

Farm City Week Livestock Show

General Rules

(Updated/changed August 2025)

1. The Farm City Week Livestock Show dates will be set by the Board of Directors of the Harrison County Agribusiness Association.
2. An eligible exhibitor may sell in two (2) different market species. An exhibitor may show two animals or pens of each species except broilers which are limited to 2 pens per exhibitor. No limit on validation. Ag Mechanics entries are not counted as either of the two sale entries.

Exhibitors with more than one animal in a species: The exhibitor in a species that makes the sale may have the option of pulling the animal or selling it. If the exhibitor pulls it at the time, the animal is ineligible to sell. The exhibitor takes their chance at making the sale with the second animal. If the second animal does not make the sale, the exhibitor will not be allowed to re-enter the first animal. *Explanation – An exhibitor can only sell one (1) animal per species. If they have multiple animals in the grand drive and one is named grand champion all others owned by that exhibitor will be removed from the ring. However, all classes must be represented so the animal behind the grand would drive for reserve as would the next animal behind those removed from the drive.*

If an exhibitor has more than one of that species in the grand drive and/or sale order, the substitute MUST be a FCW eligible exhibitor. It cannot be a sibling that has graduated. No parents in the sale order line up.

3. The Harrison County Farm City Week Show is open to all exhibitors who meet all of the following criteria:
 - A. The exhibitor is at least eight (8) years old and less than twenty (20) years old as of the show date.
 - B. The exhibitor is a bonafide 4-H or FFA member under the supervision of a Harrison County Ag Teacher or County Extension Agent.
 - C. The exhibitor is enrolled in a Harrison County public school or a Texas Private School, OR must reside within the boundaries of a Harrison County public school district or be a transfer student legally attending a Harrison County public school from the date the project is validated.
 - a. Exhibitors cannot get a financial gain from another independent county show.
 - D. The exhibitor must be enrolled in at least the third grade and cannot have graduated from high school at the time of validation.
4. All students must follow requirements for extracurricular activities as so stated in school rules. If the student fails to do so, the student and the project are ineligible to show. The HCABA reserves the right to check eligibility before the show. Also, if grades are changed from ineligible to eligible, a slip must be signed by the principal and presented to the committee at weigh-in. Students ineligible because of grades would remain ineligible regardless of whether school was in session or not.

5. All animals must be the legal property of, and been fed and cared for by, the exhibitor from validation date until sale day. No joint ownership is allowed. Owner must **show and sell** their own animal unless prior approval by the committee.
6. Ribbons will be given to all exhibitors by placing system 1st through 10th place, with participation ribbons thereafter, as determined by the judge.
7. The Harrison County Agribusiness Association will interpret all the rules.
8. A seven percent (7%) charge will be deducted from the exhibitors check. Four percent (4%) will be put into the HCABA operating fund account.
9. The committee will give one or more scholarships to graduating seniors meeting the scholarship committee rules with the maximum total amount awarded not to exceed the amount collected for the scholarship fund the previous year. (3% from the sale, not to include resale or other donations).
10. Checks will be delivered to exhibitors within approximately sixty (60) days following the sale date. This will allow time for sending statements to buyers and payments by buyers, thus avoiding overdrafts in the HCABA general account.
11. Failure to comply with any and all rules and regulations as specified will result in automatic disqualification at the discretion of the HCABA Board of Directors.
12. No dogs will be allowed at the show or show barn.
13. All Grand and Reserve Champions in each species must sell. In the event that the exhibitor has Grand or Reserve in more than two (2) species, refer to rule #2. In this case the exhibitor may retain all prizes and awards but is still only allowed to sell two (2) lots in the sale, not including Ag Mech entries.
14. The Agri-Business Committee will determine the number of each species to sell. All animals will be sold by the head or pen (rabbits & broilers). The maximum number of animal lots sold will be 145. The judge will select the sale order.
15. All class winners of Ag Mech show and 3 'at large' sale spots (a total of up to 10) determined by judge will sell in the live auction (as long as that project was awarded a blue ribbon) which would make the maximum total lots sold 155.
16. Parents or the 4-H/FFA chapter may purchase an ag mechanics project in the live auction if bidding does not reach a fair market value.
 - a. A committee will determine the market value of each Ag Mechanics project prior to the auction.

- b. It is important to note that the total cost spent on a project does not always equal its market value, as the market value is based on comparable pricing and general industry standards.
 - c. If the final bid meets or exceeds the committee-determined market value, the winning bidder is expected to pay the full bid price.
 - d. If the project does not reach market value, and a parent or 4-H/FFA chapter wins the bid in an effort to protect the student's investment, they will be responsible for paying the Farm City Week sales commission (7%) in order to take back possession of the project.
17. There are only 2 options for disposition of animals. A buyer's only choice of disposition of the animal will either be taking possession of animal or slaughter.
Option 1--the BUYER must pick up and take possession of the animal by the time given on the disposition sheet the night of the auction; or
Option 2-- the PERSON/COMPANY contracted by HCABA to get animals to slaughter takes possession of animal.
18. The silent auction ends at 8 pm and items must be paid for by 8:30 pm the same night.
19. The show is not responsible for selling non-sale animals.
20. In order to be eligible for the Hard Luck Sale, student (owner) must show his/her animal(s) in a market class during the show. Entries disqualified or weighed out will not be eligible. Students in Hard Luck Sale may have no entries in the premium sale. Hard luck sale participants must be turned in within 1 hour of the conclusion of the steer show.
21. A Competition Committee will be appointed to answer any grievances of the project. Grievances must be filed within one (1) hour of the posting of the sale order for whatever class is in question, along with a \$50.00 cash deposit – refundable only if the grievance is upheld.
22. No animal can leave the show grounds unless released by the show superintendent; HCABA will not be liable for any accidents if you move the animal from the grounds and it is unable to be in the sale.
23. All animals entered will be tagged on or before the entry deadline or a date(s) set by the HCABA with a tag unique in nature in addition to being tamper proof. Tag maintenance is the responsibility of the exhibitor and any tag damage or loss must be reported to the committee immediately. ***All state validated animals, which have a state tag in ear, do not have to show up at validation. Only entry form & money must be turned in at validation. There will be a 72 hour grace period from the end of validation time with a \$100.00 fine/penalty. The exhibitor must contact the HCABA president or species superintendent and pay \$100.00 fine within the 72 hour period. There will be no exceptions after 72 hours from the end of validation.***
24. Animals designated as resale must be delivered to resale buyer.

25. If any exhibitor, parent, extension agent, ag teacher, etc. approaches any buyer for the purpose of getting their project back, they will be barred from FCW activities forever and their premiums will be withheld.
26. All market animals must show for sale order, except for and/or as explained below:
- a. BEEF: Must show for sale order.
 - b. SWINE: placing 1st through 5th places in class are not required to be brought back to show for sale order. The sale order following 5th place will be selected by the judge of the species. (*Explanation: top 5 pigs in each class are automatically in the sale, pigs placing 6th or higher will show for sale order until it is filled.*) Exhibitors with more than one barrow in the top five must choose which one to sell before sale order selection begins.
 - c. LAMBS: placing 1st through 3rd places will show for sale order if species has less than 30 entries. If there are more than 30 entries, lambs placing 1st through 3rd places in class are not required to be brought back to show for sale order. The sale order following 3rd place will be selected by the judge of the species. Exhibitors with more than one lamb in the top three must choose which one to sell before sale order selection begins.
 - d. GOATS: placing 1st through 3rd places in class are not required to be brought back to show for sale order. The sale order following 3rd place will be selected by the judge of the species. Exhibitors with more than one goat in the top three must choose which one to sell before sale order selection begins.
 - e. RABBITS and BROILERS are shown as a single class therefore the placing is the sale order.
 - f. Ag Mechanics judge picks sale order for live auction items.
27. County Bred animals that are selected as county bred grand or reserve champion will sell in the sale order of their respective species. The title of county bred champion or reserve does not place an animal in the sale, nor does it place it in a specific sale spot. County Bred Grand and Reserve will be determined by sale order for all species.
28. Any market animal that has been through a premium sale is ineligible for exhibition at the Farm City Week Livestock Show.
29. To be eligible for showmanship in any species, the animal must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been shown in class. Senior showmanship will be 14 years and older; junior showmanship will be 13 years and under. Steers and Heifers will each have separate showmanship competitions.
30. The entry fee for all FCW entries (steers, heifer, lambs, goats, pigs, broilers, rabbits, ag mech) is \$20 per entry and is due at tagging, validation, or entry deadline. Every entry form must be completed in its entirety. Any form--both animals and ag mechanics--that has missing or inaccurate information will cause the form to be invalid & the exhibitor cannot show/sell that project. (including approximate size for Ag Mechanics projects).

Entry/Validation dates/deadlines

Steers – October (same day as State Heifer validation)

Pigs, Lambs, Goats, Heifers & Broilers– 2nd weekend in December

Rabbits--Entries due at February HCABA meeting (Rabbits must be validated by each teacher or agent before the meeting)

Ag Mech—Complete entries due at HCABA meeting in February

Speech & Scholarships – MUST BE MAILED due/postmark 1st Monday in March to:

**HCABA
PO Box 1717
Marshall, TX 75670**

Species	Min. Weight	Max Weight	Tolerance
Beef	1000 #	None	2% (20#)
Swine	220	295	5#
Lambs	100	180	3#
Goats	55	120	3#
Rabbits	3	5.5	1 oz.
Broilers	15# per pen	None	None

Market Beef Show Rules

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Steers **or heifers** (market beef cattle) may be shown.
3. All market beef cattle will be weighed at show time by a sifting committee. All market beef cattle must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds and will be weighed one time only. There will be a 2% tolerance on the weight to allow for scale differences (980# minimum). A committee will divide the market beef cattle into classes immediately following the weigh-in.
4. Animals must be halter broken and groomed. If the animal cannot be handled during the weigh-in and shown by the eligible exhibitor only, the calf will be immediately disqualified. A committee selected prior to weigh-in will determine disqualification. Furthermore unruly cattle that break loose from an exhibitor 3 times will be removed by order of superintendent or his designee. The animal will be ineligible to show and sell.
5. Market beef cattle will be slick, shown no longer than ¼". Market beef cattle will be checked as they weigh-in, those determined to have hair longer than ¼" must meet the requirement before entering the ring or be disqualified.

Market Swine Rules

1. All General Rules Apply
2. Barrows **or gilts** may be shown.
3. Weights will range from 220 pounds to 295 pounds with a 5 pound tolerance either way to allow for scale differences and will be weighed one time only.
4. Scales should be set up at least one hour prior to official weigh-in for exhibitors to check weights.
5. Market swine must be presented for weighing and sifting under direction of the swine superintendent at the time set by the HCABA.

Market Lamb Rules

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Wethers **or ewes** may be shown.
3. Weights will be from 100 pounds to 180 pounds with a 3 pound tolerance either way to allow for scale differences.
4. Lambs will be weighed one time by the lamb superintendent at a time set by the HCABA and be divided into equitable classes
5. All lambs must be shown in short fleece.
6. Lamb scales should be set up one hour prior to weigh-in to allow exhibitors to check weights.

Market Goat Rules

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Wethers **or does** may be shown.
3. Horns are acceptable but must be tipped. Tipped surface must be no smaller than a dime. Tipping is not allowed on show grounds.
4. Goats will be shown with a maximum hair length of 3/8" at weigh-in.
5. Weights for goat show shall be 55 pounds to 120 pounds with a 3 pound tolerance either way to allow for scale differences.
6. Goats will be weighed one time by the goat superintendent at a time set by HCABA.
7. Goat scales should be set up one hour prior to weigh-in to allow exhibitors to check weights

Rabbit Show Rules

1. All General Rules Apply
2. Meat pens will consist of three (3) fryers of either sex, of same color and breed, weighing between three (3) and five and one half (5 ½) pounds. There will be a one ounce tolerance either way for scale differences. Rabbit committee will provide scales.
3. All animals in show must have been owned and cared for by exhibitor at least 30 days prior to show.
4. Ear canker, sore hocks and buckteeth are all disqualifications. The judge will sift at the scales before the show. Sick animals will be removed from the show area at the discretion of the rabbit superintendent.

5. Each exhibitor may enter no more than two pens. The exhibitor's validation numbers (tattoo) will be used instead of pen or tag numbers.
6. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to meet with buyer and determine if they want the rabbits live or dressed and deliver them to the buyer.
7. For rabbit validation, an Ag Science Instructor or County Extension Agent will be responsible for tattooing their own rabbits using HCABA equipment and turn in all entry forms at the February HCABA Board Meeting.

Broiler Show Rules

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. All chicks must be ordered through the broiler superintendent and distributed at random at a specified time and place. A minimum of 25 chicks must be ordered with a maximum of 50.
3. Exhibitors are limited to *showing two* pens and *selling one* pen of broilers.
4. All broilers are subject to screening. Entries showing disease must be removed from the show as directed by the show superintendent.
5. Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed and water and is responsible for cleaning pen and emptying shavings into proper receptacle.
6. Exhibitors making the sale must dress three broilers and deliver to buyer within 10 days of the show.
7. Broilers must go through a sift and pen must weigh at least 15 pounds to show.

Heifer Show Rules

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Ownership deadline for heifer show is on or before March 1st. Exhibitors must have owned and cared for their heifers from this date to date of show. Ownership papers of class winners and champions will be checked and all exhibitors should have registration papers available for spot checks. Substitutions of heifers may be made one week prior to show with ownership deadline remaining the same date of March 1st.
3. Heifer does not have to be on show grounds until the morning of the show.
4. An exhibitor will be eligible to enter two (2) heifers and compete in the heifer show provided that they meet all the eligibility requirements of FCW. An exhibitor must show their own heifers unless they have two (2) calves entered in the same class, then another eligible exhibitor may show one.
5. One head constitutes a breed. A heifer shown must be of same percentage as heifers shown in Houston except for ABC (American Breed Cross) and AOB (All Other Breeds). Heifer breeds not shown at Houston shall go by national rules concerning purebred heifers. Any heifer without registration papers will be shown in ABC or AOB. The president of the HCABA and two other board members not affiliated with exhibitor will decide if heifer is AOB or ABC.
6. Heifer classes will be broken as deemed by the Heifer Superintendent.
7. Heifers may be shown by division:
American, English and Exotic with champions and reserves chosen from each division to show for Overall Supreme and Reserve Supreme Heifer

OR

Shown by breed with no division drive: All champion and appropriate reserve champion would participate in champion drive with Overall Supreme and Reserve Supreme selected.

8. If a female is shown with calf at side, the calf must be her natural calf and an additional exhibitor is allowed to assist in showing.
9. **Heifers will be shown "blow n' go" effective 2007. NO adhesives or coloring allowed!**