2022

RUSK COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT SHOW GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Rusk County Youth Project Show is sponsored by the Rusk County Youth Project Show Committee and Directors. It will be held in the Tommy W. McDaniel Ag Center and the Rusk County Agriculture and Youth Exposition Center in Henderson on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

2. These rules apply to ALL ENTRIES (animal, shop and creative arts projects) and should be read by every exhibitor. The Show Committee reserves the right to construe its own rules and regulations and to determine all matters and differences not specifically covered

3. Any exhibitor violating Youth Show rules and regulations in one division will be disqualified in all areas and divisions entered

   3a. Any exhibitor in violation of Youth Show rules and regulations may be suspended from participating for a minimum of one year or up to a maximum of their entire potential show career as ruled upon by an official hearing of the Rusk County Youth Project Show Executive Committee.

4. Any Extension Agent, Ag Science Instructor, 4-H Adult Leader, Family and Consumer Sciences instructor or parent not enforcing or allowing an exhibitor to knowingly violate Rusk County Youth Project Show rules will be barred from the grounds and participation in the show.

5. ENTRY CARDS (Market animals, breeding gilts and breeding goats, shop and creative arts) Entry cards will be turned in at validation day (see attached schedule for validation dates) along with the entry fee. Entry fees are: Market animals, Shop and Creative Arts - $20.00, Breeding animals -$15.00. In case of the loss of an animal, fees are refundable until the day of check in at the show. Your request should be submitted in writing and signed by your Ag teacher or County Extension Agent. The Ag Teacher or County Extension Agent will then submit it to the Rusk Youth Project Show.

   All breeding goats and rabbits entry cards and fees are due at the Rusk County Youth Project Show. Market Rabbit entries will be done at the same time. Late fee for BREEDING ANIMALS ONLY will be $50 and must be taken care of no later than 30 days after the validation took place. There will not be pre- entry for Pee Wee exhibitors. There will be a $5.00 fee to enter the day of the show..

   5a. All entry cards from exhibitors shall be "completely" filled out with all information or they will be returned to the appropriate Ag Science or Family and Consumer Sciences teacher

or County Extension agent and deemed as an invalid entry. All participants need to check with your Ag teacher, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher or County Agent for your entry card deadline. Cards must include all information and social security number of exhibitor. If any cards are incomplete, they must be filled out completely and correctly within the 10-day grace period or money will be forfeited.

All animals must be owned and cared for by the EXHIBITOR. Ag Science teacher or County Agent will verify ownership. Ownership by exhibitor's name must be designated at time of entry at the Show. Family Validation is allowed for Market Animals. Market animals may be validated in the name of one or more exhibitors, IF and only IF the exhibitors meet the following criteria.

a. The exhibitors are siblings, step-siblings, or legally adopted siblings. If siblings have different last names, it must be noted on the validation form.

b. All listed exhibitors are bona fide Rusk County Youth Project Show exhibitors and eligible to show as junior exhibitors as stated in the stock show rule book.

6. All market animals for Show or Sale must be in possession of exhibitors by the dates on the validation schedule.

6a. CARE - all projects must be fed, cared for and or attended by exhibitors from validation until final disposition following the Rusk County Youth Project Show Sale or released from the show grounds by the appropriate Superintendent. All projects or animals not removed from show grounds or disposition arrangements made with appropriate Superintendent by 8:00 am Sunday following the show, become property of the Show, to be removed or disposed of properly by Show officials.

6b. No market project may have been previously sold at a premium sale. This is a direct violation of the RCYPS and will result in a disqualification.

7. All exhibits must be in place by 8:00 p.m. on the first day of the show with the exception of dairy cows and beef cow/calf pairs and certain Creative Arts division entries. These entries must be in by the specified time set forth by the superintendents of these divisions. Any exception for late arrival must be valid and have the permission of the respective division superintendent. All exhibits must continue in place until the Show Chairman releases them.

8. All exhibitors must be bona fide Rusk County 4-H or FFA members at the time of validation. FCCLA members are allowed to show only in the Creative Arts division. They must be enrolled in grades 1-12 of a school located in Rusk County or live in Rusk County and be a member of a Rusk County 4-H Club. Home school students must live in Rusk County. Peewee members ages 8 & under will be allowed to show. Peewee Members must be affiliated with FFA or 4-H Club. Peewee members may show another bona fide 4-H or FFA members project in the Peewee division. These schools and clubs include: Carlisle, Full Armor, Henderson, Laneville, Mt. Enterprise, Overton, Tatum, Leverett's Chapel, West Rusk Schools, as well as Livestock 4H, Mt. Enterprise 4H, Reach 4H, Round Up 4H, Tatum 4H, Leverett's Chapel 4H, Henderson 4H, Cattleman's 4H, Full Armor 4H, and the Horse 4H.

9. Tie space and pens shall be assigned by the superintendent. Set up of tack and displays will be allowed in the barn Monday and Tuesday prior to the show from 8:00am - 7:00pm. Tuesday evening commercial heifers will arrive and Wednesday animals and show projects arrive from

8:00am - 8:00pm. All spaces will be assigned by the Superintendent. Exhibitors will be required to furnish all feed. Cattle will be bedded on wood shavings. All animals must be in the barn, in assigned stalls or pen areas between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. unless being attended to for daily care (feed, water, grooming or exercise). NO ANIMAL WILL BE LEFT UNATTENDED during daily care or in the tie-out area. Animals are allowed to be tied out in the tie-out area only. Any other area used must be returned to the manner in which it was found: hay cleaned up, manure cleaned up and all other trash cleaned up.

10. An individual exhibitor may have no more than two (2) entries per class and a total of ten (10) entries in all sale eligible classes per division. Ag Chapters are limited to five (5) entries in all sale eligible classes in the Shop Project Division.

11. Each exhibitor must show his/her own project during the judging. Any exception, such as having another exhibit when showing two projects in the same class, must be approved by the division superintendent.

12. All exhibitors must meet local school eligibility requirements.

13. The decision of the judge shall be final. Any exhibitor who shows disrespect for, or attempts to interfere with the Judges*, shall be promptly excluded from the competition (*in the opinion of the Judges or Superintendent.) In addition, if in the opinion of the Executive Board a participant, parent, agent or representative of a participant or parent of a participant acts, speaks or displays improper conduct in violation of the rules of this Project Show they will be disciplined. Upon a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee if it is found that the participant, parent, agent or representative has conducted himself or herself in a manner unbecoming of this Project Show, the person(s) can be disciplined by the rules already existing. The Executive Board may also refer the discipline decision to the person's or participant's school where school rules and codes can be enforced by the person's or participant's school. The discipline decision by the person's or participant's school shall be recognized and followed by the Project Show, Board and Executive Committee. The discipline decision by the person's or participant's school will survive transfer to another school or home school. Where "school" is referenced in this section it is to include home schools.

14. Awards will be given in all market and breeding classes. Only blue ribbons will be brought back for Champion and Reserve Champion judging and for sale order selection.

15. In any class where there are three (3) or more entries, Grand and Reserve Champion awards will be made. With less than (3), Reserve Champion awards will be given as per Judge's decision. In the event only one (1) animal is entered in a class, the Judge will determine placing.

16. In the event that multiple student projects are pulled after the selection of grand champion, ALL classes that were pulled will bring in the next respective animal to compete for Reserve champion or sale order.

17. There will be a max number of students allowed in one heat of showmanship. It is the

superintendent's job to make sure the judge knows this. It was discussed that there needs to be a number set for this. After further discussion it was decided that the superintendent has the discretion to determine how many need to be in each wave of showmanship. With the understanding that it does not need to be crowded and it needs to be fair for every student. It will be up to the judge of how many exhibitors the judge keeps or pulls from each wave.

18. An exhibitor will be allowed to sell only one entry in each division with the exception of poultry, where it is possible to sell one pen of broilers and one roaster. After one entry is selected for the sale order, any other projects in that division must be removed from sale order selection. An exhibitor may not win Grand and Reserve Champion in the same division.

19. A division must have at least 5 entries in order to show. If fewer than 5 entries are received for any division at the time entry cards are due, potential exhibitors will be notified the division has been canceled and entry money will be returned

20. Exhibitors must display a sign over each exhibit. Official organization cards should be used. Shop project and Creative Arts display sign will be removed during judging.

21. All entries will be subject to the rules of the Texas Animal Health Commission. NO SICK ANIMALS will be allowed.

22. .Beef cattle will be disqualified if any product is administered internally or externally to alter the appearance or conformation of an animal. This includes but is not limited to stomach pumping, airing injections and bruising. The use of graphite powders, dyes, hemp, false tail heads, glued on hair or hair like substances will not be allowed. There should be no paint above the hocks on steers or heifers. Any unethically fitted steer or heifer will be disqualified and any premium or sale money forfeited.

23. All entries that are not of the quality finish or temperament to merit showing will be sifted by the Sifting Committee, composed of the Show Chairman, Division Superintendent and the entrant's Ag Science Instructor or County Extension Agent. All Ag Science Instructors and County Agents are urged to see that no undesirable animal is entered from their club or chapter. NO DRUGS may be used with animals, except growth promotants such as Ralgro, Synovex and Compudose and/or labeled prescription drugs that are given under the direction of or by a veterinarian. Required withdrawal periods must be observed on all implants, feed additives and drugs as prescribed by your veterinarian. An exhibitor may file a protest with the Executive Committee if the exhibitor suspects drug use in an exhibitor's project. A veterinarian check will be conducted at 9:00 p.m. on the first night of the show. Any animal deemed sick or a threat to other animals or people, as agreed by the veterinarian and the Executive Committee will be removed.

23a. Protest Procedure - Protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of $250.00 to be PAID UP FRONT, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. In the case of any protest concerning livestock substance abuse, the protesting party will be responsible for all drug tests and related expenses regardless of

the outcome. Any exhibitor found to have violated any of the general and/or divisional rules would forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Executive Board may order. This penalty may include but not limited to disqualification in the upcoming RCYPS and future RCYPS as well.

23b. Drenching will be allowed with showmanship discretion and under the supervision of ag teachers. NO STOMACH PUMPING of show animals is allowed.

23c. All species are subject to drug testing.

24. Main gate of the Ag Center facilities will be locked at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. NO "running or playing" on the Exposition Center grounds will be permitted. No one is to be on Exposition Center grounds until gates open.

25. No alcohol or drugs will be permitted on the Show grounds.

26. A designated night watchman will be on duty Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Overnight stays need to see Officer Nichols.

27. Any exhibitor shown to be mistreating an animal either by abuse or lack of care will be subject to removal from competition. The decision of the Superintendent and Show Chairmen will be final.

28. Any flagrant violation of the rules will result in all of the exhibitor's project being withdrawn from the show and all awards forfeited. To prevent such action, immediate communication with a show official regarding an emergency situation is the exhibitor's responsibility.

29. All exhibitors will be expected to dress neatly and appropriately during the Show and Sale. Show attire ONLY! No tobacco products will be allowed in the Sale or Show ring. Hats and caps will not be allowed in the Sale ring by exhibitors.

30. No individual or exhibitor may operate tractors, golf carts, gators or any equipment at the Rusk County Youth Project Show without training, permission and supervision of the Grounds and Facilities Superintendents and Staff.

31. Any animal project that does NOT meet the minimum weight requirements for that market division must leave the barn immediately, there is NO exhibition class and the animal may not stay to participate in showmanship.

32. All exhibitors shall help clean and maintain the facilities and grounds during the course of the show and will dispose of trash in dumpsters and manure in designated areas outside the barn.

33. Market animals and Show Projects will be designated as either Premium Sale or Market Sale animals on Wednesday at check-in. If not declared, the animal or shop project will be sold in the regular sale. In addition, only the ribbon will be sold upon Premium declaration and no floor price will be available for an animal or shop project declared Premium.

34. Students that do not make the sale with any project are eligible for the Add-on list.

35. There will be a commercial buck show for the 2022 show year.

36. We will follow the ADGA rules for breeding dairy doe show, and all dairy goats do not have to be registered.

37. ALL shop projects will be required to have blueprints, bill of materials, and pictures of them building their projects. This will be used for a reference and not used for judging criteria. Blue prints were clarified as drawings of the project.

The Executive Committee or the Rusk County Youth Project Show will not be held liable for any damages, injury, fire, theft, accident or sickness to any project, person or animal.

Showmanship Awards Beef Heifer, Steer, Dairy Cattle, Market Goat, Dairy Goat, Swine, Rabbit and Lamb Divisions. To be eligible to participate in showmanship competition, the exhibitor must have shown his/her entry in that particular division. Exhibitors must show their own animals. There will be Junior and Senior Divisions. Juniors will be anyone 13 and younger on show date. PeeWee will be anyone under 8 years of age on show date.

Clean area awards will be given at the discretion of the Division Supt. Animals must be in stalls in order to be judged. Junior Champion will be selected from winners of Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4. A heifer in milk will not be allowed to show for Junior Champion.

Validation Dates

- Steers - October 2, 2021, from 8:00am - 10:00am
- Lambs, Goats, Hogs and Breeding Heifers - December 11, 2021, from 8:00am - 10:00am
- Commercial Heifers - October 23, 2021 - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Hunter Heim reported that all commercial heifers must have proof of BANGS vaccination. This will be checked based on tags, tattoos, or charts. Shots will NOT be given at validation this year.
- Shop and Creative Arts - December 2, 2021 - Wall of Brands, 5:00 pm - 7:00pm. NEW - SHOP PROJECTS DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE BLUEPRINTS AT VALIDATION. Creative arts will still have the same guidelines.
- Rabbits – January 25, 2022, at the Henderson High School ag barn 4:30pm – 6:30pm
- Poultry - Roaster orders are due to the Extension office by Nov 4 with payment. Roaster Pick up will be December 17 from 12:00 - 1:00 at the Wall of brands room.

  Broiler orders are to do the extension office by December 2, 2021.

Broiler pick up will be January 14, 2022, at the Wall of Brands from 12:00- 1:00.

There will not be a pre entry for Pee Wee showmanship. It will be $5.00 at the gate. It will be ages 5-8.

Division Rules

Steer Division

1. All General Rules apply to this Division (pg 1-16)

2. Steers will be divided into classes based on weight by the Steer Superintendent and Show Chairman. Steers must have a minimum show weight of *925* pounds with a three-pound slide

3. Steers may be purchased anywhere - however, they must not have been sold in a previous premium sale.

4. All steers will be placed or graded according to quality.

5. The Breeder's add-on applies to only COUNTY-BORN and RAISED steers. All breeders will have to sign a waiver saying the calf was born and raised in Rusk County. This will be a legal document.

Breeding Heifer Division

1. Three to make a breed and heifer must be registered. If no papers or not one of the listed breeds, then they will be placed in AOB or ABC.

2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to assure that the animal is entered under the appropriate age according to all major show birthdate guidelines and no older than 30 months. Heifers will be classed by cattle superintendent after check-in.

3. Breed must be indicated on entry cards.

4. Heifer registration papers are due at the time of validation so that awards can be ordered.
5. Grand Champion will be selected from all first class winners.

6. All dairy cattle must be checked in with the Heifer Superintendent upon arrival at the Show. Only those cattle in milk may be brought in on the day of the Show. All dairy cattle must be checked in

by the designated time or exhibitor will not be allowed to show.

7. All General Rules (p 1-16) apply to this division. Please read General Rules.

Commercial Heifers

1. All entries for this division will be subject to the General Livestock Rules of the Rusk County Youth Project Show except where they conflict with the requirements of this division in which case the division rules will prevail. In the event of special circumstances that may arise, or a conflict between rules, decisions of the Executive Board and the Commercial Heifer committee will be final.
2. Showing will be based on the following three categories:
    a. Pen of three heifers
    b. Record book
    c. Interviews
3. The sale order will be determined by a 300-point system which is broken down as Judging of the animals (70%), interview (15%), and record books (15%).

4. Pens that meet all of the requirements (submit record books, enter a pen of three heifers, and interviews) will be sold in a commercial heifer auction separate from the shop project and market auctions.

5. Any contracts, agreements or obligations between exhibitors and breeders are between those two parties. The Rusk County Youth Project Show is not responsible or obligated to any of these agreements and accepts no liability for them.

6. There will be a $30 entry fee per pen. All entries, entered into the sale, will be charged a 5% commission.

7. All Record book forms and other information are located at the end of this rule file.

8. All General Rules apply (see pg 1-16) from General Rules

Market Goat Division

1. Market goats will be divided into classes based on weight by the Goat Superintendent and Show Chairman.
2. All market goat entries must have at least 7 milk teeth present at validation.
3. Tip of horns on all market goats shall be no smaller than 0.5 inches at check in.
4. The minimum weight for goats will be 65 lbs--with a 3 lb. slide-- no limit on top weight.
5. Any animal project that does NOT meet the minimum weight requirements for that market division must leave the barn immediately, there is NO exhibition class and the animal may not stay to participate in showmanship
6. All General Rules apply to this division (pg 1-16) please read General Rules.

Breeding Goats Division

Fullblood Boer Goats: must have originated from 100% Full-blood stock, either imported or American born.

American Purebred Boer Goat Does: must be a minimum of 93.75% but less than 100% Boer blood and originate from any combination of Full-blood, American Purebred or American Percentage parents whose average percentage falls within the requirements for this category of registration. Does in this category become eligible to be shown in the same classes as Full-blood Boer goats.

American Percentage Boer Goat Does: American Percentage Boer Goat Does must have a minimum of 25% and less than 93.75% Boer blood and originate from any combination of Fullblood, American Purebred, American Percentage, or unregistered parents whose average percentage falls within the requirements for this category of registration.

Commercial Does: Are those does that do not meet any of the other above classing criteria these will include does not registered and "Weather Breed Does". Due to not being able to verify age commercial doe classes will be divided by weight.

Percentage Does:	**Fullblood/Purebred Does:**
Class 1. 0 to under 3 months	Class 18: 0 to under 3 months
Class 2: 3 to under 6 months	Class 19: 3 to under 6 months
Class 3: 6 to under 9 months	Class 20: 6 to under 9 months
Class 4: 9 to under 12 months	Class 21: 9 to under 12 months
Class 5: Junior Division Champion	Class 22: Junior Division Champion
Class 6: Junior Div Res Champion	Class 23: Junior Div Res Champion
Class 7: 12 to under 16 months	Class 24: 12 to under 16 months
Class 8: 16 to under 20 months	Class 25: 16 to under 20 months
Class 9: 20 to under 24 months	Class 26: 20 to under 24 months
Class 10: Yearling Div Champion	Class 27: Yearling Division Champion
Class 11: Yearling Div Res Champ	Class 28: Yearling Div Res Champion
Class 12: 24 to under 36 months	Class 29: 24 to under 36 months
Class 13: 36 months plus	Class 30: 36 months plus
Class 14: Senior Division Champion	Class 31: Senior Division Champion
Class 15: Senior Div Res Champion	Class 32: Senior Div Res Champion
Class 16: Grand Champion	Class 33: Grand Champion
Class 17: Reserve Grand Champion	Class 34: Reserve Grand Champion

Fullblood/Purebred Bucks:

Class 35: 0 to under 3 months
Class 36: 3 to under 6 months
Class 37: 6 to under 9 months
Class 38: 9 to under 12 months
Class 39: Junior Division Champion
Class 40: Junior Division Reserve Champion
Class 41: 12 to under 16 months

Class 42: 16 to under 20 months
Class 43: 20 to under 24 months
Class 44: Yearling Division Champion
Class 45: Yearling Division Reserve Champion
Class 46: 24 to under 36 months
Class 47: 36 months plus
Class 48: Senior Division Champion
Class 49: Senior Division Reserve Champion
Class 50: Grand Champion
Class 51: Reserve Grand Champion

We will also add Dairy Goat classes as needed depending on entries.

We will have an Overall Champion Breeding Doe and a Reserve Overall Champion Breeding Doe.

1. All breeding goats must be checked in with the Goat Superintendent upon arrival at the Show.
2. Only those goats in milk may be brought in on the day of the Show. All breeding goats must be checked in by the designated time or exhibitor will not be allowed to show.

3. Breeding goats will be validated on a designated date with other breeding animals and rabbit validation. (ADGA and ABGA standards)

Lamb Division

1. Lambs will be divided into classes for judging based on weight by the Lamb Superintendent and Show Chairman.
2. All lambs are to be sheared prior to weigh-in. No re-weighs will be allowed.
3. All lambs are to be shown closely shorn.
4. All lambs must have at least 7 milk teeth at validation time.
5. The minimum weight for lambs will be 100 lbs.--with a 3 lb. slide--no limit on top weight.
6. All General rules apply to this division (please refer to pg 1-16)

Market Hog Division

1. Market hogs will be divided into classes for judging based on weight by Swine Superintendents and Show Chairmen.
2. Market hog weights must be between 220 and 280 lbs. at weigh in with a 5 lb. slide. Animals will be weighed only once.
3. Swine ear notch forms will be used at the time of validation and must be completed and turned in with the validation card.

4. All General rules apply to this division (please refer to pg 1-16)

Breeding Gilt Division

1. Breeding Gilts will be divided into breeds, then divided by age. Must be 3 present to make a breed. Breeds will be
    a. Light OPB(Chester & Landrace)
    b. Dark OPB(Poland, Spot, and Berk)
    c. Duroc
    d. Hampshire
    e. York

- Age breaks for purebred gilts will be
  - July 1-31
  - August 1-31
  - September 1-30
  - October 1-31

  If there are less than 3 per breed, purebred gilts will show only according to age. Purebred gilts must be breed registered in the exhibitor's name by December 1st and copies of the state ear tag validation number and breed registration papers must be turned in by January 28th along with entry card and fees. If gilt is not state validated but breed registered in the exhibitor's name by December 1st, the gilt will show in appropriate breed class, and must validate with RCYPS with registration papers turned in by January 28th along with entry cards and fees to receive a RCYPS ear tag at validation. If gilt is not either state validated or breed registered, gilt will be shown in the cross class and must validate with RCYPS and receive a RCYPS ear tag at validation.
- Any purebred gilts outside this age range will be shown as crosses and subject to weight requirements.
- There will be breed and reserve breed champions that will be eligible to compete for Overall Breeding Gilt.

Cross Breeding Gilts will be shown by weight with a minimum weight of 200 and maximum of 290, with a 10-pound allowance. Animals will be weighed only once. There will be an overall and reserve cross gilt chosen to compete for Overall Breeding Gilt.

General rules apply to this division (please refer to pg 1-16)

Rabbit Division

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given in the Meat Pen and Breeding Rabbit Shows.
2. Rabbits will be sifted before the Show by the instructor and checked by Rabbit Superintendent.

No locks will be allowed on the cages. Zip ties or other ties ONLY.

3. All Rabbit Exhibitors shall clean the area where their rabbits have been penned and fed and care for their animals properly during the show.
4. Meat Pens 3 fryers, 3 lbs- 5 lbs 8 oz each; not over 10 weeks old
5. Rabbits will have a 0.2 lb slide-I -time weight.
6. Rabbits will be judged using ARBA rules
7. Health problems will be disqualified at the time of check-in.
8. General rules apply to this division (please refer to pg 1-16)

Poultry Division

Class 1 Broiler - 3 per pen
Class 2 Roaster - 1 per pen

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion trophies will be awarded in each class.
2. All roasters and broilers must have been bought through the Rusk County Youth Project Show. A minimum of 15 broilers must be ordered per exhibitor. **All will be pre-banded in accordance with new regulations.**
3. Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries per class.
4. Roosters will be permitted to show in broiler class.
5. All birds are subject to sifting and screening. Entries showing poor quality or disease must be removed at the request of the Superintendent. Only birds with wing bands will be allowed to show.
6. Each exhibitor shall furnish feed and water for each pen entered and see that the entries are properly fed and watered daily.
7. Exhibitors will be present at judging time to assist if needed. Poultry exhibitors (and their assistants) or a representative must be present for final judging and holding of birds and returning birds to pens. (No birds will be removed if the exhibitor and/or a representative are not present.)
8. Each exhibitor shall clean his pen area and dispose of trash in a trash dumpster during the show.
9. Ruling of the Texas Animal Health Commission to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, all poultry entering the grounds will remain property of the show. They will not be released.
10. Outstanding Poultry Exhibitor Award (This will be at the discretion of the poultry superintendent each year).
11. All entry cards, entry fees, are due at designated pick up date.. No cash will be accepted. Money orders and Checks Only and all fees are non-refundable. Wing band identification forms will be due at the time of chick pick up. Chicks will be picked up at the designated time depending upon hatchery. All forms must be completed without mistakes or missing information.
    a. Definition of a valid wing band: A wing band that contains the original, unadulterated rivet without evidence of tamper. The RCYPS reserves the right to disqualify from the show & sale, any entry for which the Poultry Sifter and or Poultry Show Superintendent believe to have a wing band that has been tampered with or removed and reinserted in the bird.
    b. No late entries are accepted.
12. All General rules apply to this division (please refer to pg 1-16)

Shop Division

Class 1: Trailers-tandem axle
Class 2: Trailers-single axle
Class 3: Livestock Equipment and Agricultural Machinery: wood or metal
Example: creep and mineral feeders, saddle racks, hay forks, box blades, carry alls, shop tables, wire rollers, goat carriers, hay unrollers, etc.
Class 4: Yard Conveniences: Wood or Metal
Example: picnic tables, swings, arbors, playhouses, wood racks, bar-b-que pits, fish cookers, smokers, etc.
Class 5: Household Projects: Wood or Metal
Example: gun cabinets, hutches, comer shelves, cedar chests, household furniture, coffee tables, chests, bakers' racks, etc.
Class 6: Wildlife: Wood or Metal
Example: deer stands, deer feeders, hog traps, game hangers, etc

Projects will be judged, and placed according to these criteria:

1. Workmanship
2. Sound structural design and balance
3. Degree of difficulty
4. Practicality
5. Overall appearance and finish

Ribbons will be awarded according to the Danish system for each class

- Blue = Good quality
- Red = Average
- White = Minimum qualifications

Ribbons will be awarded by the judges after the judges complete the judging of the projects.

Blue ribbons DO NOT insure a spot in the sale order.

Sale order will be determined by the judges after all classes have been judged. There will not be the point system equaling to 100%. The classes will be placed by the judges using the above criteria. Placing each class from the best project to the least favorable project (same as livestock judging). A judges critique sheet with basic constructive comments will be handed to the contestant along with the ribbon.

The shop/ag mechanic show will offer two divisions: Sale and Non Sale. Exhibitors will need to designate their choice of division upon validation of their project.

Sale Division:

This will include an overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion from each of the 6 classes. The remaining 48 sale spots will come out of these same 6 classes.

Non-Sale Division:

There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion from this division but will not be eligible for the overall grand or reserve spot.

Blue Ribbons make the sale and we can sell up to 50 projects.

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion trophies will be awarded in each class. Sale order will be determined by the judge's placing.
2. Individual projects should be solely owned and all major construction steps completed by the individual. This does not prohibit assistance in holding for nailing or other minor help. Partnership projects will be in the group category.
3. Entry form must state: What entry is and if it is for Sale or Non-Sale Division. Should include a legible\ detailed drawing of project with all dimensions stated along with a list of materials.
4. All shop projects must be constructed by the exhibitor under the supervision of an Ag Science Instructor. All FFA projects must be constructed in the school Ag shop. Any project not constructed at school will be disqualified along with the Ag Science Instructor.
    a. No project will be allowed to leave school without notification and ok from the shop superintendent or his designated representative in writing.
    b. All shop projects will be sifted by the Shop Superintendent and Executive Committee at check in time. Any unworthy or unsafe project will be disqualified and removed from show grounds.
5. RCYPS encourages donated projects from each chapter for sale to benefit the Rusk County Youth Project Show.
6. No reading of information about shop projects or comments by parents or exhibitors during the "Shop Sale" about an item being sold.
7. Shop Show Judging will begin Thursday morning.
8. Shop projects may be individual or team projects however, - "If a project is built by a team and one member fails to meet eligibility requirements the "project" fails.
9. No 4-H projects allowed in shop division.
10. Anyone enlisting outside resource people for completing projects or actual construction steps will be disqualified. (Example: help with construction and building projects.)
11. No project may be larger than 9'x9' including the trailer it will be loaded on for show and/or auction.
12. All trailers must meet the Texas DOT regulations (re: Safety equipment, lights, length & width).
13. Metal projects taken from Ag Shop only to be sandblasted. Permission must be obtained from the Project Show Shop Superintendent with a signed release form.
14. All priming and painting must be done by the exhibitor under the supervision of the Ag-Science Instructor in the Ag Shop facility or facility approved by the shop superintendent.
15. All shop projects will be considered finished at 8pm on Wednesday's check-in.
16. All General rules apply to this division (please refer to pg 1-16)
17. The shop superintendent is requesting other info at registration. All ag teachers need to make

contact with him well in advance of the validation date.

Creative Arts Division

1. Validation - Entry cards and entry fee will be due at validation in December. A recipe, or a rough draft **and** a description of the item is to be turned in at validation time.
2. All blue ribbons will be considered for auction at the judge's discretion, but only twenty-five items in the Creative Arts Show will be auctioned off. Decision of the judges will be final.
3. Baked Goods Division
    a. Must turn in a typed recipe on 8-½ x 11 white paper along with all measured ingredients listed followed by all mixing and baking instructions. Recipes must be turned in with validation/entry forms and recipes are also to be turned in with the project.
    b. Mixes allowable if used as a recipe ingredient, but NOT allowable just to cook "as is".
    c. Certain uncooked dairy products will not be allowed in any frosting recipe. (ex: sour cream icing, cool whip icing, etc.) If the judges detect the use of such an item, the Baked Good will be disqualified. Food safe frosting recipes can be found at www.texascottagefoodlaw.com.
    d. Fresh cut fruit is not allowed as a garnish.
    e. All baked items must be one of the baked good divisions...NO brownies, pies, candies or nuts.
    f. If baking cupcakes or cookies, at least one dozen are required.
4. Baked Goods entries that are auctioned require the participant to prepare a fresh food item and deliver it to the buyer. Delivery of the fresh food entry may be delivered at the same time the buyer's photo is delivered. The only exception is the Decorated Cake Class. Participants of the Decorated Cake Class will not be required to remake their entry, but are required to make a fresh baked good item for the buyer.
5. All baked goods will be sold along with its display dish. NO EXCEPTIONS!
6. All creative art entries must be limited to the entry itself. NO EXTRAS!
7. The Rusk County Youth Project Show will not be held liable for any creative arts projects being displayed.
8. All General rules apply to this division (please refer to pg 1-16)

Creative Arts Divisions:

1. Artwork-- must be matted-no frames (a painting, drawing, etc.) (not over 2 feet long by 2 feet wide by 2 feet high.) **EXCEPTION:** artwork on canvas does not have to be matted.

2. Baked Goods (you may enter only one (1) food in each category such as (1) cake, (1) plate of cookies, not two (2) cakes

A. Cakes
    a. Cakes
    b. Decorated Cakes
B. Cookies
C. Yeast Breads - any bread recipe that does include yeast
D. Quick breads - any bread recipe that does not include yeast

3. Ceramics/Crafts- must not be over 2 ft x 2 ft

4. Sewing -items may be over 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2ft.

5. Photography must be matted - no frames (not over 2 feet long by 2 feet wide)

6. Woodworking (not over 2 feet long by 2 feet wide by 2 feet high)

7. Color Book Art (ages 5-8 years old) $1.00 per entry, due at Creative Art validation

8. Outdoor Recreation/Artistry- examples include but not limited to knives, duck calls, taxidermy, etc.

Divisions are Judged According to the Parameters Below:

1. **Breads, Cookies and Cakes**
   Appearance- product should display symmetry and volume, presentation and cleanliness
   Texture- evenness of internal texture, cell size, shape fineness of walls, holes, softness, crumb stability
   Uniformity- consistent in size and shape
   Aroma- the internal smell of the product
   Color- should be appropriate to the product
2. **Decorated Cakes**
   Overall Appearance- product should display symmetry and volume, presentation and cleanliness
   Texture- evenness of internal texture, cell size, shape fineness of walls, holes, softness, crumb stability
   Uniformity- consistent in size and shape
   Aroma- the internal smell of the product
   Color- should be appropriate to the product
   Creativity- original idea or adaption
   Use of tips- proper control, pressure or techniques
3. **Ceramics/Crafts, Sewing, Woodworking and Miscellaneous**
   Craftsmanship, degree of difficulty and Originality
4. **Photography**
   Composition, lighting, style and creativity

Schedule of Events for Creative Arts Division

Monday	**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Check-in** of all entries in the Tommy McDaniel exhibit hall.
Tuesday	**Judging** of all entries- closed to the public
Wednesday	**12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Public Viewing**
	Sale of Non-Auction Items All non-sale items may be moved to the Wall of Brands room for silent auction (Items remaining after 4:00 pm on Thursday will be discarded.)
Friday	**5:30 p.m.** All sale exhibitors must be at Wall of Brands Room for lineup of auction (if you are not in line at this time you will lose your sale spot)
	6:00 p.m. Shop and Creative Arts Auction

SALE RULES

1 . Each exhibitor shall be allowed to sell only **one** entry of: pen of fryer rabbits: pen of broilers: lamb: roaster: market hog: market steer: market goat: shop project: creative arts: regardless of

placing. The shop or creative arts project may be as an individual project or as part of a group project. An individual will not be allowed to sell a shop project as an individual and then sell one as a part of a group project (except chapter projects). Chapters may sell three shop projects.

2. Only blue ribbon shop projects, creative arts and animals in market classes will be auctioned. All sale items will be sold by the head or pen at show auctions.
3. Animals shown in breeding classes will not be auctioned.
4. Order of Sale: Steers, Barrows, Lambs and Goats. Order of Rabbits, Roasters, and Broilers shall be rotated yearly. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR TO KNOW YOUR ORDER IN THE SALE.
5. In case an exhibitor has more than one project in a market class and does not want to sell the higher placing project, he may sell the lower placing project, but it must be sold according to its placing when judged.
6. All animals must be sold once bidding has begun. All market animals sold must go to the bidder or the floor. No P.0.'s after the project is sold will be allowed. All sales are final and swapping or substitution of animals after the sale is forbidden. Floor prices will apply to animals in premium sale. "Flooring of additional animals is at the discretion of the Youth Show Committee."
7. No member of the exhibitor's immediate household shall be eligible to bid on that exhibitor's project.
8. Checks for the sale of auction items and all cash premium awards will be distributed as soon as possible after the sale. However, sale checks will not be issued until all sale monies have been collected.
9. Each seller shall have the responsibility to deliver any project to the designated location in Rusk County. The seller's responsibility for his/her project is not over until that project is loaded on the correct trailer or delivered to the final purchaser. No sale money shall be dispersed until these responsibilities are met.
10. Each exhibitor in market classes must state at the time of weigh-in their intent to sell.
11. Exhibitors selling livestock or shop projects shall be present to be with their project and responsible for it during the sale, or it will not be sold.
12. Commission - 5% commission on all Livestock, Shop and Creative Arts projects sold will go to the Youth Project Show. The commission will be subtracted from the seller's proceeds. This includes non-auctioned animals floored "behind the barn."
13. Sale of Champion animals and poultry for the sale may include a maximum of 17 each of the following: steers; Market hogs; lambs; goats; pens of broilers; roasters; and meat pens of rabbits. All must be eligible blue ribbon winners to qualify for the sale.
14. Shop Projects Sale: A maximum of 50 blue ribbon winning projects may sell. Creative Arts Sale: A maximum of 25 blue ribbon winning projects may sell.
15. No reading of information about shop projects or comments by parents or exhibitors during the "Shop Sale" about an item being sold.
16. No costumes on animals or exhibitors, or uniforms for sale items. No dancing, cheerleading, or showing out during the sale. No painting or animal decorating for sale. (Exhibitor may use glitter only within reason) A show ready appearance.
17. Added money contributions will be announced as opportunities arise during the sale.
18. No market project can be sold if it was previously sold in a premium sale.

Should a problem arise prior to or during the Show you should follow this procedure:

1. Contact your Ag teacher or County Extension Agent and advise them of the problem. If they cannot remedy it then they should proceed to step 2.
2. Contact the Superintendent of the division involved. If no remedy is found, then the Superintendent will contact a Chairman and inform them of the problem and ask for their assistance in finding a remedy.

Complaints should be handled in the same manner. By following this procedure, it is our goal to handle these in the most efficient manner possible.

RUSK COUNTY PROJECT SHOW COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. All entries for this division will be subject to the General Livestock Rules of the Rusk County Youth Project Show except where they conflict with the requirements of this division in which case the division rules will prevail. In the event of special circumstances that may arise, or a conflict between rules, decisions of the Executive Board and the Commercial Heifer committee will be final.
2. Showing will be based on the following three categories:
   a. A pen of three heifers
   b. Record book
   c. Interviews
3. The sales order will be determined by a 300-point system which is broken down as Judging of the animals (70%), Interview (15%), & Record books (15%).
4. Pens that meet all of the requirements (submit record books, enter a pen of three heifers, and interviews) will be sold in a commercial heifer auction separate from the shop project and market animal auctions.
5. Any contracts, agreements or obligations between exhibitors and breeders are between the two parties. The Rusk County Project Show is not responsible or obligated to any of these agreements and accepts no liability for them.
6. There will be a $30 entry fee per pen. All entries, entered into the sale, will be charged 5% commission

Commercial Heifer Animal Rules

1. There will be two divisions of commercial heifers- open and bred (as long as there are at least 5 entries per division). If not, heifers will be judged under one class. Open heifers will be ready to breed by the time of show (approximately 16-24 months of age). Bred heifers cannot be "second calf ' heifers or cannot have a calf on their side over 200 lbs. at the show. Heifers must be designated if they are going to be bred, paired or open at validation.
2. All heifers must have a minimum weight of 700 lbs each at check-in. If a heifer does not reach the minimum weight requirement at check-in, the pen will be automatically deducted 50pts off of the animal portion of the exhibitor's accumulative point total. Heifer Show Committee will designate a location (on or off-site) and time for weigh-in prior to the week of check-in.
3. The heifers must be pregnancy tested before the show by a veterinarian. Heifers must be at least 90 days bred at the show. These vet tests will be turned in with the record books before the show.
4. **All heifer must be Brucellosis and calf hood (lepto, IBR-BVD-PI3-BRSV (TS MLV) +VLS *see notes,* and parasite control) vaccinated by the initial validation. They must have a metal vaccination tag and/or a vaccination tattoo in their car. Calf hood vaccinations must be administered by a veterinarian. Documentation showing vaccinations were administered by a veterinarian are due at validation. *There will be no exceptions.***
5. Each exhibitor can validate up to 5 heifers, but can only show 1 pen of 3. All heifers validated will be ear-tagged. Only heifers validated and ear-tagged will be able to show. If a tag is lost before the show, the exhibitor must contact a committeeman so that heifer can be retagged.
6. All heifers must be dehorned by validation. All heifers found to have grow backs and/or lose horns will be subject to review and possible disqualification by the heifer committee at check in.

Commercial Heifer Record Book and Interview Rules

1. Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for competition. Also exhibitors are required to answer questions in an interview process at the time of the show.
2. Record books will be turned in at time of animal check in. **(Health papers and pregnancy check papers need to be included in the record book.)**
3. There will be a cash prize for the first and second place winners in the record book and interview process, which count 50% each. In this contest there will be a Junior division (under 14) and a Senior division (14 & older).
4. Record Books will go by the following format:
   a. Summary of expenses (forms will be provided by the show)
   b. Essay (minimum of two pages)
   c. Pictures (no more than two pages)
   d. Receipts (must include all receipts associated with project)
   e. Record books will only need data from the six months between validation and turning in of record books.
5. Interview questions will be handed out at validation.
6. Record book covers will be a three-ring cover with all articles secured. (This is not a scrapbook contest.)

NOTES

!BR - Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis BVD - Bovine Viral Diarrhea

PB - Parainfluenza - 3

BRSV -Bovine Respiratory Sync)1ial Virus
(TS MLV) - Temperature sensitive, chemically inactivated, modified live virus VL5 -
Campylobacter (vibro) and 5 way lepto

2021 RUSK COUNTY YOUTH COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW & SALE
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Name:_____ Address:_____

City:_____ Agent/Teacher:_____

COMPLETE ONLY THOSE ITEMS CALLED FOR

A. HEIFERS: All heifers must be priced according to the prevailing market. Any unusual variances will be looked upon with disfavor. Add $5.00 per head for freight, and $30.00 per pen for entry fee.

DESCRIPTION OF HEIFER	PRICE PER UNIT	COST
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		
SUBTOTAL		
OTHER COST:		

FREIGHT		
ENTRY FEES		
TOTAL		

AVERAGE COST PER HEAD . . . . . $_____

TOTAL INITIAL COST . . . . $_____

B. VETERINARY EXPENSES: Heifers in bred division will charge breeding fee at the rate of $15 per head.

DATE	AMT/LBS	FEED/ PASTURE	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST

C. FEED PURCHASED: Give total feed cost by month. Ration description and/or type of pasture must be included. All pasture must be recorded at $00.20 per head per day. (Do not include cost of equipment.)

DATE	AMT./LBS.	FEED/PASTURE	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
TOTAL	**xxxxxxxxxxxxx**	**xxxxxx**	**xxx**	

C. FEED PURCHASED (CONTINUED): PAGE 4

DATE	AMT./LBS.	FEED, PASTURE	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
SUB- TOTAL FORWARD	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	

D. INTEREST: Charge all interest at the annual simple percentage rate of 10% with 100% financing of all costs regardless of your equity position in the cattle. All costs of feed and vet expenses will be charged on a monthly basis.

DATE PAID	DESCRIPTION (Item/Mo.)	AMOUNT FINANCED	DAYS FINANCED	DAILY INT. COST	TOTAL INT. COST
TOTAL					

COMMERCIAL HEIFER SUMMARY OF EXPENSES PAGE 6

E. SUMMARY:

Tag-In Date:___ Check-In Date at Show:_____

Total number of days fed: --_____

(Include both entry date and check in date at show.)

1. Total cost of finished heifers . . . . . $_____
   (Totals from A + B + C + D)

2. Average cost of finished heifers . . . . . $_____
   (Totals from A + B + C + D divided by Total # heifers tagged-in)

3. Total initial cost of heifers (Section A Total # heifers tagged-in) . . . . $_____

4. Total cost of feedstuffs fed (Section C Total Cost) . . . . . $ __
5. Total pounds of feed purchased (Section C Total lbs) . . . . . .
   (Include prepared feed & minerals only - not hay.)
6. Total cost of feeding heifers (Section B + Section C) . . . . . $_____
7. Average cost per head per day . . . . . .$_____

(Section Cost Totals B + C + D divided by days fed and that number divided by Total # heifers tagged-in)

Record book judges will interview all exhibitors. All summary sheets, records, and other SUPPORTING EVIDENCE is due at time of check-in.

NOTE: DATA SHOULD BE RECORDED BEGINNING at/on OCTOBER (VALIDATION) THROUGH MARCH (SHOW DATE).

TRANSFERS OF SECTION TOTALS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

Section A $_____

Section B $_____

Section C $_____

Section D $_____ TOTAL: $_____

RUSK COUNTY

YOUTH COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW & SALE

2021

RECORD BOOK

PREPARED BY:

_____

AGE:____GRADE IN SCHOOL:_____

DATE SUBMITTED:

_____

TIPS FOR RECORD KEEPING

l . Keep all receipts for purchases of heifers, feed, hay, supplements, and veterinary services.
2. Keep daily log of feedstuffs given to heifers to help figure total feed consumed and monitor project activities.
3. Do not wait until the last minute to assemble all needed materials for the record book.
4. Check calculations carefully before making a final copy of expense and summary sheets.
5. When doing calculations, use the following rule for rounding:
   a. Money is rounded to four decimal places on daily interest cost.
   b. Money is rounded to two decimal places on total interest cost.
   Example: $65.0369 (daily) should be rounded to $65.04 (total).
6. The record book can be typed or handwritten. Please remember neatness is important to the overall presentation of your record book.
7. Days on feed include both the entry date (tag-in) and the show date.
8. Interest - Interest on feed, pasture, etc., will be figured from the first of the month following purchases and should be calculated through the final show date. Feed, vet, etc. purchases during the month of September will not begin to accrue interest until October1st . ***NOTE: Do not calculate interest 011 any expense purchased during March (i.e. feed, vet, etc).***

Interest on **heifers** is to be calculated from the initial entry date through final show date.
Calculate interest based on 365 days per year.

IMPORTANT FORMULAS FOR THE COMMERCIAL HEIFER PROGRAM

1. Average cost per head:
   Costs of purchase of all heifers plus freight costs and entry fees added together and divided by number of heifers equals average cost per head.

2. Total Initial Cost:
   Costs of purchase of heifers plus freight costs and entry fees added together will equal the total initial cost.

3. Veterinary Costs:
   Costs of vaccinations, worming, breeding, palpation, etc. added together.

4. Daily Interest Cost:
   Dollar amount times percent interest rate divided by 365 days in a year equal daily interest cost.

5. Total Interest Cost:
   Cost of interest per day times the number of days financed equals total interest cost.

6. Total Number of Days on Feed:
   Initial entry day (October validation) plus all the days up to and including the final show day (Tuesday, March check-in).

7. Total Cost of Finished Heifers, Add together the following:
   Initial cost of heifers, veterinary costs, feedstuff costs, and interest cost to equal total cost of finished heifers.

8. Average Cost of Finished Heifers:
   Total cost of finished heifers divided by the number of heifers tagged-in.

9. Total Cost of Feedstuff Fed:
   Add costs of mixed feed, supplements, hay, pasture rent, minerals, etc. together to equal total cost of feedstuffs fed.

10. Total Pounds of Feed Consumed:
    Add together all the pounds of mixed feed, supplements, and minerals fed. Remember not to include the feed that you had left over.

11. Average Cost per Head per Day:
    Add the costs of feedstuffs fed, veterinary expenses, and interests costs together and divided by the total number of days fed and then divide that number by the number of heifers (tagged-in) to equal the average cost per head per day