

The 2023 Eastland County Livestock Show
January 11-14, 2023 Eastland County Show Grounds
475 Highway 3101, Eastland, Texas 76448

Official Rules and Regulations

Rules which have been changed for the 2023 Livestock show are highlighted in orange

General Rules and Regulations

(Please read carefully)

1. The Junior Livestock Show will be open to 4-H and FFA members who are enrolled in a public, private or home-based elementary or secondary school in Eastland County at the time of the stock show, or home-schooled children who reside outside Eastland County, and are bona-fide members of an Eastland County 4-H club or FFA chapter by **November 1**. (Enrollment in public schools will be verified by the school districts. Home schooled children or children in private schools must provide a certificate of enrollment by an accredited school.)

They must have fed, fitted and cared for the animal under the supervision of a vocational agriculture teacher or a county agent to be eligible to show. Exhibitors must be at least **9 years old or in the Third Grade**. (Exceptions - See Rule 2)

If the school rules the child ineligible to show, the animal is ineligible to show. If a child is academically ineligible for any part of the stock show, you are ineligible for all the stock show. Exhibitors may not participate in any other county stock show once they have entered the Eastland County Livestock Show until May 31, of the show year. Violation of this rule may result in forfeiture of awards and/or premium sale money and/or a ban from future Eastland County Livestock Shows. If asked, exhibitors must provide documentation of their eligibility to ECLRA to be allowed to show. ECLRA reserves the right to solely determine eligibility in these matters.

Students changing school districts after the entry date do not have to pay a late entry fee, but their animal(s) must be either state-validated or a prior ag teacher or county agent must confirm ownership or validation in another county to be eligible to show. The student must be able to provide proof of membership in a 4-H or FFA club (prior to the November 1, deadline) in their former county.

2. Any child enrolled in Kindergarten – Second grade in public, private or home-based school and has not otherwise met the age and grade requirements in General Rule One, may show breeding animals.

3. All entries must be turned into the General Superintendent by **December 1**, of the year prior to the stock show. Entry **Cards must be in a single individual's name when turned in**. Exhibitors who miss this deadline may pay a late entry fee of \$50 per exhibitor until 8:00 pm the Wednesday of the stock show. The late entry fee does not exempt an exhibitor from observing validation dates for market animals or ownership dates of breeding animals.

4. **Entry fees** are as follows:

- \$20.00 for individual cattle and calves, including single commercial heifers)
- \$35.00 for a pen of three commercial heifers
- \$15.00 for sheep, goats and hogs
- \$15.00 for poultry entries (pens of broilers and individual turkeys)
- \$15.00 for market rabbit pens
- \$15.00 for each breeding rabbit

5. All breeds and species subject to market validation must be owned by exhibitors by validation day. Breeding animals must be owned by December 1, except breeding beef heifers (not commercial heifers) which must be registered in the name of the exhibitor by November 1. (*See commercial heifer rules.*)

6. Steers, commercial heifers, market swine, breeding swine, market lambs, market meat goats, market angora goats, and rabbits must be validated. County Market Validation Day will be respective of State Validation Day. Goats will be validated the same day as sheep. Market rabbits will be validated at least 30 days prior to the show. Breeding beef heifers (excluding commercial heifers) must be registered in the exhibitor's name by November 1, immediately preceding the show. (*See commercial heifer rules.*)

7. The Superintendent will assign pens and stalls before check-in time.

8. All animals to be shown must be in their respective places:

Dairy and Angora Goats-January 11, 2023 4:00-6:00pm

Hogs-January 11, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 pm

Chicken and Turkeys-January 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Cattle-Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 11:00 am—Weigh cards and Heifer papers turn in

Lambs, Goats and Rabbits, January 12, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 pm

9. The superintendent of each division will classify animals according to breed at the weigh-in station; or the Association may hire a team of three classifiers to assist the superintendents. When classifiers are present, the decisions will be made on the majority opinion of the classifiers. The decision of the classifiers is final. Once a decision has been made, the classifiers cannot reconsider or re-examine the animal. When a team of classifiers is not present and the decision of the superintendent is challenged, then a committee of three age teachers or a committee of two teachers and the county agent will determine the correct classification. No individual representing the town or organization of the animal being challenged shall serve on the committee. The superintendent shall appoint the committee. Only the exhibitor and animal can go through the classifying and weighing area.

10. All animals in breeding classes must be representative of their breed but do not need to be either purebred or registered except where specified by department rules. (See Breeding Beef Rules)

11. All animals that are of quality, type or conformation that will not be a credit to the show will be sifted by an appointed committee. All sifted animals must be removed from the grounds as soon as possible.

12. All entries must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. In the event an animal seems sick, the owner of the animal will have the animal examined by a certified veterinarian. It will be the discretion of the veterinarian to determine if the animal is fit to show. If the animal is not fit to be shown, it will not be allowed on the show grounds. All costs associated with the veterinarian's visit will be at the expense of the owner.

13. Market animals may not be shown in a breeding class, but female animals not qualifying for their market class when weighed in may be switched to a breeding class. Animals shown in breeding classes are not eligible to be shown in market classes.

14. Exhibitors must show their own animals unless they have two or three in the same class or they have extenuating circumstances approved by the Show Superintendent. Any substitute showman must be eligible for and entered in the county livestock show. No one can receive help in the show ring, except from show officials, unless they have a disability. You must control your animal at all times-this includes all species.

15. All animals are released after they have shown.

16. Market and breeding rabbits, broilers and turkeys will be shown on tables with no hutch or pen.

17. Swine exhibitors must declare a breed on their entry cards or the animal will show as a cross.

18. Judges are to be secured on or before July 1.

19. No one will be allowed to spend the night on the show grounds. Curfew starts at 11:00 pm during nights of the show. A security guard will be on duty each night.

20. No hay will be allowed as bedding.

21. No supplemental or artificial heat sources will be allowed in the livestock barns.

22. All exhibitors are expected to keep their part of the aisles clean and neat at all times.

23. The Eastland County Livestock Raisers Association shall not be liable in any matter for loss, injury and/or accident to any person, animal or equipment, either exhibitor or spectator.

24. All animals and equipment must be off-site by 2 hours after the completion of the premium sale Saturday night. Failure to remove animals or equipment will result in a further 10% deduction from sale checks.

25. There will be a Code of Conduct for all exhibits, parents and spectators to adhere to while attending the Eastland County Stockshow.

Special Showmanship Rules

1. Showmanship will have 3 divisions:

Junior---Kindergarten-5th grade

Intermediate---6th grade-8th grade

Senior---9th grade-12th grade

2. Breeding and market showmanship will be separate (except for beef showmanship)

3. Participants who owned and exhibited their own animal in each division may choose to compete for showmanship honors. Participants must show their own animal from the respective division being judged in the showmanship competition. Participant eligibility will be verified and ear tags cross checked off the division roster before exhibitors may enter the arena to compete for showmanship. Showmanship winners will receive a buckle at the awards ceremony. The showmanship competition may be run in heats.

4. The ECLRA shall present an award to participating 12th Grade exhibitors who have shown livestock at the Eastland County Livestock Show for at least ten (10) years.

Special Auction Rules

1. An animal must place in the top 60% of its class to sell in the special auction sale.

2. Each exhibitor may sell only one lamb, one steer, one hog, one meat goat, one market angora goat, one pen of broilers and one pen of rabbits at the special auction sale, except when both breed champions and reserve breed champions are owned by the same exhibitor. All champions sell in the special auction sale.

3. All placing market steers will be put in their respective placing in the sale order.

4. All exhibitors that have a market animal selling, must walk an animal of the same species through the sale ring unless the exhibitor cannot be present. —No animals will be present of the Sale for 2023

5. The ECLRA shall retain an 10% commission on all money generated on each animal sold in the special auction.

6. If an exhibitor has a UIL event that conflicts with the sale, the exhibitor can get a letter from the school in school letterhead stating the participation in the event.

Death in the family the exhibitor will need a letter from their family,

Religious events- A letter from the family stating the event,

In the event an exhibitor does not attend the sale due to one of the above reasons it is up to the Ag Teachers/ County Agent to find someone to fill in their spot,

Market Rules

1. All General Rules and Regulations regarding the livestock show also apply to the market division.
2. Classes for market hogs, goats, lambs and steers are judged separately, and afterwards the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are picked from the champions and reserve champions of all breed classes. If a breed is to be broken into weight classes, no one class may have less than three (3) animals.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to three (3) steers; four (4) market hogs, provided at least one is a prospect pig; four (4) market lambs; three (3) market goats, three (3) market angora goats, three (3) market rabbit pens, three (3) pens of broilers, and three (3) single turkey entries.

4. Weighing in Schedule

Dairy and Angora Goats-January 11, 2023 4:00-6:00pm

Hogs-January 11, 2023 from 3:00-4:00 PAPERED GILTS

4:00-7:00 pm-REST OF HOGS

Chicken and Turkeys-January 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Cattle-Thursdays, January 12, 2023 at 11:00 am-Weigh cards and Heifer papers turn in

Lambs, Goats and Rabbits, January 12, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 pm

Only Animals that are exceeding weight or underweight can be reweighed. Animals must be clean and dry when weighed.

5. Swine exhibitors must declare a breed on their entry cards or the animal will show as a cross.
6. Eligible market animals may be sold at the special auction sale on Saturday.
7. The top 60% of each class will be placed, but animals in the market division will not receive premium money.
8. Market animals subject to validation will be checked for proper validation identification. Animals without proper identification will not be permitted to show.
9. All premium market hogs must weigh at least 200 and not over 270 pounds with a ten (10) pound tolerance either way. Market hogs may be either sex. Prospect pigs must be state validated barrows weighing no more than 189 pounds with no tolerance. Gilts registration papers will be used to check in and classify all registered gilts. Papers must be in the exhibitor name otherwise they will go through classification with the classifiers. (See Swine Rules)
10. Lambs may be either sex and must weigh at least 90 pounds - except for Southdowns and Hair Sheep which must weigh at least 80 pounds - with a three-pound tolerance either way.

11. Lambs must be slick shorn.

12. Meat Goats may be either sex and must weigh at least 50 pounds.

13. Market meat goats must have tipped horns. They also should be sheared no longer than 3/8".

14. The market goat show will consist of three (3) weight divisions. Each division may be broken into weight classes by the superintendent. A champion and reserve champion will be picked in each division, selected from the first and second place goats in each class within the division. A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the division champions and reserve division champions.

15. Market steers must be state-validated, weigh at least 900 pounds and will be classified as British, American or European Cross. Breed classes will be broken by the beef superintendent in accordance with Market Rule 2. Each breed division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion. Division winners will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steer.

16. The market steer competition will be a "blow and show" exhibition. No color or adhesives are allowed.

17. All birds must come from the same hatch. There are no weight requirements for pens of birds.

18. The market rabbits will be divided by the Rabbit Superintendent according to entries. Pens of three must weigh between nine (9) and eighteen (18) pounds with a two-ounce tolerance each way. Market rabbits will be marked at weigh-in by the superintendent. No substitutions are allowed.

19. **Swine Classifiers MUST use chips; they CANNOT discuss the classification among themselves.**

The Poultry Division

Broilers

1. Broilers must be owned and fed by the exhibitor.
2. An exhibitor is limited to three (3) pens of birds.
3. A pen consists of three (3) birds.
4. The top 60% of pens will be placed.
5. Birds with lice, bare backs, cracked breasts, blisters and other deformities will be sifted. If any bird is sifted, the entire pen is sifted.
6. Birds will be banded to identify pens by the superintendent at check-in. No substituting of birds is allowed after being checked in and banded. The Association will provide the bands.
7. Exhibitors must be present at judging. (See GR 14)
8. All birds must come from the same hatch.
9. Chickens will show by sex--Pullets and Cockerels
10. Entry fee is \$10.00 per pen.
11. Champions will receive a trophy. The top 60% in each division will receive ribbons.

Turkeys

1. Turkeys must be owned and fed by the exhibitor.
2. An entry consists of one (1) bird.
3. Exhibitors may enter three (3) individual birds.
4. The top 60% will be placed.
5. Birds with lice, bare backs, cracked breasts, blisters and other deformities will be sifted.
6. Birds will be banded to identify pens by the superintendent at check-in. No substituting of birds is allowed after being checked in and banded. The Association will provide the bands.
7. Exhibitors must be present at judging. (See GR 14)
8. All birds must come from the same hatch.
9. Entry fee is \$10.00 per pen.
10. Champions will receive a trophy. The top 60% in each division will receive ribbons.

The Cattle Division

Breeding Beef Cattle

1st - \$50 * 2nd - \$25 * 3rd - \$15

The breeding beef competition is a "blow and show" exhibition. No color or adhesives are allowed.

All breeding heifers (excluding commercial entries) must be registered in the exhibitor's name by November 1, immediately preceding the show.

Heifers will be shown by the following divisions: British, European, and American.

There may be a champion British, European and American heifer. Those champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer.

Class 1 - 6 months through 11 months

Class 2 - 12 months through 17 months

Class 3 - 18 months through 23 months

Class 4 - 2 years of age and older

Class 5 - Champion Heifer of Breed.....Trophy

Class 6 - Reserve Champion Heifer of Breed.....Rosette

Class 7 - Grand Champion Heifer of Breed.....Trophy

Class 8 - Reserve Grand Champion Heifer of Breed.....Rosette

Market Steers

Market steers must be state-validated, weigh at least 900 pounds and will be classified as British, American or European Cross Breed classes will be broken by the beef superintendent in accordance with Market Rule 2. Each breed division will have a Champion and Reserve Champion. Division winners will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steer.

Dairy Cattle

1st - \$50 * 2nd - \$25 * 3rd - \$15

Classes

Class 1 - Heifer Calves, 6-12 months

Class 2 - Heifers over one year and prior to calving (Age disregarded if she has ever been fresh - goes to Class 3)

Class 3 - Cows, 2 years but under 3 years (Heifers that are younger, if ever fresh, go in this class.)

Class 4 - Cows, 3 years of age and over

Class 5 - Grand Champion Female

Class 6 - Reserve Grand Champion Female Class 7 - Bulls, 6-12 months

Class 8 - Bulls, 1 year through 23 months

Class 9 - Bulls, 2 years through 35 months Class 10 - Bulls, 3 years and over

Class 11 - Grand Champion Bull

Class 12 - Reserve Grand Champion Bull

Commercial Heifers

The Junior Commercial Heifer Show is an opportunity for Junior Exhibitors to show commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show provided they have not been shown anywhere previous to the Commercial Heifer Show in Eastland County. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Junior Breeding Beef Show of the Eastland County Livestock Show.

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed and cared for by Eastland County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of CEA or AST. All Commercial Heifer entries will be subject to the General Rules of the Eastland County Livestock Show.
2. Exhibitors may either purchase or raise their heifer(s). Heifers must be born from cows bred in Eastland or surrounding counties and remain in Eastland County from the initial tag day until they are sold.
3. Heifers must be no older than 24 months of age on the date of the show.
4. Commercial Heifer Validation:
 - The time and location of Commercial Heifer Validation will be posted no later than September 1.
 - Exhibitors may validate as many commercial heifers as desired. There is no limit. Once the heifer is tagged, there will be no substitutions allowed.
5. Records must be kept through the feeding period and turned in to the superintendent on show day. The use of a display to show herd genetics or any other EPD is recommended.
6. Participants may exhibit single entries or pens of three heifers. Exhibitors may enter a combination of single entries or pens of three, but may not exceed THREE total entries. A heifer entered as a single is considered ONE entry. A pen of three heifers is considered ONE entry. Single entries require a \$15 fee; pens of three, \$30. Pens will be set up for contestants before Wednesday arrival at which time they will be assigned a pen. No alterations of entries will be allowed. Heifers entered as a Pen of 3, may not be broken out and shown individually at the show, unless the exhibitor has also turned in an entry card and paid the appropriate fees for a Single entry or Single entries. Upon arrival, exhibitors must declare in which division they intend to participate. No substitutions or changes will be allowed after arrival, and no heifer may show as part of a Pen of 3 and as a Single entry. Heifers must be checked in by 8:00 pm the Wednesday of the show pursuant to the General Rules of the Livestock Show.
7. Heifers will be shown on Thursday.
8. No fitting or clipping will be allowed. Any heifer with paints, adhesives, or any other fitting product will be disqualified.
9. Exhibitors will NOT go through the premium sale.
10. Heifers must be pregnancy tested within 30 days of the show or they will be declared open.
11. Heifers must be no older than 24 months of age on the date of the show and will be divided into American, European and British breed classes.
12. Heifers will be judged and placed based on a physical evaluation of the heifers. Exhibitors must provide a record book for their heifers to be eligible.
13. Exhibitors will be judged in two categories: 1) Showmanship which will be based on the interview;

and 2) Herdsman which will be based on the record book. There will be a Junior and Senior winner in each division.

The Swine Division

Breeding Swine

1st - \$50 * 2nd - \$25 * 3rd - \$15

The Breeding Swine Show is for gilts only. No sows or boars are allowed on the grounds.
Breed Classes: Berkshires, Black OPB, Durocs, Hampshires, White OPB, Yorkshires and Crosses.
Breeds may be broken into classes by the superintendent according to weight.
Breeding swine must be validated. Validation day will be respective of state validation day.
Breeding swine must weigh at least 150 pounds.
Swine exhibitors must declare a breed on their entry cards or the animal will show as a cross. NO sows or boars are eligible for the breeding swine show.

Market Swine

Premium Market Division

Market animals subject to validation will be checked for proper validation identification. Animals without proper identification will not be permitted to show.

Exhibitors may show four (4) market swine, so long as at least one (1) is a Prospect Pig.

All market hogs must weigh at least 200 and not over 270 pounds with a ten (10) pound tolerance either way. Market hogs may be either sex.

Exhibitors may sell only one market swine – the highest placing pig between the premium market and prospect division. (Exception: All champions sell.)

Swine Classifiers MUST use chips; they CANNOT discuss the classification among themselves.

Rules Governing Breed Classes:

Posted Breed Divisions: Berkshires, Dark OPB, Durocs, Hampshires, White OPB, Yorkshires, Crosses

There must be at least five (5) classified individuals making market weight at the show to make a breed. If there are less than five (5) classified individuals, then the breed representatives will show with either Dark OPB or White OPB classes, as determined by the Superintendent.

Poland Chinas (“Polands”) and Spotted Poland Chinas (“Spots” or “Spotted Swine”) will be classified as Dark OPB, regardless of the number entered.

Chester Whites and Landraces will be classified as White OPB, regardless of the number entered.

If a non-posted breed has at least five (5) classified individuals who make weight for the market show, those animals will show together as a breed.

Swine exhibitors must declare a breed on their entry cards or the animal will show as a cross.

Prospect Pig Division

1. Prospect pig must be state validated barrows.
2. Prospects may weigh no more than 189 pounds. Market Swine that qualify for the Market Division must show in that division.
3. Classes will be broken by weight only, irrespective of breed.
4. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion.
5. Prospect pigs are not eligible for overall grand or reserve grand champion drive. 6. Market Sale Rules apply. Exhibitors may sell only one market swine – the highest placing pig between the premium market and prospect division. (Exception: All champions sell.)

Premium Awards

Top 60% of each class - Ribbons
Prospect Pig Champion and Reserve Champion – Trophy
Breed Champions - Trophy
Reserve Breed Champions - Rosette
Grand Champion - Trophy
Reserve Grand Champion – Trophy

The Sheep and Goat Division

Dairy Goats

1st - \$50 * 2nd - \$25 * 3rd - \$15

Special Rules

1. All exhibitors must comply with General Rule and Regulation Rule One. 2. Dairy Goats are not required to be on the grounds until the morning of their competition. 3. This show is restricted to female goats only.
4. It is preferred that exhibitors wear white while showing dairy goats.
5. If five (5) entries of the same breed, of any breed are entered in a class, they will show as a class.

Classes

- Class 1 - Junior Doe - Under 12 months of age
- Class 2 - Junior Doe - 12-24 months of age (must not have kidded)
- Class 3 - Champion Junior Doe.....Trophy
- Class 4 - Reserve Champion Junior Doe.....Rosette
- Class 5 - Senior Doe - Does that have kidded up to 36 months of age
- Class 6 - Senior Doe - Over 36 months of age
- Class 7 - Champion Senior Doe.....Trophy
- Class 8 - Reserve Champion Senior Doe.....Rosette

Breeding Angora Goats
1st - \$50 * 2nd - \$25 * 3rd - \$15

Classes

- Class 1 - Kid Does (no permanent teeth)
- Class 2 - Two-Tooth-and-Over Does
- Class 3 - Grand Champion Doe, any age
- Class 4 - Kid Bucks (no permanent teeth)
- Class 5 - Two-Tooth-and-Over Bucks
- Class 6 - Grand Champion Buck, any age

Market Angora Goats

1. Market Angoras may be either sex. All goats must weigh at least 40 pounds with a three-pound tolerance.
2. All market angora goats must be validated on the sheep & goat county/state validation day.
3. All entered goats must be shorn on or after July 15, of the year prior to the show. On sheep and goat validation day, once clipping will be taken from each goat's side, at the midpoint of the ribcage. Samples will be sent to a Texas Extension Service Agency for testing.
4. Goats shall be judged on and placed by: 1. hair sample quality; 2. ring assessment of hair type and quality; 3. confirmation. Goats shall be placed in each division and/or class with ten (10) points awarded for first place, nine (9) for second, eight (8) for third, ect.... Final Placing will be determined by the composite of these three scores. In the event of a tie score, the hair quality score ("microns") will break the tie.

Breeding Sheep

1st - \$50 * 2nd - \$25 * 3rd - \$15

Division Classifications

Fine Wool breeds

Southdowns

Hair Sheep breeds

Medium Wool breeds

Classes

Ewe Lambs (no permanent teeth)

Two-Tooth Ewes

Four-Tooth and Over Ewes

Champion Ewe

Reserve Champion Ewe

Ram Lambs (no permanent teeth)

Two-Tooth Rams

Four-Tooth and Over Rams

Champion Ram

Reserve Champion Ram

Supreme Champion Ewe

Supreme Champion Ram

Champions and Reserve Champions will receive a trophy or rosette.

Market Lambs

Classes will be broken by weight as determined by the Superintendent. Lambs may be either sex and must weigh at least 90 pounds - except for Southdowns & Hair Sheep which must weigh at least 80 pounds - with a three-pound tolerance either way. Lambs must be slick shorn. Exhibitors may enter and show four (4) market lambs.

Class 1 - Fine Wool Breeds

Class 2 - Fine Wool/Medium Wool Crosses

Class 3 - Southdowns

Class 4 - Hair Breeds

Class 5 - Medium Wool Class 6 - Grand Champion Market Lamb (Trophy)

Class 7 - Reserve Grand Champion (Trophy)

Breeds Champions will receive a trophy. Reserve Champions will receive a rosette. The top 60% of each weight class will receive ribbons.

Market Meat Goats

1. The market goat show will consist of three (3) weight divisions. Each division may be broken into weight classes by the superintendent. A champion and reserve champion will be picked in each division, selected from the first and second place goats in each class within the division. A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the division champions and reserve division champions.

2. Market goats may be females or castrated males and must weigh at least 50 pounds. 3.

Market meat goats must have tipped horns. They also should be sheared no longer than 3/8".

4. Goats may be any breed or cross.

5. The Top 60% of each class will be placed and can sell at the premium sale.

6. No premium money is awarded for placing.

Breeding Meat Goats

1st - \$50 * 2nd - \$25 * 3rd - \$15

Meat goat bucks must be checked in on Wednesday night, and be kept in trailers or may be brought in the day of the show.

Class 1 - Kid Does (no permanent teeth) Class 4 - Kid Buck (no permanent teeth) Class 2 -

Two-Tooth-and-Over Does Class 5 - Two-Tooth-and-Over Bucks Class 3 - Grand Champion Doe

Class 6 - Grand Champion Buck The Kid Doe division may be broken into heats or classes by the superintendent.

The Rabbit Division

Market Rabbits

Special Rules

1. Rabbits will be marked by the superintendent at weigh-in. No substitutions are allowed.
2. All rabbits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must be owned by the exhibitor at least 30 days prior to the show.
3. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA.
4. All rabbits showing signs of diseases, canker ear or sore feet, must be removed from the show immediately.
5. A pen of fryers will consist of three (3) rabbits. Wide variations in weight will cause a pen to be sifted.
6. The market rabbits will show into weight classes. Pens must weigh between nine (9) and eighteen (18) pounds.
7. An exhibitor may enter three (3) pens of fryers.
8. No substituting of rabbits is allowed during or after weigh-in. Exhibitors must use some form of identification.
9. Exhibitors must be present at judging.
10. Entry fee is \$15.00 per pen.
11. The top 60% of each class may sell. (SAR-2)
12. Exhibitors will be responsible for holding their rabbits during judging. Rabbits will be shown on the table without a hutch or pen.

Premium Schedule

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will receive a trophy. The top 60% in each class will receive ribbons.

Breeding Rabbits

1st - \$50 * 2nd - \$25 * 3rd - \$15

Special Rules

1. Rabbits must be in place one hour prior to the show.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) entries per class.
3. An entry consists of one rabbit.
4. Entries must be filed by December 1 prior to the show.
5. The entry fee is \$15.00 per rabbit.
6. All rabbits showing signs of diseases, canker ear or sore feet, must be removed from the show immediately.
7. Exhibitors must furnish their own feeding and watering facilities and will be responsible for the care of cage facilities.
8. Exhibitors will be responsible for holding their rabbits during judging. Rabbits will be shown on the table without a hutch or pen.
9. A junior rabbit is six months of age or less, and a senior rabbit is over six months of age.

Eastland County Livestock Show Ag Mechanics Contest

Rules & Regulations

Students may enter as individuals or partners (two or more students). Only individual and partner entries will be eligible to show.

The entry fee is \$10.00 per project.

Individuals and partnerships will be limited to one entry in the Ag Mech show. However, each student may have entered one individual project and be a member of a group project.

All General Rules of the 2022 Eastland County Livestock Show apply.

A bill of materials must be submitted with the entry form. This bill of materials will set the starting price of the auction. Winning bid must exceed the cost of materials. ECLRA will not be responsible for collecting winning bids, nor will ECLRA be responsible for delivering the project to the winning bidder. All monetary transactions must be conducted between the entrant and winning bidder.

Projects must be in place by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2023. Entrants are responsible for checking in with the show superintendent.

Projects will be judged at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 13, 2023.

Prefabricated or kit projects will not be permitted.

Exhibitors must be present during judging and available to answer questions from the judge about construction and/or function of the project. Exhibitors not present at the time of judging will be disqualified.

Judging will be based on:

- A. Workmanship (300 pts)
- B. Usefulness (200 pts)
- C. Knowledge of the project by the student (200 pts)
- D. Soundness, Structure, Design, and Balance (100 pts)
- E. Originality (100 pts)
- F. Finish (100 pts)

Ribbons will be given in each class for each project based on the following scores:

- A. Blue=900 – 1000 points
- B. Red=800-900 points
- C. White=below 800 points

The Judging committee will select one **Grand Champion** and one **Reserve Grand Champion** of the Ag Mechanics Show. Champions will receive a trophy.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will make the premium sale on Saturday, January 14, 2023

Sale of Projects

Entrants may elect to offer their projects for sale.

Sale of Ag Mechanics projects will be conducted by silent auction. The silent auction will commence after all projects have been judged and prizes awarded.

All projects must be removed by the end of the Eastland County Livestock Show Special Premium Auction on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

Ag Mechanics Classes

- 1 Furniture
- 2 Truck Equipment
- 3 Livestock handling equipment
- 4 Farm equipment
- 5 Bar-B-Que pits
- 6 Gates
- 7 Small trailers (under 16')
- 8 Large trailers (over 16')

ECLRA will not be responsible for projects in case of loss or damage.

2023 Judges

Cattle—Travis Thorne

Swine---Dave marcath

Chickens, Turkeys & Rabbits---Chris Beard

Goats and Sheep—Jeff Ripley

Angoras—Karl Winge

Dairy Goats—Kim Fullen

Ag Mechanics-- Sy Mitchell

2023 Superintendents

Cattle--April Harrower

Swine--Clint Tucker

Sheep and Goats--Alton Mitchell

Rabbits-- Tricia Nall

Chicken/Turkeys-- Aubrey Lawrence

2021 Rule Changes

2022 Rule Change

2023 Rule Change

2023 Eastland County Livestock Show Schedule

**ECLRA Show Grounds
475 FM 3101
Eastland, Texas 76448**

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:00 am-5:00 pm - Art, Canning, Photography & Sewing early entries taken (Eastland County Extension Office)

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

9:00 am - **Gates open for animals to be admitted**

9:00 am-7:00 pm – Art, Canning, Photography, Sewing & Baking entries taken (Hutto-Humiston Building)

3:00-4:00pm--Registered **Gifts with papers ONLY**(Must be registered in exhibitor name)

4:00 pm - Scales open. —**HOGS ONLY**

4:00 pm – **Dairy goat and Angora check in**

5:00 pm - Chicken and Turkey check in

6:00 pm – Chicken and Turkey must be in place.

7:00 pm – **Poultry show – Broilers followed by Turkeys** (Moylan Exposition Arena)

Immediately following Poultry show---Dairy and Angora Goat show

7:00 pm - Hogs must be weighed and in place.

Thursday, January 12, 2023

8:00am--Swine show-- Breeding followed by Prospect Pigs, then Market (Moylan Exposition Arena)

9:00 am – **Ag Mechanics** (Hutto-Humiston Building)

11:00 am—**Steer weigh cards due and heifer papers turned in.**

2:00 pm – **Cattle show –Beef Heifers, then Steers** (Outside Showing)

Immediately following steer show Commercial Heifer Show (Commercial Cattle Pens)

***If bad weather then cattle will show immediately after hog show.

4:00 pm –**Scales open for lambs, goats and rabbits.**

7:00 pm—Lambs, goats and rabbits must be weighted and in place.

Breeding rabbits need to check in (do not need to bring breeding rabbits).

Friday, January 13, 2023

8:00 am – **Rabbit show (Market followed by Breeding)**

11:00 am – **Market Lambs followed by Market Meat Goats** (Moylan Exposition Arena)
Intermission

1:00 pm – **Breeding Sheep followed by Breeding Meat Goats** (Moylan Exposition Arena)

5:00 pm – **Deadline to remove Art, Canning, Photography, Sewing & Baking exhibits.**

Saturday, January 14, 2023

12:00 pm—Buyers Meal

1:00 pm – **Auction & Presentation of Awards** (Moylan Exposition Arena)

*****No animals at the sale**

