

Rules & Regulations for the 2026 Hood County Junior Livestock Show

General Rules

1. The Hood County Livestock Raisers Association (herein referred to as HCLRA) owns the property and facilities where the Hood County Junior Livestock Show and Sale is held. The HCLRA officers and directors have no direct responsibility for decisions made during the show and sale. The President of HCLRA shall appoint a Show Superintendent and a Sale Superintendent prior to the show each year. The HCLRA membership shall elect department Superintendents prior to the show each year.
2. The HCLRA and/or members will not be responsible or liable for any accident, loss, or bodily injury to any person, exhibitor, animal, project, or exhibit. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any loss or damage incurred while on the premises.
3. Alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances will not be allowed on the grounds during the show or sale of the HCLRA County Fair. **The only exception will be alcohol provided by HCLRA for the buyers.** Violation of this rule will result in the person being escorted from the property and/or penalty as stated in rule #42.
4. No Dogs (including puppies) will be allowed on the grounds during the Show or Sale. **Service animals will be permitted with prior approval from the show superintendent (i.e. guide, law enforcement).**
5. The Hood County Junior Livestock show is open to all youth that meet one of the following requirements: A. Primarily residing in the Granbury, Lipan, or Tolar Independent School District and a member of a Hood County 4-H program. B. Attending Granbury, Lipan, or Tolar Independent School District and a member of a FFA, FCCLA or Junior FFA Chapter of that school district or Hood County 4-H. These requirements must be maintained from the time of the County validation through the County Show. Exhibitors will not be eligible to show at the Hood Co. Stock Show if they participate in another county show in the same school year. Exceptions to this rule must be appealed to and determined by the directors committee.
6. Ownership deadlines are due by the dates and times shown below: Market Steers –ownership and validation by **June 23, 2025 by 10 a.m.**, concurrent with state validation. Heifers, Goats, Lambs, and Swine – ownership and validation by **November 6, 2025**, at Noon. State tags may be used in place of Hood County tags if validated by the deadline set forth by the county state validation committee. Out of county state tags must be accompanied with a copy of the state validation form. Poultry – Must be ordered and paid for by **October 2, 2025**, at 4 p.m. Birds not claimed by Noon on pick-up day will be given away to present paid exhibitors. Rabbits – ownership and validation by **December 6, 2025, at Noon**. Breeding animals shall be declared at validation. A minimum of 3 animals are required to make a market show and a minimum of 1 animal required to make a breeding show. Owner must be able to show proof of ownership by papers, tagging, or tattoos by **November 6, 2025**, except for rabbits by **December 6, 2025**.

7. Exhibitors will only be allowed to exhibit in three different Premium Sale eligible divisions, however exhibitors may enter more than three (3) different premium sale eligible divisions. Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of two animals per species, with the exception of poultry and rabbits. Exhibitors may exhibit two (2) pens of broilers. **Exhibitors may exhibit one (1) meat pen (pen of 3) of rabbits or one (1) single fryer rabbit or one (1) of each.** Family Living exhibitors may exhibit up to 15 different items and Agricultural Mechanics are allowed two (2) projects.
8. **Exhibitors who are eligible for premium sale will walk through the sale with their animal/project.**
9. **The top fifty percent (50%) or 1st-4th place projects, whichever is greater, of each class of market steers, lambs, swine, goats, ag mechanics and broilers shown will be eligible to be sold through the Premium Sale. The top thirty three percent (33%) single fryers, and meat pen (pen of 3) rabbits, will be eligible to be sold through the Premium Sale.** The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion projects will be eligible for the Premium Sale.
10. Exhibitors will be permitted to sell a maximum of two (2) projects in the Premium Sale. The sale of only one (1) minor project is permitted unless the exhibitor has two Grand Champion or Reserve Champion minor projects. Major projects include steers, lambs, swine, goats, and ag mechanics. Minor projects include rabbits, poultry, family living. There will be no bump-ups from any position.
11. A maximum of 12 family living projects will be eligible to sell in the Premium Sale. A Family Living project counts toward the maximum number of two (2) items allowed in the Premium Sale for each exhibitor. **All bannered family living projects from junior and senior age division will be eligible for the Premium Sale. All other projects will be eligible for the silent auction.** There will be no bump-ups from any position.
12. County Show Registration is open from **November 1st, 2025 to December 6th, 2025** at midnight online. Online Registration is available at hoodcountylivestockraisersassociation.org. Go to the county stock show page on the website and click on the registration link. **The entry fee for steers, swine, lambs, goats, agricultural mechanics, poultry and rabbits will be \$30.00 per project. The entry fee for breeding animals will be \$30.00 per project. The entry fee is non-refundable except if a breeding class does not make.**
13. County Show ONLY Validation is as follows: Market steers will be validation tagged by the completion of the **June 23, 2025** validation, concurrent with state dates. All market lambs, goats, swine and breeding projects will be validation tagged by completion of the **November 6, 2025** validation. November validation days for the week, prior to the deadline are as follows- Lipan on Monday, Tolar on Tuesday and Granbury on Thursday.

Time of validation will be announced by the validation committee. No validation will be allowed after this date, except rabbits. Rabbits will be validated by 12:00 noon on December 6, 2025. Place and time of validation will be announced by the validation committee. Poultry projects will be validated at time of delivery, but must be ordered by 4:00 pm on October 2, 2025.

14. Animals may be validated under the name of two or more exhibitors, if all the following criteria are met: A. They are siblings, step siblings, or under legal guardianship. If siblings have different last names, it must be noted on the validation form. B. All listed are bona fide junior exhibitors and eligible to show as junior exhibitors as stated in rule #5. C. Are primarily residing in Hood County or attend a Granbury, Lipan or Tolar school, but individual registration/entry is required for each exhibitor. All projects must be declared to a specific exhibitor at weight in / check in.
15. Lost validation tags for any animal, prior to county show, shall be reported immediately to the advisor/county extension agent, and animals must be retagged upon arrival to fairgrounds prior to weigh-in. Tags lost at the county fairgrounds shall be reported to the show superintendent and advisor/county extension agent within one (1) hour of discovery, and animals must be retagged prior to weigh-in/show.
16. Family living entries must be registered with HCLRA by December 6, 2025, by midnight online. Entry fees, \$10.00 per entry with a maximum of 15 entries per exhibitor, must be paid at time of registration. Entries must have been made by the exhibitor between the dates of January 12, 2025, and January 8, 2026.
17. Agricultural Mechanics entries must be registered with HCLRA by December 6, 2025 by midnight online with a class declared. The entry fee shall be \$30.00 for each entry. Entries must have been made by the exhibitor between the dates of January 12, 2025, and January 8, 2026.
18. Livestock Skill-a-thon entries must be registered with HCLRA by December 6, 2025, by midnight online. The entry fee shall be \$30.00 per participant and is non-refundable. Dress code as stated in Rule #41 will be enforced.
19. The grounds will be closed and locked between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the show and sale. A Security Guard will be present for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday night watch. NO overnight camping is allowed during the show dates. Trailers shall be parked in designated areas only.
20. No parents, advisors, or other adults are allowed in the classification, show or sale ring, other than show officials. An exhibitor may have an assistant of one eligible exhibitor to assist with displaying of trophies during the sale.

21. Weigh-In/Check-In: **Rabbit** weigh in will be between 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Monday, January 5, 2026. Weigh in for **lambs** will be on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm followed by **goat** weigh in between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. **Swine** weigh in will be between 8:00 am and 11:00 am on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. **Cattle** weigh in/check in between 9:00 am and 10:00 am on Thursday, January 8, 2026. Also see attached schedule for times. All animals will be weighed only once. The weight of market steers, lambs, swine and goats and the weight of breeding swine, lambs and goats will be rounded to the nearest pound. If there are any questions, the exhibitor must ask the Superintendent before the animal leaves the scale area.
22. All animals meeting show qualifications must remain on the show grounds once weigh-in is completed, with the exception of rabbits which may go home after weigh-in on Monday and return for their respective show on Tuesday. All animals will be penned in an authorized area and shall be housed in the barn if space is available. Any animal not validated and confirmed for the show will not be allowed on the grounds during the show, unless approved by the Department Superintendents. All equipment and/or trailers are subject to inspection by superintendents.
23. Specific areas will be setup for fitting of animals.
24. The Department Superintendents will check-in all animals. Sifted underweight animals will not be eligible for the market show. Animals not meeting the minimum weight requirements may be removed from the show grounds after the weight scales for the species are closed.
25. A judge may not judge more than two (2) consecutive years for any one species, division or family living. In all cases, the decision of the judge will be final.
26. Animals must be shown and sold in their natural state. No glitter, paints, dye, adhesives or other decorations shall be used.
27. There will be a separate class in each division of the fair for children ages 5 to 8 years old. These kids will be considered "Clover Kids". Ribbons will be awarded. Animals owned by these exhibitors cannot be sold through the premium sale. Young exhibitors, too young for 4-H, may show animals owned by others.
28. Showmanship awards will be awarded in Junior and Senior age groups in these divisions: cattle, lambs, swine, goats, broilers and rabbits. Ag Mechanics Division shall have one showmanship award. Please refer to the Showmanship rules.
29. No breeding animals will be sold through the Premium Sale. No animal shown in a breeding class may show in a market class.

30. A Classifier will be used to determine divisions in the following species: cattle, swine, goats and lambs. In all cases, the decision of the classifier will be final. Classifier has the right to require the animal to be washed or sponged off if they question color or markings.
31. Market Divisions require three (3) head to make a division. The Superintendents shall set class size with a minimum of three (3) head required to make a class and sale numbers are based on the size of the class posted. Breeding Divisions require (1) head to make a division.
32. Complaints, protests, or questions concerning rules are the ultimate responsibility of the Show Superintendent after the Department Superintendents have been given the opportunity to discuss the issue. Issues that deal with the premium sale are the ultimate responsibility of the Sale Superintendent. All issues shall be discussed in private in a calm and professional manner. The HCLRA Officers and Directors are responsible for the facilities but have no power to change the ruling of the Show or Sale Superintendents.
33. Exhibitors and contestants suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081, "No Pass, No Play" are ineligible to participate in any Hood County Junior Livestock Show activity, event, competition or sale.
34. In the event of a mis-communication, mis-posting or other mistake by Show Officials, the Sale Superintendent with the Superintendents of the affected departments shall have the authority to add to the Sale order at their discretion.
35. No announcements before or during the Auction pertaining to donations, charities, etc. shall be made. Sale money will only be distributed to the exhibitor.
36. All exhibitors' animals will remain under the exhibitor's care until they are loaded on trucks or trailers until released by a Department Superintendent or Show Secretary. Bedding shall be sand or shavings only in or near the barn. Exhibitors will be responsible for keeping their stall space clean during and after the show and sale.
37. All breeding animals and non-sale livestock may be released after judging of that livestock species is complete. Animals who make the premium sale have the option of leaving the grounds, but must return by 9 am on Saturday, **January 10, 2026**. The exhibitor is required to check the animal in with a show superintendent. If the animal is not checked in by 9 am the sale lot is forfeited.
38. The owner designated at weight-in must accompany any animal or project shown, except when two animals are in the same class. The designated owner must accompany their project at the Premium Sale. The only exceptions will be for family emergencies validated by the advisor or extracurricular school activities verified by the exhibitor's

school sponsor. Exhibitors that miss their sale position will not be sold in the Premium Sale.

39. Exhibitors shall wear show numbers in the show ring for identification purposes. A second set of numbers shall be distributed Saturday prior to the Sale to help with arranging the sale order and for picture identification of buyer plaques.
40. There is no flooring of animals.
41. The dress code for all exhibitors during the Show and Premium Sale will be long pants or skirt and sleeved, collared shirts with backs that shall remained tucked in. Only Cowboy hats will be allowed. No see-through clothing, exposure of breast cleavage and/or midriff will be tolerated. Tee shirts, crop tops, shorts or clothing with offensive messages will NOT be allowed. Exhibitor participation will not occur if the dress code is violated. NO CELL PHONES or other electronics are allowed in the show or sale ring. No exceptions. No Warnings. Violators will be required to leave the ring for that class.
42. Penalties for intentional violation of rules: First offense – One year suspension, no participation in the Premium Sale. Second offense – Lifetime Suspension
43. Trailer parking, including RV's and or travel trailers shall be in designated areas ONLY. If not, the exhibitor will be penalized as stated in rule #42. Trailer areas will be posted the same as pen assignments.
44. Exhibitors will be paid for their Premium Sale projects, and family living silent auction items when all money is collected from the buyers. Six percent (6%) of all sales and add-ons handled by the HCLRA goes to the HCLRA for expenses and upkeep of the grounds. A buyer gift fee will be charged to all entries in the Premium Sale. Checks will be delivered to the Ag Teachers or CEA of exhibitors that sold a project through the sale or on the floor. Checks may be released after the advisor have the exhibitors W-9 form for those exhibitors making more than \$600 from the sale and for all exhibitors verification that Thank You notes have been completed and delivered. Any uncashed checks after 180 days will be considered null and void.
45. The Hood County Junior Livestock Show is a local show intended to teach youth the value of working with their project as they prepare it for market. With this in mind, any project fed or cared for by a custom fitter, at any time during the required ownership and fitting period, is not eligible to participate. A custom fitter is considered anyone who is not an immediate family member of the family or the CEA or AST.

**HOOD COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
SHOW / PREMIUM SALE CHART**

1-8 IN HORIZONTAL COLUMN INDICATES ANIMALS IN SALE

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3-16 IN VERTICLE ROW INDICATES ANIMALS IN CLASS

	Top 50% or through 4th place, whichever is greater, qualifies for premium sale (Broilers, Goats, Sheep, Steers & Swine)
XX	Top 33% qualifies for premium sale (single fryers & meat pen rabbits)

There will be no bump-ups from any position.
Breeding animals are not eligibile for premium sale.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Poultry is a MINOR PROJECT

Broiler Division Rules:

1. The broilers must be ordered and received by dates set by the HCLRA.
2. Each Pen will contain three (3) pullets or three (3) roosters. Exhibitors shall furnish their own pens.
3. There will be no weight limit on broilers.
4. Attached wing bands are required as they were delivered from the hatchery and shall be checked before entering the show ring.
5. Wing bands will be checked for the proper number assigned to each owner prior to the final placement of pens.
6. Broilers may be divided into two (2) Divisions: pullets and roosters.
7. A minimum of three (3) pens are required to make a Division.
8. The Champion and Reserve Champion will receive an award
9. In the event that a broiler expires after entering the show ring, the decision to continue will be at the discretion of the judge.
10. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

RABBIT DEPARTMENT

Rabbits are a MINOR PROJECT

All Domestic breeds are eligible. All entries must meet requirements as specified in the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Book of Standards.

Rabbit Division Rules:

Single fryer:

- Each rabbit shall weigh a minimum of three and a quarter pounds (3.25)
- Each rabbit shall not weigh more than five (5) pounds.

Meat Pen (Pen of 3):

- Each Meat Pens (Pen of 3) shall weigh a minimum of nine and three quarter pounds (9.75)
- Each Meat Pens (Pen of 3) shall not weigh more than fifteen (15) pounds.

1. All rabbits shall be weighed in the presence of the Superintendents. Rabbits presented at the scale are official show rabbit(s), no changes will be made at scale. Meat pen must be weighed-in first. Exhibitors may exhibit one (1) meat pen (pen of 3) of rabbits or one (1) single fryer rabbit or one (1) of each. Exhibitors will no longer be able to show (2) single fryer entries.

2. Rabbits Divisions are: 1) Meat Pen (Pen of 3) and 2) Single Fryer. Classes will be divided by the Rabbit Superintendents according to weight. Classes shall contain twelve (12) entries or less.

3. Meat Pens (Pen of 3) shall consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety.

4. A rabbit shown in any Meat Pen may not be shown in the Single Fryer Class. Exhibitors may not change divisions unless an entry was made by the exhibitor in the other division.

5. A minimum of three (3) Single Fryers or three (3) Meat Pens are required to make a show.

6. The Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pen and Champion and Reserve Champion Single Fryer shall receive an award.

7. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

SWINE DEPARTMENT

SWINE is a MAJOR PROJECT

Market Swine Division Rules:

1. Ear notches and tag number will be documented by appropriate officials during validation.
2. Barrows and open gilts of any breed or cross are eligible.
3. Hogs must weigh at least 180 pounds at show weigh-in, or they will be disqualified.
4. Market Swine will be classified into six (6) Breed Classes, 1) Duroc, 2) Black OPB, 3) White OPB, 4) Yorkshires 5) Hampshires and 6) Crosses. Classes will also be shown in this order.
5. Breed Classes will be divided by the Swine Superintendents according to weight.
6. A minimum of three (3) hogs are required to make a breed class. A breed class that does not make will be combined with another breed class at the Swine Superintendents discretion.
7. Hogs will be bedded on sand or shavings only, in or near the barn.
8. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each breed class and will receive an award.
9. Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will receive an award.
10. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

Breeding Swine Division Rules:

1. Classes will be divided by Swine Superintendents according to weight.
2. The Champion Gilt and Reserve Champion Gilt will receive an award.
3. One (1) head is required to make a breeding show.
4. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

LAMB DEPARTMENT LAMB

is a MAJOR PROJECT

Market Lamb Division Rules:

1. Wethers or open ewes are eligible, weighing at least 70 pounds at show weigh-in or they will be disqualified.
2. All lambs must have been shorn slick within two (2) weeks prior to the HCLRA show date.
3. Breed Classes will be divided by the Lamb Superintendents according to weight. All sheep will be weighed in their natural state, without socks, blankets or leg wraps.
4. A minimum of three (3) lambs are required to make a breed class. A breed class does not make class it will be combined with the Medium Wool Breed.
5. Fine Wool lambs eligible; Rambouillet, Merino or a cross between these two breeds. Fine Wool Cross lambs eligible; a cross between any fine wool and any medium wool breed.
6. Southdown's eligible; purebred or grade.
7. Other breeds and crosses eligible; all medium wool breeds, long wool breeds or cross breeds except Southdowns.
8. Market Lambs will be classified into four (4) Breeds: 1) Fine Wool and Fine Wool Cross, 2) Hair Sheep (Dorper), 3) Southdown, 4) Medium Wool.
9. Lambs will be bedded on sand or shavings only, in or near the barn.
10. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each breed class and will receive an award.
11. Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will receive an award.
12. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

Breeding Sheep Division Rules:

1. One (1) head is required to make a breeding show. Classes will be divided by the Lamb Superintendents, according to weight.
2. Champion Ewe and the Reserve Champion Ewe will receive an award.
3. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

GOAT DEPARTMENT

GOAT is a MAJOR PROJECT

Market Goat Division Rules:

1. Wethers or open does of any breed or cross are eligible.
2. All Goats must weigh at least 50 pounds at show weigh-in, or they will be disqualified.
3. All goats must have been shorn slick within two (2) weeks prior to the HCLRA show date.
4. A minimum of three (3) market goats are required to make a division. Three (3) head of market goats are required to make a weight class.
5. Market Goats will be divided into 4 weight classes: 1) Lightweight, 2) Medium Weight, 3) Light Heavy Weight, and 4) Heavy Weight. Goats will then be assigned to sub-classes based on weight, at the discretion of the Goat Superintendents.
6. Goats will be bedded on sand or shavings only, in or near the barn.
7. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each weight class and receive an award.
8. Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will receive an award.
9. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

Breeding Goat Division Rules:

1. One (1) head is required to make a breeding show. Classes will be divided by the Goat Superintendents, according to **weight**.
2. Champion Doe and Reserve Champion Doe will receive an award.
3. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

CATTLE DEPARTMENT

CATTLE is a MAJOR PROJECT

Market Steer Division Rules:

1. All steers must weigh at least 900 pounds at show weigh-in, or they will be disqualified.
2. All steers must be halter broken and fitted.
3. The uniform and ethical fitting guidelines will be followed. Steer show will be "Blow and Go". Cattle Superintendents will be responsible for any action taken with regards to the uniform fitting rules.
4. Breed Classes will be divided by the Cattle Superintendents according to weight.
5. Market Steers will be classified into three (3) Breeds; American, British, European breeds and their respective crosses.
6. A minimum of three (3) steers are required to make a breed. If a breed does not make, those steers will be combined with the European breed at the Steer Superintendents discretion.
7. Cattle will be bedded on sand or shavings only, in or near the barn.
8. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each breed and will receive an award. Overall Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will receive an award.
9. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

Beef Heifer Division Rules:

1. Classes will be divided by the Cattle Superintendents according to breed by their papers with a minimum of one (1) per class. Heifers will be classified into three (3) Breeds; American, British, European breeds.
2. If not dehorned, beef heifer horns must be blunted for safety.
3. Beef Heifers shall not be born before July 1, 2023, and may have calves shown by their sides.
4. Champion Heifer and Reserve Champion Heifer will receive an award.
5. See rule #6, #7, & #26 under the general rules, as well as other applicable rules.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS DEPARTMENT

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS is a MAJOR PROJECT

1. Entries shall check-in and set-up between 6 pm and 8 pm **Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**
2. Exhibitors will be permitted to enter a maximum of two (2) entries. Entries must be completed online at the hoodcountylivestockraisersassociation.org website by **December 6, 2025**, by midnight. Entries must have been built between **January 12, 2025**, and **January 6, 2026.**
3. A minimum of one (1) entry is required to make a class. A class that does not make will be combined with another class at the Judge's discretion. The **5 Classes shall be: Trailers, Equipment, Outdoor Recreational, Cooker/Smokers and Home Conveniences** and must be declared at entry. Any project may be placed in a more appropriate class if the category is questioned by the judge. The judge's decision is final.
4. The Trailer Class is not restricted by size or length as long as DOT rules and regulations are obeyed.
5. The Equipment Class shall include chutes, farm and hay equipment, gates, truck accessories, shop tables, hay spears, hydraulic presses, log splitter and other similar projects.
6. **The Outdoor Recreational Class can include wildlife feeders, blinds, stands, traps, firewood racks, ornamental/decorative firepits, swings, benches, bartops, patio covers, picnic tables, and other similar projects.**
7. **The Home Conveniences class can include home decor, living room furniture, lawn décor items, wine racks, dining tables, hutches, bedroom furniture and other similar projects.**
8. The Cooker/Smoker Class can include smoker/cookers, smoker/cookers on wheels, or trailer mounted smokers/cookers, firepits with any cooking surface or accessory, and other similar projects.
9. Offloading Assistance: HCLRA will assist with unloading/loading projects that are 2500 lbs or less. Any projects over 2500 lbs, the exhibitor is responsible for providing equipment to safely load/unload the project.
10. Sharp edges and points shall be padded and covered as necessary to prevent injury. Any blind or stand shall be shown at ground level.
11. Documentation: An original (exhibitor drawn) plan or drawing, a bill of materials and photographs showing all phases of construction are to be provided with projects.
12. Only the exhibitor is allowed to answer questions during judging of the project or showmanship.

13. The exhibitor shall inform the judge how much assistance and or help was given by a parent, teacher or any other outside resource while working on the project.
14. Overall Champion and Reserve Champion and Class Champions and Reserves will receive an award.
15. The top fifty percent (50%) of each class or 1st-4th place, whichever is greater, in the ag mechanics show will be eligible to be sold through the Premium Sale.
16. Projects may be sold by private treaty. Non-sale items are released at the conclusion of the judging on Thursday, January 8, 2026. Premium sale projects will be released following the conclusion of the sale. Projects that don't make sale may be sold in the silent auction.
17. No motorized vehicles or motorized display vehicles will be allowed. Examples: A flatbed, bumper, dumpbed, headache rack, etc. may not be displayed on a motorized vehicle. Modifying a motorized vehicle is not an approved project.
18. No kit projects will be allowed.
19. Team/Group built projects must be entered and exhibited by one (1) exhibitor. Groups/Teams will not be able to show the project together as a group.
20. Loss or Damage: Every precaution is taken to protect the projects, but HCLRA is not responsible for any loss or damage to any of the projects.

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. Showmanship is open to any eligible exhibitor who wishes to compete.
2. An exhibitor in each age division (Junior & Senior) of the beef, swine, lamb, goat, and rabbit division will be chosen.
3. Age determination for purposes of animal Showmanship judging shall be the age as of January 1st of the year of the Show. A junior exhibitor shall not have reached his/her fourteenth (14th) birthday before January 1st of the year of the show. A senior exhibitor shall have reached his/her fourteenth (14th) birthday as of January 1st of the year of the show.
4. Exhibitors wishing to participate in Showmanship classes shall return after the market show.
5. Exhibitors shall participate in showmanship with an animal entered under their name only.
6. The award shall be judged on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show their respective animal. Each showman will be judged individually for excellence in the ability to show their animal.
7. Showmanship for the Agricultural Mechanics Division shall be judged on the exhibitor's ability to document the project stages with pictures, plans, and a material list including costs. The exhibitor shall be present during judging to explain and answer questions about the project.
8. Awards shall be determined by the HCLRA.
9. NO CELL PHONES, communication, or electronic devices are allowed on exhibitors in the show ring. See Dress code for more information.

FAMILY LIVING DEPARTMENT RULES

Family Living are Minor Projects

REGISTRATION

1. Online registration is at www.hoodcountylivestockraisersassociation.org website. County Show Registration is open from **November 1, 2025 to December 6, 2025** at midnight. All entries must have been made by the entering exhibitor between **January 12, 2025 and January 8, 2026.**
2. Online registration for Family Living requires the following information:
 1. **Age group:** Junior (8 to 13 years old) / Senior (14 to 19 years old)
 2. **Division:** Arts, Crafts, Foods
 3. **Class:** Art-Drawing, Art-Painting, Photography, Glassware, Bedding, Clothing, Craft sewing, Creative Hand Stitchery, Home Décor, Tooling, Jewelry, Yard Art, Misc. Crafts, pies, Cakes, Cookies, Decorated Cakes/Cupcakes, Breads, Candy, Specialty Items
 4. **Sub-Class:** (Listed under DIVISIONS in these rules)
 5. **Descriptions:** Specific information regarding EACH entry. (I.e., Size, color, type, shape, etc.)
3. The entry fee is **\$10.00 per item**, with no minimum number of items required with a maximum of up to 15 items per exhibitor. The entry fee is non-refundable.
4. Age categories: Junior (age 8 to 13) / Senior (age 14 to 19). Age determination shall be the exhibitor's age as of **January 1, 2026.**
5. Clover Kids are ages 5 to 8 years old not in the 3rd grade. They must bring their entries to Family Living during the time of check-in. The cost is FREE. They may enter up to 4 items. Judges will review their entries and award a participation ribbon. Clover Kids entries are NOT eligible for the Silent Auction. All Clover Kids entries must be picked up by 8:00 PM on Thursday.
6. Any wood or welded project must not exceed a 2'x 2' square **and must pass through a 2'x2' square (two foot by two foot square) at check in.** Wood or welded projects that exceed the 2'x2' square **MUST** be entered in the Ag Mechanics division.

CHECK-IN

7. Exhibitors shall check-in entries between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM Thursday and will be accepted from the exhibitor, parent, or adult leader.
8. Prior to check-in, **exhibitors must securely attach a 3 X 5 index card to each entry detailing the supplies used, the techniques used, the start date, and the completion date.**

Food items must have a 3 X 5 index card attached to each entry with the name of the recipe, measurements, ingredients, and steps of completion. The card(s) may be printed or typed on one or both sides. Multiple index cards may be used if needed and can be stapled together.

Exhibitors must NOT put their names on the index card(s), or the project itself. If the name is visible, it must be covered by the exhibitor.

9. At check-in, entries will be reviewed for all required paperwork, food samples will be collected and tagged, a pre-printed sticker will be attached to each item, and entries will be checked for violations. If violations are noted, the exhibitor will be allowed to correct the entry before check-in is closed. If check-in is closed before corrections can be made, that entry will be disqualified.

10. Exhibitors MUST commit to the sale of their item(s) at check-in. Silent Auction bid forms will be available to tag and list the starting bid for each item. Exhibitors have the option of not selling their projects. This decision must be made at check-in. All non-sale items must be removed at the conclusion of judging on Thursday.

11. Electricity is not available for projects.

DIVISIONS

12. The three (3) divisions shall be Arts, Foods, and Crafts. Each division must contain a minimum of three (3) entries in that age category to be considered a division. Each division will have different 'Classes'. If a 'Class' does not have 3 or more entries, the item will be re-classed at the discretion of the Family Living Superintendent.

13. ARTS DIVISION

CLASS	SUBCLASS
Art-Drawing Art-Painting Photography Glasswork	Pen & Ink, Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil Acrylic, Oil, Pastels, Watercolor, Tolle Black/White, Color, Collage, Transfers (not on clothing), Decoupage Clay Sculpting. Glazed Ceramics, Stained Ceramics, Mosaic Art, Glass Work

- a. Criteria for Judging: Craftsmanship, composition, use of medium, presentation
- b. **3 X 5 Card: Name of Item (if appropriate), supplies used-medium, steps to complete project, start date, and end date.**
- c. If name of exhibitor is present, exhibitor must cover or remove their name.
- d. Photography items MUST be framed.
- e. Art pieces will be hung up as space allows.
- f. All display items provided by the exhibitor will be sold with the entry in the Silent Auction. No exceptions.

14. CRAFTS DIVISION

CLASS	SUBCLASS
Bedding Clothing	Quilts, Pillow Case/Sham, Blankets, Baby Bedding Dress, Jumper, Top/Shirt, Skirt, Pant/Shorts, Jacket, Vest, Formal Wear, Sleepwear, Athletic Wear, Costume
Craft Sewing	Stuffed Toy, Decorated Pillow, Bag, Accessories
Creative Hand Stitchery	Crochet, Knitting, Cross Stitch, Needle Punch, Plastic Canvas Needle Work, Embroidery, Latch Hook
Home Décor	Picture Frame, Bath/Kitchen Accessory, Wreath/Swag, Photo Album, Wall Hanging, Wood Working Home Decor
Tooling	Leather Craft, Metal Punch, Wood Working (those not home décor)
Jewelry	Necklace, Bracelet, Earring, Ring, Watch Band, Belt (not of fabric)
Yard Art	Wood, Plastic, Metal
Misc. Crafts	Does not fit into another category

- a. Criteria for Judging: Overall appearance, design, selection of materials, workmanship.
- b. **3 X 5 Card: Name of Item (if appropriate), supplies used – including fiber content (cotton, silk, leather, etc.), type of wood, type of metal, etc. – steps to complete project, start date, and end date.**
- c. All clothing and garment entries should be clean, pressed and on hangers at check-in.
- d. Bedding/Quilts will be displayed as space allows.
- e. All display items provided by the exhibitor will be sold with the entry in the Silent Auction. No exceptions.

15. FOODS DIVISION

CLASS	SUBCLASS
Pies	Nut, Fruit, Variety – (NO CREAM or MERINGUE)
Cakes	Coffee Cake, Variety Cake, Pound Cake, Layer Cake (NO CREAM CHEESE FROSTING)
Cookies	Bar, Drop, No Bake, Refrigerator, Shaped/Rolled
Decorated Cakes/Cupcakes	Fondant, Icing, Marzipan, Gum Paste – (NO CREAM CHEESE)
Breads	Biscuits, Cornbread, Fruit/Nut Bread, Yeast Bread / Rolls, Muffins
Candy	Brittle, Dipped, Divinity, Fudge, Hard Candy, Mints Specialty Items Dried Fruit, Dried Meat, Dried Vegetable, Seasonings

- a. Criteria for Judging: Taste, Texture, and Appearance of the entry item – including Decorated Cakes. Displays are not included in the judging criteria.
- b. **3 X 5 Card: Name of Recipe, measurements with ingredients, steps for completing the recipe.**
- c. Items needing refrigeration will be disqualified. No refrigerated items will be accepted.
- d. No canned goods will be accepted, Example jams, jellies. Pickles, etc
- e. All items MUST be made from scratch. Recipes that include mixes or pre-packaged ingredients will be disqualified. Spices are the exception to this rule.

f. Entries must be securely covered and have the 3 X 5 card securely attached outside of the covering/container.

g. All food items **MUST** be sampled by the judges. Samples should be pre-cut, on a separate small plate, and securely enclosed in a Ziploc bag prior to check-in. The entry number and information will be pre-printed and tagged onto the item at check-in. h. Entries **MUST** include the plate / pan / box used to display the item for the silent auction and/or premium sale.

JUDGING

16. Judging will be closed to exhibitors, parents, family members, teachers, and adult leaders. Judging will begin after 11:00 am and doors will open at the conclusion of the judging.

17. A maximum of **12** family living projects will be eligible to sell in the Premium Sale. A Family Living project counts toward the maximum number of two (2) items allowed in the Premium Sale for each exhibitor. **The overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, the Arts, Crafts and Food Division Champions and Arts, Crafts and Food Reserve Division Champions from the junior and the senior age division will be eligible for the Premium Sale.** All other projects will be eligible for the silent auction. There will be no bump-ups from any position.

18. Judges will initially select a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion from Arts, Crafts, and Foods in each age category. From the Division Champions, an overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen in each age category.

19. **Placing:**

OVERALL JUNIOR FAMILY LIVING GRAND CHAMPION	OVERALL SENIOR FAMILY LIVING GRAND CHAMPION
OVERALL JUNIOR FAMILY LIVING RESERVE CHAMPION	OVERALL SENIOR FAMILY LIVING RESERVE CHAMPION
JUNIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONS Arts Crafts Foods	SENIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONS Arts Crafts Foods
JUNIOR RESERVE DIVISION CHAMPIONS Arts Crafts Foods	SENIOR RESERVE DIVISION CHAMPIONS Arts Crafts Foods

PREMIUM SALE

20. A maximum of 12 family living projects will be eligible to sell in the Premium Sale. A Family Living project counts toward the maximum number of two (2) items allowed in the Premium Sale for each exhibitor. The overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, the Arts, Crafts and Food Division Champions and Arts, Crafts and Food Reserve Division Champions from junior and senior age division will be eligible for the Premium Sale. There will be no bump-ups from any position.

21. Exhibitors will be permitted to sell a maximum of two (2) projects in the Premium Sale. The sale of only one (1) minor project is permitted unless the exhibitor has two Grand Champion or Reserve Champion minor projects. Major projects include steers, lambs, swine, goats, and Ag Mechanics. Minor projects include rabbits, poultry, and Family Living.

22. No parents, advisors, or other adults are allowed in the classification, show, or sale ring – other than show officials. An exhibitor may have an assistant of one eligible exhibitor to assist with displaying of trophies during the Premium Sale.

23. The dress code for all exhibitors during the Show and Premium Sale will be long pants or skirts and sleeved shirts with backs that remain tucked in. NO see-through clothing, exposure of breasts, cleavage, and/or midriff will be tolerated. Tee shirts, crop tops, head coverings, shorts, or clothing with offensive messages will NOT be allowed. Exhibitor participation will not occur if the dress code is violated. NO CELL PHONES or other electronics are allowed in the show or sale ring. No exceptions. No warnings. Violators will be required to leave the ring for that class.

SILENT AUCTION

24. Exhibitors have the option of not selling their projects. This decision must be made at check-in. All non-sale items must be removed at the conclusion of judging Thursday.

25. Exhibitors must commit to the sale of their item(s) at check-in. Silent Auction bid forms will be available to tag and list the starting bid. The starting bid is at the discretion of the exhibitor.

26. Exhibitors are encouraged to sell their items during the Silent Auction from Thursday evening at 6:00pm, until 11:00 AM on Saturday. All projects not sold must be removed by 2:00 pm Saturday.

27. Exhibitors will receive payment from the Silent Auction sale when all money is collected from the buyers.

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Entries must be made through the hoodcountylivestockraisersassociation.org website.
2. The age categories shall be Junior (age 8 – 13) and Senior (age 14 -19). Age determination shall be the age as of **January 1, 2026**.
3. Check-in will be at 5:00 pm Monday, **January 5, 2026**, with the contest starting at 5:30 pm.
4. A minimum of three (3) participants are required to make an age category.
5. Each participant will be tested individually on their knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.
6. The tie breaker will be determined by the highest score on a pre-selected part of the test.
7. The areas of knowledge may include the follow: Equipment Identification, Breed Identification, Feed Identification, Meat Judging, Feed Tag Knowledge, and Quality Assurance (seniors only).
8. A list of resources can be found at hoodcountylivestockraisersassociation.org and will include swine, beef, sheep, goat, and meat resources.
9. A time limit for completing the test will be set for each age group by the judge.
10. The Champion and Reserve Champion of each age category will receive an award.

Hood County Junior Livestock Show & Sale

January 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10, 2026

Schedule of Events

Monday, January 5: Fairgrounds Open at 4:00pm

4:00-8:00 pm Rabbit Weigh-In

5:00 pm Skill-a-thon Check-In: Buckle presentation at conclusion of contest

Tuesday, January 6: Fairgrounds Open at 6:30am

8:00-8:30 am Broiler Check-In

8:30 am Broiler Show

10:00 am Rabbit Show

2:00-3:00pm Sheep: Market Lamb Weigh-In/Classification & Breeding Ewe Check-In

3:00-4:00pm Goat: Market Goat Weigh-In & Breeding Doe Check-In

10:00pm Gates Close

Wednesday, January 7: Fairgrounds Open at 6:00am

6:30-10:00am 4-H Pancake Breakfast

8:00-11:00am Swine: Market Swine Weigh-In/Classification & Breeding Gilts Check-In

11:00am Sheep Show: Breeding Ewe Show followed by Market Lamb Show

3:00pm Goat Show: Breeding Doe Show followed by Market Goat Show

6:00-8:00pm Ag Mechanics Check-In (trailers 6 pm, equipment 6:20 pm, recreational 6:40 pm, home conveniences 7:00 pm, cookers/smokers 7:30 pm)

10:00pm Gates Close

Thursday, January 8: Fairgrounds Open at 6:00am

8:00-11:00am Family Living Division Check-In

9:00-10:00am Cattle: Market Steer Weigh-In/Classification & Heifer Check-In

9:00am-12:00pm Ag Mechanics Show

12:00pm Family Living Division Judging (Exhibit Building Closed)

1:00pm Breeding Gilt Show

2:00pm Market Swine Show

6:00pm Family Living Division Opens / Silent Auction Begins

7:00pm Non-Silent Auction Family Living Division Items Removal Deadline

10:00pm Gates Close

Friday, January 9: Fairgrounds Open at 6:00am

6:30am Family Living Division Silent Auction Continues

11:00am Heifer Show

1:00pm Market Steer Show

10:00pm Gates Close *** Release of All Projects Not Making Premium Sale***

Saturday, January 10: Fairgrounds Open at 6:00am

10:00-11:30 am Buyer Meal

11:00 am Family Living Division Silent Auction Closes

11:30 am Family Living Auction **CHECK-OUT BEGINS**

12:00 pm Premium Auction Sale