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CREATIVE ARTS

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2024

Creative Arts Division

January 8, 2024 – January 12, 2024

Hill County Fairgrounds
Hillsboro, Texas

Rules & Regulations



Online registration available at
<http://hillcountyfair.org>

For questions, comments or concerns, please contact
hcfcae@gmail.com

During the fair, the best way to contact Creative Arts is at the Fairgrounds.

The Creative Arts Committee is looking for volunteers to help receive and judge items and assist with the bake sale and auction. If you are available, please reach out by e-mail to hcfcae@gmail.com.

Schedule

ONLINE REGISTRATION: December 15 – December 31, 2023

No late registrations will be accepted.

PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRY SUBMISSION: All pictures submitted online at the time of registration.

ITEM DROP-OFF: Baked Goods/Art/Crafts/Textiles

****SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 1PM-7PM****

JUDGING: Closed to the Public- January 8, 2024

CREATIVE ARTS OPENS TO THE PUBLIC: Tuesday, January 9 – 1pm.

AUCTION SIGN UP: All first place entries will automatically be entered into the auction. Exhibitors with more than one first place entry will be contacted to determine which item will be entered into the auction.

ITEMS RELEASED AND RIBBON PICK-UP: Thursday, January 11- 9am to 6pm

AUCTION: Friday, January 12- 6:30pm

Youth selling items need to check-in at 6:00pm

GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION PICTURES: Grand Champion winners and their buyers will have a picture taken after the last Grand Champion item sells during the auction. Reserve Champion winners and their buyers will have a picture taken after the last Reserve Auction items sells during the auction.

AUCTION ADD-ONS: January 14 – January 28, 2024

PREMIUM CHECKS: Will be issued as soon as possible contingent on the prompt payment of buyers and those that contribute add-ons.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Help support the Creative Arts Division and be recognized as a proud supporter of our kids.

Interested in becoming a sponsor?

Email hcfcae@gmail.com

GENERAL RULES

In no case will the coordinator, advisors, chairpersons, or anyone working with the fair in any way be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, vehicle or article while participating in the Hill County Fair. Care will be taken by the staff to prevent loss or damage to all entry items.

1. Participants must reside in Hill County or be actively enrolled in a Hill County school, public, private or homeschool or be a member of a Hill County 4-H or FFA Club and not be a professional for the duration of the Hill County Fair. A professional is defined as one who maintains his livelihood through marketing his skills or knowledge in any one of the divisions. Entries must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors may enter only one entry per numbered class.
3. All entries will be made online prior to 11:59pm on the day the registration window closes. No late registrations will be accepted.
4. The nonrefundable entry fee for each entry is \$5. Payment will be made at the time of entry registration.
5. All Art, Craft, and Textile items are to be picked up from the Exhibits building during the period designated for items to be released. Entries left at the conclusion of the Fair will be discarded. In the interest of food safety, ALL baked goods, not sold in the bake sale, will be thrown away at the beginning of the item release period.
6. All auction items must remain on the Creative Arts Division site until the auction.
7. Chairpersons will have the right to disqualify any entry to comply with rules listed in this catalog. Entries will not be accepted that do not meet standards and qualifications set forth in the general rules and specific class rules.
8. No substitutions will be made. No new class will be made for an entry not meeting class specifications. No item entry may have its class reassigned after registration.
9. Items with death related, alcohol, tobacco, inappropriate, explicit or suggestive wording or imagery will be disqualified.

10. Art, craft, and textile items are to be labelled on the back with the name of the child, grade, and school. Identifying information is not to be visible to the judges.
11. Food items are to be labelled with the item name.
12. Entries must have been made within the past year.
13. Items entered must not have previously been entered in the Hill County Youth Fair.
14. Each entry will be judged by two ****or more**** judges independently with each assigning a point value based on a scoring rubric. The judges scores will be averaged, and the placings will be decided based on the average scores as calculated.
15. All protests and complaints, in order to be considered, must be submitted in writing to the Creative Arts Division office and be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 cash, per protest or complaint, before any action will be taken. If the ruling is in the favor of the person protesting or complaining the fee will be refunded.
16. All decisions made by the judges will be final. Names of judges will not be revealed. All judging is "blind judging" - names of exhibitors and judges are unknown to each other.
17. Entry submission is confirmation of understanding and compliance with the rules.

Item Tags- This information must be included on each item, but these specific tags are not required.

To be placed on the bottom or back of the item:

2024 Hill County Fair Creative Arts Fair

Name: _____
Grade: _____
School: _____

To be placed on food entries on the top/front of the item:

2024 Hill County Fair Food Item

Item Name: _____

AWARDS

1. Only prizes listed in this catalog will be awarded.
2. Ribbons and prize money will be awarded for 1st through 5th place entries.
 - a. 1st place- \$7.00 and blue ribbon
 - b. 2nd place- \$6.00 and red ribbon
 - c. 3rd place- \$5.00 and white ribbon
 - d. 4th place- \$4.00 and pink ribbon
 - e. 5th place- \$3.00 and yellow ribbon
3. Prize money and ribbons are available to be picked up when the items are released. No prize money or ribbons may be picked up during the auction. Any prizes not claimed will be mailed to the address used during registration. For group entries submitted through a school, class or club, prize money and ribbons will be given to the person who submitted the online entry.
4. 1st place winning entries only will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion honors. One Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded for each major category for each age division. Major categories are Home Baked Foods, Art, Crafts, Photography, Textiles).
 - a. Champion- \$15.00 and rosette
 - b. Reserve Champion- \$10.00 and rosette
5. Rosettes will be given at the auction. No rosettes will be mailed.

Register online at
<http://hillcountyfair.org>

December 15, 2023
through
December 31, 2023

No late entries will be accepted.

Any updates or changes to the Hill County Fair Creative Arts catalog will be posted to the Hill County Fair Facebook page.

AUCTION

1. Items winning First place, Grand Champion or Reserve Champion are eligible to be placed into the Creative Arts Auction.
2. Each exhibitor is only allowed to sell one (1) item in the auction. If the exhibitor has more than one First place item, they will be contacted to determine which item will be in the auction.
3. Auction participants who are not in line for the auction when it is their turn to go on stage will forfeit their opportunity to participate in the auction.
4. Auction participant substitutions are allowed for school-related conflicts and illness only. Documentation in the form of note from the school principal or doctor will be required.
5. All Home Baked Foods need to be remade with a freshly prepared item for the auction.
6. Art/Craft/Textile items that are to be auctioned must remain in the Exhibits building until the auction. Frames may be added to the art items but are not required.
7. Photography entries to be auctioned need to be printed and mounted prior to the auction. Framing is optional. Suggested size is 8x10 or larger.
8. Each exhibitor is required to write and mail thank-you notes to all buyers and add-on sponsors that contribute towards their item.
9. Auction checks will be issued as quickly as possible but is contingent on the successful payment by buyers and add-ons.
10. Auction checks will be mailed to the address used during the registration process.
11. All auction checks need to be deposited or cashed within 90 days once they have been issued.
12. There is a \$35.00 fee for any check that needs to be reissued.

DIVISION RULES

ALL items must be complete and ready for display upon entering the Exhibits Building.

HOME BAKED FOODS

1. Food requiring refrigeration may not be entered. (Example – Cream Pies, Whipped Cream, Fresh Fruit or Cheesecakes).
2. Fruit cannot be used as a decoration, topping or in icing including berries, cherries, apples, pears, bananas, etc.
3. Food entries that are displayed as individual servings must consist of exactly 6 pieces. (Example – 6 cookies, 6 candies, 6 cupcakes, 6 muffins, 6 brownies or 6 bars.) **Note- 4 of the 6 items will be placed into the bake sale. The remaining 2 items will be left for display.
4. Cakes and decorated cakes may have multiple layers as long as the entry fits in a standard size container. No alterations may be made to the cake box and no wedding cake boxes or tiered cakes allowed.
5. All foods must be displayed in a clean, disposable container with a clear locking lid. Cake boxes with a clear top panel are allowed for cakes and decorated cakes only. Any non-cake entry submitted in a cake box will be disqualified.
6. The following items cannot be used: Plastic Wrap, colored Plastic Wrap, Cellophane, Decorated Containers, Glass, Tupperware or Non-Disposable Containers.
7. No doilies, tissue paper or other decoration can be included in the container. Individual entries may not be wrapped or sealed but may be placed in a cupcake liner to prevent them from sticking to each other if needed.
8. Canned Items need to be in a Clear, Branded (Ball, Kerr, Mason, etc), jar. Any other jars will be disqualified.
9. Recipes are not required.
10. All baked goods become property of the HCF-CAD. First through fifth place entries and honorable mentions as identified by the judges will be placed into the bake sale benefitting the Hill County 4-H Concession Stand and the Hill County Fair Ag Youth. HCF-CAD will provide the container for the bake sale. The entry will be divided and prepared for sale after judging is completed.
11. Food will be judged on the following criteria:
A. – Taste B. – Appearance C. – Uniformity D. – Difficulty
Decorated cakes, cupcakes, and cookies will judged on appearance and compliance with the rules above. All portions of the entry must be edible and is subject to verification.

CRAFTS

1. CRAFT ITEMS (EXCLUDING WREATHS) MUST NOT EXCEED 16" X 16" X 12".
2. WREATHS MUST NOT EXCEED 18" AT THE WIDEST POINT.
3. Items containing glass or mirrors will be disqualified.
4. Names or initials cannot be included on or within any craft item.
5. Hanging items including wreaths and wall hangings must have hangers.
6. Items such as jewelry or those requiring stands, must be displayed on a sturdy base and all parts must be secured. No glass displays.
7. Entries with multiple pieces (ex. Coasters, figurines, jewelry) must be held together or mounted in a secure fashion.
8. Recycled items class must be made from at least 90% recycled materials. No glass or mirrors.

ART

1. ART ENTRIES MUST NOT EXCEED 12" X 18" OVERALL SIZE.
2. Artwork may be matted as long as the mat does not exceed two (2) inches from any side of the artwork.
3. If artwork is not matted, it must be attached to posterboard, cardboard, or another rigid material to allow for display. Rigid material may be no thicker than one-quarter inch (1/4").
4. Art containing glass, mirrors, or frames will not be accepted.
5. All entries must be ready for hanging with hooks, wire or heavy string. **To support their weight, sawtooth hangers should be attached to canvas artwork.**
6. Names or initials cannot be included on or within any art item. Do not sign art or cover name.
7. In the 5th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade age divisions, for classes with three (3) or fewer entries, by medium (Oil/Pastel, Watercolor/Pastel, Pencil/Marker, and Mixed Medium), the classes with three (3) or fewer entries will be combined to create one class. Classes with greater than three (3) entries will not be included in the consolidated class. Classes will not be combined across different medium types. Entry number is based on the number of registered entries, not those that are checked in.

PHOTOGRAPHY

1. All photography entries are to be in color apart from those in the Black & White/Sepia class.
2. Photos **must be uploaded** to <http://hillcountyfair.org> in their appropriate class **at time of entry**.
3. HCF-CAD is not responsible for incorrect entries including photos submitted into the wrong class.
4. Confirmation of photo entry submission may be requested at hillcountyfair@gmail.com prior to the

submission deadline. Any request made after the submission deadline will not be responded to.

5. Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg, or .png format.
6. Photo must be a minimum of 300 dpi quality resolution.
7. Photo may not be larger than 5120 KB (5MB)

TEXTILES

1. All items must be neat and clean.
2. Clothing items must be on hangers and covered with a clear plastic bag.
3. Quilts must be the minimum of crib size and no smaller than 36" x 60".

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 GRAND CHAMPION SPONSORS

Mike Terry Auto Group
Day & Night Wrecker
Dan Parks Machine Service
Crop & Range Insurance

JUDGES NEEDED!

Monday, January 8, 2024

8am: PreK – 1st Food Entries
2nd - 4th Food Entries

8:30am: Photography Entries

9:00am: 5th – 8th Food Entries

9:30am: Art Entries

10:00am: Craft Entries

10:30am: Textile Entries

11am: 9th - 12th Food Entries

Judging a class takes approximately 5-10 minutes with exceptions for classes that have a large number of entries (ex. 9th-12th cookies). Judges may evaluate as many divisions and classes as their schedule allows.

JUDGING CRITERIA

(Art/Photography/Crafts/Textiles)

- **TECHNICAL-** Does the entry follow the rules of the class?
 - 0-3 points: The entry does not match the class description and/or there is a major rule violation. Ex- more than 6 pieces of candy when entering the candy category or brownies not cut
 - 4-6 points: The entry would be better suited in a different class but doesn't break any of the standards for the class it is in. Ex. A homemade necktie would be better suited for textiles as opposed to being a personal accessory.
 - 7-10 points: The entry belongs in the category it was submitted, and the entry follows all standards for an entry in that class.
- **ORIGINALITY-** Points are to be awarded based on the originality and creativity of the entry.
 - 0-3 points: Idea copied directly from Pinterest with no additional input from the exhibitor.
 - 4-6 points: Still mostly a Pinterest project with some aspects changed by the exhibitor to showcase creativity and originality.
 - 7-10 points: The exhibitor uses their own ideas to create a unique entry.
- **DIFFICULTY-** Based on the entries in the class, how difficult was the entry for the exhibitor to complete keeping in mind the age division that is being judged. No points may be deducted for assuming the entry was made by or had assistance from another person.
 - 0-3 points: A kit or basic design was used.
 - 4-6 points: Medium difficulty compared to other entries
 - 7-10 points: Very difficult requiring the use of skills not seen in other entries.
- **EFFORT-** Based on the entries in the class, how much effort did the exhibitor put into the entry.
 - 0-3 points: Very little effort compared to other entries.
 - 4-6 points: Average
 - 7-8 points: Above average
 - 9-10 points: Considerable effort required to complete the entry.
- **EXECUTION-** How well did the exhibitor complete the intended project keeping in mind the age division within which the entry is submitted.
 - 0-3 points: The entry did not turn out the way the exhibitor intended.
 - 4-6 points: Average quality entry
 - 7-8 points: Above average quality entry
 - 9-10 points: The exhibitor did a great job, and the entry is worthy of winning first place

CLASSES

Grades PK thru 1

HOME BAKED FOODS

1000 – Brownies	1004 – All Other Candy
1001 – Cookies	1005 – Cake/Cookie Balls
1002 – Bars	1006 – Cupcakes
1003 – Fudge	1007 – Muffins
	1008 – Loaf Bread (Do not slice)

ART

1100 – Crayon (Color page)	1104 – Pencil
1101 – Crayon (Freehand)	1105 – Water Color
1102 – Marker	1106 – Mixed Medium
1103 – Paint	

PHOTOGRAPHY

1200 – Still Life	1202 – Nature/Scene/Landscape
1201 – Animal(s)	1203 – People

CRAFTS

1300 – Birdhouses (Any type)
1301 – Personal Accessories (including jewelry)
1302 – Home Accessories
1303 – Models (All pieces must be glued.)
1304 – Paper Crafts
1305 – Recycled Items (Recycled materials only)
1306 – Wall Hangings/Wreaths (Must have hanger)
1307 – Wood Items Decorated (Ready-made)
1308 – String Art (no ribbon or yarn)
1309 – Clay

TEXTILES

1400 – Fabric Items Decorated (ready-made)
1401 – Stuffed Articles (excludes pillows)
1402 – Pillows (square or rectangular in shape)
1403 – Ribbon/Yarn Crafts (No string art)

GRADES 2 thru 4

HOME BAKED FOODS

2000 – Brownies	2005 – Cake/Cookie Balls
2001 – Cookies	2006 – Cakes
2002 – Bars	2007 – Cupcakes
2003 – Fudge	2008 – Muffins
2004 – All Other Candy	2009 – Loaf Bread (Do not slice)

ART

2100 – Crayon (Freehand)	2103 – Pencil
2101 – Marker	2104 – Water Color
2102 – Paint	2105 – Mixed Medium

PHOTOGRAPHY

2200 – Still Life	2204 – Bldgs./Structures
2201 – Animal(s)	2205 – Plant/Flora
2202 – Scene/Landscape	2206 – Black & White/Sepia
2203 – People	

CRAFTS

2300 – Birdhouses (Any type)
2301 – Personal Accessories (includes jewelry)
2302 – Home Accessories
2302 – Leather Craft
2303 – Metal Craft
2304 – Models (All pieces must be glued.)
2305 – Paper Craft
2306 – Recycled Items (Recycled materials only)
2307 – Wall Hangings/Wreaths (Must have hanger)
2308 – Wood Items Decorated (Ready-made)
2309 – Woodwork (Handmade non-furniture)
2310 – String Art (no ribbon or yarn)
2311 – Clay

TEXTILES

2400 – Fabric Items Decorated (Ready-made)
2401 – Stuffed Articles (excludes pillows)
2402 – Pillows (square or rectangular in shape)
2403 – Ribbon/Yarn Crafts (No string art)
2404 – Clothing/Fabric Items (handmade/sewn)

GRADES 5 thru 8

HOME BAKED FOODS

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| 3000 – Brownies | 3007 – Cupcakes |
| 3001 – Cookies | 3008 – Pies |
| 3002 – Bars | 3009 – Muffins |
| 3003 – Fudge | 3010 – Loaf Bread (Do not slice) |
| 3004 – All Other Candy | 3011 – Decorated Cakes |
| 3005 – Cake/Cookie Balls | 3012 – Decorated Cupcakes |
| 3006 – Cakes | 3013 – Decorated Cookies |

ART

OIL/ACRYLIC

- 3100 – Still Life
- 3101 – Animal(s)
- 3102 – Scene/Landscape
- 3103 – Portraits/People

PENCIL/MARKER

- 3120 – Still Life
- 3121 – Animal(s)
- 3122 – Scene/Landscape
- 3123 – Portraits/People

WATER COLOR/PASTEL

- 3110 – Still Life
- 3111 – Animal(s)
- 3112 – Scene/Landscape
- 3113 – Portraits/People

MIXED MEDIUM

- 3130 – Still Life
- 3131 – Animal(s)
- 3132 – Scene/Landscape
- 3133 – Portraits/People

PHOTOGRAPHY

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3200 – Still Life | 3203 – People |
| 3201 – Animal(s) | 3204 – Bldgs./Structures |
| 3202 – Scene/Landscape | 3205 – Plant/Flora |
| | 3206 – Black & White/Sepia |

CRAFTS

- 3300 – Birdhouses (Any type)
- 3301 – Personal Accessories (includes jewelry)
- 3302 – Home Accessories
- 3303 – Leather Craft
- 3304 – Metal Craft
- 3305 – Models (All pieces must be glued.)
- 3306 – Paper Crafts
- 3307 – Recycled Items (Recycled materials only)
- 3308 – Wall Hangings/Wreaths (Must have hanger)
- 3309 – Wood Items Decorated (Ready-made)
- 3310 – Woodwork (Handmade non-furniture)
- 3311 – String Art (no ribbon or yarn)
- 3312 – Clay

TEXTILES

- 3400 – Fabric Items Decorated (Ready-made)
- 3401 – Stuffed Articles (excludes pillows)
- 3402 – Pillows (square or rectangular in shape)
- 3403 – Ribbon/Yarn Crafts (No string art)
- 3404 – Clothing/Fabric Items (handmade/sewn)
- 3405 – Needlework (No string art)
- 3406 – Quilts (Minimum size 36" x 60")

GRADES 9 thru 12

HOME BAKED FOODS

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4000 – Brownies | 4009 – Muffins |
| 4001 – Cookies | 4010 – Loaf Bread |
| 4002 – Bars | 4011 – Decorated Cookies |
| 4003 – Fudge | 4012 – Decorated Cupcakes |
| 4004 – All Other Candy | 4013 – Decorated Cakes |
| 4005 – Cake/Cookie Balls | 4014 – Canning- Vegetables |
| 4006 – Cakes | 4015 – Canning- Pickles |
| 4007 – Cupcakes | 4016 – Canning- Jelly/Jam |
| 4008 – Pies | |

ART

OIL/ACRYLIC

- 4100 – Still Life
- 4101 – Animal(s)
- 4102 – Scene/Landscape
- 4103 – Portraits/People

PENCIL/MARKER

- 4120 – Still Life
- 4121 – Animal(s)
- 4122 – Scene/Landscape
- 4123 – Portraits/People

WATER COLOR/PASTEL

- 4110 – Still Life
- 4111 – Animal(s)
- 4112 – Scene/Landscape
- 4113 – Portraits/People

MIXED MEDIUM

- 4130 – Still Life
- 4131 – Animal(s)
- 4132 – Scene/Landscape
- 4133 – Portraits/People

PHOTOGRAPHY

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4200 – Still Life | 4203 – People |
| 4201 – Animal(s) | 4204 – Bldgs./Structures |
| 4202 – Scene/Landscape | 4205 – Plant/Flora |
| | 4206 – Black & White/Sepia |

CRAFTS

- 4300 – Birdhouses (Any type)
- 4301 – Personal Accessories including jewelry
- 4302 – Home Accessories
- 4303 – Leather Craft
- 4304 – Metal Craft
- 4305 – Models (All pieces must be glued.)
- 4306 – Paper Crafts
- 4307 – Recycled Items (Recycled materials only)
- 4308 – Wall Hangings/Wreaths (Must have hanger)
- 4309 – Wood Items Decorated (Ready-made)
- 4310 – Woodwork (Handmade non-furniture)
- 4311 – String Art (no ribbon or yarn)
- 4312 – Clay

TEXTILES

- 4400 – Fabric Items Decorated (Ready-made)
- 4401 – Stuffed Articles (excludes pillows)
- 4402 – Pillows (square or rectangular in shape)
- 4403 – Ribbon/Yarn Crafts (No string art)
- 4404 – Clothing/Fabric Items (handmade/sewn)
- 4405 – Needlework (No string art)
- 4406 – Quilts (Minimum size 36" x 60")

HILL COUNTY FAIR

LIVESTOCK DIVISION

JANUARY 8-13, 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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HILL COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

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Jason Ownbey (Vice-Chair)

Precinct 3

Jamie Choate
Tammy Christian (Chair)

Precinct 4

Charley French
Brook Booth (Secretary)

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Derek Gray (4-H Rep.)
Pennie Sumrall (Creative Arts)

Non-Voting Members

Stephen Denard (Livestock Show
Superintendent)
Monika Rhea (Creative Arts Superintendent)
Angie Nors (4-H County Extension Agent)

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules Are In Effect Until After Stock Show 2024

Please note that all dates, times, and events are subject to change at any time.

1. The Hill County Fair Livestock Show will be held annually as part of the Hill County Fair in Hillsboro.
2. All exhibitors in the Hill County Fair Livestock Show must be a bona fide member of a Hill County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and not be a high school graduate. The exhibitor will be ineligible if he/she has exhibited a project in another County Show during the current school year.
3. All exhibitors must own and exhibit their animal(s). Substitution of showmen are allowed only for exhibitor having two or more animals in the same class, doctor's excuse or note from principal verifying another school activity. The Hill County Fair Livestock Show will enforce no pass-no play rule during the show. If the student is eligible to show he/she will be eligible to sell. It is the responsibility of the schools and County Extension Agents to check grades. There will be no substitutions of showmen for failing students.
4. The Livestock Committee is made up of the Show Superintendent and the Superintendents of the respective divisions.
5. The Executive Committee will make last-minute decisions on rules and protests and will serve as a sift committee for the fair. Livestock division superintendents will have the authority to make immediate decisions related to the safety of the exhibitors and livestock.
6. The Hill County Fair Livestock Show Executive Committee reserves 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 in connection with, or incident to this show, except for validation dates and ownership deadline.
7. Any protest to be considered must be submitted in writing and accompanied by \$250 cash to the Superintendent of the show before the animal or project is exhibited. The Executive Committee will consider the protest. The superintendent of the division being protested will serve as an alternate to the committee.
8. In no case shall the Hill County Fair Livestock Show nor any of the Show Superintendents and officials be held responsible for loss, injury, death, or disability from disease, or from theft, hailstorm, fire or from damages from any cause to the person or property, while any person or property is on the show grounds.
9. Exhibitors may place a sign over each exhibit. Official organization cards should be used by members of such organizations. Tie areas will be assigned to each community. All exhibits will be tied up in their respective areas.
10. All animals must remain in the designated pen or tie-out area after weigh-in and no exhibitor shall remove his or her exhibit from show grounds until the animal is shown.
11. All cars and trailers will be parked in an area designated by the Superintendent of the show. **No RVs OR camping in livestock trailers allowed on the grounds.** The youth leaders will be responsible for seeing that the exhibitors drive in a manner that will be safe while around the show grounds.
12. Any exhibit erroneously entered may be entered correctly prior to show time by contacting the Superintendent of their division.

13. Scales will be provided at the show and all animals will be weighed and divided into classes according to these recorded weights.
- a. **All animals will be weighed one time only, with weight tolerances of:**
 - i. **10 lbs. for steers**
 - ii. **5 lbs. for swine**
 - iii. **3 lbs. for lambs and goats.**
 - b. **Any market animal below weight must be removed from the show grounds immediately. Show Superintendent interpretation of weights and classes is final.**
14. An animal may be shown only in one class.
15. Steers, breeding heifers, swine, lambs, goats and horses not in show condition, those not halter broke, with parasites, or otherwise not desirable for show will be sifted by breed superintendent. If for any reason an animal cannot make its way into the show ring, it will not be eligible for judging.
16. Any comparable classes may be divided or combined at the Show Superintendent's discretion if the number of entries so warrants.
17. Numbered ribbons and prize money will be given in each breeding class. Showmanship buckles will be presented to a junior, intermediate, and senior participant in each division (except breeding swine and breeding sheep/goats).
- a. Junior showmanship – 3rd Grade (age 8) to 5th grade exhibitors
 - b. Intermediate showmanship – 6th to 8th grade exhibitors
 - c. Senior showmanship – 9th to 12th grade exhibitors
- SHOWMANSHIP PARTICIPATION MUST BE DECLARED ON ENTRY FORMS.**
18. For breeding classes, the number of places and amount of prize money will be determined by the number of entries in each class.
19. No prize money will be given in market classes.
20. To compete for Grand Champion
- a. The first place winner of each class will compete for Grand Champion of the Division
 - b. After the Division Champion has been selected, the second place animal of the class, from which the Champion has been selected, will compete for Reserve Division Champion.
 - c. All Division Grand and Reserve Division Champions will compete for Overall Grand Champion per species.
21. Cattle may be hayed and watered in barn. Stalls must be cleaned daily and at the end of the show. Hay may not be used for bedding. Hog pens must be cleaned daily.
22. **Facilities will be closed each day at 10:00 pm and will re-open at 4:30 am.**
23. **Livestock Validation Deadlines are as follows:**
All swine (market and breeding), goats (market and breeding), lambs (market and breeding), steers, and heifers must be State Validated on the following dates:
- a. Steers – June 20, 2023, or June 30, 2023.
 - b. Registered heifers – June 20, 2023, June 30, 2023, or October 24, 2023.
 - i. Previously validated registered heifers are eligible to show in the Hill County Fair withing the specified age ranges.
 - ii. Beginning at the 2024 Hill County Fair, ALL heifers will be required to be registered. There will be no commercial heifers allowed to show.
 - c. Market swine and breeding gilts – November 13, 20, or 27, 2023
 - d. Market goats, market lambs, breeding goats, and breeding sheep - October 28, 2023.

- e. **ALL meat pen and breeding rabbits – December 14, 2023**
- f. **Broilers** - All broilers will come from Texas A&M Poultry Science Department
 - i. Orders are placed through Ag Science Teachers or County Agents by their respective deadlines (Total order for all county broilers will be placed by September 22, 2023)
 - ii. Pick up date – December 1, 2023, at the Hill County AgriLife Extension Service Office (213 Stadium Drive, Hillsboro, TX 76645)

- 24. The Hill County Fair reserves the right to test any animal or poultry officially entered in any division, for any foreign substance including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives. Anyone found in violation will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive premium money or sale proceeds. Carcasses of disqualified animal(s) or poultry will be disposed of per written instructions from USDA or FDA.
- 25. Exhibitors eligible for showmanship must own and exhibit their own animal in that division.
- 26. Drench guns allowed. **Pumps not allowed.**
- 27. **Touch up clipping is allowed on all species.**
- 28. **This is a Blow and Go Show for All Species – NO paint, glue, powders, adhesives, etc. are allowed.**
- 29. No heat lamps allowed.
- 30. **NO dogs allowed on the fairgrounds unless they are a service dog.**
- 31. All pens are to be cleaned of shavings at the release of livestock projects.
- 32. No professional fitters allowed to work with/fit on any animal on the Hill County Fairgrounds. (Work with/Fit on: Anything that changes the appearance of the animal such as brushing, blowing, spraying, drenching, feeding, etc.)

PREMIUM SALE RULES

1. Each exhibitor may sell only one market animal. All Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals will be sold. Should an exhibitor have both the Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal in a single species, both will be eligible to sell.
2. When an exhibitor has more than one animal eligible for sale, the exhibitor must declare within one hour after their last animal has shown which animal will be in the sale. If not declared in one hour, the highest placing animal will be in the sale. If an exhibitor has two animals placing the same, the heaviest animal will be sold. There is no bump up.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for his or her animal after the sale.
4. All market animals will be sold according to placing.
 - a. The order will be as follows:
 - i. Overall Grand Champions
 - ii. Overall Reserve Champions
 - iii. Division Champions
 - iv. Division Reserve Champions
 - v. Placing Animals – Light, Medium, Heavy, or in Placing Order
 - b. All sale lots will rotate in the following order:
 - i. Steers
 - ii. Lambs
 - iii. Goats
 - iv. Swine
 - v. Broilers
 - vi. Rabbits
5. Only animals placed in the top 75% of each class will be eligible to sell. No rounding of the number.
6. **No animal will sell for more than the overall grand or reserve champion of that species.**
7. Each exhibitor must be present in the sale ring when his/her animal is sold. Substitutions are allowed only for participation in other school-sponsored activities or doctor's excuse. Requests may be made to the Livestock Show Superintendent to substitute for extenuating circumstances. (Vacations are not a valid excuse.)
8. **All checks must be cashed within 60 Days of the issue date of the check or be VOID.**
9. A 5% commission on each market animal sold will be paid by the seller to the Livestock Division to cover building projects and auction expenses such as caps for buyers, printing of sale lists, postage, etc. This commission will be deducted from the seller's check. Any money left over will go into an escrow account to be used for show facility improvements.
10. ***Each exhibitor is to write a "Thank You" note to buyer(s) purchasing his or her animal and make every effort to thank the buyer in person.***

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 4, 2024

9:00 am-10:00 am 10:15 am	Commercial Steer Check-in, Record Books are due. Written Exam
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Friday, January 5, 2024

9:00 am	Commercial Steer Live Evaluations, Speeches, and Questions
11:30 am	Lunch Provided
1:00 pm	Contest Results

Sunday, January 7, 2024

1:00 pm-6:00 pm	Ag Mechanics Projects Move in (Show Superintendent will be present during time listed. Arrivals earlier or later than the said times are NOT allowed.)
1:00 pm-7:00 pm	Creative Arts Check-in

Monday, January 8, 2024

TBD	Creative Arts Judging
8:00 am	All Ag Mechanics Projects are to be in place and checked in All Horses in place and checked in
9:00 am	Ag Mechanics Judging Begins Horse Show Begins
3:00 pm	Ag Mechanics Awards
4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Lamb & Goat Move-in and Weigh-in

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

8:00 am	Lamb Show Begins - Goat Show begins after Lamb Show
TBD	Creative Arts Open to the Public
1:00 pm	A Day in the Ring
4:00 pm-8:00 pm	Swine Move-in and Weigh-in

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:00 am	Swine Show begins – Gilt Show followed by Market Swine Show Creative Arts Open to the Public
2:30 pm	Broiler Show Check-in

3:00 pm Broiler Show Begins

6:00 pm-10:00 pm Barn Open for Cattle/Tack Move-in (Moving in Cattle is optional)

Thursday, January 11, 2024

4:30 pm Barn Opens for Cattle Arrival

**8:00 am All Cattle in Place – Steer Weigh-in and Heifer Check-in
Creative Arts Open to the Public**

**9:30 am Heifer Show Begins
Heifer Born and Bred Show
Heifer Showmanship Show
Steer Show Begins 30 Minutes after the completion of the Heifer Show and
Pictures
Steer Show**

Friday, January 12, 2024

7:00 am Rabbit Check-in and Weigh-in Begins

**10:00 am Rabbit Show Begins
Meat Pen Show
Breeding Rabbit Show
Rabbit Showmanship Show**

6:30 pm Hill County Fair Creative Arts Sale of Champions

Saturday, January 13, 2024

11:30 am-1:00 pm Hill County Fair Board Scholarship Meal (Open to the Public)

12:30 pm Hill County Fair Livestock Show Sale of Champions

AG MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

Superintendent: Scott Burgess and Paula Burgess

Judges: Charles Prause, Mark Vitters, 3rd Judge TBD

Time: 9:00 am Monday, January 8, 2024

1. Entry Fee \$20.00 Per Entry
2. Entries may come in on Sunday, January 7, 2024, from 1:00 pm-6:00 pm (Show Superintendent will be present during the time listed. Arrivals earlier or later than the said times are allowed.) All entries must be in place and checked in by 8:00 am, Monday, January 8:00 am
3. Judging and exhibitor showmanship will take place Monday, January 8, 2024, at 9:00 am. **EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT**
4. **Equipment previously exhibited at the Hill County Fair is not eligible to show.** The purpose of this show is to recognize the excellent work of students in 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters.
5. **Project Books are REQUIRED.** The following should be included:
 - a. Blueprint – May be hand drawn.
 - b. Minimum of five pictures of building the project.
 - c. List of materials including cost
6. **Judges scoring rubric to include:**
 - a. Workmanship – 25 pts
 - b. Functionality – 25 pts
 - c. Design and Materials Used – 10 pts
 - d. Presentation – 10 pts
 - e. General Appearance, Finish, and/or Preservation – 10 pts
 - f. Documentation & Presentation – 10 pts
 - g. Degree of Difficulty – 10 pts
7. **Sweepstakes Scoring Rubric**
 - a. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters must have 5 entries to be eligible
 - b. Only the Top 5 of each division are scored.
 - c. Placing Points
 - i. First place – 5 pts
 - ii. Second place – 4 pts
 - iii. Third place – 3 pts
 - iv. Fourth place – 2 pts
 - v. Fifth place 1 pts
 - d. Sweepstakes ties in points to be broken by the following:
 - i. Number of 1st places
 - ii. Number of 2nd places
 - iii. Number of 3rd places
 - iv. Number of 4th places
 - v. Number of 5th places
8. **Superintendent reserves the right to split a large class and has the final say in classification.**
9. **Categories:**
 - a. Livestock Equipment
 - b. Farm Machinery
 - c. Farm
 - d. Shop Equipment
 - e. Home & Yard Conveniences
 - f. Cookers/Smokers

- i. Fire pits with grates/plates will be included in this category.
 - g. Trailers
 - i. BBQ Pits with hitches and wheels/tires will classify as trailers.
 - h. Gates
 - i. Woodwork Projects
 - j. Wildlife
10. Awards will be given to the Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Champion; blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded to each project with plaques or banners for first place in each Division.
 11. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship will be judged. Cash Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each age division.
 12. Projects must be completed between Hill County Fair 2023 and 2024
 13. For Sale Signs may be placed on projects.

DIVISION I - BREEDING SHEEP

Superintendents: Eric Totten

Time: 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Judge: Vance Christie

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry Fee - \$20.00 per head
2. **Check in upon arrival on Monday, January 8, 2024, from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.**
3. All breeding sheep must have a state validation tag by October 28, 2023
4. There will be 5 breeds of ewes: Hair Sheep, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Southdown, Medium Wool
5. Breeding and Market sheep will be shown together for showmanship.
6. Three (3) breeding sheep may be entered per exhibitor, but only one entry per age class.
7. Classes will be divided by age which will include lamb, two-toothed, and aged sheep. Should there not be enough in the age group to constitute a class, ages will be combined into one class.
8. Five or more hair sheep will constitute a breed. If less than 5 are present, they will be shown with medium wool. When combined, if five head of finewool and/or finewool cross are not a totally of 5, they will be shown with the medium wool class.
9. **Touch up clipping is allowed.**
10. **This is a Blow and Go Show for All Species – NO paint, glue, powders, adhesives, etc., are allowed.**
11. **All pens must be cleared out of shavings and trash prior to leaving the livestock barn after completion of the show.**

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

BUCKLES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
ALL DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle

(Breeding and market lambs will show together for showmanship at the completion of the Market Lamb Show)

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Each Breeding Sheep Class will be paid as follows:

1st Place \$40.00

2nd Place \$30.00

3rd Place \$20.00

4th Place \$10.00

DIVISION II - MARKET LAMBS

Superintendent: Eric Totten

Time: 8.00 a.m. (following breeding sheep show) Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

Judge: Vance Christie

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry fee - \$20.00 per animal.
2. **All Market Lambs must be weighed off the trailer upon arrival on Monday, January 8, 2024, from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.**
3. **All market lambs must have a Sate Validation Tag by October 28, 2024.**
4. **Wethers and wether dams may enter this division. Wether dams shown in the Breeding Sheep Division are not eligible to show in the Market Lamb Division**
5. **LIMIT 2 LAMBS PER EXHIBITOR**
6. Market lambs will be slick shorn prior to being weighed day of the show.
7. **All Market Lambs will be weighed without chains, halters or jackets/socks – NO exceptions.**
8. **Lambs - minimum weight 75 lbs. - No max**
 - a. **All animals will be weighed one time only, with weight tolerances of 3 lbs. for lambs.**
 - b. **Any market lamb below weight must be removed from the show grounds immediately.**
Show Superintendent's interpretation of weights and classes is final.
9. Lambs may be reclassified by predominant breed as determined by lamb classifier when weighed-in
10. Five or more hair sheep will constitute a breed. If less than 5 are present they will be shown with the medium wools. If five head of fine wool and/or fine wool cross are not present, they will be shown together. When combined, if fine wool and fine wool cross are not a total of 5, they will be shown with the medium wool. If less than 5 head of Southdown are present, they will be shown with the medium wool class.
11. Only animals placing in the top 75% of each class will be eligible to sell (NO rounding).
12. Each exhibitor will be allowed to weigh each lamb one time during weigh-in
13. **Touch up clipping is allowed.**
14. **This is a Blow and Go Show for All Species – NO paint, glue, powders, adhesives, etc. are allowed.**
15. **All pens must be cleared of shavings and trash prior to leaving the livestock barn after completion of show.**

MARKET LAMBS

Class – Hair Sheep

Class – All others (Fine Wool & Fine Wool Cross)

Class – Southdown

Class – Medium Wool

NOTE: Any breed with five or more entries will constitute its own breed.

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BUCKLES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
ALL DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle
(Breeding and market lambs will show together for showmanship)

DIVISION III- BREEDING GOATS

Superintendent: Jolene Sinkule and Carl Sinkule

Time: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Following the Market Lamb Show

Judge: Vance Christie

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry Fee - \$20.00 per animal.
2. **Check in upon arrival on Monday, January 8, 2024, from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.**
3. **All breeding goats must have a State Validation Tag by October 28, 2023.**
4. All entries must have tipped horns.
5. This division is open to any meat breed or crossbred goat.
6. One breeding goat entry per exhibitor.
7. Restraint: Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
8. **Touch up clipping is allowed.**
9. This is a Blow and Go Show for All Species – **NO paint, glue, powders, adhesives, etc. are allowed.**
10. This class is for does only.
11. There will be three classes.
 - Class 1 - August thru October 2023
 - Class 2 - May thru July 2023
 - Class 3- February thru April 2023
12. **All pens must be cleared of shavings and trash prior to leaving the livestock barn after completion of show.**

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle

(Breeding and market goats will show together for showmanship at the completion of the Market Goat Show)

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Each Breeding Goat Class will be paid as follows:

1st Place \$40.00

2nd Place \$30.00

3rd Place \$20.00

4th Place \$10.00

DIVISION IV- MARKET GOATS

Superintendents: Jolene Sinkule and Carl Sinkule

Time: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Following the Breeding Goat Show

Judge: Vance Christie

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry fee - \$20.00 per animal.
2. **All Market Goats must be weighed off the trailer upon arrival on Monday, January 8, 2024, from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.**
3. **LIMIT 2 MARKET GOATS PER EXHIBITOR**
4. **All market goats must have a State Validation Tag by October 28, 2023.**
5. **Wethers and wether does may be shown in the market division. Wether does shown in the Breeding Goat Division are not eligible to be shown in the Market Goat Division.**
6. All entries must have tipped horns.
7. This division is open to any breed or crossbred goat.
8. **All Market Goats will be weighed without chains, halters or jackets/socks – NO exceptions**
9. Market goats: minimum weight 50 pounds, No Max
 - a. **All animals will be weighed one time only, with weight tolerances of 3 lbs. for goats.**
 - b. **Any market goat below weight must be removed from the show grounds immediately. Show Superintendent's interpretation of weights and classes is final.**
10. There will be no tooth rule.
11. Goats will be shown slick with no more than 1/4 inch of hair on any part of the body except the switch of the tail and legs from the knee and hock down.
12. Classes will be divided into light, medium, and heavy weight divisions.
13. An exhibitor may tag as many goats as he/she chooses.
14. Restraint: Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
15. **Touch up clipping is allowed.**
16. **This is a Blow and Go Show for All Species – NO paint, glue, powders, adhesives, etc. are allowed.**
17. Only animals placing in the top 75% of each class will be eligible to sell (NO rounding).
18. **All pens must be cleared of shavings and trash prior to leaving the livestock barn after completion of the show.**

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

BUCKLES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
ALL DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle
(Breeding and market lambs will show together for showmanship)

DIVISION V- BREEDING SWINE

Superintendent: Sherry Hueske and Tiffany Nors

Time: 8:00 am. Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Judge: Jacob Edmond

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry fee - \$20.00 per animal.
2. **All breeding gilts must have a State validation Tag by November 27, 2023.**
3. **LIMIT 1 BREEDING GILT PER EXHIBITOR**
4. Gilts shown in the breeding division are not eligible to show in the market swine division.
5. Judging for 20 or more entries will be split into heats.
6. There will be a designated wash area. No washing of swine in individual pens.
7. **All Breeding Swine must be on the grounds and checked in by Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 8:00 pm. Check in off the trailer at unloading.**
8. **Touch up clipping is allowed.**
9. Oiling or powdering of swine is not allowed.
10. **All pens must be cleared of shavings and trash prior to leaving the livestock barn after completion of show.**

Class - Females 9 months and under

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OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle

(Breeding and market swine will show together for showmanship at the completion of the Market Swine Show)

Premium Schedule

Each Breeding Swine Class will be paid as follows:

1st Place \$40.00

2nd Place \$30.00

3rd Place \$20.00

4th Place \$10.00

DIVISION VI- MARKET SWINE

Superintendent: Sherry Hueske and Tiffany Nors

Time: 8:00 am. Wednesday, January 10, 2024, Following the Breeding Gilt Show

Judge: Jacob Edmond

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry fee - \$20.00 per animal.
2. All Market Swine must be on the grounds by Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 8:00 pm. Swine will be weighed off the trailer at unloading.
3. Barrows and Gilts may be shown in the market division.
4. Gilts shown in the Breeding Gilt Division are not eligible to be shown in the Market Swine Division.
5. All market swine must be validated with a State Validation Tag by November 27, 2023. Ear notches and breed will be documented for all swine validated for the Hill County Fair.
6. *Market swine must weigh a minimum of 125 pounds. There is no maximum weight.*
 - a. All animals will be weighed one time only, with weight tolerances of 5 lbs. for swine.
 - b. Any market swine below weight must be removed from the show grounds immediately.
Show Superintendent's interpretation of weights and classes is final.
7. There will be a designated wash area. No washing of swine in individual pens. No clipping on the grounds.
8. **Limit 2 Market Swine per exhibitor.**
9. Market Swine sifted from the Market Division must be removed from show grounds immediately.
10. Swine will be weighed and divided into weight classes with a maximum of 15 (+ or-) per class. There will be a light, medium, and heavy weight divisions.
11. Oiling or powdering of swine is not allowed.
12. **Touch up clipping is allowed**
13. Only animals placing in the top 75% of each class will be eligible to sell (NO rounding).
14. Grand and Reserve Division Champions will be allowed back to their assigned pens until called for Overall Grand Drive.
15. **All pens must be cleared of shavings and trash prior to leaving the livestock barn after completion of show.**

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

BUCKLES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
ALL DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle
(Breeding and market swine will show together for showmanship)

DIVISION VII- RABBITS

Superintendent: Griff Harris

Time: 7:00 a.m. Friday, January 12, 2024 – Check-in and Weigh-in Begins

10:00 a.m. Rabbit Show (Market, Breeding, Showmanship)

Judge: Gay Sparks

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry fee - \$20.00 per meat pen (three rabbits) and per each breeding rabbit
2. **LIMIT 2 MEAT PENS PER EXHIBITOR** may be shown. Each exhibitor can sell only one meat pen.
3. **NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF BREEDING RABBITS ENTERED PER EXHIBITOR.**
4. **ALL MARKET AND BREEDING RABBITS WILL BE VALIDATED.** Validation will be held December 14, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hill County Fair Grounds,
5. Validation Fee \$5.00 per meat pen and per each breeding rabbit
6. The Hill County Fair tattoo symbol will be placed in the ear of each market and breeding rabbit. Breeding rabbits with an existing Hill County Fair tattoo **MUST** still be present at validation for breed and division classifications to be determined.
7. Rabbits will be judged according to ARBA rules and standards.
8. Meat pen will consist of 3 rabbits, all the same breed and variety.
 - a. Pen will be eliminated if more than one breed or variety is in the same pen.
 - b. Age limit is not over 10 weeks or 70 days.
 - c. Max weight 5 ½ lbs. per rabbit. The Pen will be disqualified if a rabbit in the pen weighs over 5 lbs. 10 oz.
9. Single bucks or does will be shown in the breeding division
10. Only market rabbits placing in the top 75% of each class will be eligible to sell (NO rounding).
11. Rabbits with ear mites will be disqualified.

Breeding Rabbit Classes

Class - Breeding Doe (Meat)

Class - Breeding Buck (Meat)

Class - Breeding Doe (Fancy)

Class - Breeding Buck (Fancy)

****Rabbit Meat Breeds or Commercial Body Type.** If you are entering the breeding show and you enter one of the following breeds, please enter in the Meat Division. All other breeds go into the Fancy Division. **

Meat Division Breeding Rabbit Breeds: Californian, Satins, New Zealand, Champagne D Argent, Palomino, American Chinchilla, Standard Rex, Silver Fox, Cinnamon, Belgian Hare, American, Flemish Giant, Harlequin, Hotot, or Lilac.

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle
(Breeding and market rabbits will show together for showmanship)

Premium Schedule
Each Breeding Rabbit Class will be paid as follows:

1st Place \$40.00

2nd Place \$30.00

3rd Place \$20.00

4th Place \$10.00

DIVISION VIII- BROILERS

Superintendent: TBD

Time: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2024, must be in the barn and checked in

3:00 p.m. Broiler Show

Judge: Ray Pienzek

SPECIAL RULES

1. **Entry fee - \$20.00 per pen of three birds.**
2. Entries open to all exhibitors eligible under current stock show rules.
3. **LIMIT 2 PENS OF BROILERS PER EXHIBITOR.** Only one pen of three broilers will be sold per exhibitor.
4. Broilers must originate from same breeding hatch and must be wing banded and have met the pullorum/typhoid requirements of NPIP
5. After entries have been cooped, they must not be handled by anyone except the judge and authorized persons until all judging is completed.
 - a. Exhibitors, County Agents, and Ag Science teachers will be responsible for having holders at judging. Otherwise, broilers may not be considered for premiums.
6. Basis for judging will be the amount and quality of covering, muscle development, lack of breast blisters, pin feathers and bruises.
7. Each pen of chickens must have a combined weight of 12 lbs. or more. Class 17 – Broilers (all)
8. Exhibitors must turn in wing band numbers at the time of check-in.
9. **All band numbers will be checked by the superintendent at the time of placing.**
10. Only animals placing in the top 75% of each class will be eligible to sell (NO rounding).

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle

DIVISION IX - STEERS

Superintendents: Shane Metcalf

Time: Thursday, January 11, 2024 - 30 minutes after completion of the Heifer Showmanship Show and completion of pictures

Judge: Roy Shackleford

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry fee - \$20.00 per animal.
2. ALL CATTLE IN PLACE THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024, BY 8:00 a.m.
3. STEERS WILL WEIGH-IN AND CLASSIFY THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024, FROM 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
4. Only steer calves will be entered in this show. Purebred, grade or crossbred of any recognized beef breed is eligible.
5. Steers within each market division, 5 or less animals will constitute 1 class.
6. **LIMIT 2 STEER ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR**
7. Steers will be weighed and placed in their proper class according to weight and breed. Minimum weight on steers is 900 lbs.
 - a. All animals will be weighed one time only, with weight tolerances of 10 lbs. for steers.
 - b. Any market steer below weight must be removed from the show grounds immediately.
Show Superintendent's interpretation of weights and classes is final.
8. This is a Blow and Go Show for All Species – NO paint, glue, powders, adhesives, etc. are allowed
9. Touch up clipping is allowed.
10. Only animals placing in the top 75% of each class will be eligible to sell (NO rounding).
11. No loading out of cattle or equipment until all cattle shows are completed.
12. All stalls must be cleared of shavings and trash prior to leaving the livestock barn after completion of show.

AMERICAN BREEDS

- Class - Light weight steers
- Class - Medium weight steers
- Class - Heavy weight steers

BRITISH BREEDS - Must show purebred characteristics

- Class - Light weight steers
- Class - Medium weight steers
- Class - Heavy weight steers

EUROPEAN BREEDS

- Class - Light weight steers
- Class - Medium weight steers
- Class - Heavy weight steers

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

BUCKLES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
ALL DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle

STEERS BRED AND BORN IN HILL COUNTY

Hill County Born & Bred Steer Show Rules

To be eligible to enter you must have the breeder of the animal complete the Hill County Born & Bred Verification Form stating that the animal was born and bred in Hill County. **Born and Bred must have been declared at validation in June 2023.** The Born & Bred Steer Show will begin immediately following the completion of the Steer Show.

Steers will be split into American & American Cross, British and European & European Cross Divisions. All Born and Bred Steers will come back for their respective Division Born and Bred Show. The judge will select the Champion and Reserve Champion of each division. All Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions will return and compete for Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Hill County Born & Bred Steer.

**OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION BORN & BRED STEER - Buckle
OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BORN & BRED STEER - Buckle**

DIVISION X - HEIFERS

Superintendents: Brooke Booth

Time: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024

Judge: Roy Shackleford

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry fee - \$20.00 per animal.
2. All breeding heifers must be in barn by 8:00 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024.
3. Heifers will check in between 8:00 am – 9:00 am, Thursday, January 11, 2024.
4. Heifer substitutions may be done the day of check in. There will be a \$40 per head substitution fee.
5. Exhibitors must have declared born and bred status at validation in June or October of 2024. Those in the 2023 Born and Bred Show will be eligible for the 2024 show.
6. Animal must be owned by exhibitor prior to October 24, 2023.
7. Animals in this division MUST be registered. All heifers must be State Validated no later than October 24, 2023.
8. This is a Blow and Go Show for All Species – NO paint, glue, powders, adhesives, etc. are allowed
9. Touch up clipping is allowed.
10. Cow/calf pairs must be shown with natural calf.
11. No loading out of cattle or equipment until all cattle shows are completed.
12. All stalls must be cleared of shavings and trash prior to leaving the livestock barn after completion of show

AMERICAN, BRITISH, EUROPEAN BREEDS

Class 1 - Calved 5/1/23 and after

Class 2 - Calved 1/1/23 thru 4/30/23

Class 3 - Calved 9/1/22 thru 12/31/22

Class 4 - Calved 5/1/22 thru 8/31/22

Class 5 - Calved 1/1/22 thru 4/30/22

Class 6 - Calved 9/1/21 thru 12/31/21

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS**

BUCKLES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO
ALL DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPIONS
JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP - Buckle**

Premium Schedule

Each Breeding Heifer Class will be paid as follows:

1st Place \$40.00

2nd Place \$30.00

3rd Place \$20.00

4th Place \$10.00

HEIFERS BORN AND BRED IN HILL COUNTY

Hill County Born & Bred Heifer Show Rules

To be eligible to enter you must have the breeder of the animal complete the Hill County Born & Bred Verification Form stating that the animal was born and bred in Hill County. ***The breeder on the registration papers must be a resident of Hill County. Born and Bred status must have been declared at validation in June or October of 2023.*** Heifer that were eligible for the 2023 Born and Bred Show that have not aged out are eligible to compete for 2024 Born and Bred. The Born & Bred Heifer Show will begin immediately following the completion of the Heifer Show.

Heifers will be split into American, British, and European divisions. All Born and Bred Heifers will come back for their respective Division Born and Bred Show. They will show all ages in one class per division. The judge will select the Champion and Reserve Champion of each division. All Division Champions and Reserve Champions will return and compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Hill County Born & Bred Heifer.

GRAND CHAMPION BORN AND BRED HEIFER - Buckle
RESERVE CHAMPION BORN AND BRED HEIFER – Buckle

DIVISION XI - HORSES

Superintendents: Hank Campbell, Sharon Campbell

Time: Monday, January 8, 2024, Must be in place by 8:00 am, Show begins at 9:00 am.

Judge: TBD

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entry Fee - \$20.00

2. Animal must be owned by exhibitor prior to October 15, 2023.

3. Registered and non-registered animals are eligible. Horses must be of Quarter Horse, Arabian type or draft.

4. Any horse may be denied entry in the show ring, if in the opinion of the Superintendent and Horse Show Committee the animal is not in show shape or dangerous to the safety of other contestants.

5. A negative Coggins Test is required for all horse entries.

6. **NO chains are allowed over the horse's nose – NO Exceptions.**

Class - Junior Mares (5 years and under)

Class - Senior Mares (6 years and over)

GRAND CHAMPION MARE - Buckle and Banner
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARE – Buckle and Banner

Class - Junior Geldings (5 years and under)

Class - Senior Geldings (6 years and over)

GRAND CHAMPION GELDING – Buckle and Banner
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GELDING - Buckle and Banner

JR., INT., AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP – Buckles

Premium Schedule

Each Class will be paid as follows:

1st Place \$40.00

2nd Place \$30.00

3rd Place \$20.00

4th Place \$10.00

HILL COUNTY

COMMERCIAL STEER SHOW

JANUARY 4-5, 2024

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules Are In Effect Until After Contest 2024

Please note that all dates, times, and events are subject to change at any time.

OBJECTIVE:

Highlight the commercial cattle industry and provide 4-H and FFA members a learning experience emphasizing selection, record keeping, feeding, animal health, industry standards, public speaking, and technical knowledge.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Declare participation August 26, 2023

(Each exhibitor can receive 3 declaration tags, but a pen consists of only 2 head) Tags may be picked up at the Hill County AgriLife Extension Office. 213 Stadium Drive, Hillsboro, TX

Initial Weigh-In August 26, 2023-September 1, 2023

(Steers can be weighed on any certified livestock scales. Each steer should be weighed individually)

Final Weigh-In December 20-29, 2023

(Steers can be on any certified livestock scales. Each steer should be weighed individually)

Days of Contest January 4, 2024 - Hubbard Sale Barn

Record Books Due and Test

January 5, 2024 – Hubbard Sale Barn

Live Visual Evaluations and Speeches

Contest Results

**Contact Angie Nors @ 254-582-4022 or angie.nors@ag.tamu.edu
for further information**

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Eligibility:

- a. The exhibitors must be bonified members of Hill County 4-H or a Hill County FFA Chapter.
- b. Exhibitors must be academically eligible per UIL guidelines at the time of show.

- 2. Entry:** Entries will be done at the same time as the Hill County Fair Livestock Entries. This will be included on the same entry form. The entry fee will be \$40.00 for the pen of 2.

3. Number Shown:

- a. Each junior exhibitor may enter a maximum of one pen of two (2) steers.
- b. One steer may constitute a pen; however, it will result in an immediate deduction of 20 points.
- c. Replacement steer will NOT be accepted.

4. Ownership:

- a. Steers of any beef breed are eligible to be entered.
- b. Exhibitors in this division must have owned their steers on or before September 1, 2023.
- c. Steers must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor from the date of acquisition through the Commercial Steer Show.
- d. Steers should be designated as "A", "B", etc. at the time of purchase.
 - i. Three (3) steers may be weighed in, but you will show the best two (2).
**Bring your best two (2) head to Hubbard Livestock Auction for the show.*
 - ii. Tags will be provided by the committee for steers being fed for the show. Tags MUST be placed in the ear of the cattle on or before the time of initial weigh-in.

- 5. Stalling:** Steers will be penned in assigned pens at the Hubbard Auction Barn upon arrival on January 4, 2024.

- 6. Substitute Exhibitors:** Substitute Exhibitors are not allowed.

7. Beef Quality Assurance Certified

- a. Go to bqa.org
- b. Take the Certification for STOCKER CATTLE.
- c. Print out Certificate.
- d. Certificate is to be included in the Record Book.

- 8. Mandatory Attendance:** Exhibitors must attend all orientations, seminars, and activities related to their project. Failure to comply will result in point deductions.

- 9. Feeding:** Steers are to be fed in a separate feed pen from other livestock when placed on full feed. The beef industry recommends that cattle be on feed for 150 days for optimal performance. The Hill County Contest feeding period will be 111-126 days.
- 10. Weighing:** Weights will be calculated as follows:
- a. **Initial Weight:** Steers must be individually weighed between August 26 - September 1, 2023. On a certified livestock scale by a certified weigh master. This weight will be the “initial weight” for the feeding records. The official scale ticket should include: weigh date, individual animal weight, animal identification (Official Hill County Contest Ear Tag #), breeder of animal, buyer of the animal, signature of the certified weigh master. The official scale ticket should be retained and submitted with the Record Book upon arrival at the Hill County Contest.
 - b. **Final Weight:** Steers must be officially weighed, individually, on a certified livestock scale by a certified weigh master between December 20-29, 2023. This weight will be the “record weight” for the feeding records. The official scale ticket should include: weigh date, individual animal weight, animal identification (ear tag #), and signature of the certified weigh master. The official scale ticket should be retained and submitted with the Record Book upon arrival at the Hill County Contest.
 - c. **Check-in:** Steers must be presented for check-in according to order posted in the Auction Barn. The committee will move the cattle through the Auction Barn. Exhibitors will be asked to be present for check-in of their steers. Each steer, according to their final weigh-in, should weigh between 1000 and 1475 lbs. inclusive. Failure to comply will result in point deductions.
 - d. **Days on Feed:** Days on Feed will be calculated as follows:
 - i. Day 1 = Initial Weigh Date
 - ii. Ending Day = Final Weigh Date
- 11. Record Books:** Exhibitors must maintain an Official Hill County Commercial Steer Record Book including feeding, animal health, income, and expense records regarding their Commercial Steer project. Record Book should reflect only the two (2) steers being brought to the show. An Official Commercial Steer Record Book must be completed and brought to the contest on January 4, 2024, in a 1-inch binder. All receipts and related records must be recorded. All calculations are to be rounded to the hundredth decimal point from the beginning of the project. ***Record Book guidelines will be provided to those participating in the contest after declaration.***
- 12. Live Visual Evaluation:** a committee of judges will grade the Commercial steers based on the USDA quality and yield grades for slaughter steers. Steers must be presented for Live Visual Evaluation according to order posted in Auction Barn.
- 13. Quality and Yield Point Schedule:** The following point schedule will apply to Live Visual Evaluation:

QUALITY & YIELD POINT SCHEDULE

Quality Grade	Points	Yield Grade	Points
Prime	7	Yield Grade #1	3
Choice-Average/High	5	Yield Grade #2	2
Choice-Low	4	Yield Grade #3	1
Select	2	Yield Grade #4	0

- 14. Public Speaking/Questions:** Each exhibitor must recite a memorized speech lasting a minimum of three (3) minutes and maximum of five (5) minutes regarding their project, what they learned, and how it relates to the industry. There will be a point deduction of ¼ point per 15 seconds the exhibitor is shorter of longer than the allotted speech limit. Exhibitors will be required to answer verbal questions regarding their project following delivery of their speech.
- 15. Beef Science Test:** Exhibitors will be administered a written Beef Science Test. Only exhibitors may enter the test area. Study Guide resources will be available in September to those competing in the contest. The Beef Science Test will be composed of questions derived from the provided resources.
- 16. Horns:** Steers must have horns tipped with no more than three inches of horn growth beyond the base of the head.
- 17. Medication:** Any medication administered should be done in a lawful manner. Please adhere to withdrawal times on medication labels. ***Cattle intended for slaughter within 30 days need not have any antibiotics in their system. You are required to fill out the drug certificate provided to you prior to the contest. Drug certificate must be included in the Record Book.***
- 18. Blow Dryers:** No Blow Dryers will be allowed.
- 19. Fans:** No fans will be allowed.
- 20. Non-Terminal Show:** This show is NOT terminal. All steers entered may be taken home to be shown at another commercial steer show, such as the San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Commercial Steer Contest. All weight timelines and guidelines follow that contest. ***** SHOULD AN EXHIBITOR WISH TO NOT TAKE THEIR STEERS HOME, THEY MAY INDIVIDUALLY WORK WITH HUBBARD LIVESTOCK AUCTION TO HOUSE (AT EXHIBITORS EXPENSE) THEIR STEERS UNTIL THE NEXT LIVESTOCK SALE BEING HELD AT HUBBARD LIVESTOCK AUCTION.***

- 21. Awards:** Exhibitors will be placed according to their cumulative point total. Awards are as follows:
- a. Overall Grand Champion – Highest Total Points
 - b. Overall Reserve Champion – Second Highest Total Points
 - c. Junior Rookie of the Year – Highest Junior Rookie Total Points (grades 3-8 and 1st year doing commercial cattle contest)
 - d. Senior Rookie of the Year – Highest Senior Rookie Total Points (grades 9-12 and 1st year doing commercial cattle contest)
 - e. Best Pen of Steers (Pen of steers with the highest total quality and yield grade)
 - f. Best Junior Record Book – Highest Point Junior Book – Tie will be broken by judges.
 - g. Best Senior Record Book – Highest Point Senior Book – Tie will be broken by judges.
 - h. Best Overall Record Book – Picked by Judges between the Best Junior and Senior Record Book
 - i. Best Junior Written Exam – Highest Junior Test Score
 - j. Best Senior Written Exam – Highest Senior Test Score
 - k. Best Junior Speech – Highest Junior Speech Score – Tie will be broken by judges.
 - l. Best Senior Speech – Highest Senior Speech Score – Tie will be broken by judges.
 - m. Best Overall Rookie Exhibitor – Highest Point Junior Rookie and Highest Point Senior Rookie Scores are totaled. Highest overall points win. Ties will be broken by judges.
 - n. Top 5 Exhibitors – Top 5 Highest Total Scores of Tests and Speeches Combined.
- 22. Tie-Breakers:** If exhibitor point totals result in a tie for any specific portion of the contest, final placing will be based off the points awarded to the exhibitors by the judges of the Live Visual Evaluation for the answers to the verbal questions asked at the conclusion of their Speech. A maximum score of twenty points is possible.
- 23. Scholarships:** A scholarship will be awarded to one senior exhibitor of the Commercial Steer Show. In the event there is no senior, no scholarship will be awarded

for that year. Being the first year of the contest, no scholarship will be awarded. Should the status of this change, eligible contestants will be notified.

24. Hill County Fair Premium Sale – The Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Commercial Steer Pens will sell at the Hill County Fair Premium Auction. (NOT a terminal sale)

a. Sale proceeds will be broken down as follows:

- i. 95% of the sale proceeds will go to the exhibitor.
- ii. 5% of the proceeds will go to a fund supporting ONLY Commercial Steer Contest Scholarships for Senior exhibitors. (This matches the commission amount taken from all other Hill County Fair Premium Sale Lots.)

25. Scoring: The commercial Steer Show will be comprised of Animal, Exhibitor, and Record Book components. A maximum score of 130 points is possible (18 Animal, 80 Exhibitor, 28 Record Book, and 4 BQAC). Discount Points will be deducted as stated on the scorecard. The following scorecard will apply:

EXHIBITOR SCORECARD

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>	<u>Actual Points</u>
<u>Visual Evaluation</u>		
Yield Grade (Steer A)	6.00	_____
Yield Grade (Steer B)	6.00	_____
Quality Grade (Steer A)	3.00	_____
Quality Grade (Steer B)	3.00	_____
	18.00	_____
<u>Exhibitor</u>		
Beef Science Test	40.00	_____
Public Speaking/Questions	40.00	_____
Beef Quality Assurance Certified	4.00	_____
	84.00	_____
<u>Record Book</u>		
Record Book (Complete, Neat, & Accurate)	10.00	_____
Cost of Gain (Pen of 2 Head)	6.00	_____
Average Daily Gain (Pen of 2 Head)	6.00	_____
Feed Conversion (Pen of 2 Head)	6.00	_____
	28.00	_____
<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>	<u>130.00</u>	_____
<u>Discounts</u>		
Pen of One (1)	-20.00	_____
Missed General Orientation	-10.00	_____
Missed Live Evaluation Orientation	-10.00	_____
Weight		
Below Weight Target: (two-point deduction per 25 lbs.)		
825-849	-2.00	_____
800-824	-4.00	_____
775-799	-6.00	_____
750-774	-8.00	_____
749 and Less – one point deduction per 25 lbs.		_____
<u>TOTAL DISCOUNTS</u>		_____
<u>OVERALL TOTAL SCORE</u>	(TOTAL POINTS-TOTAL DISCOUNTS)	_____

**2024 Hill County
Commercial Steer Show
Public Speaking Evaluation Form**

Entry #

Name:

4-H Club/FFA Chapter:

	Poor									Best
Delivery & Technique	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Difficulty of Topic & Content	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Audience Engagement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Structure of Speech & Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall Speech Performance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Comments: -

End of Speech Judge Evaluation

Time (-1/4 point deduction per 15 seconds *above or below time limit*) Max Points 15

Accuracy of Answers (Max Points 15)

TOTAL SCORE: _____

(Possible 80 converted to 40 points on Master Score Sheet)