

Rules & Regulations for the 2027 Hood County Junior Livestock Show

Hood County Livestock Raisers Association (HCLRA)

General Rules

1. The Hood County Junior Livestock Show is a family-friendly event. Exhibitors, parents, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. Violations including but not limited to, profanity, physical aggression, threatening behavior, disruptive conduct, or direct interference with judges or show officials before, during, or after competition may result in immediate removal from the grounds and/or disqualification. The decision of the HCLRA superintendents will be final.
2. **Hood County Livestock Raisers Association.** 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.
3. **Liability.** 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.
4. **No Alcohol, etc.** Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are prohibited on the grounds during the show and sale, with the exception of alcohol provided by HCLRA for buyers. Violation of this rule will result in the person being escorted from the property and/or penalty.
5. **No Dogs.** No dogs (including puppies) will be allowed on the grounds during the Show or Sale. Service animals are permitted with prior approval from the Show Superintendent (e.g., guide dogs, law enforcement animals). HCLRA will follow ADA guidelines. Show officials reserve the right to ask (1) is the animal a service animal required due to a disability, and (2) what task the animal is trained to perform.
6. **Eligibility.** The Hood County Junior Livestock Show is open to all youth who 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 an FFA, FCCLA, or Junior FFA Chapter of that school district, or Hood County 4-H.

These requirements must be maintained from the time of County Validation through the County Show. Exhibitors will not be eligible to show at the Hood County Junior Livestock Show if they

participate in another county show in the same school year. Exceptions must be appealed to and determined by the directors' committee.

Validation

7. **Major Validation and Ownership Deadlines.** Ownership deadlines are due by the dates and times shown below.

- a. Major State Validation Tags are required for all swine, goats, lambs, and cattle.
- b. Proof of ownership must be established by state tagging by validation deadlines as listed below.
- c. Animals may be family validated as permitted by the state validation rules.

State Validated Species	State Validation Date
Market Steers	June 22, 2026
Goats & Lambs	October 19, 2026
Heifers	October 26, 2026
Swine	November 2-5, 2026
	<i>Week of the deadline:</i>
	<i>Monday – Lipan</i>
	<i>Tuesday – Tolar</i>
	<i>Thursday – Granbury</i>

8. **County Show ONLY Validation.** County Show ONLY Validation is for poultry and rabbit only as follows: Time of validation will be announced by the validation committee. No validation will be allowed after the deadlines below. Locations and times will be announced by the validation committee.

- a. **Validation by Family.** Animals may be validated under the names of two or more exhibitors if all of the following criteria are met:
 - i. They are siblings, step-siblings, or under legal guardianship. Siblings with different last names must note this on the validation form.
 - ii. All listed individuals are bona fide exhibitors eligible to show as exhibitors as stated in the general rules.
 - iii. All listed individuals primarily reside in Hood County or attend a Granbury, Lipan, or Tolar school.
 - iv. Note. Individual registration/entry is required for each exhibitor. Validation is not an entry. All projects must be declared to a specific exhibitor at weigh-in/check-in during the show.

- b. Birds not claimed within one hour of pick-up, will be given to present HCLRA paid exhibitors.

County Only Species	County Validation Date/Location
Poultry (order & payment deadline)	Order Deadline: October 1, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.
Rabbits	December 5, 2026 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Reunion Grounds

9. **Lost Validation Tags.** Lost validation tags for any animal prior to the Hood County Junior Livestock Show must be reported immediately to the Advisor/County Extension Agent, and the animal must be retagged upon arrival at the fairgrounds prior to weigh-in. Tags lost at the County fairgrounds must be reported to the Show Superintendent and Advisor/County Extension Agent within one (1) hour of discovery. The animal must be retagged prior to weigh-in/show.

Entries

10. **Entry Deadline.** County Show registration is open from November 1, 2026 to December 5, 2026 at midnight online at <https://www.hoodcountylivestockraisersassociation.org/>. Navigate to the County Stock Show page and click the registration link. Entry fees are non-refundable, except when a breeding class does not make.
11. **Needs Assistance Fund-** This fund has been established to assist students in the purchase of certain projects in order to participate in the Hood County Show and Sale. All applicants must complete the following application and have the appropriate signatures in order to be considered for a loan from this fund. Application and information are posted on the HCLRA website.
12. **Number of Entries.** Exhibitors will be allowed to register/enter as many Premium Sale-Eligible divisions as they'd like, however they may only exhibit in three different Premium Sale-eligible divisions, with a maximum of two entries per division. Entry fees are listed below and must be paid at time of registration/entry. A minimum of 1 animal is required to make a market show or breeding show.

Salable-Eligible Division	Entry Limit	Entry Fee
Cattle	2 heifers 2 steers	\$30.00 per project entry
Lambs	2 market lambs 2 breeding ewes	\$30.00 per project entry
Swine	2 market hogs 2 breeding gilts	\$30.00 per project entry
Poultry	2 pens of broilers	\$30.00 per project entry
Rabbits	1 meat pen of three rabbits, OR 1 single fryer rabbit, OR 1 of each	\$30.00 per project entry
Family Living	15 items	\$10.00 per project entry
Agricultural Mechanics	2 projects	\$30.00 per project entry
Livestock Skill-a-thon	1 entry per exhibitor	\$30.00

Livestock Show

13. **Dress Code:** The dress code for all exhibitors during the Show and Premium Sale is as follows: long pants or skirt and a sleeved, collared shirt with back tucked in at all times. Only cowboy hats are allowed. The following are not permitted: see-through clothing, exposure of breast/cleavage and/or midriff, tee shirts, crop tops, shorts, or clothing with offensive messages. Exhibitor participation will not occur if the dress code is violated. No cell phones or other electronic devices are allowed in the show or sale ring. No exceptions. No warnings. Violators will be required to leave the ring for that class or their sale lot.
14. **Exhibitors Only.** No parents, advisors, or other adults are allowed in the classification, show, or sale ring, other than show officials.
15. **Weigh-In/Check-In Schedule:** See official show schedule on last page. All animals will be weighed only once. The weight of market steers, lambs, swine, goats, and breeding swine, lambs, and goats will be rounded to the nearest pound. The exhibitor may request a re-weigh immediately after stepping off the scales, if the animal doesn't meet minimum weight requirements. Once the exhibitor leaves they weigh-in area they will not be eligible to re-weigh. Any questions regarding weight must be directed to the Superintendent before the exhibitor and/or animal leaves the scale area.
16. **Classification.** A Classifier will be used to determine divisions in the following species: steers, market swine, and market lambs. The decision of the Classifier is final in all cases. The Classifier has the right to require the animal to be washed or sponged off if they question color or markings.
17. **Number Required for Divisions.** Market Divisions require one (1) head to make a division. The Superintendents shall set class size, with a minimum of one (1) head required to make a class; sale numbers are based on the size of the class posted. Breeding Divisions require one (1) head to make a division.
18. **Sifted Animals.** The Department Superintendents will check-in all animals. Sifted, underweight animals will not be eligible for the market show. Animals not meeting minimum weight requirements may be removed from the show grounds after the scales for the species are closed.
19. **Animals Remain on Grounds.** 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 Show Superintendents. All equipment and/or trailers are subject to inspection by superintendents.
20. **Fitting of Animals.** Animals must be shown and sold in their natural state. Clear oil, spray sheen or conditioning sprays are acceptable. No paint, dye, adhesives, glitter, or other decorations shall be used.

21. **Judges and Judges' Decisions.** A judge may not judge more than two (2) consecutive years for any one species, division, or Family Living category. The decision of the judge is final in all cases.
22. **Showmanship.** Showmanship awards will be presented in **Junior, Intermediate and Senior grade** groups in the following divisions: cattle, lambs, swine, goats, broilers, and rabbits. The Agricultural Mechanics Division shall have one showmanship award. Please refer to the Showmanship Rules section.
23. **Breeding Animals.** No animal shown in a breeding class may show in a market class.
24. **Designated Owner Must Exhibit Animal.** The owner designated at weigh-in must accompany their animal or project when shown, except when the exhibitor has two animals in the same class. The designated owner must accompany their project at the Premium Sale. Exceptions are permitted only for family emergencies validated by the Ag Science Teacher/County Extension Agent, or extracurricular school activities verified by the exhibitor's Ag Science Teacher/County Extension Agent. Exhibitors who miss their sale position will not be sold in the Premium Sale.
25. **Substitute Exhibitor Form:** A request for a substitute exhibitor for illness or extracurricular school activity must be submitted in writing to the Show Superintendent prior to the start of the exhibitors class and must be verified by the Ag Science Teacher/County Extension Agent.
26. **Show Numbers.** Exhibitors shall wear show numbers in the show ring for identification purposes. A second set of numbers will be distributed on Saturday prior to the Premium Sale to assist with arranging the sale order and for buyer plaque identification.
27. **Clover Kids.** There will be a separate class in each division of the livestock show for children ages 5 to 8 years old. These exhibitors will be considered "Clover Kids." Ribbons will be awarded. Animals owned by Clover Kids exhibitors cannot be sold through the Premium Sale. Young exhibitors too young for 4-H may show animals owned by others.
28. **Animal Care & Herdsmanship.** All exhibitors' animals will remain under the exhibitor's care while on the show grounds. Bedding shall be sand or shavings only in or near the barn. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their stall space clean during and after the show and sale.
29. **Animal Release.** All breeding animals and non-sale livestock may be released after judging of that livestock species is complete. Animals that make the Premium Sale have the option of leaving the grounds but must return by **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2027.**
30. **No Pass, No Play.** Exhibitors 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.
31. **Correction to Postings.** In the event of a miscommunication, or error in posting of classes or sale order, or other mistake by Show Officials, the Show Superintendent and Sale Superintendent together with the species/show superintendents of the affected show shall have the authority to adjust the Premium Sale order at their discretion.

32. **Complaints and Questions.** Complaints, protests, or questions concerning rules are the ultimate responsibility of the Show Superintendent after the species/show superintendents have been given the opportunity to discuss the issue. Issues related to 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. Any formal protest must be submitted in writing to the Show Superintendent, citing the specific rule in question, and accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100, which will be refunded only if the protest is upheld."
33. **Violations of Rules.** Penalties for intentional violation of rules:
- a. First offense — one-year suspension with no participation in the Premium Sale.
 - b. Second offense — lifetime suspension.
34. **Custom Fitters.** 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 show. 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 anyone who is not an immediate family member, County Extension Agent, or Agriculture Science Teacher of the exhibitor.
35. **Security and Hours.** The grounds will be closed and locked between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the show and sale. A security guard will be present on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. No overnight camping is allowed during show dates. Trailers must be parked in designated areas only.
36. **Trailer Parking.** Trailer parking is permitted in designated areas only. Failure to comply will result in the penalty stated the show rules. Trailer areas will be posted concurrently with pen assignments.
- a. Travel trailers, campers and RV's are prohibited during the show.
 - b. Overnight camping is prohibited.
 - c. Trailers must be parked in designated areas
 - d. Shavings and bedding materials from trailers must be disposed of in dumpsters or taken home, they may not be cleaned out and left on the show grounds.
 - e. Premium trailer parking spaces will be sold. Details and rules will be published by HCLRA in the fall. Spaces will be first come first serve.

Premium Sale

37. **Animals in Premium Sale.** Exhibitors who are eligible for the Premium Sale will walk through the sale with their animal or project.

38. Eligibility for Premium Sale.

- c. The top fifty percent (50%) or 1st through 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.
- d. No breeding animals will be sold through the Premium Sale.
- e. The top thirty-three percent (33%) of single fryers and meat pen (pen of 3) rabbits will be eligible for the Premium Sale.
- f. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion projects will be eligible for the Premium Sale. See Sale Eligibility Chart for more info.

39. Number of Entries in Sale. Exhibitors will be permitted to sell a maximum of two (2) projects in the Premium Sale. Only one (1) minor project may be sold unless the exhibitor has two Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion minor projects. There will be no bump-ups from any position.

- g. Major projects include steers, lambs, swine, goats, and Ag Mechanics.
- h. Minor projects include rabbits, poultry, and Family Living.

40. Number of Family Living Entries in Sale. A maximum of twelve (12) Family Living projects will be eligible to sell in the Premium Sale. A Family Living project counts toward the maximum of two (2) items allowed in the Premium Sale for each exhibitor. All Family Living projects awarded a banner from the Junior and Senior age divisions 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.

41. Dress Code. The Dress Code, as stated above, applies to the Premium Sale, as well.

42. Show Numbers. Exhibitors shall wear show numbers in the show ring for identification purposes. A second set of numbers will be distributed on Saturday prior to the Premium Sale to assist with arranging the sale order and for buyer plaque identification.

43. No Flooring of Animals. There is no flooring of animals.

44. No Other Fundraisers or Solicitation of Donations. No announcements before or during the Premium Sale pertaining to donations, charities, or similar matters shall be made.

45. Payments from Premium Sale. Exhibitors will be paid for their Premium Sale projects and Family Living silent auction items when all money is collected from buyers.

- i. Six percent (6%) of all sale and add-on proceeds is retained by HCLRA for operating expenses and grounds upkeep.
- j. A buyer gift fee will be charged on all entries in the Premium Sale.

- k. Checks will be delivered to the Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent of exhibitors who sold a project through the Premium Sale or Family Living Silent Auction.
- l. Checks will be released after the Advisor has confirmation that thank-you notes have been completed and delivered.
- m. Sale money will only be made payable to the exhibitor.
- n. Checks uncashed after 180 days will be considered null and void.
- o. Exhibitors are required to participate in at least (1) HCLRA workday. Checks will not be released to an exhibitor until they have participated in a HCLRA workday.

Show / Premium Sale Eligibility Chart

		Number of Animals Eligible for Premium Sale							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of Animals in Class	3	XX							
	4	XX							
	5	XX	XX						
	6	XX	XX						
	7	XX	XX						
	8	XX	XX	XX					
	9	XX	XX	XX					
	10	XX	XX	XX					
	11	XX	XX	XX	XX				
	12	XX	XX	XX	XX				
	13	XX	XX	XX	XX				
	14	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX			
	15	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX			
	16	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX			

	Broilers, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Swine, and Market Steers: <i>Top 50% of each class or 1st through 4th place projects (whichever is greater) qualify for the Premium Sale</i>
XX	Single Fryers and Meat Pen Rabbits: <i>Top 33% of class qualify for the Premium Sale</i>

There will be no bump-ups from any position.

Breeding animals are not eligible for the Premium Sale.

Poultry Department

Poultry is a MINOR PROJECT.

Broiler Division Rules

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

Rabbit Department

Rabbits are a MINOR PROJECT.

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

Weight Requirements

1. **Single Fryer:**
 - a. Minimum weight: 3.25 pounds
 - b. Maximum weight: 5 pounds
2. **Meat Pen (Pen of 3):**
 - a. Minimum combined weight: 9.75 pounds
 - b. Maximum combined weight: 15 pounds: individual weights will NOT be used to determine total combined weights for meat pens.

Rabbit Division Rules

1. All rabbits shall be weighed in the presence of the Superintendents. Rabbits presented at the scale are official show rabbits; no changes will be made at the scale. The meat pen must be weighed-in first. Exhibitors may exhibit:
 - a. One (1) meat pen (pen of 3) of rabbits,
 - b. One (1) single fryer rabbit, or
 - c. One (1) of each.
 - d. Exhibitors may not show two (2) single fryer entries.
2. Rabbit divisions are:
 - a. Meat Pen (Pen of 3)
 - b. Single Fryer
3. Classes will be divided by the Rabbit Superintendents according to weight. Classes shall contain twelve (12) entries or fewer.
4. Meat Pens (Pen of 3) shall consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety.
5. A rabbit shown in any Meat Pen may not be shown in the Single Fryer class. Exhibitors may not change divisions unless they made an entry in the other division.
6. A minimum of one (1) Single Fryers or one (1) Meat Pens is required to make a show.
7. The Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pen and Champion and Reserve Champion Single Fryer shall receive an award.

Swine Department

Swine is a MAJOR PROJECT.

Market Swine Division Rules

1. All general rules apply
2. Ear notches and tag numbers will be documented by appropriate officials during validation.
3. Barrows and open gilts of any breed or cross are eligible.
4. Hogs must weigh at least 170 pounds at show weigh-in or they will be disqualified.
5. Market Swine will be classified into six (7) breed classes and shown in the following order: 1) Duroc, 2) Black OPB, 3) White OPB, 4) Yorkshire, 5) Hampshire, 6) Light Cross and 7) Dark Cross
6. Breed classes will be divided by the Swine Superintendents according to weight.
7. A minimum of one (1) hogs is 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.
8. Hogs will be bedded on sand or shavings only, in or near the barn.
9. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each breed class and will receive an award.
10. Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will receive an award.

Breeding Swine Division Rules

1. All general rules apply
2. Classes will be divided by the Swine Superintendents according to weight.
3. The Champion Gilt and Reserve Champion Gilt will receive an award.
4. One (1) head is required to make a breeding show.

Lamb Department

Lamb is a MAJOR PROJECT.

Market Lamb Division Rules

1. All general rules apply
2. Wethers or open ewes are eligible, weighing at least 70 pounds at show weigh-in or they will be disqualified.
3. All lambs must be shorn slick within one (1) weeks prior to the HCLRA show date.
4. Breed classes will be divided by the Lamb Superintendents according to weight. All lambs will be weighed in their natural state, without socks, blankets, or leg wraps.
5. A minimum of **one (1)** lambs is required to make a breed class.
6. 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.
7. Southdowns eligible: purebred or grade.
8. Other breeds and crosses eligible: all medium wool breeds, long wool breeds, or crossbreeds except Southdowns.
9. 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.
10. Lambs will be bedded on sand or shavings only, in or near the barn.
11. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each breed class and will receive an award.
12. Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will receive an award.

Breeding Sheep Division Rules

1. All general rules apply
2. One (1) head is required to make a breeding show. Classes will be divided by the Lamb Superintendents according to weight.
3. The Champion Ewe and Reserve Champion Ewe will receive an award.

Goat Department

Goat is a MAJOR PROJECT.

Market Goat Division Rules

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

Breeding Goat Division Rules

1. All general rules apply
2. One (1) head is required to make a breeding show. Classes will be divided by the Goat Superintendents according to weight.
3. Champion Doe and Reserve Champion Doe will receive an award.

Cattle Department

Cattle is a MAJOR PROJECT.

Market Steer Division Rules

1. All general rules apply
2. All steers must weigh at least 900 pounds at show weigh-in or they will be disqualified.
3. All steers must be halter-broken.
4. Uniform and ethical fitting guidelines will be followed. The Steer Show will be 'Blow and Go.' Cattle Superintendents will be responsible for any action taken with regard to uniform fitting rules.
5. Breed classes will be divided by the Cattle Superintendents according to weight.
6. Market Steers will be classified into three (3) breeds: American, British, and European, including their respective crosses.
7. A minimum of **one (1)** steers is required to make a breed.
8. Cattle will be bedded on sand or shavings only, in or near the barn.
9. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each breed and will receive an award. An Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will receive an award.

Beef Heifer Division Rules

1. All general rules apply
2. Classes will be divided by the Cattle Superintendents according to breed, based on registration papers, with a minimum of one (1) per class. Heifers will be classified into three (3) breeds: American, British, and European.
3. If not dehorned, beef heifer horns must be blunted for safety.
4. Beef Heifers must have been born on or after **July 1, 2024**, and may have calves shown by their sides.
5. Grand Champion Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer will receive an award.
6. **A total of six scholarships will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion heifer of the American, British & European breed divisions.**

Agricultural Mechanics Department

Agricultural Mechanics is a MAJOR PROJECT.

1. All general rules apply
2. Entries shall check in and set up between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 6, 2027. See schedule for specific times for each class.**
3. Entries must have been built between the last day of the previous year's show and the check-in day of this year's show.
4. A minimum of one (1) entry is required to make a class. The five (5) classes are:
 - a. Trailers
 - b. Equipment
 - c. Outdoor Recreational
 - d. Cooker/Smokers
 - e. Home Conveniences

Class must be declared at entry. The judge may place any project in a more appropriate class if the entered category is questioned; the judge's decision is final.

5. The Trailer Class is not restricted by size or length, as long as applicable DOT rules and regulations are obeyed.
6. The Equipment Class shall include chutes, farm and hay equipment, gates, truck accessories, shop tables, hay spears, hydraulic presses, log splitters, and other similar projects.
7. The Outdoor Recreational Class may include wildlife feeders, blinds, stands, traps, firewood racks, ornamental/decorative fire pits, swings, benches, bar tops, patio covers, picnic tables, and other similar projects.
8. The Home Conveniences class may include home décor, living room furniture, lawn décor items, wine racks, dining tables, hutches, bedroom furniture, and other similar projects.
9. The Cooker/Smoker Class may include smokers/cookers, smokers/cookers on wheels, or trailer-mounted smokers/cookers, fire pits with any cooking surface or accessory, and other similar projects.
10. Offloading Assistance: HCLRA will assist with unloading/loading projects weighing 2,500 pounds or less. For projects over 2,500 pounds, the exhibitor is responsible for providing equipment to safely load/unload the project.
11. Sharp edges and points shall be padded and covered as necessary to prevent injury. Any blind or stand shall be shown at ground level.
12. Documentation: An original (exhibitor-drawn) plan or drawing, a bill of materials, and photographs showing all phases of construction must be provided with projects.

13. Only the exhibitor is allowed to answer questions during judging of the project or showmanship.
14. The exhibitor shall inform the judge how much assistance or help was given by a parent, teacher, or any other outside resource while working on the project.
15. Overall Champion and Reserve Champion, and Class Champions and Class Reserves, will receive an award.
16. The top fifty percent (50%) of each class, or 1st through 4th place, whichever is greater, in the Ag Mechanics show will be eligible to be sold through the Premium Sale.
17. Projects may be sold by private treaty. All ag mech projects will be released following the conclusion of the sale. Projects that do not make the sale may be sold in the silent auction.
18. No motorized vehicles or motorized display vehicles will be allowed. For example, a flatbed, bumper, dump bed, headache rack, etc. may not be displayed on a motorized vehicle. Modifying a motorized vehicle is not an approved project.
19. No kit projects will be allowed.
20. Team/group-built projects must be entered by each participating exhibitors who wishes to exhibit the project at the show. Groups/teams will be able to show the project together providing they are each entered the project in the show under the SAME description and division.
 - a. Proceeds from premium sale money will be divided equally by HCLRA between the registered group members.
21. Loss or Damage: Every precaution is taken to protect projects; however, HCLRA is not responsible for any loss or damage to any project.

Showmanship Rules

1. All general rules apply
2. Showmanship is open to any eligible exhibitor who wishes to compete.
3. Age determination for showmanship judging shall be the exhibitor's age as of September 1 of the show year.
4. An exhibitor in each age division for beef, swine, lamb, goat, broiler, and rabbit divisions will be chosen.
 - a. Junior- 3rd-5th grade
 - b. Intermediate- 6th-8th grade
 - c. Senior- 9th-12th grade
5. Exhibitors wishing to participate in Showmanship classes shall return at the conclusion of the market show.
6. Exhibitors shall participate in showmanship with an animal entered and exhibited under their name only.
7. The award shall be judged on the exhibitor's ability to show their respective animal. Each showman will be judged individually for excellence in showing their animal.
8. 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.
9. No cell phones, communication devices, or other electronics are allowed on exhibitors in the show ring. See general rules for dress code requirements.

Family Living Department Rules

Family Living projects are MINOR PROJECTS.

General Information

1. All general rules apply
2. Entries must have been built between the last day of the previous year's show and the check-in day of this year's show.
3. Online registration for Family Living requires the following information:
 - a. **Grade Division:** Junior (grades 3-8) or Senior (grades 9-12)
 - b. **Division:** Arts, Crafts, or Foods
 - c. **Class:** (see Divisions section below)
 - d. **Sub-class:** (see Divisions section below)
 - e. **Description:** specific information regarding each entry (size, color, type, shape, etc.).
4. Grade Divisions: Grade is determined by the grade enrolled for the current school year..
 - a. Junior (grades 3rd-8th)
 - b. Senior (grades 9th-12th)
5. Clover Kids are ages 5 to 8 who are not yet in 3rd grade. They must bring their entries to Family Living during check-in. Entry is free. Clover Kids may enter up to 4 items. Judges will review 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 p.m. on Thursday.
6. Any wood or welded project must not exceed a 2' x 2' square and must pass through a 2' x 2' opening at check-in. Wood or welded projects exceeding this size must be entered into the Ag Mechanics Division.

Check-In

7. Exhibitors shall check in entries between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Thursday. Entries will be accepted from the exhibitor, parent, or adult leader.
8. Prior to check-in, **exhibitors must securely attach a 3x5 index card to each entry detailing the supplies used, the techniques used, the start date, and the completion date.** Food items must have a 3x5 index card. See division rules for specific requirements. Cards may be printed or typed on one or both sides; multiple cards may be stapled together. Exhibitors must not put their names on the index card(s) or on the project itself. If a name is visible, it must be covered by the exhibitor before check-in.
9. At check-in, entries will be reviewed for all required paperwork; a pre-printed sticker will be attached to each entry and sample; and entries will be checked for violations. If violations are noted, the exhibitor may correct the entry before check-in closes. If check-in closes 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 may choose not to sell 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 are Arts, Foods, and Crafts. Each division must contain a minimum of three (3) entries in the applicable age category to be considered a division. 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** — Classes and Sub-Classes:

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

- a. Judging criteria: Craftsmanship, composition, use of medium, presentation.
- b. **3 x 5 Card attached to entry: Name of Item (if appropriate), supplies/medium used, steps to complete project, start date, and end date.**
- c. Photography items must be framed.
- d. Art pieces will be hung as space allows.
- e. All display items provided by the exhibitor will be sold with the entry in the Silent Auction. No exceptions.

14. **CRAFTS DIVISION** — Classes and Sub-Classes:

CLASS	SUBCLASS
Bedding	Quilts, Pillowcase/Sham, Blankets, Baby Bedding
Clothing	Dress, Jumper, Top/Shirt, Skirt, Pants/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 Needlework, Embroidery, Latch Hook
Home Décor	Picture Frame, Bath/Kitchen Accessory, Wreath/Swag, Photo Album, Wall Hanging, Wood Working Home Décor
Tooling	Leather Craft, Metal Punch, Wood Working (non-home décor)
Jewelry	Necklace, Bracelet, Earring, Ring, Watch Band, Belt (not fabric)
Yard Art	Wood, Plastic, Metal
Misc. Crafts	Does not fit into another category

- a. Judging criteria: Overall appearance, design, selection of materials, workmanship.

- b. **3 x 5 Card attached to entry: 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 — Classes and Sub-Classes:

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. Judging criteria: Taste, texture, and appearance – including decorated cakes. Displays are not included in the judging criteria.
- b. Items requiring refrigeration will be disqualified.
- c. No canned goods (jams, jellies, pickles, etc.) will be accepted.
- d. All items MUST be made from scratch. Recipes using mixes or pre-packaged ingredients will be disqualified. Pre-packaged spices are permitted.
- e. Entries must be securely covered, with the 3x5 card securely attached outside the covering/container.
- f. **3 x 5 Card attached to outside of covering/container: Name of recipe, measurements with ingredients, steps for completing the recipe, date prepared.**
- g. All food items must be sampled by the judges. Samples should be pre-cut from the food entry, placed on a separate small plate, and securely enclosed in a zip-top storage bag prior to 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 10:00 a.m.; doors will open at 6pm.
- 17. Judges will select a Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion from Arts, Crafts, and Foods in each Age Division. From the Division Champions, an overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen in each Age Division.

Premium Sale

18. A maximum of 12 Family Living projects will be eligible to sell in the Premium Sale. A Family Living project counts toward the maximum of two (2) items allowed in the Premium Sale per exhibitor. The overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, the Arts, Crafts, and Food Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions from both the Junior and Senior age divisions will be eligible for the Premium Sale. There will be no bump-ups from any position.
19. See the Premium Sale section in the General Rules for more details.

Silent Auction

20. Exhibitors may choose not to sell their projects. This decision must be made at check-in. All non-sale items must be removed at the conclusion of judging on Thursday.
21. 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 exhibitor's discretion.
22. Exhibitors are encouraged to sell their items during the Silent Auction from Friday 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. All projects not sold must be removed by 2:00 p.m. Saturday.
23. Exhibitors will receive payment from Silent Auction sales when all money is collected from buyers.

Livestock Skill-a-thon Department Rules

1. Grade Divisions: Age is determined by enrollment in current school year
 - a. Junior (grades 3rd-8th)
 - b. Senior (grades 9th-12th)
2. Check-in will be at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2027, with the contest starting at 5:30 p.m.
3. A minimum of three (3) participants is required to make an Age Division.
4. Each participant will be tested individually on their knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.
5. The tiebreaker will be determined by the highest score on a pre-selected portion of the test, as determined by the show officials.
6. Areas of knowledge may include: Equipment Identification, Breed Identification, Feed Identification, Meat Judging, Feed Tag Knowledge, and Quality Assurance (seniors only).
7. A list of resources can be found at <https://www.hoodcountylivestockraisersassociation.org/> and will include swine, beef, sheep, goat, and meat resources.
8. A time limit for completing the test will be set for each Age Division by the judge.
9. The Champion and Reserve Champion of each Age Division will receive an award.

2027 Schedule of Events

Hood County Junior Livestock Show & Sale — January 4-9, 2027

Monday, January 4 — Fairgrounds Open at 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.	Rabbit Weigh-In
5:00 p.m.	Livestock Skill-a-thon Check-In; Buckle presentation at conclusion

Tuesday, January 5 — Fairgrounds Open at 6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.	Broiler Check-In
8:30 a.m.	Broiler Show
10:00 a.m.	Rabbit Show
2:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.	Sheep: Market Lamb Weigh-In/Classification & Breeding Ewe Check-In
3:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Goat: Market Goat Weigh-In & Breeding Doe Check-In
10:00 p.m.	Gates Close

Wednesday, January 6 — Fairgrounds Open at 6:00 a.m.

6:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.	4-H Pancake Breakfast
8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.	Swine: Market Swine Weigh-In/Classification & Breeding Gilts Weigh-In
11:00 a.m.	Sheep Show: Breeding Ewe Show followed by Market Lamb Show
3:00 p.m.	Goat Show: Breeding Doe Show followed by Market Goat Show
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.	Ag Mechanics Check-In (Trailers 6:00 p.m., Equipment 6:20 p.m., Recreational 6:40 p.m., Home Conveniences 7:00 p.m., Cookers/Smokers 7:30 p.m.)
10:00 p.m.	Gates Close

Thursday, January 7 — Fairgrounds Open at 6:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.	Family Living Division Check-In
9:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.	Cattle: Market Steer Weigh-In/Classification & Heifer Check-In
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	Ag Mechanics Show
1:00 p.m.	Swine Show: Breeding Gilt Show followed by Market Swine Show
10:00 a.m.	Family Living Division Judging (Exhibit Building Closed)
6:00 p.m.	Family Living Division Opens
7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Removal of Non-Silent Auction Family Living Items
10:00 p.m.	Gates Close

Friday, January 8 — Fairgrounds Open at 6:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.	Family Living Silent Auction Begins
11:00 a.m.	Cattle Show: Heifer Show followed by Market Steer Show
10:00 p.m.	Gates Close / Release of All Projects Not Making Premium Sale

Saturday, January 9 — Fairgrounds Open at 6:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.	Deadline for all animals making premium sale to arrive on show grounds
10:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	Buyer Meal
11:00 a.m.	Family Living Division Silent Auction Closes
11:30 a.m.	Family Living Auction Check-Out Begins
12:00 p.m. — 12:30 p.m.	Exhibitor/Buyer Meet and Greet
12:45 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies & Top Buyer Recognition
1:00 p.m.	Premium Auction Sale
