

AG MECHANICS RULES

1. **All general rules apply** including rules regarding Grand and Reserve Champions. If a student wins overall grand champion and has another division winner eligible for reserve, they will not be considered for reserve champion. Rule also applies to group projects if some of the same students are in both groups.
2. Each exhibitor may have no more than two total Ag Mechanics entries in the show. The two entries must be in separate classes. Entries may be a cooperative effort of exhibitors from the same FFA chapter or 4-H club, but one member of the group must be deemed the "Lead." The project will be entered under the lead student's name and all prizes/money will be awarded to that individual. In the case of eligibility, the "Lead" student must be eligible for the project to show.
3. All entries must be submitted on official HCABA Ag Mechanics entry forms and post marked no later than the first Monday in March. It is up to the exhibitor and their AST or CEA to provide a detailed description of the project on the entry form and select the appropriate category for it to show under. **No changes to division, category, or description will be made after the entry is submitted without approval from the Ag Mech Superintendent.** *Projects should be categorized based on primary use.*
4. All entries will be under the direction of show management, but the show nor any director or committee member will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that might occur.
5. Exhibitor is required to be present during judging and is responsible for maintaining exhibit throughout sale /silent auction. The exhibitor is also responsible for seeing that their project is removed from the civic center on the night of the sale. Substitute exhibitors not allowed unless previously approved by the show superintendent.
6. The top 5 overall projects will be sold in the Premium Auction. This includes Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and three more projects as designated by the judge. All other projects may be sold at silent auction at the discretion of the exhibitor. Bid sheets for projects in the silent auction will be provided by the show management; sheets can be displayed on projects beginning at 5:00pm and will be picked up as the last hog passes through the sale ring on the night of the premium sale.
7. Any exhibitor that does not wish for their project to be included in the Premium Auction must notify the show management before check-in at the Civic Center. The exhibitor(s) of projects that are deemed as no-sale projects will automatically forfeit any opportunity to receive champion/reserve champion honors /awards for that project, and must remove those projects from the grounds at the conclusion of the Ag. Mechanics show.
8. Awards will be as follows:
Belt Buckles for Grand and Reserve Champion Overall
All projects will receive ribbons
Depending on the year and amounts of sponsorship money available, there is a possibility of increased numbers of awards.

9. All projects must have been constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date and have been supervised by a Harrison County AST or CEA.
10. All projects are deemed finished upon their arrival at the show. No alterations or additions to any project (structural or cosmetic) will be made after arrival. No touch up painting of any type will be allowed once the project enters the Civic Center grounds the morning of the show. In the event that a project is damaged during transport to the show, necessary repairs will only be made once approved by and under the supervision of the show management.

RULE REGARDING SAFETY/DOT REQUIREMENTS

All trailers and other projects that are to be operated and/or transported on public roads are to be equipped with the safety equipment specified in the Vehicles and Traffic Transportation Code of Texas. Any trailer that exceeds 102 inches (metal to metal) in width must have a signed annual permit. All towed equipment, regardless of standards, is to be equipped with safety chains. Current registration plates or one trip permits and paper plates are required on all trailers that are towed to the show. Hauled trailers are exempt from this rule. Necessary safety equipment includes but is not limited to safety chains, trailer brakes, adequate reflectors, breakaway devices, etc.

**Any exhibitor/AST/CEA or project that does not adhere to the above mentioned rules and regulations is subject to disqualification from the Farm City Week Ag. Mechanics Show.

The show will be broken down into the following classes:

Class 1: Yard Conveniences

- Examples include firewood racks, swings, arbors, outdoor serving stations, patio furniture, etc.

Class 2: Picnic Tables

- Examples include traditional picnic tables, octagon picnic tables, convertible picnic tables, etc.

Class 3: Household Items

- Examples include chests, shelves, indoor furniture, beds, entertainment centers, etc.

Class 4: Wildlife

- Examples include feeders, deer stands, tripods, tree stands, hog traps, etc.

Class 5: Livestock & Farm Equipment

- Examples include entry gates, tractor implements, hay handling equipment, shop equipment, livestock carriers, livestock feeders, etc.

Class 6: BBQ

- Examples include smokers, cookers, grills, fire pits, and fire rings.

Class 7: Trailers

- Examples include utility trailers, livestock trailers, welding trailers, hay trailers, etc.

Projects will be judged focusing on the following characteristics. There will be no rubrics or scores made available to the public and the judge's determinations are final.

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| • Workmanship | • Degree of Difficulty |
| • Interview | • Practicality |
| • Sound Structural Design, Materials Used, & Finish | • Originality |