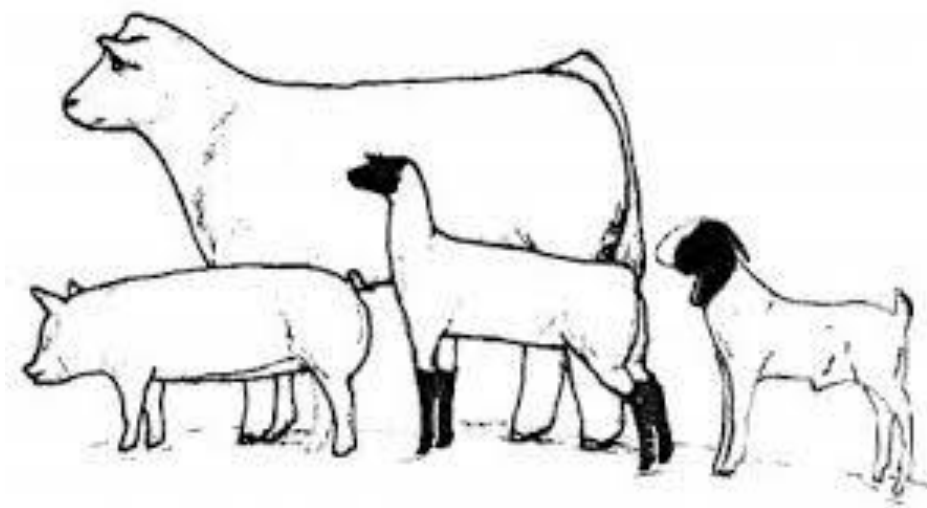


Freestone County Fair 2022

Rule Book



General Rules & Regulations

1. This show reserves to its Livestock Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with the show and the right to amend or add to those rules as it's judgment may determine.
2. To be eligible for competition, whether single, dual (2) (by supervision of County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor), or immediate family, the animals, crops or products must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
3. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper place previous to judging upon application to the superintendent of that division. If such classes have been judged, however, they shall not be reopened.
4. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against Freestone County Fair Association, its officers or agents by or on behalf of any persons, firms, or corporations, or their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit at the Fair or occupy any space therein.
5. If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall approximately be caused by reason or neglect or willful acts of any person, firms, or corporation having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds, or occupying any space thereon, the Freestone County Fair Association shall in no manner be responsible herefore, and in case it is subjected to any expense or liability, all persons causing same are liable therefore, and shall indemnify the said Freestone County Fair Association at its location in Fairfield, Texas.
6. All owners of property or others having same in charge shall care for, guard and protect and preserve the same as the Freestone County Fair Association does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property.
7. There will be NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES consumed on the premises of the Fairgrounds by any exhibitor. This will be grounds for elimination from the show.

Freestone County Sale Rules

1. Each Individual that exhibits in the Freestone County Fair may sell only one animal or item. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. The Livestock Sale will be selling 130 animals. The sale will include **25 Steers, 35 hogs, 20 lambs, 30 goats, 10 poultry pens, and 10 rabbit pens**. If less than 130 lots, the remaining unfilled lots will be determined by placing each specie in a hat and drawing the number needed to complete 130 lots.
3. All Champions and Reserve Champions in each division must sell unless one individual exhibits two winners. If an exhibitor has multiple champions, they must sell the higher ranking champion (ex. Champion Market Hog and Reserve Goat, Hog sells). If the exhibitor has multiple grand or reserves, it is the exhibitor choice on which on they sell. (ex. Champion Sheep and Champion Goat or Reserve Rabbits and Reserve Chickens, then exhibitor choice.)
4. The reserve champion cannot bring within \$25.00 of champion in sell and all other placing animals cannot bring within \$25.00 of reserve champion. If a reserve champion is not sold, then no placing animal can bring within \$50.00 of the champion. If a champion is not sold, then no other placing animal can bring within \$25.00 of the reserve champion.
5. All 1st and 2nd place steers automatically make the Sale with the order to be determined by the judge. All 1st and 2nd place lambs and goats automatically make the Sale with the order to be determined by the judge. All 1st and 2nd place hogs will automatically sell as determined by the placing of the 1st place animals. The judge will select the remainder of the animals to be sold, meeting the established limit. NO EXHIBITOR is to leave his/her animal until the sale order is established.
6. All animals that constitute a pen of three will sell for one price.
7. An exhibitor is not required to sell his/her animal unless it is Champion or Reserve Champion, except as covered in Rule #3.
8. Absolutely no contact with the buyer and/or floor buyer, either by the exhibitor, family member, guardian or their agent, regarding the return (or swapping) of sale animal to the exhibitor prior to release of the animal by the Freestone County Fair Association and removal from the fairgrounds. Violation of this rule will result in suspension from showing in the Freestone County Fair.
9. The floor or market price will be auctioned in each of the divisions before the first animal is sold.
10. All Champions in each division will be sold first, followed by all Reserve Champions. The divisions will be sold in the following order: Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Chickens, Rabbits.

11. A sale order sheet will be provided to all potential buyers before the Sale starts.
12. The Sale will start sharply at 9:30am
13. All individuals must be present to sell the animal and remain with the animal until released by the Superintendent of the show.
14. A rope halter will stay on the calf until it is delivered on the buyer's trailer.

Livestock Information

Validation Information:

All Market Steers are to be validated on the first Saturday in December from 7-9am at a certified scale to be determined by the Cattle Superintendent.

All Market & Breeding Swine, Sheep & Goats are to be validated the first Saturday in April from 7-9am at the Fairgrounds. Livestock Superintendent has the right to change the date if there is a conflict.

All Market & Breeding Rabbits Teague/Wortham Area May 10th 5:30-7pm at Teague Ag Barn.
Fairfield/Streetman Area May 12th 5:30-7pm Fairfield Ag Barn.

County Fair Market Broiler Broiler orders are due to the Extension Office by 5pm March 24, 2022.
Broiler pick up will be April 29, 2022. Cost is \$43.50 per pen of 25

Entry Fees (per animal/pen):

- All market animals \$25.00
- Breeding Beef \$20.00
- Breeding Swine \$15.00
- Breeding Meat Goats \$15.00
- Breeding Sheep \$15.00
- Breeding Rabbits \$10.00

All Entries are Due by April 15, 2022. No Entries will be accepted without a completed W-9.

The exhibitor, his or her parent, or the Ag Teacher/CEA is responsible for input of the information for entering the FCFA Livestock Show into the Fair Entry software program. The respective Ag Teachers or 4-H agent will collect the entry fees (cash or check only) from their exhibitors.

General Rules for Livestock

These rules apply to ALL animals entered in the show unless otherwise noted.

Blow & Go Show, no grooming materials of any kind is allowed. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.

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- No animal is to be placed back on a trailer once they've been checked in to their respective show or the animal will be disqualified.
- All FCFA validation tags must be kept in the animal's ear until the animal is delivered to the buyer.
- Any major show steer that wishes to validate for Freestone County Fair must attend County validation. The major show validation tag number will be recorded. If the steer does not make the sale at a major, that animal must be tagged with a Freestone County Fair Association tamper proof tag by the cattle superintendent on or before the April validation for sheep, goats & hogs. The major show tag MUST be left in the ear until removed by the cattle superintendent.
- 2lb grace on minimum weights for market goats (minimum 55) and market lambs (minimum 70)

1. Any student that is a permanent resident of Freestone County OR attends a Freestone County School AND is a member of Freestone County 4-H or FFA Chapter is eligible to show in the Freestone County Show provided they have NOT SHOWN IN ANOTHER COUNTY SHOW.

4-H and FFA Eligibility:

- **Meeting Requirement:**
4-H Member: 4-H enrollment form on file in the Freestone County Extension Office by March 1 of the current fair year.
- to be eligible for the Freestone County Fair, 4-H & Jr. FFA members must attend FOUR of their 4-H club's/FFA Chapter's scheduled monthly meetings within the current stock show calendar year (Sept 2021-May 2022) and sign the OFFICIAL attendance sheet.

- 4-H members can substitute a "make-up" 4-H Club meeting for their regular club meeting AFTER approval is given by their regular club's manager AND a Freestone County Extension Agent.
- All FFA and 4-H Exhibitors must complete quality counts training. (<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>)

2. Appropriate entry fees will be required for each division.

3. All livestock entries are due by April 15th. No LATE entries accepted. There will be no refunds for any entry turned into the County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor.

4. All livestock must be owned by the exhibitor. Papers for registered breeding animals (if required) must also be in the exhibitor's name by the entry deadline date. All livestock projects must be in the possession of the 4-H and FFA members by entry deadline date. Exhibitors must have personally fed and cared for animals under the supervision of their County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor for a period of time stated under the ownership requirements in each division.

5. All exhibitors must be present to show (including sale order) and sell their animal. Any exception must have advanced notice approval by the Livestock Committee.

6. 4-H and FFA members may enter more than one livestock division BUT may not enter two animals or pens in the same market division. There is no limit in the number of breeding animals that an individual can enter. Members may sell only one (1) animal.

7. Ribbons and prize money will be awarded through fifth place in each livestock division.

8. First and second place winners of each division will compete for Grand and Reserve Champion of the Show. An award and rosette will be given to the Grand and Reserve Champion of both breeding and market classes of each division. All champion and showmanship belt buckles will be presented to the exhibitor immediately following each show.

9. Showmanship will be judged after the selection of the sale order of each division. Showmanship awards will be given to first place winners in a junior category 13 years of age and under, and a senior category 14 years of age and older. All ages will be as of Monday of Fair week. These categories will be held in the market beef, swine, sheep, goat and rabbit divisions, and in the breeding beef, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit divisions.

10. The decision of the judges will be final. Judges will be provided for the following categories: All cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, project shows and showmanship.

11. Breeding and market animals will be placed in classes by breed and/or weights, by the superintendents of each division where they will be an asset to the Show. Classes may be added or deleted from the Show by superintendent, according to NEED.

12. All livestock will be in place by time designated by rules under appropriate division. All market animals will be weighed in under the supervision of the superintendent of their respective divisions. Executive Livestock Committee will set dates and times of weigh in of livestock. **No animal is to be placed back on a trailer once they've been checked in to their respective show or the animal will be disqualified.**
13. No diseased or unhealthy animals will be allowed into the Livestock Show area or grounds.
14. Stalls will be assigned by the superintendent of each division. Exhibitors will be responsible for getting animals to assigned stalls after check in. Notify the superintendent of the respective species before removing the animal from the fairgrounds.
15. Market animal exhibitors will be expected to turn in a form at the conclusion of weigh in time to indicate disposition of animal if it does not make the sale. Any animal that does not make sale and ARE NOT being sold to the floor, must be loaded and taken from fairgrounds by 6pm the day of respective show, with the exception of market steers. *Alternates will not go home until after the sale. Market animals ineligible to show in market shows are not eligible to be sold on the floor and must be removed from the grounds immediately. (Not making weight, disposition, etc.)
16. The use of stimulants or depressants is prohibited. Use of cattle pumps is prohibited. Drench guns will be allowed. Any surgical procedure, foreign substance or drug that could affect an animals performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited. All animals entered may be subject to test by a veterinarian. Parties filing for protest must pay for cost of the test. The date of withdrawal is to be the date of the show. Any "INHUMANE or ABUSIVE" treatment may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or the judge.
17. All exhibitors that sell an animal in the Freestone County Junior Market Sale must present a "thank you" letter in an addressed, stamped envelope for each buyer of their animal to the respective 4-H Club Manager or County Extension Agent of FFA Advisor before they will receive their sale check from the Freestone County Fair.
18. No "FOR SALE" signs may be posted on any exhibit.
19. No livestock will be allowed in or around camp site areas.
20. It is the superintendent's responsibility to control any situation until a decision can be made by the Livestock Committee, if that situation affects the animals eligibility to show.
21. All market and breeding animals must be tagged with a Freestone County Fair Association tamper proof tag and a Freestone County Fair Association tamper proof tag must remain with that animal until check in at the show. If the original tag is lost, advisors (County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor) must be notified immediately. All FCFA validation tags must be kept in the animal's ear until the animal is delivered to the buyer. All validation forms will be completed and signed by exhibitors and parents. Any major show steer that wishes to validate for Freestone County Fair must attend County validation. The major show validation tag number will be recorded. If the steer does not make the sale at a major, that

animal must be tagged with a Freestone County Fair Association tamper proof tag by the cattle superintendent on or before the April validation for sheep, goats & hogs. The major show tag MUST be left in the ear until removed by the cattle superintendent.

22. Exhibitor back numbers provided for each show will only include the number. Names and FFA or 4-H affiliation cannot and will not be displayed on the number side of the exhibitor back number.

23. If an emergency arises with your animal at the county fair on the county fairgrounds and the animal needs vet care or medications, you MUST notify the superintendent prior to any vet care or medications have been given.

24. Blow & Go Show, no grooming materials of any kind is allowed. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.

25. All Animals must be clean, dry and clipped prior to being weighed.

Validation-means tag in

Weigh in-means final weigh in at county fair

Breeding Meat Goats

Superintendent: Mickiel Clifton
Asst. Superintendent: Jennifer Cruce

Judge: Taylor Shearrer

1. All Breeding goats must be validated to be eligible to show.
2. Only nanny goats are eligible to show in the breeding division. Nanny goats may be shown in both the breeding and market divisions.
3. Breeding goats will be classified by milk teeth for age. Registration papers supersede the checking of milk teeth in determining ages of breeding goats.
4. Goats may or may not have horns. If they have horns, they must be tipped.
5. Goats will be led in the show ring by a collar, lead, choke chain or show halter and exhibitors may use a short lead attached.
6. All Animals must be clean, dry and clipped prior to being weighed.
7. Prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Grand Champion \$25.00
 - b. Reserve Champion \$15.00
 - c. 1st Place (each class) \$12.00
 - d. 2nd Place \$10.00
 - e. 3rd Place \$8.00
 - f. 4th Place \$6.00
 - g. 5th Place \$4.00
 - h. Below 5th place \$3.00

Breeding Rabbits

Superintendent: Ross Mathison

Judge: Jason Platt

1. All breeding rabbits must be brought to Rabbit Validation-Teague/Wortham Area May 10th 5:30-7pm at Teague Ag Barn. Fairfield/Streetman Area May 12th 5:30-7pm Fairfield Ag Barn.
2. Breeding Rabbits, must already have a permanent legible tattoo (ie: letters or symbols) in either ear prior to validation, these tattoos will be checked and recorded at validation.
3. 4-H and FFA youth should handle and show their own rabbits. NO BREEDING will be allowed at the show.
4. Junior classes will be comprised of those rabbits being 3-6 months of age and under.
5. Intermediate classes are those rabbits that are 6-8 months of age.
6. Senior classes are those rabbits over 8 months of age.
7. Classes will be determined by the superintendent. Rabbits may compete in only one class.
8. Prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Best of Show \$12.00
 - b. Reserve Best of Show \$6.00
 - c. 1st Place \$5.00
 - d. 2nd Place \$4.00
 - e. 3rd Place \$3.00
 - f. 4th Place \$2.00
 - g. 5th Place and below \$1.00

Breeding Sheep

Superintendent: David Pickens

Asst. Superintendent: Michael Grissett

Judge: Taylor Shearrer

1. All breeding ewes must be validated to be eligible to show.
2. Ewe lambs must retain lamb teeth to be eligible for these classes.
3. Ewe lambs are eligible to show in the Breeding and Market Shows.
4. Breeding sheep will be classified by age.
5. All Animals must be clean, dry and clipped prior to being weighed.
6. Prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Grand Champion \$25.00
 - b. Reserve Champion \$15.00
 - c. 1st Place (each class) \$12.00
 - d. 2nd Place \$10.00
 - e. 3rd Place \$8.00
 - f. 4th Place \$6.00
 - g. 5th Place \$4.00
 - h. Below 5th place \$3.00

Breeding Swine

Superintendent: Jody Bodine

Asst. Superintendent: Donna Day

Judge: Brice Mund

1. All breeding gilts must be validated to be eligible to show.
2. Breeding gilts will be eligible to be shown in both the breeding and market shows.
3. All breeding gilts must be in the barn by 8 am, Tuesday June 14, 2022. Weigh in will start after barns are drawn and begin weighing at 8:15 am.
4. All Animals must be clean, dry and clipped prior to being weighed.
5. Prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Grand Champion \$25.00
 - b. Reserve Champion \$15.00
 - c. 1st Place (each class) \$12.00
 - d. 2nd Place \$10.00
 - e. 3rd Place \$8.00
 - f. 4th Place \$6.00
 - g. 5th Place \$4.00
 - h. Below 5th place \$3.00

Breeding Beef Cattle

Superintendent: Todd Craig
Asst. Superintendent: Clint Fryer

Judge: Greg Clark

1. Paper check will be from 8-10am Tuesday June 14, 2022. There will be NO Dairy Cattle Show.

2. No cable halters will be allowed on the show grounds.

3. Cattle will be shown by breed as long as there are at least five (5) heifers entered within a given breed. Those breeds with less than five (5) entries will be shown together by age and division. There will be four divisions: English, European, American and Non-registered. Division champions will show for Overall Breeding Champion. Show order: American, English, European, Non-Registered.

4. Breed classes will be:

- January 2022 and Younger
- November-December 2021
- September-October 2021
- July-August 2021
- May-June 2021
- March-April 2021
- January-February 2021
- November-December 2020
- September-October 2020
- July-August 2020
- May-June 2020
- March-April 2020
- January-February 2020
- September-December 2019

6. Prize money will be awarded as follows:

- a. Grand Champion \$25.00
- b. Reserve Champion \$15.00
- c. 1st place (each class) \$10
- d. 2nd place \$8.00
- e. 3rd place \$6.00
- f. 4th place \$4.00
- g. 5th place and below \$2.00

Market Goats

Superintendent: Mickiel Clifton
Asst. Superintendent: Jennifer Cruce

Judge: Josh Cody

1. All market goats must be validated to be eligible to show.
2. 55 lb. minimum weight requirement at check in. There will be a 2 lb grace on goats starting in 2022.
3. Goats may or may not have horns. If they have horns, they must be tipped.
4. Goats must be shorn with hair no longer than 3/8" and the tail hair trimmed in a wedge shape.
5. Blow & Go Show, no grooming materials of any kind is allowed. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.
6. Goats may be a nanny or a wether.
7. Goats will be led in the show ring by a collar, choke chain or show halter and exhibitors may use a short lead attached to the collar or chain.
8. Classes will be broken by weight.
9. A special award will be given to the exhibitor with the highest placing in-county goat in the sale order as "Best Goat Born and Raised in the County"
10. All 1st and 2nd place goats automatically make the Sale with the order to be determined by the judge.
11. All Animals must be clean, dry and clipped prior to being weighed.
12. Prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Grand Champion \$25.00
 - b. Reserve Champion \$15.00
 - c. 1st Place (each class) \$12.00
 - d. 2nd Place \$10.00
 - e. 3rd Place \$8.00
 - f. 4th Place \$6.00
 - g. 5th Place \$4.00
 - h. Below 5th place \$3.00

Market Poultry

Superintendent: Shaun Sifford

Judge: Texas A&M Poultry Department

1. Poultry show shall be open to broilers ONLY purchased through the County Extension Agent's Office.
2. Broilers will be shown three (3) to a pen.
3. All birds entered in the show should be free of external and internal parasites. Those showing signs of these parasites and diseases will not be allowed to enter the show.
4. Broilers entered in the show should be well groomed by washing legs and comb, and treated with a light coat of Vaseline rubbed into the skin.
5. All broilers will show as one class.
6. All market poultry will be released after the show, all pens making the sale will have to return by 9am Saturday June 18, 2022, to be sold in the auction.
7. Prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - h. Champion Pen \$10.00
 - i. Reserve Pen \$5.00
 - j. 1st Place \$5.00
 - k. 2nd Place \$4.00
 - l. 3rd Place \$3.00
 - m. 4th Place \$2.00
 - n. 5th Place and below \$1.00

Market Rabbits

Superintendent: Ross Mathison

Judge: Jason Platt

1. All market rabbits will be validated at Rabbit Validation-Teague/Wortham Area May 10th 5:30-7pm at Teague Ag Barn. Fairfield/Streetman Area May 12th 5:30-7pm Fairfield Ag Barn.
2. Market fryer rabbits must be in their pens at the show by 8:30am Tuesday June 14, 2022.
3. Entries must be earmarked by the superintendent when brought to the pens. 4-H and FFA youth should handle their own rabbits.
4. Each rabbit in the Junior Meat pens must weigh between 3 to 5 and half pounds. One rabbit not weighing between these weights will cause the entire pen to be sifted. A pen will consist of 3 rabbits.
5. Only meat pens will be sold in the auction.
6. Rabbits that qualify at the weigh in on show date will be placed.
7. Any rabbit validated will be eligible to show, regardless of injury, misfortune, and other hardship, provided they meet the weight limit listed in rule 3 of the Market Rabbit division.
8. There will be a Buckle awarded for the Best "Home Raised Meat Pen" The exhibitor must own the breeding buck and doe that produced the pen.
9. Prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Champion Junior Meat Pen of 3 \$10.00
 - b. Reserve Junior Meat Pen of 3 \$5.00
 - c. 1st Place \$5.00
 - d. 2nd Place \$4.00
 - e. 3rd Place \$3.00
 - f. 4th Place \$2.00
 - g. 5th Place and below \$1.00

Market Sheep

Superintendent: David Pickens
Asst. Superintendent: Michael Grissett

Judge: Josh Cody

1. All sheep must be validated to be eligible to show.
2. All sheep must be shorn slick. Blocked or otherwise unshorn sheep will be sifted. Wool ¼” in length will be accepted. No tooth rule on sheep.
3. Blow & Go Show, no grooming materials of any kind is allowed. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.
4. All lambs must weigh at least 70lbs to show. There will be a 2 lb grace starting in 2022.
5. All Animals must be clean, dry and clipped prior to being weighed.
6. All 1st and 2nd place lambs automatically make the Sale with the order to be determined by the judge.
7. Ewe lambs and wethers will compete together as market lambs.
8. Prize money will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Grand Champion \$25.00
 - b. Reserve Champion \$15.00
 - c. 1st Place (each class) \$12.00
 - d. 2nd Place \$10.00
 - e. 3rd Place \$8.00
 - f. 4th Place \$6.00
 - g. 5th Place \$4.00
 - h. Below 5th place \$3.00

Market Cattle

Superintendent: Todd Craig

Asst. Superintendent: Clint Fryer

Judge: Jeff Thayne

1. All steers will be slick shorn with 1/4" maximum length, except the switch. This length of hair will be checked at weigh-in.
2. No cable halters will be allowed on the show grounds.
3. Castration process must be started at Validation.
4. All steers that are to be validated must not weigh over the maximum weight of 850lbs and must be property of the exhibitor at this date. Animals not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to show. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
5. No steers in the barn before 4pm on check in day Wednesday June 15, 2022.
6. Only exhibitors and their animals will be able to enter the show arena for weigh in. Designated people by the Superintendent of the show are only ones allowed in the ring during weigh-in.
7. All steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs at county fair weigh in. There will also be a 3 person temperament committee to evaluate all steers at weigh in. Depending on their findings as a committee they will make recommendations to the Livestock Committee based on bad temperament and safety at the show.
8. There will be a maximum of six classes of steers: **Super light-weight, Light weight, Light Middle weight, Middle weight, Light Heavy weight and Heavy weight.**
9. A "Rate of Gain Buckle" will be given at the Steer Show. Also, a special award will be given to the exhibitor with the "Best Steer born and raised in County."
10. Blow & Go Show, no grooming materials of any kind is allowed. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.
11. All Animals must be clean, dry and clipped prior to being weighed.

Prize money will be awarded as follows:

Grand Champion \$50.00

Reserve Champion \$25.00

1st Place (each class) \$14.00

2nd Place \$12.00

3rd Place \$9.00

4th Place

\$7.00

5th place and below \$5.00

Market Swine

Superintendent: Jody Bodine
Asst. Superintendent: Donna Day

Judge: Clayton Schramm

1. Market hogs weighing less than 220 lbs. and more than 295 lbs. on the day of the weigh in at the show will be automatically sifted. There will be a 5 lb grace allowed. The exhibitor must choose which hog they want to show, once they cross the scale that will be the pig you have chosen to show, no substitutions, the chosen hog will be allowed one re-weigh if they are under or over the weight limits. Re-weigh will occur 45 minutes after the last pig in that barn is weighed.

2. All market swine must be in the barns by 8am Thursday June 16, 2022

3. All Animals must be clean, dry and clipped prior to being weighed.

4. Market swine weigh in will be conducted by a random drawing of the order of barns. Market swine weigh in will begin at 8:15am on Thursday June 16, 2022. Exhibitors or their parents/guardians must be present to weigh in their own animal.

5. Gilts and barrows will compete in these classes.

6. Soap & Water will be the only grooming aids used on market hogs once they arrive at the show grounds.

7. All market swine must be validated to be eligible to show.

8. Prize money will be awarded as follows:

Grand Champion	\$25.00
Reserve Champion	\$15.00
1 st Place (each class)	\$12.00
2 nd Place	\$10.00
3 rd Place	\$8.00
4 th Place	\$6.00
5 th Place	\$4.00
Below 5 th place	\$3.00

9. A special award will be given to the exhibitor with the highest placing in county hog in the sale order as “Best Hog born and raised in the County”



2021-2022 Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy

Family COPY ONLY



This ethics policy applies to any 4-H/FFA member planning to exhibit animals at the Freestone County Fair. It includes all class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. All class of livestock offered at a Freestone County Fair event are included: Cattle (Beef Heifers and Steers), Goats (Meat Breeding and Market), Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine.

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical and inhumane in care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. The use of any illegal drug is prohibited. Any substance used to phenotypically alter the appearance of an animal in the livestock events is prohibited. (See Guideline #8). Proof of any animal being subjected to illegal and/or unethical practice(s) and/or procedure(s) described herein subjects the animal to immediate disqualification. The animal is ineligible for exhibition at the Freestone County Fair. The exhibitor will forfeit any premium, awards, or auction proceeds, and may be prohibited from future competition at the Freestone County Fair, as well as being subject to potential criminal prosecution.

The following is a listing of guidelines all 4-H/FFA exhibitors must follow to enter the Freestone County Fair.

1. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Freestone County and care for their animals under the direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas. Exhibitors must be in grades 3rd-12th for the exhibition year.
2. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership available to prove length of time animals have been owned. Animals must be owned and under the exhibitor's daily care by the following deadline dates: First Saturday in December- Market Steers, April 2, 2022-Market and Breeding Sheep, Goats and Swine, April 1, 2022-Breeding Heifers and, May 12, 2022-Breeding and Market Rabbits. The official ownership date is the date shown on the bill of sale or receipt of sale, unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor, in which calving or birth records will be utilized. Registered breeding livestock must show the exhibitor as the owner of the animal on the breed association papers or certificates.
3. Exhibitors must continuously own and personally feed and care for their animal(s) throughout the entire feeding period. The feeding period begins immediately following the respective species validation date. Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County Validation Committee" in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor for more than **48 hours**. By signing this document, the exhibitor and parent/guardian, recognize his/her responsibilities for the feeding and care of livestock projects throughout the feeding period and hereby authorizes the "Species specific county validation committee", Supervising Agricultural Science Teacher/County Extension Agent **the right to inspect your livestock project(s), along with any other county validated livestock projects on premises, at any time during the feeding period with or without prior notice**. Any exhibitor in violation of the feeding/care rule is subject to disqualification.
4. Animals validation for the Freestone County Fair may also be exhibited at jackpot or prospect shows, but must **NOT** be exhibited at another county fair or county livestock show.
5. Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered a violation of the rules and guidelines.
6. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class is prohibited. False ownership is a violation of the rules and guidelines.
7. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of the animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is

illegal. This includes vegetable oil, air, silicon or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal. Acceptable practices of physical preparation which are allowed include, clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning, removal of ancillary teats, and docking of tails.

- 8. The use of unethical fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices compromising animal welfare shall not be tolerated.
- 9. The Freestone County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these guidelines and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to "Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy."

County validation deadline dates are as follows:

Market Steers	December 4, 2021
Breeding Sheep, Goats & Swine	April 2, 2022
Market Sheep, Goats & Swine	April 2, 2022
Breeding & Market Rabbits	May 10 & 12, 2022
Breeding Heifer <i>ownership deadline only</i>	April 1, 2022

County entry forms and W-9 forms deadline:

All Entries are Due by April 15, 2022. No Entries will be accepted without a completed W-9. The exhibitor, his or her parent, or the Ag Teacher/CEA is responsible for input of the information for entering the FCFA Livestock Show into the Fair Entry software program. The respective Ag Teachers or 4-H agent will collect the entry fees (cash or check only) from their exhibitors.

Any violation of the "Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy" or specific rules as designated by the Freestone County Fair Association may result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification and may result in probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in organized livestock competition. **Possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show of exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and/or national levels.** All rule violations will be dealt with on an individual basis by the "Species Specific County Validation Committee", the Freestone County Fair Livestock Committee Chair, and/or appropriate Freestone County Fair livestock show officials.

I, the parent/guardian and exhibitor, am verifying that I have read the "Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy" and understand the consequences of and penalties involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane and unfair practices in livestock competition. I am also verifying knowledge that my family and I may be prohibited from future participation in organized validation programs for Freestone County Fair, and could face possible criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties if implicated in any of the aforementioned acts.

ATTENTION: If livestock project(s) will be raised at a location/facility different from address provided on validation and entry paperwork, please completed the following information. The address where the animals will be located should be indicated below.

Physical Address	City	Zip

Note: Only one exhibitor per form.

Exhibitor (printed name)	Exhibitor (signature)	date

Parent/Guardian (printed name)	Parent/Guardian (signature)	date

Supervising CEA or AST (signature)

date