Prom Wear and Western Attire.**

General Contestant Rules: Contestants must meet the following criteria to compete in the contest. Failure to do so will result in the contestant being disqualified and no longer able to participate.

All Contestants Must:

- * Live in Limestone County and/or enrolled in the Limestone County School District.
- * Be academically qualified according to U.I.L. regulations.
- * Contestant **MUST** have an entry in the 2024 Limestone County Fair.
- * Be enrolled in the FFA Chapter or 4-H Club on or before October 31, 2023.
- * Must complete the online registration with Fair Entry at www.fairentry.com and submit the application to 4-H Leader, FFA Teacher, or Mica Trojacek at Studio Move, 1023 N. Ellis St., Groesbeck, and pay the \$30.00 entry fee by February 15, 2024. Entry Fee can be paid by cash, check, or online through Fair Entry, but must be paid by 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2024.
- * Will be required to attend the coronation, with evening wear/prom dress and western attire (boots, belt, skirt, jeans, etc.) * Cowboy Hat is not required*
- * Be held accountable for your social media actions and can be dismissed from the contest at the boards' discretion.

* Each contestant will be required to complete a interview consisting of one question asked by the MC during Western Wear. The questions will be based on the contestant's age division.

Rules for each division as follows:

1. Contestants must be single. If he/she becomes married or pregnant during the contest or time of his/her reign as king/queen, princess, or duchess, he/she must relinquish his/her title and all that encompass. The next person in line will become eligible for that spot.
2. You must attend fair and other activities within the county during your reign of Miss, Teen Miss, Jr Miss, and Little Miss.
3. Anytime during your reign as Miss, Teen Miss, Jr Miss, and Little Miss, you are representing LCFA and are to be setting examples for the younger generation and peers. Your actions and social media reflect on this as well. If you do not uphold the LCFA standards of representation during your time of reign, you will be asked to relinquish your title and will not be able to run again. To be determined by Queen's Committee.
4. After you reign as Miss, Teen Miss, Jr Miss, and Little Miss once, you may not run again in that age group.
5. Prior year Queen/Miss must attend Coronation to relinquish his title to the new Queen.
6. Miss Limestone Division/Queen will receive a buckle, sash, leather sash, flowers and a \$1,000 scholarship. Leather sash must be returned at the end of the reign. 1st runner up will receive a buckle, sash, flowers and a \$750 scholarship. 2nd runner up will receive a buckle, sash, flowers and a \$500 scholarship. All others will be awarded a token of appreciation.
7. There will be 12 winners three in each Age Division. Winners will be awarded as Title Winner, 1st Runner – Up, and 2nd Runner – Up.

Scoring Guidelines:

All judges are instructed to evaluate the capability of the contestants according to their age. **All judges' decisions are final and will NOT be up for review by contestants, parents, or leaders.** All ties will be broken during a line up or remodeling. The three judges will be scoring on a scale of 1-10.

2024 Miss Limestone County Queen's Dates:

- *Informational Meeting – Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - Limestone County Fair Annex Bldg.
- *Application Deadline – Thursday, February 15, 2024
- *Dress Rehearsal - TBD
- *Pageant & Coronation – Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 6:30pm, Groesbeck H.S. Auditorium.

Admission Fee for Pageant Audience

\$10

12 and under \$5

****HORSE SHOW**

Validation:

- a) Proof of horse ownership is required to participate in the LCFA Horse Show at time of validation. Horses will be validated on 03/02/24 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Limestone County Fairgrounds Annex Building.
- b) Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 03/02/24.
- c) Exhibitor may either bring horse to validation or photos of front, back, and each side may be submitted online on www.fairentry.com for horse.
- a) Horse project validation fee is \$30.00 per entry/horse. Four horses allowed per exhibitors only.
- b) Each horse entering ring must be validated.
- c) **Negative** Coggins papers are required at time of validation (bring to validation or submit online through www.fairentry.com and must be presented on the day of check-in).
- d) At the time of validation, each horse must be represented by Registration papers or Grade Horse ID Certificate (available at validation or online @ www.limestonefair.org).

Showmanship will be divided into these age/grade groups

❖ Grade of member is determined by September 1, of current year.

- ***Pee-Wee Division*** will consist of members Grades K-3rd
- ***Junior Division*** will consist of members Grades 4th-8th
- ***Senior Division*** will consist of members Grades 9th-12th

Performance Halter Classes:

- Geldings 4 and under
- Geldings 5 and over
- Mares 4 and under
- Mares 5 and over

Miscellaneous Show Rules:

- a) Exhibitors may enter two Mares and two Geldings and/or 1 of each.
- b) No stallions. Testicles must be removed by show day.

c) Showmanship will be conducted using Stockhorse Showmanship rules and regulations.

Awards:

Grand and Reserve Champion Halter Horses will receive buckles. Champion Showmanship winner will be awarded a buckle for each age group. Class placings will receive ribbons. Additional awards may be given, as available, and may vary each year. Awards offered are at the discretion of LCFA and may be changed due to availability and participation.

LCFA FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH DIVISION ELIGIBILITY, RULES, & ENTRY FORM

LCFA Family & Community Health Committee
Emily Fisher, CEA-FCH, Advisor

I. Eligibility

The Family and Community Health Division of the LCFA is open to all residents of Limestone County and/or enrolled in Limestone County schools. The student must be eligible according to UIL standards and a member of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA by October 31, 2023 (4-H members must have an ENROLLMENT CARD in the County Extension Office by October 31, 2023).

II. Rules

1. Each entry must be entirely the work of the exhibitor. Failure to do your own work will mean disqualification. Entries must have been produced in 2024.
2. Each entry must have a paper entry form and must be entered through the online registration process on www.fairentry.com
3. FCH Validation/Entry forms with a **PRINTED COPY OF THE RECEIPE** are due March 1, 2024, before 5:00 pm.
4. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 03/01/24.
5. Entry form with name, age, grade, address, parent signature, telephone number, Club, and one copy of the recipe on the provided recipe form (if in the food class), may be turned in or mailed to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office, P.O. Box 191, Groesbeck, TX 76642, located on the ground floor of the Limestone County Courthouse, 200 W. State Street. Mailed entries must be received on or before March 1, 2024. Items postmarked/received after the due date will not be accepted.
6. Entry fees - \$10.00 for each food item and \$5.00 for all other items. Make checks payable to "LCFA."
7. Each family represented in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show is required to pay a \$10.00 membership (See General Rule #1).
8. Only one entry per class, per exhibitor is allowed.

9. All entries must be brought to the Groesbeck High School Auditorium between 7:00 am and 8:00 am on Monday, March 18, 2024. Entries will not be accepted at check-in if they do not comply with all rules, especially rule 11. Items must be complete upon arrival. You will not be allowed to adjust or set-up entries once you have checked in.
10. One copy of the recipe on a 3x5 index card, **without** the participant's name, must be attached to the food item upon arrival. All recipes must be on a 3x5 index card and may be written or typed and **you will not be allowed** to write your recipe down during check in. No logos on recipe cards, such as 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, or other will be allowed. Judges will disqualify entries without a recipe card.
11. ****For food safety purposes, NO item requiring refrigeration will be accepted at check-in. This includes cheesecakes, custards, etc., as well as any recipes containing those words in title (Example: cheesecake brownies.) Please do NOT bring butter or other toppings for items.**
12. ****All food entries must be on a disposable cardboard cake plate or a disposable (one use) foil pan. Items may not be sent in a container purchased at store bakery. Items brought in plastic containers, chargers, plates, baskets, **BOXES** etc. will not be accepted. Items may be wrapped with clear plastic wrap or covered with the plastic lid that comes with the disposable (one use) foil pan. **No entries will be accepted covered in foil or with any added decorations.****
13. ****All Items will be limited to the following sizes/amounts:**
 - a. Cakes/Breads + Cake boards may not exceed 10in x 10in. Whole sheet cakes or items larger than 10in x 10 in will not be accepted.
 - b. Cookies may not exceed 1 dozen.
 - c. Muffins/cupcakes may not exceed 1 dozen.
 - d. Candies may not exceed 2 dozen.
14. ****No purchased kits will be allowed in arts and crafts. Work must be entirely of the participant and original. This includes coloring pages, paint by number, etc.**
15. Entries in the pie class must contain homemade pie crust: store bought crusts will not be allowed.
16. Decorated Cakes will be judged based on presentation only and will not be eligible for Grand/Reserve.
17. Judging will begin at 9:00 am. The doors will be locked, and no one will be allowed into the judging area while judging is taking place.
18. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each class at the judge's discretion.

19. There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awarded in the following categories: Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Breads, Brownies & Bar Cookies, and Candies. Decorated cakes will be judged on presentation only and will not be considered for Grand/Reserve. Only the Grand Champion will be auctioned.
20. A student can sell only one Grand Champion food item.
21. Any recipe that makes it to the auction cannot be entered the following year.
22. A Grand Champion winner must present the buyer with a freshly baked item. **It cannot be the item that was judged in the show.**
23. All entries must be left on exhibit until Silent Auction.
24. Every precaution is taken to protect all articles, but it is distinctly understood that in no case shall the LCFA, its Board Members, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and its employees, or Limestone County and its employees be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any person, animal, vehicle, art work, exhibit or article, while participating in FCS Division at the county show. Any insurance deemed necessary by an exhibitor must be provided by that exhibitor.
25. ****An exhibitor may enter his or her food item in classes 1 through 9 to be sold in a bake sale. The LCFA cannot guarantee that items placed in the bake sale will be sold. Exhibitors receive all monies from items being sold in the bake sale. Any food item not sold in the bake sale will be discarded after the bake sale.**
26. ****If an exhibitor does NOT want to place his or her items into the Silent Auction, he or she needs to have marked the checkbox on the entry form and pick up the item(s) during the designated pick-up time. **The LCFA, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and Limestone County are not liable for any items being placed in the Silent Auction by mistake.****
27. Absolutely no animals allowed in the FCH Division building at any time.
28. There will be no viewing of items prior to Silent Auction taking place. Results will be posted outside the building for all to see once judging is complete.
29. Buyers for the FCH Division Silent Auction must be a registered buyer with the LCFA prior to silent auction. (Must have buyer number/information on file).

III. Age Divisions (grade as of 9/1/2023)

Pee-Wee	Grades K-3 rd
Juniors	Grades 4 th -8 th
Seniors	Grades 9 th -12 th

IV. Entries may be submitted in the following categories:

Foods

Class 1 – Cakes

Class 2 – Pies

Class 3 – Cookies

Class 4 – Candies

Class 5 – Quick Breads

Class 6 – Yeast Breads

Class 7 – Cake Mix Plus Cakes

Class 8 – Brownies & Bar Cookies

Class 9 – Decorated Cakes

Food Preservation – Proper canning seal required

Class 10 – Canned Fruit

Class 11 – Canned Vegetables

Class 12 – Jellies & Jams

Class 13 – Preserves, Butters, & Marmalade

Class 14 – Pickles

Class 15 – Relishes

Arts & Crafts

Class 16 – Paintings (Oil, Acrylics, Watercolor, Paint-by-number)

Class 17 – Photography (Must be framed or mounted)

Class 18 – Sculptures

Class 19 – Woodwork

Class 20 – Needlework and Cross Stitch

Class 21 – Knit and Crochet

Class 22 – Quilts

Class 23 – Misc. Arts & Crafts

Sewing

Class 24 – Clothing and accessories

Class 25 – Decorative Textiles

Class 26 – Home Décor

For more information, call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office at (254) 729-5314.

Entry Form

Deadline for all entries is March 1, 2024

Turn in or mail all entries to:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, P.O. Box 191, Groesbeck, TX 76642
Located on the ground floor of the Limestone County Courthouse, 200 W. State Street

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Member of (check one): 4-H FFA FCCLA

Name of Specific Club (ex. Groesbeck 4H, Mexia FFA) _____

Entry fees: \$10.00 each for classes 1-15, and \$5.00 each for classes 16-34.

Family membership: \$10.00 (if not already paid)

Make checks payable to LCFA

Class Entered:

(If entry is a food item, submit the recipe on an index card with entry form.)

_____ Class 1	_____ Class 10	_____ Class 19	_____ Class 28
_____ Class 2	_____ Class 11	_____ Class 20	_____ Class 29
_____ Class 3	_____ Class 12	_____ Class 21	_____ Class 30
_____ Class 4	_____ Class 13	_____ Class 22	_____ Class 31
_____ Class 5	_____ Class 14	_____ Class 23	_____ Class 32
_____ Class 6	_____ Class 15	_____ Class 24	_____ Class 33
_____ Class 7	_____ Class 16	_____ Class 25	
_____ Class 8	_____ Class 17	_____ Class 26	
_____ Class 9	_____ Class 18	_____ Class 27	

I DO NOT WANT MY FCH ENTRY INCLUDED IN THE SILENT AUCTION:

By signing this Entry Form & as a condition of entry in the FCH Division of the Limestone County Fair, I certify that I have read, understand & will abide by the rules & regulations in the 2023-2024 Limestone County Fair and Youth Livestock Show Rule Book & as promulgated by the FCH Division. I acknowledge that all of the above-stated information & representations are true & correct. Limestone County Fair FCS Division and the LCFA reserves the right to publish images of me and/or my entries taken during the contest events and use such images in its business, promotion & advertising without any compensation due to me. By signing below, I voluntarily agree to these terms.

Signature of Exhibitor _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Home Telephone: _____

Parents Work or Cell number: _____

Entry fees will not be refunded or transferred, but categories may be changed after entry form is submitted. Form must be complete. Payment of entry fees must be included. Make payment to LCFA. ***This form may be duplicated.***

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

VALIDATION: Entry forms must be turned into Ag Teacher (FFA) or Ag Extension Agent (4H) by 03/06/24 ****Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 03/06/24**

Purpose of the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show:

1. To provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to display projects constructed in agricultural mechanics labs.
2. To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition.
3. To recognize individual and group accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics.
4. To provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of 4-H and FFA programs.

Awards:

Blue Ribbon – 90-100 Points
Red Ribbon – 80-89 Points
White Ribbon – 70-78 Points

Buckles will be presented to the overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion projects of the show.

Projects will be judged on the following system:

Workmanship.....30 points
Design & Materials used.....20 points
Practicality20 points
Degree of Difficulty10 points
General Appearance and Finish10 points
Documentation & Presentation10 points

Rules:

1. All Agricultural Mechanics Projects are subject to the Limestone County Fair Association general rules and regulations.
10. Projects exhibited must have been constructed and fabricated by FFA and 4-H Members as part of their agriculture mechanics instruction in Agricultural Science class or as part of their supervised work experience program.

3. All projects must be clean, painted or treated and in presentable condition even though they may have been used.
4. A working plan, blueprint or drawing and photographs showing construction and bill of materials are required to be submitted with each project entered.
5. All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards or computer generated cards that include the exhibitors name(s), chapter or club, school and project description.
6. A project can be exhibited only one time at the Limestone County Fair and must have been completed within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
7. Projects may have been individually or group constructed and may be individually or chapter owned. All projects must be entered in the names of the exhibitors who participated in planning and construction of the project.
8. Classes with less than four entries are subject to being combined.
9. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the Limestone County Fair nor the officials of this show will be responsible for any losses or damages to projects.
10. Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support.
11. All trailers and other projects to be towed on public roads must be registered and licensed and must meet current Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) regulations. A copy of registration is required at check-in.
12. There is to be no more than two gallons of fuel in any fuel tank. The fuel tank cap is to be in place and sealed with tape. The battery is to be disconnected. This applies to all engines in the exhibit area.
13. No "For Sale" signs may be placed on projects.
14. All judge's decisions and announced results will be final.
15. An entry fee of \$30.00 will be charged per project entered.

Divisions:

Trailers

Woodworking

Livestock Equipment/Ag Machinery Equipment

Metal Art

BBQ Pits - Non Trailer

All Other

**LIMESTONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
AG MECHANIC PROJECTS
ENTRY FORM**

SCHOOL ENTERING PROJECT: _____

CHECK ONE: _____ 4-H _____ FFA

DIVISION: _____

PROJECT: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: _____

LIST ALL EXHIBITORS WHO WORKED ON PROJECT:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

CEA or FFA Advisor

Limestone County Fair Association

Drug Policy

Due to a request from floor bidders, we will be implementing the following policy:

- 1. All exhibitors and parents/guardians understand that if their animal tests positive for any substance that is not approved by the Food and drug administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals destined for human consumption, the exhibitor shall forfeit their **FLOOR PROCEEDS**.**
- 2. All decisions are final, and you will not have the right to appeal.**
- 3. You further agree to not hold Limestone County Fair Association and/or any of its associates liable for anything associated with this outcome.**
- 4. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to find out what is and is not approved. You can research information on the FDA Website www.fda.gov and the USDA Website www.usda.gov**

Please note, LCFA will not be conducting any of the residue testing. If testing is done, it will be conducted by the USDA and/ or FDA